



EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Ukrainian Catholic Parish



Українська Католицька Парафія ВОЗДВИЖЕННЯ ЧЕСНОГО ХРЕСТА

WELCOME

A warm welcome to parishioners and visitors joining us today.

Our doors are wide open:
to all who mourn or need comfort;
to all who are weary and need rest;
to all who seek friendship;
to all who desire to grow
in relationship with God;
to all who yearn to pray;
to all who need a Saviour,
and in the name our Lord, says:
WELCOME!

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HOLY MYSTERIES

Baptism: by appointment

Confessions: by appointment

Marriages: please contact the Priest at least six months in advance before any other arrangements are made

Ministry of the Sick - Hospital

Visits: Parishioners with special circumstances that wish to be visited, please contact the Parish Priest.

Funerals: by appointment

14 Sunday after Pentecost
14 Неділя після П'ятидесятниці
AUGUST 29, 2021

PLEASE NOTE THE SCHEDULE FOR DIVINE LITURGIES:

Sunday, August 29 - 9am (bilingual)

Sunday, September 5 - 9am (bilingual)



Today's Gospel parable is about anyone who has been given the invitation to the feast of faith and refuses to take advantage of it. Yes, the Jews as a nation lost their status as the chosen people because they would not join the new

chosen people, which is the Church. But any Christian can also lose his status as being among the chosen if he will not accept Christ's invitation to the feast of faith. Just because we are formal members of a parish does not mean that we are feasting at the banquet. It is not only Jews who have lost their place at the table—whole parishes and even nations who have abandoned Christ have found themselves outside the communion of the chosen.

That is why this parable should serve as a warning to any church and to any Christian who do not avail themselves of what the Son of God is offering as He calls us into the marriage banquet. You cannot count yourself as a wedding guest if you do not show up to the wedding. It is not enough merely to have received the invitation. It is not enough merely to send a gift or a card. You have to show up. You have to participate. You have to be engaged. Or else you are not a guest at the banquet.

DIVINE LITURGY PROPERS

Troparion, Tone 5: Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word,* co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,* and born of the Virgin for our salvation.* For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death* and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Troparion, Tone 2: The just man is remembered with praises,* but for you the Lord's testimony suffices, O Forerunner,* for you truly became more honourable than the prophets* and were deemed worthy to baptize the One foretold.* Then you suffered for the truth and joyfully announced to those in Hades* that God appeared in the flesh taking away the sin of the world* and offering us great mercy.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, Tone 5: You, my Saviour, descended to Hades,* and as the Almighty, You shattered its gates.* With Yourself You, as the Creator, raised the dead and shattered the sting of death,* and delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Mankind.* And so we cry out: "Save us, O Lord."

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 5: The Forerunner's glorious beheading* came to be a form of dispensation divine* that he might proclaim to those in Hades* the message of the coming of the Saviour.* Let Herodias shed tears of lament* for a lawless murder that was her request,* for she loved a false and transitory age* rather than God's law and the age of life.

Prokeimenon, Tone 5

You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us* from this generation and for ever.

verse: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer left a just man. (Psalm 11:8,2)

Prokeimenon, Tone 7

verse: The just man shall be glad in the Lord and shall hope in Him.

Epistle 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

I call God as my witness—and I stake my life on it—that it was in order to spare you that I did not return to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith, but we work with you for your joy, because it is by faith you stand firm. So I made up my mind that I would not make another painful visit to you. For if I grieve you, who is left to make me glad but you whom I have grieved? I wrote as I did, so that when I came I would not be distressed by those who should have made me rejoice. I had confidence in all of you, that you would all share my joy. For I wrote you out of great distress and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to grieve you but to let you know the depth of my love for you.

Alleluia, Tone 5

verse: Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing for ever; from generation to generation I will announce Your truth with my mouth.

verse: For You have said: Mercy shall be built up for ever; in the heavens Your truth shall be prepared.

verse: The just man shall flourish like the palm tree; and he shall grow like the cedar in Lebanon.

Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear.* Alleluia (3x)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ **FR. ANDRIY** will be away on his vacation from Aug. 26 to Sep. 10. During this time Fr. Mykhailo (604-704-5889) will be substituting.

➤ **ONE BILINGUAL DIVINE LITURGY AT 9AM - SUNDAY, AUG. 29 AND SEP. 5**

➤ **BLESSING OF STUDENTS & TEACHERS** - On Sunday, SEPTEMBER 12 after the Divine Liturgy all students and teachers will receive a special blessing for a new 2021-2022 academic year. Please, come and bring your friends and classmates.

➤ **OFFERING PRAYERS:** parish members requesting the celebration of a Divine Liturgy for a special intention (such as: Thanksgiving, the Infirm, General Intentions, the Deceased, Help of the Holy Spirit, for the Travelers, etc.), please contact Fr. Andriy.

