



ST. ELIA'S NEWSLETTER – May/June 2016

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Sunday Worship Schedule:

9:00 am Confessions
9:30 am Matins
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

**Христос Воскрес!
Воістину Воскрес!**

**Christ is Risen!
Indeed He is Risen!**

Provody Services – 2 pm:

Sunday, May 15: Beechmont Cemetery
Sunday, May 22: St. Michael's Cemetery
Sunday, May 29: Evergreen Cemetery
Sunday, June 5: St. Stephen's Cemetery

UWAC Fellowship Luncheon: May 29

Those heading to Evergreen for Provody will
be first in line for lunch!

UWAC general meeting to follow for those
members who are able to attend.

UWAC Appreciation Brunch

Thursday, June 16, 2016
Meet the bus at St. Elia parking lot
at 10:15 am

Message from Parish President, Father Deacon Dr. Roman Shiyan

Christ is Risen!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, fellow parishioners,

When I say that it is a privilege to serve as president of the St. Elia Ukrainian Orthodox parish, I mean every word. The recent tragic events north of our city and your response to it have further affirmed my conviction. I am extremely proud of our parishioners', both clergy's and laity's, response to the Ft. McMurray fire disaster: your prayers, support, and monetary donations will go a long way helping people, who continue suffering from the aftermath of this terrible disaster. Just one example: on Sunday, May 8, the sum of nearly 600 dollars was collected among our parishioners for the Red Cross to assist those in need.

God bless you all for your compassion, generosity, and Christian love!

Father Deacon Roman Shiyan

ST. ELIA FOOD BASKET – Important Message about Pascha!

On Easter Saturday, after the blessing of baskets at church, Mission Outreach Committee members Myrna Kostash and Subdeacon Evan Panchuk delivered \$500 worth of grocery gift cards and several bags of groceries to our Eritrean neighbours in time also for their celebration of Pascha. Samson Dirrar told us that the gifts would be enormously appreciated especially by two families in considerable financial distress. The Outreach Mission Committee thanks all those members of St. Elia parish for their generous Paschal donations to the food basket.

PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR DONATIONS! Your contributions are a gift of love!

If you wish to donate money for gift cards, please see Walter Marcenuik on Sundays*

'Then the righteous will answer Him [Christ], saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? . . . And the King [Christ] will answer and say to them, Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to Me.' (Matthew 25: 37,40)

Palm Sunday Outreach Committee Fellowship

Soup was prepared for 30 at a generous serving of nearly two cups since I thought we would have nothing but bread and soup. I bought four loaves of hearty bread, a bag of oranges and a bag of apples. I wasn't sure what to expect except for Fr. Dcn. Roman and Dobr. Natalya's hummus and naan bread but Tanya brought baking and a container of veggie spread, Lesia brought a large fruit tray and Panchuks brought a honeydew melon to cut up. Barbara helped me in the kitchen and we put coffee on and managed to get upstairs just before the Epistle.



We were set for 20; at least 45 people came downstairs! This included five children. People started to go into the main hall but I insisted they come back to the amber room since you can't have a "cosy" fellowship with people in two separate rooms. The gentlemen moved first two extra tables, then a third into place and set chairs.



The soup amount was perfect. Not a huge ladle full for the first go around but adequate. Enough that there were a few cups left which I served at the tables to those who wanted seconds. It was wonderful to have so many of our church family there with their extended families as well! Gave away most of the oranges and apples I brought and there was just enough bread left for my supper that night.

