



# 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

23 Sunday after Pentecost  
23 Неділя після П'ятидесятниці  
OCTOBER 31, 2021



We make many decisions every day. Almost every single decision either brings us closer to Christ or farther away from Him. Christ and our union with Him must be the target. Are we directed towards Him? Are we moving towards Him? If our decisions turn us away from Him or move us farther away from Him, they are sin. So, in

some sense, many situations that we find ourselves in can be defined as temptations environments that entice us to sin.

The sad fact of living in this fallen world is that it's easier to sin than it is to not sin. So, our life can become like a snowball rolling down a hill. It gathers more mass, it rolls faster as it goes and it becomes more difficult to stop. And in our extremely busy lives, we begin to lose sight of how the devil and the demons are working against us. We forget how we got in the predicament we find ourselves in. We struggle to make the first step to stop the downhill avalanche our life has become.

What's the solution? What's the remedy? Name the demons! Admit the sin that has us trapped. Admitting a problem is a first step towards resolving it. Confession is the Christian way to name the demons. Confessing to God our sins is naming the demons. Confessing our passions, our weaknesses, and our sinful inclinations is naming the demons. It is our responsibility to cast them out with God's grace but we must do the first step

## DIVINE LITURGY PROPERS

**Prayer Book - Tone 6 - page 101**

**Reading from the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Ephesians (2:4-10)**

Brothers and Sisters, God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

**Молитовник - Глас 6 - стр. 100**

**До Ефесян Послання Святого Апостола Павла Читання: (2:4-10)**

Браття і Сестри, Бог, багатий милосердям, з-за великої своєї любови, якою полюбив нас, мертвих нашими гріхами, оживив нас разом із Христом – благодаттю ви спасені! – І разом з ним воскресив нас, і разом посадовив на небі у Христі Ісусі; щоб у наступних віках він міг показати надзвичайне багатство своєї благодаті у своїй доброті до нас у Христі Ісусі. Бо ви спасені благодаттю через віру. І це не від нас: воно дар Божий. Воно не від діл, щоб ніхто не міг хвалитися. Бо ми його створіння, створені у Христі Ісусі для добрих діл, які Бог уже наперед був приготував, щоб ми їх чинили.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ **FIRST SOLEMN HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES - ПЕРШЕ ВРОЧИСТЕ СВЯТЕ ПРИЧАСТЯ - First and Third Sundays** of the month, after the Ukrainian Divine Liturgy.

➤ **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: **Edyta Bohdana Dudek**. 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

### ➤ **CANADIAN BISHOPS TO WELCOME POPE FRANCIS TO CANADA ON HISTORIC PILGRIMAGE OF HEALING AND RECONCILIATION**

The Catholic Bishops of Canada are grateful that Pope Francis has accepted their invitation to visit Canada on a pilgrimage of healing and reconciliation.

In anticipation of this visit, the planned delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders, knowledge keepers and youth will travel to the Holy See, where they will have the opportunity to speak to Pope Francis about the timing, focus, and themes in preparation for his future pilgrimage to Canada.

"The Bishops of Canada have been engaged in meaningful discussions with Indigenous Peoples, especially those affected by Residential Schools who have shared stories about the suffering and challenges that they continue to experience," said CCCB President, the Most Rev. Raymond Poisson. "We pray that Pope Francis' visit to Canada will be a significant milestone in the journey toward reconciliation and healing."

The Canadian Bishops recently pledged to work with the Holy See and Indigenous partners on the possibility of a pastoral visit to Canada by the Pope. Following this pledge and informed by three years of ongoing dialogue between the Canadian Bishops, the Holy See, and Indigenous Peoples, the President and former-President of the CCCB met in Rome with the Secretary of State of the Holy See to discuss next steps on the reconciliation journey earlier this month and in preparation for the delegation.

This delegation to the Holy See will take place from December 17-20, 2021, and is being planned in close collaboration with National Indigenous Organizations and other partners.

"We will invite the delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders, knowledge keepers, and youth who will meet with Pope Francis to open their hearts to the Holy Father and share both their suffering as well as their hopes and desires for his eventual visit to Canada," added Bishop Poisson.

Additional details about Pope Francis' pilgrimage to Canada, as well as the Rome delegation will be announced by the CCCB as details are confirmed.

➤ **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.

➤ **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/>

➤ **SOCIAL MISSION OF THE CHURCH, WELCOME RETREAT -NOV 18, 7:00-9:00 PM ON ZOOM**  
*Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Gal. 6:2*

Those who have a passion for social development, justice and charity and would like to explore ways that our Eparchy can continue to serve God by serving others, are invited to join this zoom event! Representatives from all of the parishes throughout the Eparchy of Edmonton are encouraged to attend.

Hosted by Bishop David and the members of the Social Mission Commission, this will be an evening of inspiration, discovery, and reflection.

Commission members will share ways that they can help the faithful in all the parishes of the Eparchy of Edmonton to be more active and involved in social justice issues all over the world!

Monica Nino from Development and Peace will teach us about this Catholic organization and ways that we can work together for the good of others.

Participants will be invited to share what they have been doing individually and in their parishes and to learn from each other.

