

# ST. ELIA'S NEWSLETTER

## OCTOBER 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 luncheons  
Sunday, October 20th 2024**  
after Divine Liturgy

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  
facebook page.

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**UWAC LESIA UKRAINKA BRANCH AT ST. ELIA**  
**From Mission Outreach (a committee of UWAC):**

Potluck fellowship lunches have been revived and are held on the last Sunday of the month. Since February, a modest amount has been collected and will be allocated to both Ukrainian organizations and local community programs, at least twice yearly. We have committed to a small donation for the next several months, to the Learning English language program that is held on Sundays at St. Elia in the board room. Our parish provides the space for no charge and Outreach is helping with stationery supplies.

A number of years ago, we donated to Balwin School for their hot lunch program and winter clothing. The need is still great as the school services at-risk children and families, single parent households, and recent immigrants sometimes traumatized, food insecurity, insecure employment and other difficult backgrounds. In speaking with the school principal, there is an upcoming need for **waterproof mittens for children up to grade six**. Please purchase these and bring them to fellowship coffee and pot-luck during October and we will give them to Balwin school at the end of the month. Don't stop your monetary donations – those are required as well. Thank you for your generosity.

We are grateful to the women and men who volunteer their time to make pyrohy for sale. We may be close to being “sold out” and hope to replenish our freezer in the near future.

The next convention of the AUSRL (Alberta Ukrainian Self Reliance League) will be held on October 18/19, 2024 at St. Andrew's UOC. As part of UWAC-Alberta Provincial Executive, our branch will be represented by me. If you would like to be a delegate, please contact Betty 780-932-9727 bettycor@telus.net. The UWAC session is Saturday afternoon only and the theme is “aprons” so if you have a treasured one to show and a memory to share, please let me know.

In Christ,  
Betty Corlett

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The week of Prayer for World Peace takes place from the second to third Sunday in October each year, which in 2024 will be from Sunday, 13th October to Sunday 20th October.

***Lord,  
lead us from death to life,  
from falsehood to truth.  
Lead us from despair to hope,  
from fear to trust.  
Let peace fill our hearts, our world, and our universe.  
Let us dream together, pray together and work together,  
to build one world of peace and justice for all.***

*Author unknown*

## UPCOMING FEAST DAYS

### **The Protection of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary:** (Commemorated on October 1)



This miraculous appearance of the Mother of God occurred in the mid-tenth century in Constantinople, in the Blachernae church where her robe, veil, and part of her belt were preserved after being transferred from Palestine in the fifth century.

On Sunday, October 1, during the All Night Vigil, when the church was overflowing with those at prayer, the Fool-for-Christ Saint Andrew (October 2), at the fourth hour, lifted up his eyes towards the heavens and beheld our most Holy Lady Theotokos coming through the air, resplendent with heavenly light and surrounded by an assembly of the Saints. Saint John the Baptist and the holy Apostle John the Theologian accompanied the Queen of Heaven. On bended knees the Most Holy Virgin tearfully prayed for Christians for a long time. Then, coming near the Bishop's Throne, she continued her prayer.

After completing her prayer she took her veil and spread it over the people praying in church, protecting them from enemies both visible and invisible. The Most Holy Lady Theotokos was resplendent with heavenly glory, and the protecting veil in her hands gleamed "more than the rays of the sun." Saint Andrew gazed trembling at the miraculous vision and he asked his disciple, the blessed Epiphanius standing beside him, "Do you see, brother, the Holy Theotokos, praying for all the world?" Epiphanius answered, "I do see, holy Father, and I am in awe."

The Ever-Blessed Mother of God implored the Lord Jesus Christ to accept the prayers of all the people calling on His Most Holy Name, and to respond speedily to her intercession, "O Heavenly King, accept all those who pray to You and call on my name for help. Do not let them go away from my icon unheard."

### **Holy, Glorious Demetrios the Myrrh-gusher of Thessaloniki:** (Commemorated on October 26)



The Great Martyr Demetrios the Myrrh-gusher of Thessaloniki was the son of a Roman proconsul in Thessaloniki. Three centuries had elapsed and Roman paganism, spiritually shattered and defeated by the multitude of martyrs and confessors of the Savior, intensified its persecutions. The parents of Saint Demetrios were secret Christians, and he was baptized and raised in the Christian Faith in a secret church in his father's home.

By the time Demetrios had reached maturity and his father had died, Emperor Galerius Maximian had ascended the throne (305). Maximian, confident in Demetrios's education as well as his administrative and military abilities, appointed him to his father's position as proconsul of the Thessaloniki district. The young commander's principal duties were to defend the city from barbarians and to eradicate Christianity. The Emperor's policy regarding Christians was expressed simply: "Put to death anyone who calls on the name of Christ." The Emperor did not suspect that by appointing Demetrios he had provided him with the opportunity to bring many people to Christ.

Accepting the appointment, Demetrios returned to Thessaloniki and confessed and glorified our Lord Jesus Christ. Instead of persecuting and executing Christians, he began to teach the Christian Faith openly to the inhabitants of the city and to overthrow pagan customs and the worship of idols. The compiler of his Life, Saint Simeon Metaphrastes (November 9), says that because of his teaching zeal he became “a second Apostle Paul” for Thessaloniki, particularly since “the Apostle to the Gentiles” founded the first community of believers in the city (1 Thess. and 2 Thess.).

