



# ST. ELIA'S NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2019

**ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС!  
ВОІСТИНУ ВОСКРЕС!**

**CHRIST IS RISEN!  
INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

▪ **SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS:**

June 2 Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am  
June 9 Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am  
June 16 Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am  
**June 23 Divine Liturgy at 9:30 am**  
June 30 Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am  
\* July & August (Summer Schedule)  
Divine Liturgy start at 9:30 am

▪ **A MID-MONTH FELLOWSHIP**

by the Outreach Mission committee  
**JUNE 30, 2019 after Divine Liturgy**  
Hotdogs and/or hamburgers will be prepared on the barbecue.  
\* *Potluck salads welcome.*

“Human beings have accumulated in their coffers gold and silver, clothes more sumptuous than useful, diamonds and other objects that are evidence of war and tyranny; then a foolish arrogance hardens their hearts; for their brothers in distress, no pity. What utter blindness! . . . Attend not to the law of the strong but to the law of the Creator. Help nature to the best of your ability, honor the freedom of creation, protect your species from dishonor, come to its aids in sickness, rescue it from poverty . . . . Seek to distinguish yourself from others only in your generosity. Be like gods to the poor, imitating God’s mercy. Humanity has nothing so much in common with God as the ability to do good.”

- St. Gregory of Nazianzus, *On Love of the Poor*

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**Newsletter submissions ~ feel free!**

\* If you want to share an event, story, or photos with our Ukrainian Orthodox community, please send the information to [bpanchuk52@gmail.com](mailto:bpanchuk52@gmail.com)

## JUNE SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS

### JUNE 6 THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD



The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on the fortieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter). Since the date of Pascha changes each year, the date of the Feast of the Ascension changes. The Feast is always celebrated on a Thursday.

The Feast itself commemorates when, on the fortieth day after His Resurrection, Jesus led His disciples to the Mount of Olives, and after blessing them and asking them to wait for the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit, He ascended into heaven.

#### **Icon of the Feast**

The icon of The Ascension of Our Lord is a joyous icon. It is painted with bright colors. Christ is shown ascending

in His glory in a mandorla. A mandorla is a design which is almond-shaped or round. Inside the mandorla is the figure of a holy person. Christ blesses the assembly with His right hand. In His left is a scroll. The scroll is a symbol of teaching. This icon shows that the Lord in heaven is the source of blessing. In addition, Jesus is the source of knowledge. The icon reminds us that Christ continues to be the source of the teaching and message of the Church, blessing and guiding those to whom He has entrusted his work.

The Theotokos occupies a very special place in this icon. She is in the center of the icon, immediately below the ascending Christ. The gesture of her hands is gesture of prayer. She is clearly outlined by the whiteness of the garments of the angels. The Theotokos is depicted in a very calm pose. This is quite different from the appearance of the Disciples. They are moving about, talking to one another and looking and pointing towards heaven. The entire group, the Theotokos and the disciples represent the Church.



### **JUNE 11 VIRGIN MARTYR THEODOSIA**

The Virgin Martyr Theodosia of Constantinople lived during the eighth century. She was born in answer to the fervent prayers of her parents. Saint Theodosia became a nun after she distributed to the poor of what remained of her parental inheritance. She used part of the money to commission gold and silver icons of the Savior, the Theotokos, and Saint Anastasia.

When Leo the Isaurian (717-741) ascended the imperial throne, he issued an edict to destroy holy icons everywhere. Above the Bronze Gates at Constantinople was a bronze icon of the Savior, which had been there for more than 400 years. In 730, the iconoclast Patriarch Anastasius ordered the icon removed.

The Virgin Martyr Theodosia and other women rushed to protect the icon and toppled the ladder with the soldier who was carrying out the command. Then they stoned the impious Patriarch Anastasius, and Emperor Leo ordered soldiers to behead the women. Saint Theodosia, an ardent defender of icons, was locked up in prison. For a week they gave her a hundred lashes each day. On the eighth day, they led her about the city, fiercely beating her along the way. One of the soldiers stabbed the nun in the throat with a ram's horn, and she received the crown of martyrdom.



### JUNE 17 HOLY SPIRIT DAY

On the day after every Great Feast, the Orthodox Church honors the one through whom the Feast is made possible. Today, the Post-Feast of Pentecost, we honor the all-Holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, Who descended upon the Apostles at Pentecost in the form of fiery tongues in fulfillment of the Lord's promise to send the Comforter to His disciples (JN 14:16). That same Holy Spirit remains within the Church throughout the ages, guiding it "into all truth" (JN 16:13).

