

ST. ELIA'S NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2024



СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ!
СЛАВА НАВІКИ!

GLORY BE TO JESUS CHRIST!
GLORY FOREVER!

SUNDAY WORSHIP

† Confession: 9:00 to 9:30 a.m.

† Hours: 9:30 a.m.

† Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Mission Outreach Pot-luck Luncheon**
Sunday, November 24th 2024
after Divine Liturgy

**Don't forget to bring waterproof mittens/gloves for donation to Baldwin K-9 school.*

- **ST. ELIA COUNCIL MEETING**
Sunday, November 10th, 2024
after Divine Liturgy
- **St. Elia's Annual General Meeting**
Sunday, Dec 1st, 2024
A Lenten lunch will be provided

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UPCOMING FEAST DAYS

November 8: Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the Other Bodiless Powers



The Synaxis of the Chief of the Heavenly Hosts, Archangel Michael and the Other Heavenly Bodiless Powers: Archangels Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Selaphiel, Jehudiel, Barachiel, and Jeremiel was established at the beginning of the fourth century at the Council of Laodicea, which met several years before the First Ecumenical Council. The 35th Canon of the Council of Laodicea condemned and denounced as heretical the worship of angels as gods and rulers of the world, but affirmed their proper veneration.

A Feastday was established in November, the ninth month after March (with which the year began in ancient times) since there are Nine Ranks of Angels. The eighth day of the month was chosen for the Synaxis of all the Bodiless Powers of Heaven since the Day of the Dread Last Judgment is called the Eighth Day by the holy Fathers. After the end of this age (characterized by its seven days of Creation) will come the Eighth Day, and then “the Son of Man shall come in His Glory and all the holy Angels with Him” (Mt. 25:31).

November 15: Beginning of the Nativity Fast



The Fast of the Nativity, is one of the canonical fasting seasons in the Orthodox Christian Church. Its roots can be traced back to the early Christian Church, with references found in both the Old and New Testaments. This fasting period prepares us for the Feast of the Nativity of Christ, celebrated on December 25th.

Historically, the Nativity Fast was established to mirror the 40-day fast of Moses on Mount Sinai before receiving the Ten Commandments (Exodus 34:28). It also reflects the 40 days Christ fasted in the desert before beginning His public ministry (Matthew 4:1-11). These biblical references underscore the importance of fasting as a means of drawing closer to God, cleansing our bodies and souls, and preparing for significant spiritual events.

The purpose of this fast is multifaceted. Primarily, it is a time for spiritual purification, repentance, and renewal. By abstaining from certain foods and focusing on prayer, we make room for the Holy Spirit to work within us, guiding us towards a closer relationship with God.

This fast also allows us to practice self-discipline, reminding us of the sacrifices made by Christ and helping us to empathize with those who are less fortunate. It encourages us to live simply, focus on spiritual matters, and prepare our hearts for the arrival of the Son of God.

November 21: The Entry of the Most Holy Mother of God into the Temple



When the Most Holy Virgin reached the age of three, the holy parents, Saints Joachim and Anna, decided to fulfill their vow to dedicate their child to the service of God. They gathered together their relatives and acquaintances, and dressed the All-Pure Virgin in Her finest clothes. Singing sacred songs and with lighted candles in their hands, virgins escorted Her to the Temple (Ps. 44/45:14-15). There the High Priest and several priests met the handmaiden of God. In the Temple, fifteen high steps led to the sanctuary, which only the priests and High Priest could enter. (Because they recited a Psalm on each step, Psalms 119/120-133/134 are called "Psalms of Ascent.") The child Mary, so it seemed, could not make it up this stairway. But just as they placed Her on the first step, strengthened by the power of God, She quickly went up the remaining steps and ascended to the highest one. Then the High Priest, through inspiration from above, led the Most Holy Virgin into the Holy

of Holies, where only the High Priest entered once a year to offer a purifying sacrifice of blood. Therefore, all those present in the Temple were astonished at this most unusual occurrence.

After entrusting their child to the Heavenly Father, Joachim and Anna returned home. The All-Holy Virgin remained in the quarters for virgins near the Temple. According to the testimony of Holy Scripture (Exodus 38; 1 Kings 1: 28; Luke 2: 37), and also the historian Josephus Flavius, there were many living quarters around the Temple, in which those who were dedicated to the service of God dwelt.

The earthly life of the Most Holy Theotokos from Her infancy until She was taken up to Heaven is shrouded in deep mystery. Her life at the Jerusalem Temple was also a secret. "If anyone were to ask me," said Saint Jerome, "how the Most Holy Virgin spent the time of Her youth, I would answer that that is known to God Himself and the Archangel Gabriel, Her constant guardian."

Upcoming news/events in the Ukrainian Community

ACUA (Alberta Council for the Ukrainian Arts)

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10554 110 St NW Unit 100 Edmonton, AB T5H 3C

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

PETRYKIVKA CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS WITH NATALIYA STATIVA-ZHARKO

NOV 17, 2024 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Petrykivka Christmas Ornaments with Nataliia Stativa-Zharko

Members \$75 / Non Member \$85 / Register by November 8

We invite you to a workshop on painting beautiful 'petrykivka' flowers on a Christmas ornament with Nataiila Stativa-Zharko. Nataiila Stativa-Zharko is a talented petrykivka artist from the historic town, Petrykivka. This festive and elegant petrykivka design is a perfect addition to your Christmas tree as it will add a harmonious feel to your home. You will also feel great pride over the ornament as you have painted it yourself. These ornaments can also be great gifts to your loved ones for the holiday season!

KUTIA WITH OLEKSANDRA KILYAR
NOV 30, 2024 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Members \$75 / Non Member \$85 / Register by November 22

In this workshop, you will learn how to make the signature Christmas dish, kutia, from scratch. From boiling the wheat to grinding poppy seeds, you will learn tips and tricks on how to make kutia as it is made in Ukraine. Oleksandra Kilyar will demonstrate and explain the different components that are traditionally mixed in the kutia.



WELCOME TO OUR

Speaking CLUB

Кожної неділі об **12:00**
проводимо цікаво і
розважливо розмовне
заняття. Запис по email

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vrorovyc@ualberta.ca
До 10 чоловік в групі

FREE
11833 66 St NW
(в приміщенні церкви)

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NOVEMBER

November 3 – 19th 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

November 10 – 20th 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

November 17 – 21st 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

November 24 – 22nd 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

November 30 – Apostle Andrew the First-called.

† Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m @ St. Andrew's



ЛИСТОПАД

3 листопада – 19 неділя після Пятидесятниці

† Сповідь: з 9:00 до 9:30 год.

† Часи: 9:30 год.

† Божественна Літургія: 10:00 год.

Братська зустріч після Літургії

10 листопада – 20 неділя після Пятидесятниці

† Сповідь: з 9:00 до 9:30 год.

† Часи: 9:30 год.

† Божественна Літургія: 10:00 год.

Братська зустріч після Літургії

17 листопада – 21 неділя після Пятидесятниці

† Сповідь: з 9:00 до 9:30 год.

† Часи: 9:30 год.

† Божественна Літургія: 10:00 год.

Братська зустріч після Літургії

24 листопада – 22 неділя після Пятидесятниці

† Сповідь: з 9:00 до 9:30 год.

† Часи: 9:30 год.

† Божественна Літургія: 10:00 год.

Братська зустріч після Літургії

30 листопада – Апостола Андрія Первозванного

† Божественна Літургія: 9:30 год. у св. Андрія