

ST. ELIA'S NEWSLETTER

JULY-AUGUST 2024



СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ!
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GLORY BE TO JESUS
CHRIST!

SUNDAY WORSHIP

† Confession: from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.

† Hours: 9:00 a.m.

† Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **St. Elia Council meeting**
Sunday, July 21st 2024
after Divine Liturgy

- **Pot-luck luncheons**
on last Sunday of the month
Sunday, July 28
Sunday August 25.

“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's Feast day Services & Vehicle blessing

Friday, July 19th 5:00 p.m. Vespers
Saturday, July 20th 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Sunday, July 21st 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

In commemoration of the Holy Prophet Elia (July 20) who was taken into heaven on a fiery chariot, we will be offering the blessing of vehicles. The glorious Prophet Elia is therefore known as the patron saint of vehicles, reminding us that we must struggle to manifest holiness in our lives, especially when we travel. The honoring of this great prophet of the Old Testament in our Holy Church dates back to Apostolic times. In the fourth century, the feast was already generally known. Our Holy Fathers John Chrysostom, St. Ambrose and St. Augustine have testified to his greatness, a fact which alone would prove the antiquity of this feast. The Blessing of Cars and any kind of Vehicle (Kids bring your bikes/Moms your strollers) will take place following Vespers on Friday, July 19th, Divine Liturgy on Saturday, July 20th and Divine Liturgy on Sunday, July 21.



St. Elia's Parish 65th Anniversary & Very Rev. Mitred Archpriest Fr. Georg Podtepa's Retirement Celebration



August 4th 2024

Hierarchical Liturgy: 9:30 A.M.
Banquet in St. Elia's Basement Hall: 1:00 P.M.

Ticket prices: Adults \$30 Youth \$15

For Tickets call (825) 474 - 5252
or contact through email: evan.panchuk@gmail.com

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS

July 14: Fathers of the First Six Councils



In the Ninth Article of the Nicea-Constantinople Symbol of Faith proclaimed by the holy Fathers of the First and Second Ecumenical Councils, we confess our faith in “One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.” By virtue of the catholic nature of the Church, an Ecumenical Council is the Church’s supreme authority, and possesses the competence to resolve major questions of church life. An Ecumenical Council is comprised of archpastors and pastors of the Church, and representatives of all the local Churches, from every land of the “oikumene” (i.e. from all the whole inhabited world).

The Church venerates the Holy Fathers of the Ecumenical Councils because Christ has established them as “lights upon the earth,” guiding us to the true Faith. “Clad in the garment of truth,” the doctrine of the Fathers, based upon the preaching of the Apostles, has established one faith for the Church. The Ecumenical Councils, are the highest authority in the Church. Such Councils, guided by the grace of the Holy Spirit, and accepted by the Church, are the most wise way to safeguard against false teachings.

The Ecumenical Councils were always convened for a specific reason: to combat false opinions and heresies, and to clarify the Orthodox Church’s teaching. But the Holy Spirit has thus seen fit, that the dogmas, the truths of faith, immutable in their content and scope, constantly and consequently are revealed by the conciliar mind of the Church, and are given precision by the holy Fathers within theological concepts and terms in exactly such measure as is needed by the Church itself for its economy of salvation. The Church, in expounding its dogmas, is dealing with the concerns of a given historical moment, “not revealing everything in haste and thoughtlessly, nor indeed, ultimately hiding something” (*Saint Gregory the Theologian*).

July 20: Holy, Glorious Prophet Elijah



The Holy Prophet Elijah is one of the greatest of the prophets and the first dedicated to virginity in the Old Testament. He was born in Tishba of Gilead into the Levite tribe 900 years before the Incarnation of the Word of God.

Saint Epiphanius of Cyprus gives the following account about the birth of the Prophet Elijah: “When Elijah was born, his father Sobach saw in a vision angels of God around him. They swaddled him with fire and fed him with flames.” The name Elijah (the Lord’s strength) given to the infant defined his whole life. From the years of his youth he dedicated himself to the One God, settled in the wilderness and spent his whole life in strict fasting, meditation and prayer. Called to prophetic service, which put him in conflict with the Israelite king Ahab, the prophet became a fiery zealot of true faith and piety.

According to the Tradition of our Holy Church, the Prophet Elijah will be the Forerunner of the Dread Second Coming of Christ. He will proclaim the truth of Christ, urge all to repentance, and will be slain by the Antichrist. This will be a sign of the end of the world.

The life of the holy Prophet Elijah is recorded in the Old Testament books (*3 Kings; 4 Kings; Sirach/ Ecclesiasticus 48: 1-15; 1 Maccabees 2: 58*). At the time of the Transfiguration, the Prophet Elijah conversed with the Savior upon Mount Tabor (*Mt. 17: 3; Mark 9: 4; Luke. 9: 30*).

August: the Month of ‘Blessings’ (Спаси)

While not widely practiced in Canada in the UOCC, it is, and has been, a common practice in Ukraine to bring certain items to have blessed on certain feast days throughout the year.