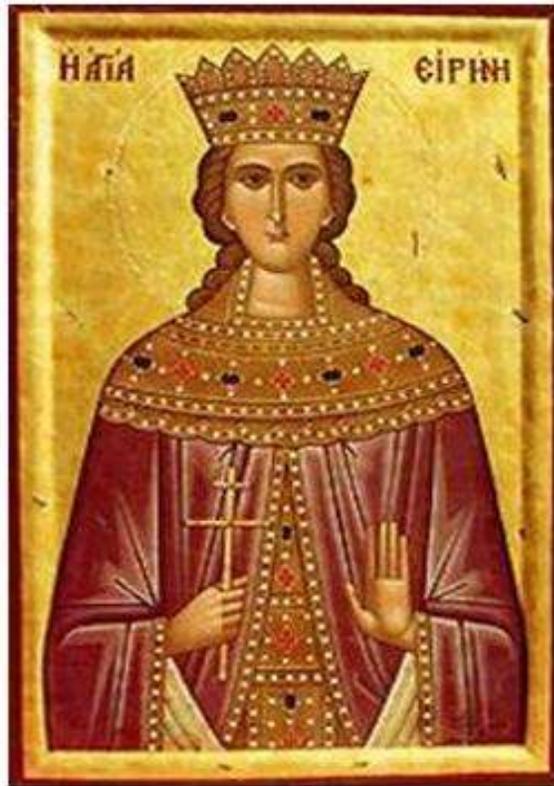
Roman explained to the attendees that he had done too much speaking this last week (he gave the homily upstairs) and so he briefly went over his presentation from the Passia service at St. Anthony's (Saint Mary of Egypt and St. Zosima who encounters her in the desert). Barbara and Subdeacon Evan, Walter and Pearl helped me clean up. The same fellows who moved the tables and chairs in the first place were nice enough to move them back.



Thank you to all who joined in fellowship and for your donations. A letter from Bishop Ilarion was received April 11 encouraging continued donations to the Orphanage Fund for the **Project of Charity Work with Orphans in Ukraine**, so the collection of \$160 will be forwarded to the Western Eparchy.

Reported by Betty Corlett

FEASTS AND COMMEMORATIONS IN MAY
MAY 18: GREAT MARTYR IRENE



A Christian in fourth-century Persia could scarcely hope to lead a peaceful life in the midst of various factions which leagued together in their common hatred and harassment of the followers of Jesus Christ. One woman who came to know the full wrath of the Messiah's enemies was Irene, whose name in Greek means peace. In choosing to follow Christ in this extremely hostile land of soothsayers and snake charmers, she chose to ride out the storm in a manner that brought her sainthood.

Born during the reign of Constantine the Great in the Persian city of Magydu, Irene was the daughter of Licinius, governor of the region. Licinius was a ruler of little humor, with even less understanding and with an iron will that was in the tradition of the Medes and the Saracens. He reared his only child, Irene, in an ornate palace. At the age of eight she began to be tutored in the grand manner of the times. Accordingly she studied for ten years under the tutelage of Apelianos, an educator renowned for his wisdom and intellect.

According to Apelianos, who was also Irene's biographer, an angel of the Lord appeared to Irene in a dream when she was a young woman and told her that she had been chosen to be the voice of the Messiah among her own people. When she told the venerable Apelianos of her dream, he stood in awe.

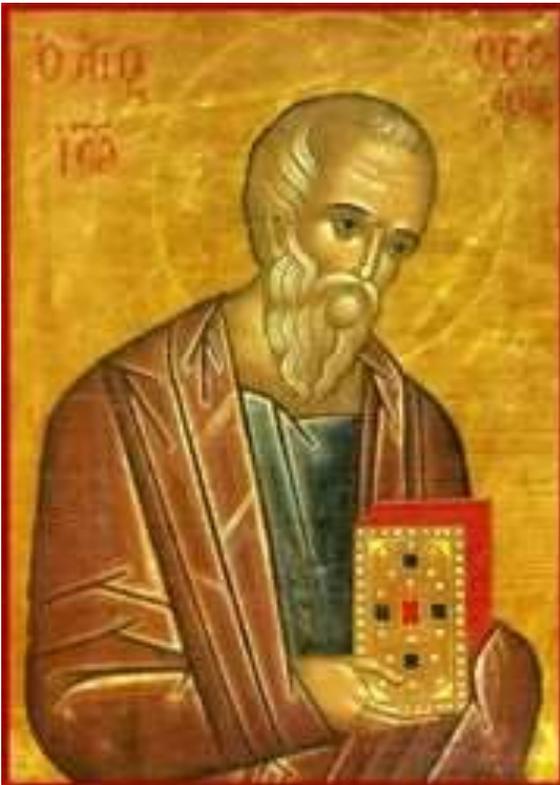
Licinius at first attributed her new eagerness for Christianity to the whim of youth, and he advised her to give up this madness. When she failed to comply he flew into a rage, threatening to have her trampled in the arena by wild horses. Apelianos related that while Licinius was at the arena arranging the stampede to take his daughter's life, he was somehow accidentally trampled himself. Irene hurried to the side of her father, and as he lay mortally wounded she prayed to the Lord that he be spared. Her prayer was answered. Licinius recovered, repented, and was baptized into the Christian faith. For this he was promptly removed from office by the Persian King, Sedecian.

