



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

31 Sunday after Pentecost - 31 Неділя після П'ятидесятниці
JANUARY 23, 2022



The Gospel today describes Jesus' healing of a blind man who has cried after Christ: "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me". "Receive your sight. Your faith has saved you" – says Our Lord. Immediately the blind man recovers his sight and begins to follow Jesus praising God. Healing is the fruit of faith in Jesus.

Faith is a force which transforms the person. The Good News of the Kingdom announced by Jesus was a sort of fertilizer. It made the seed of life hidden in people grow. That seed lay hidden like fire under the ashes. Jesus blew on the ashes and the fire ignited. The Kingdom appears and people rejoice. The condition was always the same: to believe in Jesus. The cure of the blind man clarifies a very important aspect of our faith. The blind man had faith and was cured despite his understanding of Jesus. He was converted and left everything behind and followed Jesus along the road toward Calvary! The full understanding of the following of Jesus is not obtained from a theoretical instruction but rather from a practical commitment to walk with Him in the way of service. Anyone who insists, as Peter at one point does, that Messiahship comes without the cross, understands nothing of Jesus. Such a person does not have the attitude of a true disciple of Jesus. Anyone who believes in Jesus and gives himself/herself, anyone who accepts being last, anyone who drinks the chalice of suffering and carries his/her cross, will succeed in "following Jesus along the way". Walking with Jesus is the source of courage and provides the seed of victory in the cross.

Blessed is anyone who rejects the advice of the wicked and does not take a stand in the path that sinners tread, ... but who delights in the law of the Lord and murmurs His law day and night. (Ps 1 1-2)

DIVINE LITURGY PROPERS

Prayer Book - Tone 2 - page 91

Epistle: A reading from the first Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy. (1: 15 - 17)

Timothy my son! You can depend on this as worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Of these I myself am the worst. But on that very account I was dealt with mercifully, so that in me, as an extreme case, Jesus Christ might display all his patience, and that I might become an example to those who would later have faith in him and gain everlasting life. To the King of ages, the immortal, the invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever! Amen.

Молитовник - Глас 2 - стр. 90

Апостол: До Тимотея першого послання святого апостола Павла читання (1: 15 - 17)

Сину Тимотею! Вірне це слово й повного довір'я гідне, що Христос Ісус прийшов у світ, щоб спасти грішних, з яких я -- перший. Але я був на те помилуваний, щоб Ісус Христос на мені першим показав усю свою довготерпеливість, на приклад тим, що мають увірувати в нього на вічне життя. Цареві ж віків, нетлінному, невидимому, єдиному Богу честь і слава на віки вічні! Амінь.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



➤ **JORDAN HOME BLESSING:** Our Church has a beautiful tradition of visiting people's homes in the new year with blessed Jordan waters. Spiritually, it is meant to cleanse the home of any evil or strife that has built up over the past year, so that we can start the new year on a positive note. If you would like Fr. Andriy to visit your family & bless your home with Jordan water, please call/text 250-317-3881 or email pastor@crossparish.ca to make an appointment.

➤ **OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** - will be held on Sunday, February 13 at 3pm via video conference. Please attend as we have a lot to discuss about our future. We need two people to serve as auditors for our books. If you would like to volunteer please contact Kathryn treasurer@crossparish.ca

➤ **НАШІ РІЧНІ ЗБОРИ** - у неділю 13 лютого о год. 3 по полудні через відео конференцію.

➤ **INCOME TAX RECEIPTS** - available at the entrance to the church in your envelope box. If you want a digital copy please contact Kathryn treasurer@crossparish.ca

➤ **NEW PRAYER BOOKS** - Big Thank You to **Michael and Irene Guszowaty** for donating new prayer books. If you wish to purchase your own (\$10 each) please see Fr. Andriy.

➤ **CHURCH CALENDAR 2022** - available at the entrance to the church. Please take one per family.

➤ **CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS** - Please notify the Parish Office if you have changed your address or telephone number in order to keep our records up to date.

➤ **ЗМІНА АДРЕСИ** - Якщо ви змінили адресу, або номер телефону, просимо повідомити про це парафію, щоб у нас був оновлений список усіх парафіян.

➤ **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.

➤ **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: **Christine Riek, Patrick Matiowsky**. May the Lord Our God continue to bless you abundantly and the Holy Mother of God protect you. Многая Лїта!

➤ **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!

➤ **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."

BASIC GUIDELINES FOR RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

1. You are a member of the Catholic Church (Orthodox faithful are welcome to receive Communion);
2. You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently;
3. You attend Divine Services regularly;
4. Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church;
5. You have kept the Liturgical fast – no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy. (water and medicine does not break the fast).
6. You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel.
7. To the best of your ability, you are in the state of Grace.

If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.