At Vespers on the day of Pentecost, we hear that the Holy Spirit is "the Fountain of goodness, through Whom the Father is known, and the Son is glorified." He is "the living Fountain of spiritual gifts" Who "purifies us from our sins." It is by the Holy Spirit that "the prophets, divine Apostles, and martyrs are crowned." He is the source of life and of sanctification.



### JUNE 24 APOSTLES' FAST BEGINS

The Apostles Fast, also called the Fast of the Holy Apostles, the Fast of Peter and Paul, or sometimes St. Peter's Fast, is a fast observed by Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, Eastern Catholic, and Reformed Orthodox Christians. In the Byzantine tradition, the Fast begins on the second Monday after Pentecost.

Having rejoiced for fifty days following Pascha (Easter), the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Apostles began to prepare for their departure from Jerusalem to spread Christ's message. According to Sacred Tradition, as part of their preparation, they began a fast with prayer to ask God to strengthen their resolve and to be with them in their missionary undertakings.

The tradition of the Fast has existed at least since Pope Leo I (461 AD), though it has subsequently been forgotten in the West. The Fast is thought to have been instituted out of thanksgiving to God for the witness of the apostles of Christ. With this Fast, believers express their thanks for the apostles' endurance of persecution during their mission.

**UWAC EASTER FELLOWSHIP (MAY 5, 2019)**



## MESSAGE FROM PARISH PRESIDENT

As the president of St. Elias Church I would like to express my appreciation towards all the members for their continued support and dedication. The hospodars and altar servers continue to help keep the Church in good working order. The members of the ladies and mens organizations UWAC and TYC continue to support the Church and help with their time and efforts to keep our doors open. Our gatherings to make perogies and work in the kitchen together is always appreciated. Thank you to everyone on the Church board for your attention to detail and helpful involvement in our meetings. During the celebration of our risen Lord, I hope you all can experience the joy of the resurrection. Welcome to all new members of St. Elias. We hope you feel at home with us.

**President,  
Alex Werstiuk**

### **REPORT FROM THE OUTREACH MISSION COMMITTEE**

**Mark this date! June 30** for a mid-month fellowship hosted by our committee, menu of hotdogs and/or hamburgers on the barbecue. Potluck salads welcome. Details as they are worked out.

The Committee is deeply grateful for the work of Alex Werstiuk and the band of merry pyrohy-pinchers. As a result of their labours, we are able to make a donation from our own Food Basket account (thanks also for all and any monetary donations) to pay for the delivery of some 62 dozen frozen pyrohy for **Highlands School's hot lunch program**. Their cook, Teresa Bradley, sent this message awhile ago: "When we have the lunch I will once again take photos and share with you. Thank you again for the amazing donation. The students really love these special lunches."

Speaking of Highlands School, the principal Brad Burns, who spoke to our parishioners at one of UWAC's monthly luncheons about the School's programs and the hot meal in particular, has moved on – to become principal of Victoria School of the Arts. Congratulations, Brad, and good luck. I have been in touch with his replacement, **Maureen Matthews**, who is currently v-p at Eastglen High School. I will be meeting with her this summer to confirm our desire as a committee to be a community partner of the school – she is very enthusiastic about this – and to discuss other ways besides pyrohy donations we can be such a partner.

At May's church council meeting, I raised the issue of how best to respond to people who approach us at our church doors asking for money, as happened to some of us a few weeks ago. Realizing that parishioners may find such requests for a handout disturbing or confusing, I contacted Hope Mission for their advice. They explained that they make available small cards labelled **#JUSTCALL211** that can be given out to people in need who are asking for money. I have picked up a bunch of these from Hope Mission and they will be left on the table in the church vestibule – and distributed among committee and council members – so you can always have some on hand. God bless you!

Submitted by Myrna Kostash, for the Outreach Mission committee

## Upcoming news and events at our sister parishes and in the Ukrainian Community

- **Friday, June 7 2019, 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm** – Pyrohy Supper St. Andrew's Cultural Centre
- **Friday, June 19 2019, 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm** – Pyrohy Supper at St. Anthony
- **Friday, June 28 2019, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm** – Pyrohy Supper at St. John's Cultural Centre
- **Thursday, June 6 2019, 10:00 am** – Ascension of Our Lord - Divine Liturgy at St. John's
- **Thursday, June 6 2019, 9:00 am** – Ascension of Our Lord - Divine Liturgy at St. Anthony
- **Monday, June 17 2019, 10:00 am** – Day of the Holy Spirit - Divine Liturgy at St. John's

### **\* VINTAGE DAY AND FRIENDS UKRAINIAN MUSIC**

***June 23 2019, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
at Ukrainian Heritage village***

Drive back in time and turn up the radio for our annual vintage vehicle show and shine, combined with the very best of Ukrainian-Canadian music festival.

