



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

19 Sunday after Pentecost
19 Неділя після П'ятидесятниці
OCTOBER 3, 2021

Today we learn brothers and sisters, the true depth of what is demanded of us followers of Christ. In the Old Law we read that “an eye for an eye” and a “tooth for a tooth” was expected, and we often criticize how barbaric that commandment is. We forget that this was actually a law which withheld unjust treatment, only an eye for an eye, not a life! But here we see the Lord show that it is not enough to simply live a life of mutual alliances or mutual using, but that we need to love everyone, including our enemies!

St. Ambrose writes: “Now philosophy seems to divide justice into three parts; one towards God, which is called piety; another towards our parents, or the rest of mankind; a third to the dead, that the proper rites may be performed. But the Lord Jesus, passing beyond the oracle of the law, and the heights of prophecy, extended the duties of piety to those also who have injured us, adding, but love your enemies.”

Brothers and sisters search your heart and you will discover that you would never be satisfied with an eternal heaven of just more “getting along” or deals for my advantage or your advantage. Our hearts want eternal love, and that’s what God wants for us. This Sunday, strengthen your heart through the Divine Liturgy and respond to all you meet with love!



Prayer Book - Tone 2 - page 91

A reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians.

(2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9)

Brethren, The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands. I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into paradise whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Молитовник - Глас 2 - стр. 90

До Коринтян 2-е Послання Святого Апостола Павла Читання:

(2 Кор. 11:31-12:9)

Браття і Сестри, Знає Бог і Отець Господа нашого Ісуса Христа, а Він благословенний навіки, що я не говорю неправди. У Дамаску намісник царя Арети стеріг місто Дамаск, щоб схопити мене, але по мурі мене спущено в коші віконцем, і я з рук його втік! Не корисно хвалитись мені, бо я прийду до видінь і об'явлень Господніх. Я знаю чоловіка в Христі, що він чотирнадцять років тому чи в тілі, не знаю, чи без тіла, не знаю, знає Бог був узятий до третього неба. І чоловіка я знаю такого, чи в тілі, чи без тіла, не знаю, знає Бог, що до раю був узятий, і чув він слова невимовні, що не можна людині їх висловити. Отаким похвалюся, а собою хвалитись не буду, хіба тільки своїми немочами. Бо коли я захочу хвалитись, то безумний не буду, бо правду казатиму; але стримуюсь я, щоб про мене хто більш не подумав, ніж бачить у мені або чує від мене. А щоб я через пребагато об'явлень не величався, то дано мені в тіло колючку, посланця сатани, щоб бив в обличчя мене, щоб я не величався. Про нього три рази благав я Господа, щоб він відступився від мене. І сказав Він мені: Досить тобі Моєї благодаті, бо сила Моя здійснюється в немочі. Отож, краще я буду хвалитись своїми немочами, щоб сила Христова вселилася в мене.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ **FIRST SOLEMN HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES - ПЕРШЕ ВРОЧИСТЕ СВЯТЕ ПРИЧАСТЯ - TODAY** First Parents/Children meeting after the Ukrainian Divine Liturgy.

➤ **HUGE THANK YOU** to all our volunteers who last Saturday have helped with yard/property cleaning. May Our Lord reward them richly with His heavenly and earthly blessings.

➤ **PLAST GROUP MEETINGS - ПЛАСТ -** The meetings will take place every **Thursday in the Parish hall from 6:30 to 8:30 pm** (subject to COVID related restrictions). Open to all children regardless of denomination and will be led by experienced Plast facilitators. Space is limited. More info about Plast movement can be found at <https://en.plast.org.ua/> and from Tanya Yakovchuk

➤ **ANNUAL CLERGY STUDY DAYS** (followed by a Clergy Conference) will take place online (via Zoom) Monday-Thursday, October 4-7.

Father Stephen Wojcichowsky will be our presenter on the theme of the Holy Mystery of Reconciliation/Confession. Father Stephen will present from Monday-Wednesday, whereas Thursday will be a Clergy Conference.

➤ **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.

➤ **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.

➤ **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!

➤ **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

➤ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY / HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** to those who celebrate their birthday or anniversary. This week's birthday: **David and Sofia Zastavetskyy** May the Lord Our God continue to bless you abundantly and the Holy Mother of God protect you. Многая Літа!

➤ **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

➤ **November 3, 2021** marks the 65 th Anniversary of the creation of the Metropolia of Winnipeg as an ecclesiastical province by Pope Pius XII. On November 3, 1956, the Eparchies of Winnipeg, Edmonton, Saskatoon, and Toronto were organized into a new ecclesiastical province, the first outside Ukraine. The Eparchy of New Westminster was later established on June 27, 1974.

➤ **National Catholic Health Care Week** is celebrated October 3-9. This is a time when we recognize the mission of Catholic health care organizations across Canada. We invite you to learn more about the role, value and impact of Catholic health care in Canada.

“At the heart of Catholic health care is a deep respect for the intrinsic value and dignity of every human being and an unwavering commitment to serving all people, from all backgrounds and faiths – especially society’s most vulnerable.”

To learn more about this day and how you can celebrate Catholic Health Care, visit [Catholic Health Alliance of Canada](https://catholichealthalliance.ca/).

➤ **THE FIFTH WORLD DAY OF THE POOR** will be marked on November 15. Pope Francis message for the occasion focuses on the theme of: The poor you will always have with you (Mk 14:7) At the best of times, and especially during COVID-19, many families and individuals struggle to put food on the table. As a sign of solidarity with those in need, and to live out our Christian vocation to see the face of Christ in each other, parishes and families are encouraged to support their local food bank (or similar agency) by making a food or cash donation. This eparchy wide social outreach activity “Feeding the Poor of Today” also honours the memory of the millions who perished in the Holodomor Famine (1932-1933) in Ukraine – commemorated this year on Saturday, November 27 – and in other like genocides throughout the world by providing food for the hungry today

➤ **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/>

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

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

3	OCT, SUN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 09:00 – 10:00 ● 10:30 – 11:30 ● 11:30 – 12:00 	<p>Divine Liturgy (English)</p> <p>Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)</p> <p>First Holy Communion parents/children meeting</p>
4	OCT, MON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All day 	<p>Clergy conference</p>
5	OCT, TUE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All day 	<p>Clergy conference</p>
6	OCT, WED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All day 	<p>Clergy conference</p>
7	OCT, THU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All day ● 18:30 – 20:30 	<p>Clergy conference</p> <p>Plast - Пласт</p>
8	OCT, FRI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 09:30 – 10:30 	<p>Divine Liturgy</p>
10	OCT, SUN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 09:00 – 10:00 ● 10:30 – 11:30 	<p>Divine Liturgy (English)</p> <p>Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)</p>