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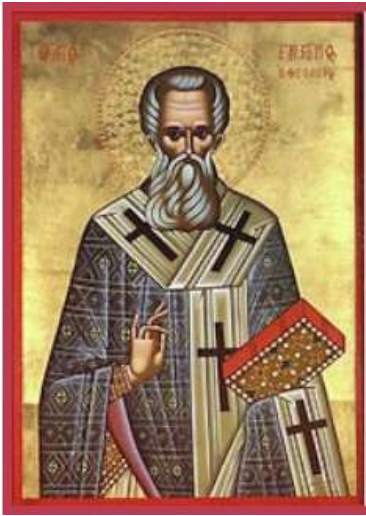
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Saint Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople

Our father among the saints Gregory the Theologian, also known as Gregory of Nazianzus (though that name more appropriately refers to his father) and Gregory the Younger, was a great father and teacher of the Church. His feast day is celebrated on January 25 and that of the translation of his relics on January 19. With Sts. Basil the Great and John Chrysostom, he is numbered among the Three Holy Hierarchs, whose feast day is celebrated on January 30. St. Gregory is also known as one of the Cappadocian Fathers.

He was born in 329 in Arianus, a village of the second district of Cappadocia, not far from Nazianzus. His father, who later became Bishop of Nazianzus, was named Gregory (commemorated Jan. 1), and his mother was named Nonna (Aug. 5); both are among the saints, and so are his brother Caesarius (Mar. 9) and his sister Gorgonia (Feb. 23).

At first he studied in Caesarea of Palestine, then in Alexandria, and finally in Athens. As he was sailing from Alexandria to Athens, a violent sea storm put in peril not only his life but also his salvation, since he had not yet been baptized. With tears and fervor he besought God to spare him, vowing to dedicate his whole self to Him, and the tempest gave way to calm. At Athens St. Gregory was later joined by St. Basil the Great, whom he already knew, but now their acquaintanceship grew into a lifelong brotherly love. Another fellow student of theirs in Athens was the young Prince Julian, who later as emperor was called the Apostate because he denied Christ and did all in his power to restore paganism. Even in Athens, before Julian had thrown off the mask of piety, St. Gregory saw what an unsettled mind he had, and said, "What an evil the Roman State is nourishing" (Orat. V, 24, PG 35:693).

After their studies at Athens, Gregory became Basil's fellow ascetic, living the monastic life together with him for a time in the hermitages of Pontus. His father ordained him presbyter of the Church of Nazianzus, and St. Basil consecrated him Bishop of Sasima (or Zansima), which was in the archdiocese of Caesarea. This consecration was a source of great sorrow to Gregory and a cause of misunderstanding between him and Basil, but his love for Basil remained unchanged, as can be plainly seen from his Funeral Oration on Saint Basil (Orat. XLIII).

About the year 379, St. Gregory came to the assistance of the Church of Constantinople, which had already been troubled for forty years by the Arians; by his supremely wise words and many labors he freed it from the corruption of heresy. He was elected archbishop of that city by the Second Ecumenical Council, which assembled there in 381, and condemned Macedonius, Archbishop of Constantinople, as an enemy of the Holy Spirit. When St. Gregory came to Constantinople, the Arians had taken all the churches, and he was forced to serve in a house chapel dedicated to St. Anastasia the Martyr. From there he began to preach his famous five sermons on the Trinity, called the Triadica. When he left Constantinople two years later, the Arians did not have one church left to them in the city. St. Meletius of Antioch (see Feb. 12), who was presiding over the Second Ecumenical Council, died in the course of it, and St. Gregory was chosen in his stead; there he distinguished himself in his expositions of dogmatic theology.

Having governed the Church until 382, he delivered his farewell speech—the Syntacterion, in which he demonstrated the Divinity of the Son—before 150 bishops and the Emperor Theodosius the Great. Also in this speech he requested, and received from all, permission to retire from the See of Constantinople. He returned to Nazianzus, where he lived to the end of his life. He reposed in the Lord in 391, having lived some sixty-two years.

His extant writings, both prose and poems in every type of meter, demonstrate his lofty eloquence and his wondrous breadth of learning. In the beauty of his writings, he is considered to have surpassed the Greek writers of antiquity, and because of his God-inspired theological thought, he received the surname "Theologian." Although he is sometimes called Gregory of Nazianzus, this title belongs properly to his father; he himself is known by the Church only as Gregory the Theologian. He is especially called "Trinitarian Theologian," since in virtually every homily he refers to the Trinity and the one essence and nature of the Godhead. Hence, Alexius Anthorus dedicated the following verses to him:

Like an unwandering star beaming with splendour,
Thou bringest us by mystic teachings, O Father,
To the Trinity's sunlike illumination,
O mouth breathing with fire, Gregory most mighty.



*Lviv, January 20, 2022
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Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

**Most Reverend Archbishops and Metropolitans,
God-loving Bishops, Very Reverend Clergy, Venerable Monastics,
Dearly Beloved Brothers and Sisters Catechists,
And all Faithful!**

This Sunday, for the third year, the entire Catholic Church celebrates “Sunday of the Word of God,” which aims to encourage Christians to honour together the Word of God in order to bring Him closer to all the faithful.

