

ST. ELIA'S NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2024



СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ!
СЛАВА НАВІКИ!

GLORY BE TO JESUS CHRIST!
GLORY FOREVER!

SUNDAY WORSHIP

† Confession: from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m.

† Hours: 9:30 a.m.

† Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **St. Elia Council meeting**
Sunday, September 15th 2024
after Divine Liturgy

- **Pot-luck luncheons**
on last Sunday of the month
Sunday, September 29.
"You don't need to contribute
food, but please come - always lots
to share."
Usual coffee hour every Sunday.

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St. Elia community news, and helpful
Orthodox church information at our
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MESSAGE FROM PARISH PRIEST, FATHER VASYL

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we gather to celebrate the New Ecclesiastical Year on September 1st, I extend my heartfelt greetings to each of you. This day marks a significant moment in our Orthodox faith, a time to reflect on the past year and to seek God's blessings for the year ahead.

The New Ecclesiastical Year, also known as the Indiction, has deep roots in our tradition. Historically, it was a time for the Roman Empire to assess and renew its administrative and fiscal policies. In the Orthodox Church, it symbolizes a spiritual renewal and a fresh start. This day is also a reminder of God's creation, as we honor the beginning of the agricultural cycle, asking for God's grace for a fruitful harvest.

In the Gospel of Luke, we read about Jesus entering the synagogue in Nazareth on this day, proclaiming the fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4:18-19). This passage reminds us of our mission as Christians to bring hope, healing, and freedom to those around us.

As we embark on this new ecclesiastical year, let us commit ourselves to living out these values in our daily lives. Let us pray for our community, for the world, and for the environment, remembering that we are stewards of God's creation. May this year be filled with peace, joy, and spiritual growth for all of us.

Wishing you all a blessed and fruitful New Ecclesiastical Year.

In Christ, Fr. Vasyi

UWAC LESIA UKRAINKA BRANCH AT ST. ELIA

Many thanks to the members and supporters, both women and men, who volunteered at our UWAC casino August 12 and 13. Though the days and nights seemed very slow, we had a successful event in the grand scheme of things and our UWAC is grateful for your help! St. Elia UOC benefits greatly from casino funds generated by the Lesia Ukrainka Branch UWAC.

Thank you for your generous donations each week at our coffee fellowship. Extra funds not required for the next weeks coffee hour are donated to the Mission Outreach Committee fund and then distributed to the community. Thanks also, on behalf of Mission Outreach, for your contributions to the month-end pot luck fellowship. This has been very successful and is a fabulous, tasty and fun luncheon with our church family members. If you are able to help at the end with clean-up on any Sunday, let Dobr. Barbara, Dobr. Sofiya, Tammy or Betty know. Or just stay for a short time. Doesn't take long!

Next formal meeting date of our UWAC branch will be announced in the next newsletter.

In Christ, Betty Corlett, President – UWAC St. Elia

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS

The Nativity of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary (Commemorated on September 8)



The Most Holy Virgin Mary was born at a time when people had reached such a degree of moral decay that it seemed altogether impossible to restore them. People often said that God must come into the world to restore faith and not permit the ruin of mankind.

The Son of God chose to take on human nature for the salvation of mankind, and chose as His Mother the All-Pure Virgin Mary, who alone was worthy to give birth to the Source of purity and holiness.

The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary is celebrated by the Church as a day of universal joy. Within the context of the Old and the New Testaments, the Most Blessed Virgin Mary was born on this radiant day, having been chosen before the ages by Divine Providence to bring about the Mystery of the Incarnation of the Word of God. She is revealed as the Mother of the Savior of the World, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Most Holy Virgin Mary was born in the small city of Galilee, Nazareth. Her parents were Righteous Joachim of the tribe of the Prophet-King David, and Anna from the tribe of the First Priest Aaron.

The Nativity of the Theotokos marks the change of the times when the great and comforting promises of God for the salvation of the human race from slavery to the devil are about to be fulfilled. This event has brought to earth the grace of the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom of Truth, piety, virtue and everlasting life. The Theotokos is revealed to all of us by grace as a merciful Intercessor and Mother, to Whom we have recourse with filial devotion.

The Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross (Commemorated on September 14)



In 313 Saint Constantine issued the Edict of Milan, by which Christianity was legalized and persecutions against Christians in the Western half of the Empire were stopped. Although Licinius had signed the Edict of Milan in order to oblige Constantine, he continued his cruel persecutions against Christians. Only after his conclusive defeat did the Edict of Milan extend also to the Eastern part of the Empire. The Holy Equal of the Apostles Emperor Constantine, triumphing over his enemies in three wars, with God's assistance, had seen the Sign of the Cross in the heavens. Written beneath were the words: "By this you shall conquer."

Ardently desiring to find the Cross upon which our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified, Saint Constantine sent his mother, the pious Empress Helen (May 21), to Jerusalem, providing her with a letter to Saint Makarios, the Patriarch of Jerusalem. Saint Helen journeyed to the holy places connected with the earthly life of the Savior, building more than 80 churches, at Bethlehem the birthplace of Christ, and on the Mount of Olives where the Lord ascended to Heaven, and at Gethsemane where the Savior prayed before His sufferings, and where the Mother of God was buried after her Dormition.

Although the holy Empress Helen was no longer young, she set about completing the task with enthusiasm. In her search for the Life-giving Cross, she questioned both Christians and Jews, but for a long time her search remained unsuccessful. Finally, she was directed to a certain elderly Jew named Jude who stated that the Cross was buried beneath the temple of Venus. They demolished the pagan temple and, after praying, they began to excavate the ground. Soon the Lord's Tomb was uncovered. Not far from it were three crosses, and a board with the inscription ordered by Pilate, and four nails which had pierced the Lord's Body (March 6).

In order to discover on which of the three crosses the Savior had been crucified, Patriarch Makarios alternately touched the crosses to a corpse. When the Cross of the Lord touched the dead man, he was restored to life. After witnessing the raising of the dead man, everyone was convinced that the Life-giving Cross had been found.

Prophet Jonah

(Commemorated on September 22)



The Holy Prophet Jonah lived in the eighth century before the birth of Christ and was a successor of the Prophet Elisha. The Book of the Prophet Jonah contains prophecies about the judgments on the Israelite nation, the sufferings of the Savior, the downfall of Jerusalem, and the end of the world. Besides the prophecies, the Book of Jonah relates how he was sent to the Ninevites to preach repentance (Jon. 3: 3-10).

Our Lord Jesus Christ, addressing the Scribes and the Pharisees who demanded a sign from Him, said that no sign would be given except for the sign of the Prophet Jonah, "As Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and three nights, so also shall the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights" (Mt. 12: 40).

From these words the Lord shows clearly the symbolic meaning of the Book of the Prophet Jonah in relation to Christ's death on the Cross, descent into Hell, and the Resurrection.

Reproaching the lack of penitence and recalcitrance of the Jews, the Lord said, "The Ninevites shall rise in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and one greater than Jonah is here" (Mt. 12: 41).

News & Stories in St. Elia Parish Community

St. Elia's Parish 65th Anniversary & Very Rev. Mitred Archbishop Fr. Georg Podtepa's Retirement Celebration with His Eminence, Ilarion

August 4th 2024



Thank you for attending this momentous celebration and helping make it more special for all of us! As Rev. Fr. Georg enjoys his retirement let us continue to keep him in our prayers. With all the new challenges and situations we must face together, as brothers and sisters in Christ, let us strive above all, to keep the bond of unity in peace and love for one another...and for all.

Upcoming news/events in the Ukrainian Community

ACUA(Alberta Council for the Ukrainian Arts)

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ACUA Regular Hours: Tue-Thu 10am-4pm | Friday 2pm-7pm | Saturday 11am-3pm

EMBROIDERY TELLS A STORY

SEP 03, 2024 TO SEP 14, 2024

Olha Drahomanova Kosach, (1849 – 1930), was known by her pseudonym, Olena Pchilka. Writer, ethnographer, translator, women's activist and community leader, she was a highly principled woman who instilled the authentic ancient Ukrainian folk art tradition and language in her children, two sons and four daughters, including Lesya Ukrainka, one of the leaders of Ukrainian artistic creation.