In August there are three feast days of the Lord, our Saviour, which in Ukraine are known as Spasy - Спаси, in addition to the feast of the Dormition of the Most-Holy Theotokos (**Aug. 15**) which is preceded by a strict two-week fast (starting **Aug. 1**).

In the following weeks, we will share more information about these feast days. But in the meantime, here is an introduction to the feast days and what items are brought to Church to have blessed and why!

The Procession of the Holy Cross

This feast day on **Aug. 1** commemorates when the Holy Cross was processed around the city of Constantinople. In Ukraine this feast day is also known as Medoviy spas - Медовий спас - Honey spas, when honey, poppies, water, other life-sustaining ingredients and bouquets of wildflowers and herbs are blessed. Many Ukrainians assemble a basket of honey, salt, horseradish, water, bread, poppy seed pastries and a makoviychyk that is taken to Church for blessing.

Some Ukrainians also call this feast day Mokriy Spas - мокрий спас - literally “Wet Spas,” in honor of Grand Prince of Kyiv Volodymyr who converted to Christianity on August 14, 988 AD and proceeded to baptize Kyivan Rus.

This feast day is also called Makoveya - Маковея - from the word mak (мак) for poppy heads which ripen around mid-August.

Transfiguration of the Lord



This feast on **Aug. 6** is when Christ is gloriously and radiantly transfigured on Mount Tabor. In Ukraine this feast day is also known as Yabluchney spas - Яблучний спас - Apple spas, when ripening fruit such as apples, pears, plums, all other fruit, peas in the pod and honeycombs are blessed.

Translation of the Image Not-made-by-living-hands

This feast on **Aug. 16** is of the icon which is on a cloth but that was not written/painted; by tradition this is the cloth that the Lord wiped His face on (although not the veil of Veronica). In Ukraine this feast day is also known as Horikhovey or Khleebovey spas - **Горіховий або Хлібний спас** - nut or bread spas, when hazelnuts, walnuts, grains and a special bread (a korovai), baked from flour milled from newly harvested grain and nuts, are blessed.



August 15: The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary



After the Ascension of the Lord, the Mother of God remained in the care of the Apostle John the Theologian, and during his journeys She lived at the home of his parents, near the Mount of Olives. She was a source of consolation and edification both for the Apostles and for all the believers. Conversing with them, She told them about miraculous events: the Annunciation, the seedless and undefiled Conception of Christ born of Her, about His early childhood, and about His earthly life. Like the Apostles, She helped plant and strengthen the Christian Church by Her presence, Her discourse and Her prayers.

The reverence of the Apostles for the Most Holy Virgin was extraordinary. After the receiving of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, the Apostles remained at Jerusalem for about ten years attending to the salvation of the Jews, and wanting moreover to see the Mother of God and hear Her holy discourse.

Many of the newly-enlightened in the Faith even came from faraway lands to Jerusalem, to see and to hear the All-Pure Mother of God.

Miraculous was the life of the All-Pure Virgin, and wondrous was Her Repose, as our Holy Church sings: "In You, O Queen, the God of all has given You as Your portion the things that are above nature. Just as in the Birth-Giving He did preserve Your virginity, so also in the grave He did preserve Your body from decay" (*Canon 1, Ode 6, Troparion 1*).

Today flowers and fragrant herbs are blessed in church, and people keep them in their homes. During times of family strife or illness, the flower petals are placed in the censer with the incense, and the whole house is censured.

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

UKRAINIAN VINTAGE FAIR

ACUA's Annual Ukrainian Vintage Fair

JUN 15, 2024 TO AUG 03, 2024

All things Ukrainian Vintage: Ukrainian clothing, costumes, jewelry, pottery, ceramics, embroidery, weaving, carving, artwork, crafts, religious items, pysanky, books and MORE! Find a hidden gem, or replace that broken plate Baba hasn't found out about yet...

Get in boho chic style with a vintage Ukrainian shirt! Come down and visit with items from your childhood, and come out to have some old-fashioned fun!

PEROGY PALOOZA • СВЯТО ВАПЕННИКА

AUG 17, 2024 TO AUG 17, 2024 1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Thank you to the hundreds of people who experienced the very first Perogy Palooza this summer. Everyone had a great time enjoying perogies from Ukraine's Kitchen and Saskitoba, and drinking beer from Asymmetrical Brewing on the patio while listening to music and buying crafts and art from ACUA artisans and vendors.

Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village (<https://ukrainianvillage.ca>)

Contact Phone: 780-662-3640 Email: uchv@gov.ab.ca

Historical Children's Program - Summer Day Camp

July 8 to August 30 (Monday to Fridays)

Presented by the Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society, the Historical Children's Program is a unique way for children aged 6-12 to experience Alberta's history. Registration information for this weeklong, summer day camp can be found on the Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society website at: <https://fouvs.ca/hcp/summer-camps/>

UKRAINIAN VILLAGE MUSIC FEST

July 14 11:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Join us for the 38th Annual Ukrainian Village Music Fest as we reflect on the past and look ahead to the future!

Presented by the Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society, this diverse festival celebrates Ukrainian music, both traditional and modern, alongside melodies inspired by Alberta's Ukrainian heritage. Get ready to tap your feet and delight your ears with a lineup that promises to captivate audiences of all ages.