Turning to Irene, whom he considered a sorceress, Sedecian stated that he would restore her father to his post and allow her to go free if she disavowed Christ. She declined and was thereupon cast into prison. After Sedecian's death, she was released.

Miraculously regaining her health, she carried the message of the Messiah throughout the land, converting thousands to Christianity. Further imprisonment, torture and abuse of mind and body having failed, it was decided that Irene should be put to death. She was beheaded on the 5th of May, 384.

Although St. Irene is not known to us as a biblical scholar, her very nature is an expression of the Scriptures as displayed in every aspect of her life on earth. She not only turned the other cheek, but went to the aid of the parent that would have destroyed her and except for her intervention would have thereby destroyed himself. She saved her father's life in order that he might save his own soul thereafter, by becoming a Christian himself. In the days when women were decidedly second class citizens, she commanded the respect of men and women alike, ultimately becoming a mother figure to Christian converts drawn from ranks of the worst enemies of Jesus Christ. *From "Orthodox Saints" by George Poulos <http://www.antiochian.org>*

MAY 21: APOSTLE EVANGELIST JOHN



The holy, glorious and all-laudable **Apostle and Evangelist John** (also **John the Theologian** or **John the Divine**) was one of the original twelve Apostles, and wrote the Gospel bearing his name; three canonical letters: I John, II John, and III John; and the Book of Revelation.. His symbol is the eagle. St. John was the son of Salome the myrrh-bearer and Zebedee, a fisherman. His brother was St. James, another apostle.

In his own Gospel account, he refers to himself as "the disciple whom Jesus loved" rather than use his name. He was the youngest of the twelve apostles, and especially close to the Lord. This closeness is often portrayed in icons of the mystical supper, where St. John leans on Jesus.

He was present for the Transfiguration of Christ with Peter and his brother James. St. John was exiled to the island of Patmos by Emperor Domitian around 90-95 A.D., and it was there that he received and wrote the Book of Revelation.

Book of Revelation - Question: Concerning the end times, the Orthodox Church has always in my experience brushed it aside saying it is rather too complicated to be spoken about.

Response: The Orthodox Church has never brushed aside the end times. There is a whole facet of Orthodox theology known specifically as "eschatology," which means "the study of the last things." Many of the Church Fathers have written about the end times. ..There is only so much we can say because there is not a lot that Christ has revealed to us. He tells us He will come again, that He will judge all mankind, that He will be victorious once and for all over all evil, that those who have remained faithful to Him will indeed find spending eternity in His presence "paradise." So, if it appears that Orthodoxy has not said much about the end times, it may be because we have read so little of what the Church Fathers write about this, or it may be because the Orthodox Church cannot reveal things that have not been revealed. The basic message of Christ is to live according to God's will and that, if we do, we will have not worry for the future. oca.org/questions/scripture/book-of-revelation

FEASTS AND SAINTS IN JUNE JUNE 3: CONSTANTINE AND HELEN



St. Helen was the mother of **St. Constantine the Great**, and was born at Drepanum (Helenopolis) in Asia Minor to parents of humble means. She married Constantius Chlorus, and their son Constantine was born in 274. After he became emperor, Constantine showed his mother great honor and respect, granting her the imperial title “Augusta.”

After **St. Constantine** became the sole ruler of the Western Roman Empire, he issued the Edict of Milan in 313 which guaranteed religious tolerance for Christians. **St. Helen**, who was a Christian, may have influenced him in this decision. In 323, when he became the sole ruler of the entire Roman Empire, he extended the provisions of the Edict of Milan to the Eastern half of the Empire. After three hundred years of persecution, Christians could finally practice their faith without fear.