Join Steven Chwok of CFCW's Zabava Program for an afternoon of memories and melodies with some of the most popular Ukrainian-Canadian polka bands. Come early and stroll through the collection of vintage and unique cars, tractors and motorcycles.

Begin the day by listening to talented singers from Alberta as they compete for the title of Kalyna Voice champion 2019, co-hosted by Kalyna Country Ecomuseum. To register call 1888-452-5962.

#### **Highlights**

**10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** - Vintage Show & Shine

A display of vintage and classic vehicles, open to cars, motorcycles and tractors

**10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.** - Edmonton International Raceway

Meet with NASCAR drivers and take a sneak peek at NASCAR vehicles

**10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.** - Poker Rally (winner will be announced at 4 p.m.)

**10 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** - Kalyna Voice singing competition, co-hosted with Kalyna Country Ecomuseum

**12 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** - Friends Ukrainian Music Fest concert, with MC Steven Chwok

*featuring: Euphoria, Marango Pie, Millenia, Polka Ramblers, Smoky Tones, Steppe, Trembita*

**12 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.** - Flatbed Stage, with MC Audrey Kotelniski

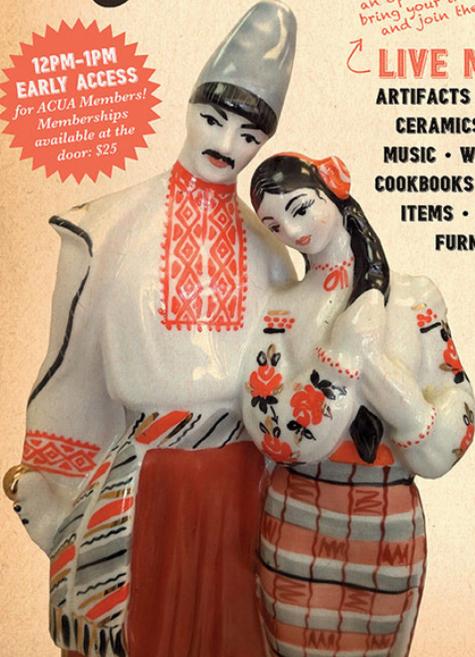
*featuring: Swing-Out Edmonton, Before Arrival, Madrigal Musicians, Performers from Cooper Studios*

**Check details here:**

<https://ukrainianvillage.ca/vintage-day-and-friends-ukrainian-music>

## \* UKRAINIAN VINTAGE FAIR

Saturday June 22nd from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 pm  
at ACUA



**Saturday June 22nd** **1PM-5PM**  
**at ACUA**  
**9534 87 ST**  
**EDMONTON**

band welcomes an open jam session, bring your instrument and join the fun!

**LIVE MUSIC • FOOD**  
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**ITEMS • TEXTILES • JEWELRY**  
**FURNITURE AND MORE**

**12PM-1PM EARLY ACCESS**  
for ACUA Members!  
Memberships available at the door: \$25

After launch event remaining items will be on sale at ACUA until end of August.

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

For more info call  
780-488-8558 or email  
events@acuarts.ca

ukrainian arts

### Experience the Ultimate Ukrainian Garage Sale!

ACUA's Annual Ukrainian Vintage Fair Launch Event is here on Saturday June 22nd from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 pm! This is one of our biggest events of the year and draws a huge crowd! Live music, food, live appraisals, and more! After launch day remaining items stay on sale at ACUA during regular hours until end of August.

Are you an ACUA member? Receive exclusive early access to the sale: 12PM - 1PM on Launch Day! ACUA Memberships available at the door: \$25.

### Call for Ukrainian Items!

Looking for Ukrainian: artifacts, clothing, costumes, pottery, ceramics, dolls, art work, music, wood carvings, crafts, books, cookbooks, pysanky, religious items, linens and textiles, jewelry, boxes, furniture and more!

**Accepting consignments from May 1 through June 8.** Please create item and price.

Call 780-488-8558 or email [info@acuarts.ca](mailto:info@acuarts.ca) to book an appointment!

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**WOOD CARVINGS...**  
**AND LEARN SOMETHING!**

# UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ST. ELIA.

## ORDER OF SERVICES FOR JUNE 2019.

2. - SUNDAY.....BLIND MAN.....10:00 A.M.  
 BLESSING OF GRAVES.....ST.STEPHEN CEMETARY.....2:00 P.M.
9. - SUNDAY.....FATHERS OF 1st ECUMENICAL COUNCIL.....10:00 A.M.
16. - SUNDAY.....TRINITY SUNDAY.....10:00 A.M.
23. - SUNDAY.....ALL SAINTS..... 9:30 A.M.
30. - SUNDAY.....ALL SAINTS OF UKRAINE.....10:00 A.M.



