



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

28 Sunday after Pentecost
28 Неділя після П'ятидесятниці
DECEMBER 5, 2021

The Conception of Saint Anna when she conceived the Most Holy Mother of God (*December 9*)



Saint Anna, the mother of the Virgin Mary, was the youngest daughter of the priest Nathan from Bethlehem, descended from the tribe of Levi. She married Saint Joachim (September 9), who was a native of Galilee.

For a long time Saint Anna was childless, but after twenty years, through the fervent prayer of both spouses, an angel of the Lord announced to them that they would be the parents of a daughter, Who would bring blessings to the whole human race.

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion, Tone 4: Today the chains of barrenness are shattered,* for having heard the prayer of Joachim and Anna,* against all hope God has openly promised the birth of the Maiden of God,* from whom the very infinite One will be born as a man,* the One who commanded the angels to cry to her:* rejoice, O full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 4: Today the whole world celebrates* the conception by Anna,* which was brought about by God Himself,* for she has ineffably borne the one who will bear the Word.

DIVINE LITURGY PROPERS

Prayer Book - Tone 3 - page 92

A reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Colossians (1:12-18)

Brothers and Sisters! Give thanks to the Father for having made you worthy to share the lot of the saints in light. He rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son. Through him we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creatures. In him everything in heaven and on earth was created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominations, principalities or powers; all were created through him, and for him. He is before all else that is. In him everything continues in being. It is he who is head of the body, the church; he who is the beginning, the first-born of the dead, so that primacy may be his in everything.

Молитовник - Глас 3 - стр. 93

До Колосян послання святого апостола Павла читання (1:12-18)

Браття і Сестри! Дякуйте Отцеві, який зробив нас гідними мати участь у долі святих у світлі. Він вирвав нас із влади тьми й переніс у царство свого улюбленого Сина, в якому ми маємо відхилення гріхів. Він -- образ невидомого Бога, первородний усякого сотворіння, бо в ньому все було створене, що на небі і що на землі, видиме й невидиме: чи то престоли, чи господства, чи начала, чи власті, все було ним і для нього створене. Він раніш усього, і все існує в ньому. Він також голова тіла, тобто Церкви. Він -- начало, первородний з мертвих, так, щоб у всьому він мав першенство.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ **RECONCILIATION SERVICE DURING ST PHILIP'S FAST** – although our parish will not have an official Advent Mission this year, as a way of spiritual preparation for Christ's Nativity, parishioners are invited & encouraged to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Father Andriy will be available for confession each Sunday before and/or after the Divine Liturgy.



➤ **ST. NICHOLAS VISIT:** December 19th after the 10:00 am, at our parish hall. Please note that on that day there will be one Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am. After the Divine Liturgy, please stay for the children's performance and St Nicholas' visit.

➤ **ЦЕРКОВНІ ВІСТІ ЕЛЕКТРОННОЮ ПОШТОЮ** - Парафіяльні вісті ви можете отримувати по електронній пошті. Будь ласка, зв'яжіться з о. Андрієм pastor@crossparish.ca
Якщо хтось хоче додати оголошення до парафіяльних вістей, просимо звертатись до о. Андрія, або надіслати оголошення на електронну пошту не пізніше п'ятниці 11 год. ранку.

➤ **PARISH NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL** - A reminder that our Parish bulletin is available by email. Please contact Fr. Andriy pastor@crossparish.ca
If you wish to submit information for the Parish bulletin, please advise Fr. Andriy or send this to the email no later than 11 am on Friday of the week.

➤ **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: **Tillie Arabsky, Yuliana Dmyterko**. 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."

CHRISTMAS CANDLE / РІЗДВЯНА СВІЧКА

Since 2012 the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of New Westminster has been collecting funds to help underprivileged and orphaned children in Ukraine through our Christmas Candle appeal. Our fundraising program, "**Christmas Candle/Різдвяна свічка**" is part of a larger global appeal sponsored by Caritas Ukraine. The appeal is once again taking place for the month of December and we encourage everyone to remember these children during our Christmas season with a donation. Donations can be made at any Ukrainian Catholic Parish in BC or mailed and payable to the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of New Westminster and clearly marked with "Christmas Candle Project" on the envelope and cheque. For more information, please contact Dana Koren Lupynis, Natalia Lupynis or Emelia Lupynis at nweparchy.christmascandle@gmail.com and follow us on Facebook at Caritas "Christmas Candle/Різдвяна свічка" Campaign, sponsored by NWEparchy.

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/>

➤ **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND THE CHURCH: WALKING TOGETHER TOWARD HEALING & RECONCILIATION**

A group of Indigenous residential school survivors, Elders, knowledge keepers and young people have accepted the invitation of Canada's Catholic Bishops to meet with the Holy Father from December 17-20, 2021 at the Vatican. The delegation will include small group meetings with Pope Francis as well as a larger final audience with all participants. We invite you to pray for all participants in the delegation, which will help provide a foundation for a future Papal Visit to Canada as part of the ongoing journey of healing and reconciliation. To learn more, visit www.cccb.ca

➤ **STATEMENT OF APOLOGY BY THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF CANADA TO THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF THIS LAND**

On behalf of His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, below is a link to a video featuring Bishops from across the country reading the "Apology by the Bishops of Canada to the Indigenous Peoples of this Land." The video was shown during the Cardinal's Annual Dinner, a virtual event this year, and was produced with the assistance of Salt & Light Catholic Media Foundation.

<https://youtu.be/M6BazS2PEN0>

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

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

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| 6 | DEC, MON | ● All day | St. Nicholas of Myra |
| | | ● 09:30 – 10:30 | Divine Liturgy |
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| 8 | DEC, WED | ● 09:30 – 10:30 | Divine Liturgy |
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| 9 | DEC, THU | ● All day | Conception of St. Anna |
| | | ● 09:30 – 10:30 | Divine Liturgy |
| | | ● 18:30 – 20:30 | Plast - Пласт |
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| 10 | DEC, FRI | ● 09:30 – 10:30 | Divine Liturgy |
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| 12 | DEC, SUN | ● 09:00 – 10:00 | Divine Liturgy (English) |
| | | ● 10:30 – 11:30 | Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) |