The emperor deeply revered the victory-bearing Sign of the Cross of the Lord, and wanted to find the actual Cross upon which our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified. He sent his mother, **Helen**, to Jerusalem. Although **St. Helen** was already in her declining years, she set about completing the task with enthusiasm. In 326, she was directed to an elderly Hebrew named Jude who stated that the Cross was buried at the Temple of Venus. **St. Helen** ordered that the pagan temple be demolished. After praying, the ground began to be excavated. Soon, the Tomb of the Lord was uncovered. Not far from it were three crosses, a board with the inscription ordered by Pilate,

and four nails which had pierced the Lord’s Body.

While in Jerusalem, **St. Helen** performed a variety of good works, including giving money to the poor. She also ordered that all places connected with the earthly life of the Lord and His All-Pure Mother be freed of all traces of paganism, and directed that churches be built at each of these places. **St. Helen** gave the Life-Creating Cross to the Patriarch for safe-keeping, and took part of the wood and nails back to Constantinople.

St. Helen entered into the Eternal Kingdom in 327. Because of her great service to the Church and her efforts in finding the Life-Creating Cross, Empress Helen is called “the Equal of the Apostles.”

<http://www.antiochian.org>

The Church also calls **St Constantine** (306-337) “the Equal of the Apostles,” and historians call him “the Great.” Christians could finally practice their faith without fear. Renouncing paganism, the Emperor did not let his capital remain in ancient Rome, the former center of the pagan realm. He transferred his capital to the East, to the city of Byzantium, which was renamed Constantinople, the city of Constantine (May 11). **Constantine** was deeply convinced that only Christianity could unify the immense Roman Empire with its diverse peoples.

By order of the emperor, the First Ecumenical Council was convened in the city of Nicea in 325. 318 bishops attended this Council. Among its participants were confessor-bishops from the period of the persecutions and many other luminaries of the Church, among whom was St Nicholas of Myra in Lycia. **St. Constantine** was present at the sessions of the Council. At which a Symbol of Faith (Creed) was composed, confirming the truth of the divinity of Jesus Christ, Who assumed human nature for the redemption of all the human race.

After the Council of Nicea, **St Constantine** continued with his active role in the welfare of the Church. He accepted holy Baptism on his deathbed, having prepared for it all his whole life. **St Constantine** died on the day of Pentecost in the year 337

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Your servant Constantine, O Lord and only Lover of Man,
Beheld the figure of the Cross in the Heavens,
And like Paul, not having received his call from men,
But as an Apostle among rulers set by Your hand over the royal city,
He preserved lasting peace through the prayers of the Theotokos.

<http://oca.org/saints/lives>

JUNE 20: HOLY SPIRIT DAY



The Holy Spirit and His Varieties of Gifts by Rev. George Mastrantonis

Man was created in a miraculous and unique manner. He was created in the "*image*" and "*likeness*" of God. Man was endowed with the

power to progress in a free way, and to develop his personality in the countenance of God Himself. Originally God created and placed man in Paradise, where he was expected either to use his freedom rightly or to lose this privilege and corrupt his own nature. Man fell from the blissful state into a needy and sinful life where his nature, corrupted as it was, bequeathed this condition to subsequent generations. This is why man today still feels the burden of conscience which penetrates his being as a curse. This condition of man's nature, for centuries caused the human cry for a Liberator to regain for him the destiny intended for him at his creation God Almighty foresaw the whole picture of human struggle on the one hand and the nostalgia for happiness on the other. The need for a spiritual life, a life which was given to man at the beginning, was constantly anticipated from the Liberator. When the time came, man's longing was fulfilled in the coming of the Person of Jesus Christ on earth. He was the Messiah Whom rulers and prophets had long predicted. The prophecies predicted the coming of the Messiah through Whom and by Whom man would be saved. This prophecy came true in the Person of Christ. www.goarch.org/ourfaith

ORDER OF SERVICES FOR MAY 2016.

15. - SUNDAY.....MYRRH – BEARING WOMEN.....10:00 A.M.
 BLESSING OF GRAVES.....BEECHMONT CEMETERY.....2:00 P.M.
22. - SUNDAY.....THE PARALYZED MAN.....10:00 A.M.
 BLESSING OF GRAVES.....ST.MICHAEL CEMETERY.....2:00 P.M.
29. - SUNDAY.....SAMARITAN WOMAN10:00 A.M.
 BLESSING OF GRAVES.....EVERGREEN CEMETERY.....2:00 P.M.