	НЕДІЛЯ SUNDAY	ПОНЕДІЛОК MONDAY	ВІТРОК TUESDAY	СЕРЕДА WEDNESDAY	ЧЕТВЕР THURSDAY	П'ЯТНИЦЯ FRIDAY	СУБОТА SATURDAY
							<b>1</b> HMartyr Patrick сщмч Патрікія <i>Acts 15:35-41</i> <i>John 10:27-38</i>
Sun 6 of Pascha Tone 5	<b>2</b> Blind Man Сліпородженого <i>Acts 16:16-34</i> <i>John 9:1-38</i>	<b>3</b>  Костянтина і Єлени Constantine & Helen <i>Acts 26:1-5, 12-20</i> <i>John 10:1-9</i>	<b>4</b> Martyr Basiliscus мч Василіска <i>Acts 17:19-28</i> <i>John 12:19-36</i>	<b>5</b> Confessor Michael Михаїла ісповідника <i>Acts 18:22-28</i> <i>John 12:36-47</i>	<b>6</b>  Вознесіння ASCENSION <i>Acts 1:1-12</i> <i>Luke 24:36-53</i>	<b>7</b> 3rd find head John Згл голови Іоана <i>Acts 19:1-8</i> <i>John 14:1-11</i>	<b>8</b> Apostle Carpus (70) апостола Карпа (70) <i>Acts 20:7-12</i> <i>John 14:10-21</i>
Sun 7 of Pascha Tone 6	<b>9</b> Fathers 1st Council Отців 1-а Собор <i>Acts 20:16-18, 28-36</i> <i>John 17:1-13</i>	<b>10</b> Venerable Nicetas преп Никити <i>Acts 21:8-14</i> <i>John 14:27-15:7</i>	<b>11</b> VirMartyr Theodosia прмц Теодосії <i>Acts 21:26-32</i> <i>John 16:2-13</i>	<b>12</b> Venerable Isaac преп Ісаакія <i>Acts 23:1-11</i> <i>John 16:15-23</i>	<b>13</b> Apostle Hermas (70) апостола Єрма (70) <i>Acts 25:13-19</i> <i>John 16:15-23</i>	<b>14</b> Martyr Justin мч Юстина <i>Acts 27:1-44</i> <i>John 17:18-26</i>	<b>15</b> ✠ Soul Saturday Saint Nicephorus свт Никифора <i>Acts 28:1-31</i> <i>John 21:15-25</i>
Trinity Sunday Tone 6 ТРОЙЦЯ Father's Day	 <b>16</b> PENTECOST <i>Acts 2:1-11</i> <i>Jn 7:37-52; 8:12</i>	 <b>17</b> Holy Spirit Day <i>Eph 5:9-19</i> <i>Matt 18:10-20</i> No Fast all week	<b>18</b> HMartyr Dorotheus сщмч Доротея <i>Rom 1:1-7, 13-17</i> <i>Matt 4:25-5:13</i>	<b>19</b> Venerable Bessarion преп Висаріона <i>Rom 1:18-27</i> <i>Matt 5:20-26</i>	<b>20</b> Martyr Theodotus мч Теодота <i>Rom 1:28-2:9</i> <i>Matt 5:27-32</i>	<b>21</b> Relics St Theodore моц свт Теодора <i>Rom 2:14-29</i> <i>Matt 5:33-41</i>	<b>22</b> St Cyril of Alexandria свт Кирила Алексан <i>Rom 1:7-12</i> <i>Matt 5:42-48</i>
Sun 2 Pent Sun 1 Pent Tone 8	<b>23</b> <i>Heb 11:33-12:2, Matt 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30</i> All Saints Всіх Святих <i>Rom 2:10-16, Matt 4:18-23</i> All Saints of Ukraine Martyr Manuel мч Мануїла <b>30</b>	<b>24</b> Apostles' Fast Begins Apostle Bartholomew апост Вартоломея <i>Rom 2:28-3:18</i> <i>Matt 6:31-34; 7:9-11</i>	<b>25</b> Onuphrius the Great преп Онуфрія вел <i>Rom 4:4-12</i> <i>Matt 7:15-21</i>	<b>26</b> Martyr Aquilina мч Акилини <i>Rom 4:13-25</i> <i>Matt 7:21-23</i>	<b>27</b> Prophet Elisha пропока Єлисея <i>Rom 5:10-16</i> <i>Matt 8:23-27</i>	<b>28</b> Prophet Amos пропока Амоса <i>Rom 5:17-6:2</i> <i>Matt 9:14-17</i>	<b>29</b> Saint Tychon свт Тихона <i>Rom 3:19-26</i> <i>Matt 7:1-8</i>

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

## ЧЕРВЕНЬ - 2019 - JUNE

Shaded Days = Fast periods & days of strict fast.