Bishop David will lead us in a reflection on social consciousness in our own lives.

Register at Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/social-mission-of-the-church-welcome-retreat-tickets-191897760367>

For more information email: [socialjustice@eeparchy.com](mailto:socialjustice@eeparchy.com)

## SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

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

31	OCT, SUN	●	09:00 – 10:00	Divine Liturgy (English)
		●	10:30 – 11:30	Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)
2	NOV, TUE	●	09:30 – 10:30	Divine Liturgy
3	NOV, WED	●	09:30 – 10:30	Divine Liturgy
4	NOV, THU	●	09:30 – 10:30	Divine Liturgy
		●	18:30 – 20:30	Пласт - Пласт
5	NOV, FRI	●	09:30 – 10:30	Divine Liturgy
7	NOV, SUN	●	09:00 – 10:00	Divine Liturgy (English)
		●	10:30 – 11:30	Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)
		●	11:30 – 12:30	Children Religion Classes



**On November 1st our Church commemorates Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky**, who died in Lviv on November 1, 1944. Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky was born in 1865. The son of a polonized (and therefore latinized) Ukrainian Aristocrat, Jan Sheptytsky and Sophia Fredro, he was conscious of the fact that his ancestors included some notable bishops and Metropolitans of the Catholic Church of Kyiv. After many obstacles created by his father, the young Count Sheptytsky was able to enter the Ukrainian monastery of the Order of Saint Basil the Great (OSBM) in 1891 and accepted the monastic name Andrey. In 1900 he was made Bishop and shortly afterwards, at the age of 36, became the Metropolitan, i.e. the ranking hierarch of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. He remained at this post until his death. His life was an example of heroic virtue. An extremely active pastor, who used his personal wealth to fund thousands of philanthropic projects, he was also a man of deep prayer. A gifted preacher and prolific writer, he reached out to his people constantly, teaching uneducated peasants the basics of hygiene and agricultural techniques, and dialoguing with

the intelligentsia among his own people and the cultured classes of all Europe. He traveled widely, visiting his flock in Western Europe, North and South America, and seeing to it that they would have bishops of their own to take care of them. Never of good health, his last fifteen years were a constant agony of pain and paralysis. Even so, he valiantly led his Church through extremely difficult and oppressive times. His two great passions in life were the restoration of authentic Eastern Christian Monasticism in his Church, (which he achieved through the creation of monasteries following the Studite Typicon) and the union of Churches. He specifically laboured at Orthodox-Catholic reconciliation, decades before this became fashionable. For this he was often looked upon as dangerous and insufficiently loyal to Rome. He was, however, a firm believer in a strong papacy, which caused many Orthodox to mistrust this saintly man as well, even though he loved them dearly and stood up for them when they were persecuted. He valued education (having the equivalent of three doctorates himself) and founded the L'viv Theological Academy in 1929. Metropolitan Andrey led his flock of some five million faithful through two world wars. He was arrested by the Czarist forces in World War I. Polish and Nazi German authorities would keep him under house arrest in later years. He courageously saved many Jews from the Nazis during World War II. Metropolitan Andrey died as the Red Army occupied his city of L'viv once again in 1944. Before his death, he predicted the annihilation of the Ukrainian GrecoCatholic Church, and its eventual resurrection. Both his predictions came true. In 1946 the Soviet Secret Police, with the assistance of the Moscow Patriarchate of the Russian Orthodox Church staged a pseudo-council of the Ukrainian Church, during which a small group of frightened clergy voted to liquidate their Church and join the Moscow Patriarchate. No Ukrainian Greco-Catholic bishop ever agreed to this. For almost half a century, the Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church was the world's largest outlawed religious body. As the Soviet Union crumbled, this Church came out of the Catacombs with over five million faithful, thousands of priests and over three thousand parishes. Many believe this survival of the Church in Ukraine to be a miracle worked by Metropolitan Andrey. The cause for his beatification and canonization is underway.

Metropolitan Andrey believed in the necessity of the Union of Churches, to be achieved through mutual understanding and sacrificial love, as well as a return to the sources of the faith.

### **Prayer for the Beatification of the Servant of God Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ** – You always reward Your faithful servants, not only with special gifts of Your love, but also with the eternal reward of the saints in heaven, and in many cases You grant them the recognition of sanctity by Your Church here on earth. We humbly pray: grant that Your faithful servant Metropolitan Andrey be numbered among the saints. Throughout his just life, “full of suffering and trials,” he was a good shepherd for his flock and a great labourer for Christian unity. And through his beatification and intercession, grant our entire people the great gift of unity and love. Amen.

**Господи Ісусе Христе** – Ти завжди нагороджуєш Твоїх вірних слуг не тільки особливішими дарами Своєї любови, але й вічною нагородою святих у небі, а в многих випадках і прославою на Твоїх святих престолах, тут на землі. Покірно благаємо Тебе: зволь так прославити Твого вірного слугу Митрополита Андрея. Він упродовж свого праведного життя, “повного терпінь і досвідів”, був добрим пастирем свого стада і великим подвижником церковної єдності. А через його прославу і заступництво пошли і цілому народові нашому великий дар єдності і любови. Амінь.