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5. - SUNDAY.....BLIND MAN.....10:00 A.M.
 BLESSING OF GRAVES.....ST.STEPHEN CEMETERY.....2:00 P.M.
12. - SUNDAY.....FATHERS OF 1st. COUNCIL.....10:00 A.M.
19. - SUNDAY.....TRINITY SUNDAY. PENTECOST.....10:00 A.M.
26. - SUNDAY.....ALL SAINTS.....10:00 A.M.

ORDER OF SERVICES FOR JULY 2016.

3. - SUNDAY.....2-nd. SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.....9:30 A.M.
10. - SUNDAY.....3-rd. SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.....9:30 A.M.
17. - SUNDAY.....4-th. SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.....9:30 A.M.
24. - SUNDAY.....5-th. SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.....9:30 A.M.
31. - SUNDAY.....6-th. SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.....9:30 A.M.

* ☩ = Holydays on which Divine Services are held in most parishes.

ТРАВЕНЬ - 2016 - МАЙ

Shaded Days = Fast periods & days of strict fast.

	НЕДІЛЯ SUNDAY	ПОНЕДІЛОК MONDAY	ВІВТОРОК TUESDAY	СЕРЕДА WEDNESDAY	ЧЕТВЕР THURSDAY	П'ЯТНИЦЯ FRIDAY	СУБОТА SATURDAY
Resurrection XC Bright Week	1 ВЕЛИКДЕНЬ  ☩ PASCHA Acts 1:1-8 John 1:1-17	2 No Fast All Week BRIGHT MONDAY Світлий Понеділок Acts 1:12-17, 21-26 John 1:18-28	3 BRIGHT TUESDAY Світлий Вівторок Acts 2:14-21 Luke 24:12-35	4 HMartyr Januarius сщмч Януаріа Acts 2:22-38 John 1:35-51	5 Theodore Sykeote феодора єписк Acts 2:38-43 John 3:1-15	6* величчю Юре поб  GrMartyr George Acts 12:1-11 John 15:17-16:2	7 Martyr Sabbas мч Савви страт Acts 3:11-16 John 3:22-33
Anti Pascha Tone 1	8 Mother's Day Apostle Thomas Sun нед Апост Томина Acts 5:12-20 John 20:19-31	9 HMartyr Basil сщмч Василя Acts 3:19-26 John 2:1-11	10 HMartyr Simeon сщмч Симеона Acts 4:1-10 John 3:16-21	11 Apostle Jason (70) апостола Ясона (70) Acts 4:13-22 John 5:17-24	12 9 Martyrs of Cyzicus 9 муч у Кизиці Acts 4:23-31 John 5:24-30	13 Ap James Zebedee апостола Якова Зев Acts 5:1-11 John 5:30-6:2	14 Prophet Jeremiah пророка Єремїя Acts 5:21-33 John 6:14-27
Sun 3 of Pascha Tone 2	15 Myrrh Bearing Women Мироносиць Acts 6:1-7 Mark 15:43-16:8	16 Martyr Timothy мч Тимофея Acts 6:8-7:5, 47-60 John 4:48-54	17 Martyr Pelagia мч Пелагїї Acts 8:5-17 John 6:27-33	18 Great Martyr Irene велмч Ірини Acts 8:18-25 John 6:35-39	19 Righteous Job праведного Іова Acts 8:26-39 John 6:40-44	20 Sign of Cross Помн Хреста Acts 8:40-9:19 John 6:48-54	21 апостола Іоана  Apostle/Evangelist John 1 John 1:1-7 Jn 19:25-27, 21:24-25
Sun 4 of Pascha Tone 3	22 Paralytic Розслабленого Acts 9:32-42 John 5:1-15	23 Ap Simon Zealot апост Симона Зил Acts 10:1-16 John 6:56-69	24 Methodius & Cyril Методїя і Кирила Acts 10:21-33 John 7:1-13	25 Mid Persecoast Saint Epiphanius свт Єпіфанїя Acts 14:6-18 John 7:14-30	26 Martyr Glyceria мч Глікерїї Acts 10:34-43 John 8:12-20	27 Martyr Isidore мч Ісидора Acts 10:44-11:10 John 8:21-30	28 Pachomy the Great преп Пахомїя вел Acts 12:1-11 John 8:31-42
Sun 5 of Pascha Tone 4	29 Samaritan Woman Самарянки Acts 11:19-26, 28-30 John 4:5-42	30 Ap Andronicus (70) ап Андроника (70) Acts 12:12-17 John 8:42-51	31 Martyr Theodotus мч Теодота Acts 12:25-13:12 John 8:51-59				