Establishing this celebration, the Holy Father Francis emphasizes that this day devoted to the Bible should encourage Christians to deep their knowledge of the Word of God daily, “For we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers. For this reason, we need to develop a closer relationship with sacred Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut...” (Aperuit illis, 8).

Our Church joins the initiative of the Holy Father in celebrating the Sunday of the Word of God. In particular, His Beatitude Sviatoslav, Father and Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, during the celebration of the first Sunday of the Word of God in 2020, said: “I would like all of us Christians to say: we cannot live without God’s Word.”

This year has been declared the Year of the Family by the Synod of Bishops of our Church. So, I ask you to introduce three things in our families this year:

1. Make sure each of our families has a Bible.
2. May the Bible be placed in our homes in a proper, dignified place, reminding us that the center, foundation, and starting point of our thoughts, words, and actions is God.
3. Every day, or at least once a week, as we gather together in our families and communities, let us read and meditate on the Holy Scriptures! This will help us to overcome obstacles, temptations, insults and build our Domestic Church – in love for God and for one another.

His Beatitude Sviatoslav urges us, “I encourage you to read the Scriptures every day. I know that today, in fact, there is no person who does not have the opportunity to read the Holy Scriptures. We often have a dusty Bible in our book collections. We often collect various editions of the Holy Scriptures, but we seldom open them and delve into them.”

As we read God’s Word, meditate on it, and pray with it, we meet, we get to know, and receive Christ. The Word of God is alive and active when we listen to it and live in it. Let us, therefore, ensure that the Word of God is in our hands, minds, homes, and our hearts.

In prayer,

+ DAVID (Motiuk)
Chair, Patriarchal Catechetical Commission,

Bishop, Eparchy of Edmonton



Львів, 20 січня 2022р.

Вих.№ 001 / 2022

*Високопреосвященним та преосвященним владикам,
Головам єпархіальних катехитичних комісій,
катехитам*

Христос рождається! – Славимо Його!

**Високопреосвященні та преосвященні владыки,
всечесні та преподобні отці, преподобні сестри,
брати і сестри катехити!**

Цієї неділі – вже втретє – вся Католицька Церква відзначає неділю Божого Слова, метою якої є заохочувати християн до спільного вшанування Слова Божого, щоб наблизити Його до всіх вірних. Установлюючи це святкування, Святіший Отець Франциск наголошує, що день, присвячений Біблії, має спонукати християн до пізнання Слова Божого кожного дня впродовж року, «бо нам необхідно зростати у знаннях і любові до Святого Письма й до Воскреслого, котрий не перестає ділитися Словом і Хлібом у спільноті віруючих. Тому, ми повинні бути ближчими зі Святим Письмом, інакше наші серця залишаться холодними, а очі заплещеними...» (Aperuit illis, 8).

Наша Церква долучається до ініціативи Святішого Отця щодо відзначення неділі Божого Слова. Зокрема, Блаженніший Святослав, Отець і Глава УГКЦ, підчас вшанування першої неділі Божого Слова у 2020 році, сказав: «Я б хотів, аби всі ми, християни, сказали: без Божого Слова ми не можемо жити.»

Цей рік Синод єпископів нашої Церкви проголосив Роком сім'ї. Отож, звертаюся до Вас з проханням запровадити у наших сім'ях цього року три речі:

1. Подбаймо, щоб у кожній сім'ї було Святе Письмо.
2. Хай Біблія буде у наших домівках на належному, гідному місці, нагадуючи нам, що центром, основою, точкою відліку наших думок, слів, вчинків є Бог.
3. Щодня або, принаймні, раз на тиждень, зібравшись разом у наших сім'ях та спільнотах, читаймо Святе Письмо і роздумуймо над ним! Це допоможе нам долати перешкоди, спокуси, образи і будувати нашу Домашню Церкву – в любові до Бога і одні до одних.

«Я закликаю вас щодня читати Святе Письмо. Знаю, що нині, фактично, немає людини, яка б не мала можливості читати Святе Писання. Ми часто маємо в наших книгозбірках Біблію, яка припадає пилом. Ми часто колекціонуємо різні видання Святого Письма, але рідко їх відкриваємо і заглиблюємося в них», – закликав Блаженніший Святослав.

Читаючи Боже Слово, роздумуючи над ним і молячись ним, ми зустрічаємо Христа, пізнаємо і приймаємо Його. Боже Слово – живе і діяльне, коли ми його слухаємо і живемо ним.

Подбаймо, отже, щоб Боже Слово було в наших руках, умах, домівках, наших серцях.

З молитвою,

+ ДАВИД (Мотюк)
Голова Патріаршої катехитичної комісії УГКЦ,
Єпарх Едмонтонський