... Ukrainian Museum of Canada and The Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada, Manitoba Branch, has created this exhibit, consisting of eight colourful panels, which tell the story of ancient traditional Ukrainian embroidery and Olena Pchilka's attempt to preserve the authentic ancient Ukrainian folk-art traditions before they were lost in contemporary adaptations.

<https://acuarts.ca/whats-on/embroidery-tells-a-story/>

LARISA SEMBALIUK CHELADYN: LEGACY MOSAIC

SEP 03, 2024 TO SEP 14, 2024

...In 2018 the publication Ukrainian Voice and the imprint Trident Press closed. In a collaboration paying tribute to Ukrainian Canadian journalism by recognizing the mosaic of the Ukrainian Canadian community, four Edmonton visual artists have combined their considerable expertise to create a four-part project.

- Mosaic: The creation and installation of a large permanent mosaic made from the printing blocks rescued from Ukrainian Voice and Trident Press. It will pay homage to Ukrainian Canadian news and hang in a location of national prominence.

- Archival: Preserving the printing block artifacts as a resource for future scholars, researchers, and artists.

- Digital: Designing and launching a digital application introducing visitors to the beauty of the printing blocks and the history of Ukrainian-Canadian journalism and publishing.

- Tour: The installation, unveiling in Edmonton at Alberta Council for the Ukrainian Arts on Friday September 6 and on display until September 14 will tour Saskatoon, Winnipeg, and Toronto before being permanently installed in Ottawa.

<https://acuarts.ca/whats-on/larisa-semkaliuk-cheladyn-legacy-mosaic/>

OUTDOOR ART AND MONUMENT TOUR WITH THEO HARASYMIW

SEP 22, 2024 1pm – 5pm

ACUA Presents a Kava Club Event

To book your spot call our office at 780-488-8558.

<https://alberta-council-for-the-ukrainian-arts.square.site/product/kava-club-art-monument-tour-september-22-2024/3535>

Tickets: \$20 / Light refreshments to follow. / Please register by September 14.



SEPTEMBER

September 1 – Ecclesiastical New Year.

† Confession: from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m.
 † Hours: 9:30 a.m.
 † Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship following the Divine Liturgy

September 7 – Vespers – Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos.

† Vespers: 5:00 pm.

September 8 – Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos.

† Confession: from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m.
 † Hours: 9:30 a.m.
 † Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship following the Divine Liturgy

September 13 – Vespers – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

† Vespers: 5:00 pm.

September 14 – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

† Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

September 15 – Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

† Confession: from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m.
 † Hours: 9:30 a.m.
 † Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship following the Divine Liturgy

September 22 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost.

† Confession: from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m.
 † Hours: 9:30 a.m.
 † Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship following the Divine Liturgy

September 29 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost.

† Confession: from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m.
 † Hours: 9:30 a.m.
 † Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.
Potluck following the Divine Liturgy



ВЕРЕСЕНЬ

1 вересня – Церковний Новий Рік

† Сповідь: з 9:00 до 9:30 год.
 † Часи: 9:30 год.
 † Божественна Літургія: 10:00 год.
Братська зустріч після Літургії

7 вересня – Вечірня - Різдво Пресвятої Богородиці

† Вечірня: 17:00 год.

8 вересня – Різдво Пресвятої Богородиці

† Сповідь: з 9:00 до 9:30 год.
 † Часи: 9:30 год.
 † Божественна Літургія: 10:00 год.
Братська зустріч після Літургії

13 вересня – Вечірня – Воздвиження Чесного Хреста

† Вечірня: 17:00 год.

14 вересня – Воздвиження Чесного Хреста

† Божественна Літургія: 9:30 год.

15 вересня – Неділя після Воздвиження Чесного Хреста

† Сповідь: з 9:00 до 9:30 год.
 † Часи: 9:30 год.
 † Божественна Літургія: 10:00 год.
Братська зустріч після Літургії

22 вересня – 13 неділя після Пятидесятниці

† Сповідь: з 9:00 до 9:30 год.
 † Часи: 9:30 год.
 † Божественна Літургія: 10:00 год.
Братська зустріч після Літургії

22 вересня – 14 неділя після Пятидесятниці

† Сповідь: з 9:00 до 9:30 год.
 † Часи: 9:30 год.
 † Божественна Літургія: 10:00 год.
Братська зустріч після Літургії