



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

24 Sunday after Pentecost
24 Неділя після П'ятидесятниці
NOVEMBER 7, 2021

**NEXT SUNDAY ONE BILINGUAL DIVINE
LITURGY AT 1:00 PM**

**В НАСТУПНУ НЕДІЛЮ ОДНА ДВОМОВНА
СЛУЖБА БОЖА О ГОД. 1:00 п.п.**

Today's Gospel offers us in the healing of the woman with the issue of blood and the raising of Jairus' daughter two models of great faith. The woman is thinking, hoping, believing that "If I can just get near Him, if I can just touch Him, I will be healed." Jairus is probably having similar thoughts: "If I can humble myself before Him and offer my petition that the teacher might save my dying daughter, He will heal her from her sickness."

It also presents us with two corresponding examples of unbelief. Upon realizing that power had left Him by way of the healing of the woman, Our Lord asks "Who was it that touched me?" Peter's response is in a way a mild rebuke of Jesus, he in essence says "What do you mean, of course someone touched you. You are surrounded by a crowd of people." When the crowd hears that Jairus' daughter has died, Our Lord stands alone in His infinite wisdom declaring that she is only sleeping. What is the crowd's response? They mock and laugh out of disbelief, a reaction that reveals an ignorance of Our Lord's power to heal. A similar crowd will mock, and laugh, and spit at Our Lord on His way to His crucifixion, revealing an even greater ignorance of Our Lord's power to save.

Brothers and sisters, in the highs and lows of our walk with Christ, we must remember that we cannot always see fully how the Lord is acting in our lives, yet His is still powerfully present. If we desire to be healed we simply have to touch Him. But Our Lord in His abundant mercy doesn't only permit us to touch Him, He invites us in the Holy Eucharist to be mystically joined to His saving body and blood. This great mystery of salvation not only heals us, but it conforms us to Him so that we might go out into the world and bring healing to others in His name.

DIVINE LITURGY PROPERS

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Reading from the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Ephesians (2:14-22)

Brothers and Sisters, For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God

Молитовник - Глас 7 - стр. 103

До Ефесян Послання Святого Апостола Павла
Читання: (2:14-22)

Браття і Сестри, Христос – наш мир, він, що зробив із двох одне, зруйнувавши стіну, яка була перегородою, тобто ворожнечу, – своїм тілом скасував закон заповідей у своїх рішеннях, на те, щоб із двох зробити в собі одну нову людину, вчинивши мир між нами, і щоб примирити їх обох в однім тілі з Богом через хрест, убивши ворожнечу в ньому. Він прийшов звістувати мир вам, що були далеко, і мир тим, що були близько; бо через нього, одні й другі, маємо доступ до Отця в однім Дусі. Отже ж ви більше не чужинці і не приходні, а співгромадяни святих і домашні Божі, побудовані на підвалині апостолів і пророків, де наріжним каменем – сам Ісус Христос. На ньому вся будівля, міцно споена, росте святим храмом у Господі; на ньому ви теж будете разом на житло Бога в Дусі.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

DO NOT FORGET - НЕ ЗАБУДЬТЕ



➤ **FR. ANDRIY** will be away from Nov. 8-19.
During this time Fr. Mykhailo (604-704-5889) will be substituting.

NEXT SUNDAY - November 14 - ONE BILINGUAL DIVINE LITURGY AT 1:00 PM
В НАСТУПНУ НЕДІЛЮ - 14 ЖОВТНЯ - ОДНА ДВОМОВНА СЛУЖБА БОЖА О ГОД. 1:00 п.п.

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

➤ **ST. PHILIP'S FAST** – This Pre-Christmas fast, more commonly known as Advent, will start on November 15. Like during the Great Lent we prepare spiritually for Christ's Death and Resurrection, so during 40 days of the Phillip's Fast we prepare ourselves for Lord's Nativity.

➤ **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: **Dmytro Garapiak, Olga Kosarewicz, Jerry Sweryda, Christine Patrie.** 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

➤ **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

CATECHETICAL RESOURCES ON LINE IN ENGLISH & UKRAINIAN

- Royal Doors with daily readings and reflections, UGCC - Catechism online, articles, etc <https://www.royaldoors.net/>
- Formed: Christian movies, TV shows, prayers, etc. - <https://watch.formed.org/browse>
- Dynamic Catholic. Beautiful resource for the whole family with Catechism for children, marriage enrichment programs, etc. - <https://dynamiccatholic.com/>
- Живе ТВ. - <https://zhyve.tv/>
- Дивен Світ. - <https://dyvensvit.org/>
- Катехизм УГКЦ. - <http://catechismugcc.org/>



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Return-It has locations all across the lower mainland. It is easy and convenient and you don't have to sort your cans anymore.

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1. Collect all your cans, bottles and returnables.
2. Place them in a clear plastic bag (the clear blue bags are acceptable too!)
3. Find a Return-It Centre near you <https://www.return-it.ca/locations/>
4. Bring bag to Return-It centre
5. Type in Holy Cross phone number **604-584-4421** and how many stickers you need
6. Print off Holy Cross sticker at Kiosk, attach to the bag and you're done!