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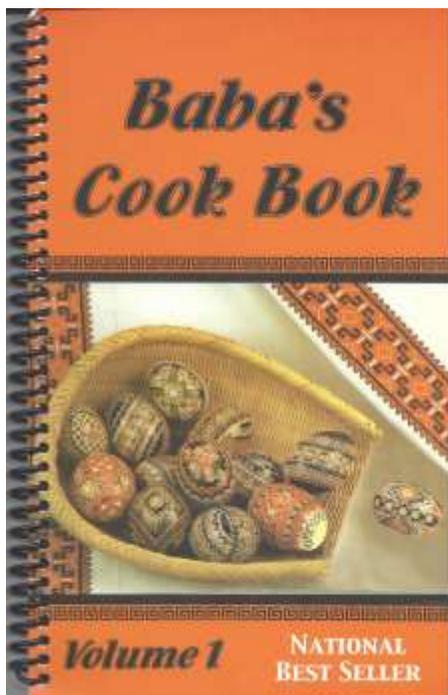
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				1 HMartyr Patrick сщмч Патрікїя Acts 13:13-24 John 6:5-14	2 Martyr Thalelaeus мч Талален Acts 14:20-27 John 9:38-10:9	3 Костянтина і Єлени  Constantine & Helen Acts 26:1-5, 12-20 John 10:1-9	4 Martyr Basiliscus мч Василїска Acts 15:35-41 John 10:27-38
Sun 6 of Pascha Tone 5	5 Blind Man Сліпородженого Acts 16:16-34 John 9:1-38	6 Symeon the Stylite Симеона стовпника Acts 17:1-15 John 11:47-57	7 3rd find head John Згл голови Іоана Acts 17:19-28 John 12:19-36	8 Apostle Carpus (70) апостола Карпа (70) Acts 18:22-28 John 12:36-47	9* Вознесїенн  Ascension of Christ Acts 1:1-12 Luke 24:36-53	10 Venerable Nicetas преп Никити Acts 19:1-9 John 14:1-11	11 VirMartyr Theodosia прмч Теодосїї Acts 20:7-12 John 14:10-21
Sun 7 of Pascha Tone 6	12 Fathers 1st Council Отцїя 1-а Собор Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 John 17:1-13	13 Apostle Hermas (70) апостола Єрма (70) Acts 21:8-14 John 14:27-15:7	14 Martyr Justin мч Юстина Acts 21:26-32 John 16:2-13	15 Saint Nicephorus свт Никифора Acts 23:1-11 John 16:15-23	16 Martyr Lucillian мч Лукїліана Acts 25:19-19 John 16:23-33	17 Saint Metrophanes свт Митрофана Acts 27:1-44 John 17:18-26	18 ☩ Soul Saturday HMartyr Dorotheus сщмч Доротея Acts 26:1-31 John 21:15-25
Trinity Sunday Tone 7	19 ТРОИЦЬ  ☩ PENTECOST Acts 2:1-11 Jn 7:37-52; 8:12	20 Дух Святий  ☩ Holy Spirit Day Eph 5:9-19 Matt 18:10-20	21 Relics St Theodore мощ Теодора Rom 1:1-7, 13-17 Matt 4:25-5:13	22 St Cyril of Alexandria свт Кирила Алексан Rom 1:18-27 Matt 5:20-26	23 HMartyr Timothy сщмч Тимотея Rom 1:28-2:9 Matt 5:27-32	24 Apostle Bartholomew апост Вартоломей Rom 2:14-29 Matt 5:33-41	25 Onuphrius the Great преп Онуфрїя вел Rom 1:7-12 Matt 5:42-48
Sun 1 after Pent Tone 8	26 All Saints Всїх Святїх Heb 11:33-12:2, Matt 10: 32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30	27 Apostles' Fast Begins Prophet Elisha пропока Єлїсея Rom 2:29-3:18 Matt 6:31-34; 7:9-11	28 Prophet Amos пропока Амоса Rom 4:4-12 Matt 7:15-21	29 Wonderworker Tychon свт Тихона чд Rom 4:13-25 Matt 7:21-23	30 Martyr Manuel мч Мануїла Rom 5:10-16 Matt 8:23-27		