➤ **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** – dear parishioners, due to the Covid 19 pandemic, we were not able to hold our annual Advent & Lenten missions and thus missed an opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession. Now that we can gather again in church, you are encouraged to partake of this very important Sacrament.

➤ **DONATIONS** - Amid Covid-19 outbreak causing these challenging times we continue to rely on your generosity. for the parish would be greatly appreciated. We still have expenses and rely on your support. You can make donations on our web-site. <https://crossparish.ca/donation/> or sending them by mail: Holy Cross Parish 13753 - 108th Avenue, Surrey BC, V3T 2K6

➤ **THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS – ДЯКУЄМО** – Our gratitude to everyone for your prayers & ongoing financial support of our parish and for all other ways in which you assist our church community. God bless you all!

➤ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY / HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** to those who celebrate their birthday or anniversary. May the Lord Our God continue to bless you abundantly and the Holy Mother of God protect you. Многая Лїта!

➤ **REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:** your family; your fellow parishioners; especially the shut-in or those in the hospital; those seeking God's answer to their prayers or those rejoicing with God's answer; those celebrating a birthday or anniversary; those called to their eternal reward and for the family they leave behind; as well as any other need.

➤ **A GIFT OF TIME** - Everyone has been affected by the COVID pandemic. For some the effects have been physical however many people have been affected psychologically experiencing stress, anxiety and depression. While there may be people who have more money and possessions, we all have the same amount of time: exactly 24 hours every day. The greatest gift you can give someone is your time. We encourage you to reach over the phone to connect with your fellow parishioners and share with them your gift of time. Let it be your gift to them and a gift to yourself as well as we all connect as a spiritual family.

➤ **BEQUESTS AND WILLS:** Leaving a bequest is a process of giving a donation through your will. It is simply a distribution from your estate to a charitable organization through your last will and testament. It can be as small or as large a donation as you wish. It is important that you talk to your lawyer about the process. In your kindness, please remember Holy Cross Ukrainian Catholic Parish in your bequests and wills. If anyone wishes to make such a bequest in their will, the following clause may be included or added to a will: "I give, devise, and bequeath to Holy Cross Ukrainian Catholic Church at 13753 - 108th Avenue, Surrey BC, the sum of \$_ (or _% of my estate), to be used for the benefit of the church/parish and it's needs and pastoral ministry."

OTHER RELIGIOUS NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ **PARISH HUB** - As a part of the Edmonton Eparchy's Evangelize 2021 Plan, Bishop David announced the creation of Parish Hub, an online website where individuals can access and share information that is directly related to developing, growing, and managing our parishes. This was recently launched so content is still gradually being added. Parish Hub can be found at: <https://eeparchy.com/parish-hub/>

➤ Patriarch Sviatoslav promulgated the Youth Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, *Walking with Christ*. An excerpt of the June 28 Official Launch Ceremony led by His Beatitude can be viewed at (in Ukrainian): [Ми йдемо з Христом. Катехизм для молоді. Онлайн-трансляція](#)
Bishop David's message on the official presentation of the Youth Catechism at:
<https://ct.ugcc.ua/video/36672> (Ukrainian)
<https://youtu.be/DhbAVqiP4W4> (English)

The Patriarchal Catechetical Commission celebrates its 25 th Anniversary in 2021.

This year, the Ukrainian Catholic Church also marks the 10 th Anniversary of the publication of the Ukrainian Catholic Catechism, *Christ, Our Pascha*.

➤ **LAY LEADERSHIP FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES** - Interested in learning more about God, your faith, and the Church? Sign up for an online course (or two or three) or even work towards a Certificate in Eastern Christian Traditions at Newman Theological College (Edmonton). The course offerings include Scripture, Eastern Christianity Theology I and II, Eastern Catholic Worship and Spirituality, the Holy Mysteries (Sacraments), and Praying with Icons. Each course consists of 10 online sessions, spanning 5 weeks, requiring some 4 hours of work per week (2 hours per lesson). No exams. Cost of registration per course \$85.00 plus the cost of books. To register and for more information, visit www.Newman.edu/CCS

➤ **NEW EASTERN CHRISTIAN CATECHETICS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM** - Starting in Fall 2021, Manor College will offer an Eastern Christian Catechetics Certificate, designed at educating catechists or lay people with a Bachelor's Degree who want to specialize in the Eastern Christian Tradition.

Sister Ann Laszok, OSBM, Director of Religious Education in the Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma, says that the program is the first of its kind in the world and is unique to Manor College.

The main goal of the program is to further educating people on their own faith and prepare the next generation of the catechists.

Manor College will offer the certificate program entirely online, meaning students from across the world have access to the experience. Scholarships are available for groups of five registering for the same course. Students can start signing up to take classes for the Fall semester now, for more information on the program, visit:

<https://manor.edu/academics/adult-continuing-education/catechetics/>

You can also view and download more information on St. Josaphat Eparchy [eparchial web site](#).



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