Synaxis of the Archangel Michael & the other Bodiless Powers



November 08

Reading

All the Angels, according to the Apostle Paul, are ministering spirits, - sent forth to minister to them who shall be heirs of salvation - (Heb. 1:14). God set them as overseers of every nation and people, and guides to that which is profitable (Deut. 32:8); and while one Angel is appointed to oversee each nation as a whole, one is also appointed to protect each Christian individually. He commands them to guard them that hope on Him, that nothing should harm them, neither should any evil draw nigh to their dwelling (Ps. 90:10-12). In the Heavens they always behold the face of God, sending up to Him the thrice-holy hymn and interceding with Him in our behalf, seeing they rejoice over one sinner that repents (Esaias 6:2-3; Matt. 18:10; Luke 15:7). In a word, they have served God in so many ways for our benefit, that the pages of Holy Scripture are filled with the

histories thereof. It is for these reasons that the Orthodox Catholic Church, wisely honouring these divine ministers, our protectors and guardians, celebrates today the present Synaxis that is, our coming together in assembly for their common feast to chant their praises, especially for the Archangels Michael and Gabriel, who are mentioned in the Scriptures by name. The name Michael means "Who is like God?" and Gabriel means "God is mighty." The number of Angels is not defined in the divine Scriptures, where Daniel says that thousands of thousands ministered before Him, and ten thousands of ten thousands attended upon Him - (Dan. 7:10). But all of them are divided into nine orders which are called Thrones, Cherubim, Seraphim, Dominions, Powers, Authorities, Principalities, Archangels, and Angels.

The Holy Priest-Martyr Josaphat, Archbishop of Polotsk



November 12

'O Priest-martyr Josaphat, you have shone forth as a brilliant lamp, for as a good shepherd you gave up your life for your sheep... (Troparion of the feast) The feast of St. Josaphat, Priest-martyr, is especially dear, glorious and joyful for the faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Church because it is a feast of our own Ukrainian Saint, our brother who is of our own flesh and bone; it is the feast of a great Apostle and Martyr for the holy faith and the unity of the Churches. Not only our own Ukrainian Catholic Church, but the entire Catholic Church venerates, praises, and prays to St. Josaphat and erects churches in his honor. His relics are enshrined in the center of the Catholic world — in the Basilica of the Apostle St. Peter in Rome. St. Josaphat is the first Ukrainian Saint ever to be canonized by the Catholic Church. It is due to him and to his martyrdom that today we profess the true Christian faith and are

members of the true Church of Christ. We do not intend here to recall the history of his life, canonization, or cult, but will instead examine the significant features of his personality and character for which Church canonized him and listed him among the holy Martyrs. We can characterize the person of St. Josaphat in three words: he was Holy, he was an Apostle, and he was a Martyr.

St. Josaphat — a Canonized Saint

In heaven there are thousands upon anonymous Saints. However, there are many other Saints who, during their lifetime on earth, were distinguished for their holiness and heroic love of God and neighbor, and the Lord God glorified after their death. These, the Holy Church has raised to the altar of the Saints and directed that they be venerated. These are the canonized Saints, and St. Josaphat Priest-martyr, is one of them. St. Josaphat embarked upon the path of holiness while still a boy, from the moment that a spark of love fell from a crucifix upon his innocent youthful heart. This spark was never extinguished but over the years was kindled into a great fire of love for God and neighbor. The desire for holiness led him to enter the monastery of the Order of Saint Basil the Great, in Vilna. Here he quickly advanced in holiness through love of prayer and meditation, through various penitential acts, and through his love for the divine office which he soon committed to memory. Here he delved into liturgical books that continuously placed an example of the Saints and holy Martyrs before his eyes. From these books he learned about holiness, and acquired a knowledge of our holy faith and a great love for our Rite and church services. Of all the spiritual practices, he loved the Divine Liturgy most of all. As a monk he gladly assisted in the Liturgy, and later, as a priest and bishop, he offered it with angelic devotion. At the foot of the Eucharistic Christ, he prayed for whole hours and sometimes throughout a great part of the night. As a priest and later as a bishop, he burned himself out like a candle in the service of God and of neighbor. His spirit of zeal and sacrifice for the glory of God and for the salvation of souls was greatly admired by his associates, his friends, and even by his enemies. After his death, over 150 witnesses confirmed the holiness of his life under oath. Metropolitan Joseph V. Rutzky, notifying the Holy See of the death of St. Josaphat, wrote in his letter of the 23rd of December, 1623: "I grieve over the fact that they have physically taken from me him who was my right arm...however, I am filled with the hope that he will continue to work for our benefit with far greater power in heaven than he could do while here on earth, because this holy Martyr gave up his life for the glory of God, for the holy Union, and for the primacy of the Apostolic See. Alexander Tyshkevych, the chief judge in the region of Polotsk, who knew St. Josaphat during the whole time of his episcopate and held frequent conversations with him, in 1628 testified under oath: "I know that the servant of God, Josaphat, was and is still today revered and honored by all as a Saint and a great servant of God." But the most trustworthy witness of the holiness of St. Josaphat is the Lord God Himself who, after Josaphat's death, glorified him with miracles. These began to occur immediately after his martyrdom. Among the outstanding miracles is the preservation of his body which remained incorruptible for many years after death. Other miracles include the conversion of almost all his murderers and the conversion of the Orthodox Bishop, Meletius Smotryckyj, who was responsible for St. Josaphat's death. There were many other miraculous conversions and cures, such as, the restoration of sight to the blind, the cure of heart disease and paralysis, and deliverance from various dangers. All these miracles have been verified by the Church, and were confirmed, under oath, by those who were beneficiaries or eye-witnesses of these miracles. In 1628, St. Josaphat's confessor, Father Gennadius Khmelnytskyj, testified to the following: "People from all over flock to his tomb, all invoke his intercession, and through him great graces and miracles are being wrought.

Therefore, it is not surprising that the Holy Church, after conducting several very strict inquiries into the life of St. Josaphat, judged him worthy of canonization. Pope Pius IX, on June 29, 1867 enrolled Josaphat among the Saints officially recognized by the Church. "Pius, bishop, the servant of servants of God..." reads the Bull of canonization, "has decreed and defined that the said blessed Josaphat, Archbishop of Polotsk, of the Ruthenian Rite, is to be regarded as a Saint, and has inscribed him in the register of holy Martyrs."