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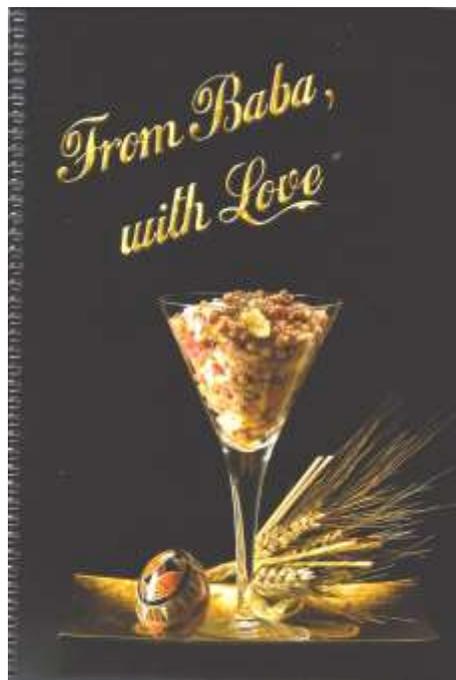
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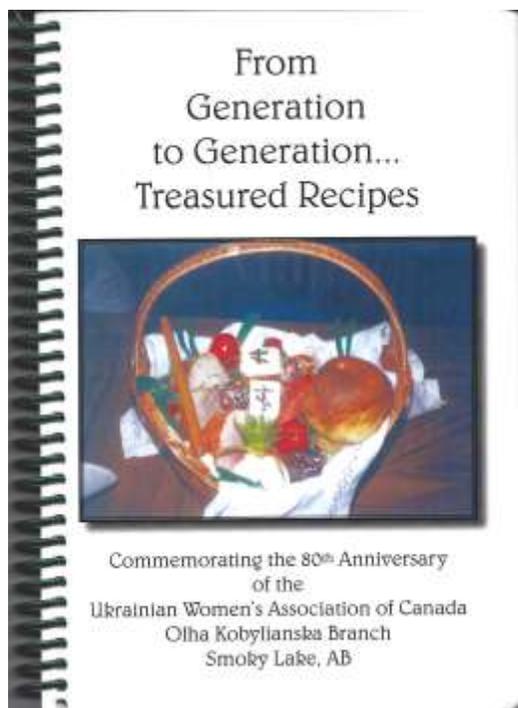
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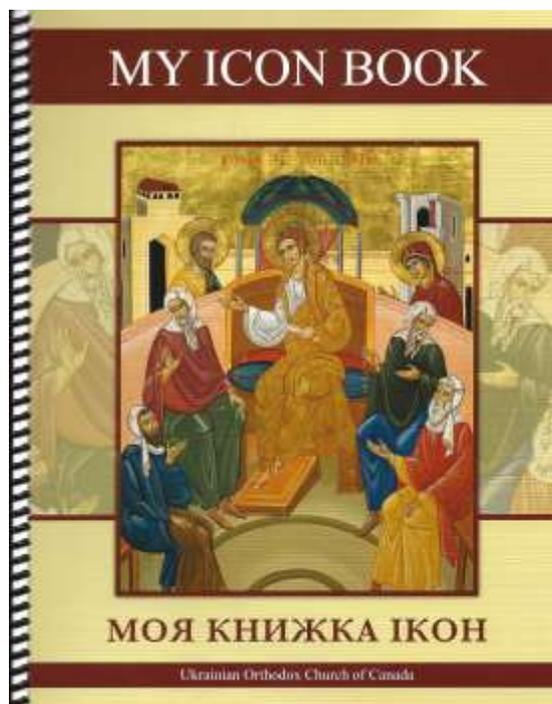
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