



# 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

15 Sunday after Pentecost  
15 Неділя після П'ятидесятниці  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

### PLEASE NOTE THE SCHEDULE FOR DIVINE LITURGIES:

**Sunday, September 5 - 9am (bilingual)**

**Sunday, September 12 - 9am English / 10:30 Ukrainian**



## The Nativity of the Theotokos

### Introduction

The Feast of the Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on September 8 each year. The Feast commemorates the birth of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### Background

The birth and early life of the Virgin Mary is not recorded in the Gospels or other books of the New Testament, however this information can be found in a work dating from the second century known as the Book of James or Protevangelion.

According to the story found in this book, Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna, were childless for many years. They remained faithful to God, but their prayers for a child were unanswered. One day, when Joachim came to the temple to make an offering, he was turned away by the High Priest who chastised him for his lack of children. To hide his shame, Joachim retreated to the hill country to live among the shepherds and their flocks.

As Joachim was praying, his wife Anna was praying at the same time at their house in Jerusalem. An angel appeared to both of them and announced that Anna would have a child whose name would be known throughout the world. Anna promised to offer her child as a gift to the Lord. Joachim returned home, and in due time Anna bore a daughter, Mary.

## DIVINE LITURGY PROPERS

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### **Epistle: A reading from the Second Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (4:6-15)**

Brothers and Sisters! For God, who said, "Let light shine in our hearts, out of darkness," has shone in our hearts, that we in turn might make known the glory of God shining on the face of Christ. This treasure we possess in earthen vessels, to make it clear that its surpassing power comes from God and not from us. We are afflicted in every way possible, but we are not crushed, full of doubts, we never despair. We are persecuted but never abandoned; we are struck down but never destroyed. Continually we carry about in our bodies the dying of Jesus, so that in our bodies the life of Jesus may also be revealed. While we live we are constantly being delivered to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be revealed in our mortal flesh. Death is at work in us, but life in you. We have that spirit of faith of which the Scripture says, "Because I believed, I spoke out." We believe and so we speak, knowing that he who raised up the Lord Jesus will raise us up along with Jesus and place both us and you in his presence. Indeed, everything is ordered to your benefit, so that the grace bestowed in abundance may bring greater glory to God because they who give thanks are many.

## 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.
- **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.
- **FIRST SOLEMN COMMUNION CLASSES - ПЕРШЕ ВРОЧИСТЕ СВЯТЕ ПРИЧАСТЯ** - Children ages 8 and up (Grade Two) will follow the program suitable for preparing them for their First Confession and Solemn Holy Communion. We will start classes in October. More information and registration will follow.
- **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.
- **REMINDER.** Beloved in Christ, please always remember that we never take a day off or a vacation from God, or from our obligation to attend Divine Liturgy on Sundays. When traveling, working or studying, make sure you check out the service schedule for the area churches at our eparchial website: [www.nweparchy.ca](http://www.nweparchy.ca) and attend the Divine Liturgy.
- **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
- **PARISH CALENDAR OF BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES** - if you would like to be included in our Parish Family Calendar of Birthday and Anniversaries celebrations, please notify Fr. Andriy

➤ **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."

## SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

You can check our schedule at: <http://crossparish.ca/about/parish-calendar>

### NEXT SUNDAY

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● 09:00 – 10:00

Divine Liturgy (English)

● 10:30 – 11:30

Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)

## 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/>

➤ **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](http://www.Newman.edu/CCS)

➤ 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*.

➤ **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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4. Bring bag to Return-It centre
5. Type in Holy Cross phone number **604-584-4421** and how many stickers you need
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