UKRAINIAN DAY

August 25 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Immerse yourself in the vibrant tapestry of Ukrainian heritage at Ukrainian Day, a cherished annual event co-hosted by the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village and Ukrainian Canadian Congress-Alberta Provincial Council. Join us as we come together to celebrate the rich history, traditions, and contributions of the Ukrainian community in Alberta.



JULY/AUGUST

July 7 – All Saints of Rus'-Ukraine.

† Confession: from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.

† Hours: 9:00 a.m.

† Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

*Coffee hour fellowship
following the Divine Liturgy*

July 14 – Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils.

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† Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

*Coffee hour fellowship
following the Divine Liturgy*

July 19 – Vespers – Holy Prophet Elia.

† Vespers: 5:00 pm.

† Lesser Blessing of Water

† Blessing of Vehicles

July 20 – Holy Prophet Elia.

† Confession: from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.

† Hours: 9:00 a.m.

† Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

† Blessing of Vehicles

Snacks following the Divine Liturgy

July 21 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost.

† Confession: from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.

† Hours: 9:00 a.m.

† Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

*Coffee hour fellowship
following the Divine Liturgy*

July 28 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost.

† Confession: from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.

† Hours: 9:00 a.m.

† Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

Pot-luck following the Divine Liturgy



ЛИПЕНЬ/СЕРПЕНЬ

7 липня – Всіх Святих Русі-України

† Сповідь: з 8:30 до 9:00 год.

† Часи: 9:00 год.

† Божественна Літургія: 9:30 год.

Братська зустріч після Літургії

14 липня – Свв. оо. 6-ох

Вселенських Соборів

† Сповідь: з 8:30 до 9:00 год.

† Часи: 9:00 год.

† Божественна Літургія: 9:30 год.

Братська зустріч після Літургії

19 липня – Вечірня - Св. Про. Ілії

† Вечірня: 17:00 год.

† Мале освячення води

† Освячення Авто

20 липня - Св. Про. Ілії

† Сповідь: з 8:30 до 9:00 год.

† Часи: 9:00 год.

† Божественна Літургія: 9:30 год.

† Освячення Авто

Братська зустріч після Літургії

21 липня - 4 неділя після

Пятидесятниці

† Сповідь: з 8:30 до 9:00 год.

† Часи: 9:00 год.

† Божественна Літургія: 9:30 год.

Братська зустріч після Літургії

28 липня - 5 неділя після

Пятидесятниці

† Сповідь: з 8:30 до 9:00 год.

† Часи: 9:00 год.

† Божественна Літургія: 9:30 год.

Братська зустріч після Літургії



JULY/AUGUST

August 1 – Procession of the Wood of the Cross. Beginning of Dormition Fast.

- † Confession: from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.
- † Hours: 9:00 a.m.
- † Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

August 4th – 6th Sunday after Pentecost. KHRAM

- † Confession: from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.
 - † Hours: 9:00 a.m.
 - † Hierarchal Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.
- Reception to follow the Divine Liturgy*

August 6 – Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- † Confession: from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.
- † Hours: 9:00 a.m.
- † Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

August 11 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost.

- † Confession: from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.
 - † Hours: 9:00 a.m.
 - † Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.
- Coffee hour fellowship following the Divine Liturgy*

August 18 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost.

- † Confession: from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.
 - † Hours: 9:00 a.m.
 - † Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.
- Coffee hour fellowship following the Divine Liturgy*

August 25 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost.

- † Confession: from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.
 - † Hours: 9:00 a.m.
 - † Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.
- Pot-luck following the Divine Liturgy*



ЛИПЕНЬ/СЕРПЕНЬ

1 серпня – Винесення Чесних Дерев Хреста. Початок Успенський Піст

- † Сповідь: з 8:30 до 9:00 год.
- † Часи: 9:00 год.
- † Божественна Літургія: 9:30 год.

4 серпня - 6 неділя після Пятидесятниці – Храмове Свято

- † Сповідь: з 8:30 до 9:00 год.
 - † Часи: 9:00 год.
 - † Архієрейська Божественна Літургія: 9:30 год.
- Братська зустріч з Митрополитом після Божественної Літургії*

6 серпня - Преображення

- † Сповідь: з 8:30 до 9:00 год.
- † Часи: 9:00 год.
- † Божественна Літургія: 9:30 год.

11 серпня - 7 неділя після Пятидесятниці

- † Сповідь: з 8:30 до 9:00 год.
 - † Часи: 9:00 год.
 - † Божественна Літургія: 9:30 год.
- Братська зустріч після Літургії*

18 серпня - 8 неділя після Пятидесятниці

- † Сповідь: з 8:30 до 9:00 год.
 - † Часи: 9:00 год.
 - † Божественна Літургія: 9:30 год.
- Братська зустріч після Літургії*

25 серпня - 9 неділя після Пятидесятниці

- † Сповідь: з 8:30 до 9:00 год.
 - † Часи: 9:00 год.
 - † Божественна Літургія: 9:30 год.
- Братська зустріч після Літургії*