The Lord also destined Saint Demetrios to follow Saint Paul on the path to martyrdom. When Maximian learned that the newly-appointed proconsul was a Christian, and that he had converted many Roman subjects to Christianity, the Emperor’s rage knew no bounds. Returning from a campaign in the area of the Black Sea, the Emperor decided to lead his army through Thessaloniki, determined to massacre the Christians.

When the Emperor came into the city, he summoned Demetrios, who boldly confessed himself a Christian and denounced the falsehood and futility of Roman polytheism. Maximian ordered Demetrios to be thrown into prison. An Angel appeared to him, comforting and encouraging him.

Meanwhile the Emperor amused himself by staging games in the circus. His champion was a German by the name of Lyaeos. He challenged Christians to wrestle with him on a platform built over the upturned spears of the victorious soldiers. A brave Christian named Nestor went to the prison to Saint Demetrios, his instructor in the Faith, asking for his blessing to fight the barbarian. With the blessing and prayers of Saint Demetrios, Nestor defeated the fierce German and hurled him from the platform onto the spears of the soldiers, just as the murderous pagan would have done with the Christian. The enraged commander ordered the execution of the holy Martyr Nestor (October 27) and sent a guard to the prison to kill Saint Demetrios. At dawn on October 26, 306 soldiers appeared in the Saint’s underground prison and ran him through with lances. His faithful servant, Saint Lupus, gathered up the blood-soaked garment of Saint Demetrios he took the imperial ring from his finger, a symbol of his high status, and dipped it in the blood. With the ring and other holy things sanctified by the blood of Saint Demetrios, Saint Lupus began to heal the infirm. The Emperor ordered his soldiers to arrest and kill him.

### **Venerable Nestor the Chronicler of the Kiev Caves: *Commemorated on October 27***

Saint Nestor the Chronicler, of the Kiev Near Caves was born at Kiev in 1050. He came to Saint Theodosius (May 3) as a young man, and became a novice. Saint Nestor took monastic tonsure under the successor to Saint Theodosius, the igumen Stephen, and under him was ordained a hierodeacon.



Concerning his lofty spiritual life it says that, with a number of other monastic Fathers he participated in the casting out of a devil from Niketas the Hermit (January 31), who had become fascinated by the Hebrew wisdom of the Old Testament. Saint Nestor deeply appreciated true knowledge, along with humility and penitence. “Great is the benefit of book learning,” he said, “for books point out and teach us the way to repentance, since from the words of books we discover wisdom and temperance. This is the stream, watering the universe, from which springs wisdom. In books is a boundless depth, by them we are comforted in sorrows, and they are a bridle for moderation. If you enter diligently into the books of wisdom, then you shall discover great benefit for your soul. Therefore, the one who reads books converses with God or the saints.”

## 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

### **MOTANKA MOSAIC WITH THEO HARASYMIW**

**OCT 19, 2024 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**



Join local artist, Theodora Harasymiw, for a magical mosaic workshop where you'll assemble your own Motanka doll out of glass, ceramic, beads, & broken china. Dive into the enchanting world of Slavic Folk Art as you learn a new way to "weave" and assemble these beautiful, symbolic dolls using the medium of mosaic. With guided instruction, you will create a charming keepsake that embodies warmth, protection, and good fortune. This short but sweet session promises a heartwarming experience filled with Creativity & Cultural Discovery.

**Members \$80 / Non Member \$90 / Register by October 11**

### **HONEY CAKE WORKSHOP WITH YULIIA KAMINKA**

**OCT 26, 2024 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

at Ukrainian Orthodox Church of St. Elia (11833 66 St NW)



Honey cake, also known as Medovyk, is one of the most popular Slavic desserts. In this workshop, Yulia Kaminka will teach participants how to make their own authentic Ukrainian honey cake. Participants will learn all the tricks and methods required to make medovyk and will create their own cake to take home!

**Members \$85 / Non Member \$95 / Register by October 18**

### **PAMPUSHKY AND COOKIES WORKSHOP WITH YULIIA KAMINKA**

**NOV 02, 2024 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

at Ukrainian Orthodox Church of St. Elia (11833 66 St NW)

Pampushky are a staple dessert item in every Ukrainian household. Delicious deep-fried buns that are filled with a sweet or savoury filling. Yulia Kaminka will teach you how to make these irresistible buns filled with cottage cheese and delicious 'Horishok' and 'Mandryk' cookies. 'Horishok' is a soft cookie that is filled with a sweet caramel filling (condensed milk and nuts). 'Mandryk' cookies are filled with cottage cheese and poppyseed. All materials will be provided.

**Members \$85 / Non Member \$95 / Register by October 25**



## OCTOBER

### **October 6 – 15<sup>th</sup> 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*

### **October 13 – 16<sup>th</sup> 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*

### **October 19 – St. Demetrius Soul Saturday.**

- † Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

### **October 20 – 17<sup>th</sup> 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*

### **October 27 – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.**

- † Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m. @ St. John's Cathedral



## ЖОВТЕНЬ

### **6 жовтня – 15 неділя після Пятидесятниці**

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

### **13 жовтня – 16 неділя після Пятидесятниці**

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

### **19 жовтня – Димитрівська поминальна субота**

- † Божественна Літургія: 9:30 год.

### **20 жовтня – 17 неділя після Пятидесятниці**

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

### **27 жовтня – 18 неділя після Пятидесятниці**

- † Божественна Літургія: 9:30 год. У Катедрі св. Івана