



# ST. ELIA'S NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2019

**СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ!  
СЛАВА НАВІКИ!**

**GLORY BE TO JESUS CHRIST!  
GLORY FOREVER!**

## **SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS:**

9:30 am Confessions  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **WESTERN EPARCHY ASSEMBLY**

**October 24 – 27, 2019**

**at The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist  
and St. John's Cultural Centre**

“Try hard to enter into your internal place and you will see the heavenly place. It is one and the same thing. From one entrance you enter both. The ladder towards the Kingdom of Heaven is inside of you. It is incarnated in your heart in a mysterious way. Submerge in it beyond the kingdom of sin, and you will find in there yourself, the steps which, if climbed, will enable you to ascend up to heaven.”

- St. Isaac the Syrian.

## **NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION**

\* If you know any Church members who can't attend a service but want to receive our monthly newsletter to their home, please let me know.

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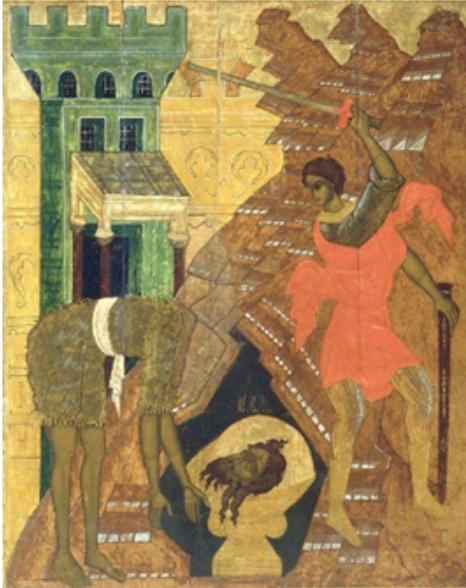
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## SEPTEMBER FEAST AND SAINTS' DAYS

### SEPTEMBER 11: BEHEADING OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST



Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Last week, we celebrated the leave taking of the feast of the Dormition of our Most Blessed Lady Theotokos. We spent those days proclaiming the holiness, of the greatest human being to ever walk amongst us. If the Theotokos is the greatest human being to walk the earth, then St John the Baptist, by Christ's own admission, is not far behind her.

In the Gospel of Luke, we hear our Lord proclaim that among those born of women, there is no man greater than John the Baptist. From his first days on earth, St. John was entirely dedicated to the One who would come after him. We hear very early in the Gospels how he leapt in his mother's womb at the sound of the Theotokos proclaiming the incarnation. After that blessed encounter, Holy Scripture and Church Tradition teach us how he and his mother

Elizabeth fled into the desert to escape the terrible decree by Herod, that all infants should be put to death. We know that forty days after that escape, his mother passed away, and his father Zachariah was put to death by Herod in the temple.

As an orphan and an infant, St. John was brought up in the desert, guided only by the hand of God. Take a moment to pause and think about that for a moment. We can just imagine how difficult it would be for someone so young to be put out into the desert to fend for themselves. What kind of chance would they have? But John had the greatest of teachers, the greatest of guides. He was brought up by God the Father Himself who prepared John for his ministry that was to come.

...When John the Baptist was about thirty years of age, the Word of God came to him, commanding him to preach repentance, and call on all men to prepare the way of the Lord. Shortly after the beginning of his ministry, having been preparing the Jews for the coming of the Messiah, the mysteries of the Holy Trinity were revealed to him when he baptized our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. St. John slowly fell into the shadows and became silent.

He had accomplished what he was ordained to do in life to prepare the way of the Lord. St. John did this with great joy, as we hear him say in the Gospels: *"the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: therefore this my joy is fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease."*

<https://www.st-marymagdalene.org/feast-of-the-beheading-of-st-john-the-baptist>

### SEPTEMBER 21: BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS

In addition to the celebration of the Annunciation, there are three major feasts in the Church honoring Mary, the Theotokos. The first of these is the feast of her nativity which is kept on the 21st of September.



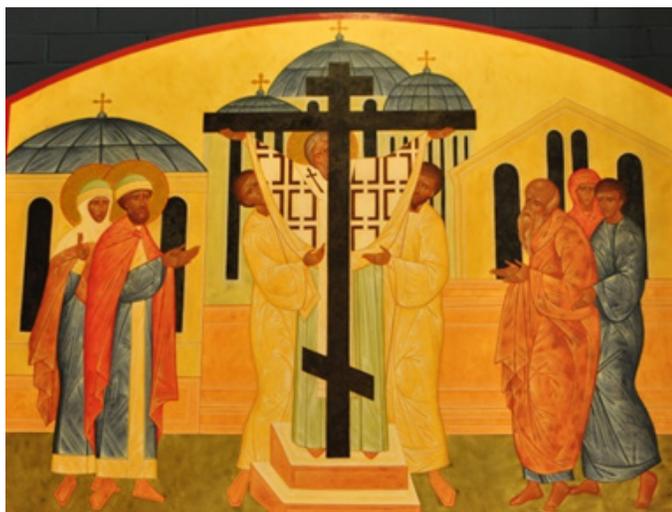
The record of the birth of Mary is not found in the Bible. The traditional teaching which is celebrated in the hymns and verses of the festal liturgy is that Joachim and Anna were a pious Jewish couple who were among the small and faithful remnant “the poor and the needy” who were awaiting the promised messiah. The couple was old and childless. They prayed earnestly to the Lord for a child, since among the Jews barrenness was a sign of God’s disfavor. In answer to their prayers, and as the reward of their unwavering fidelity to God, the elderly couple was blessed with the child who was destined, because of her own personal goodness and holiness, to become the Mother of the Messiah-Christ.

*By your nativity, O most pure virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness; Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And we, your people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to you: The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the Nourisher of our Life (Kondak).*

The fact that there is no Biblical verification of the facts of Mary’s birth is incidental to the meaning of the feast. Even if the actual background of the event as celebrated in the Church is questionable from an historical point of view, the divine meaning of it “for us and for our salvation” is obvious. There had to be one born of human flesh and blood who would be spiritually capable of being the Mother of Christ, and she herself had to be born into the world of persons who were spiritually capable of being her parents.

The feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos, therefore, is a glorification of Mary’s birth, of Mary herself and of her righteous parents. It is a celebration as well of the very first preparation of the salvation of the world. For the “Vessel of Light,” the “Book of the Word of Life,” the “Door to the Orient,” the “Throne of Wisdom” is being prepared on earth by God Himself in the birth of the holy girl-child Mary.

## SEPTEMBER 27: ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



The Elevation of the Holy Cross is one of the Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church, celebrated on September 27. This feast is also referred to as the Exaltation of the Cross.

The finding of the Cross by the Empress Helen (the mother of St. Constantine the Great) on Golgotha in 326 AD, the place where Christ was crucified:

On the spot where the Cross was discovered, St. Helen had found a hitherto unknown flower of rare beauty and fragrance, which has been named “Vasiliko,” or Basil, meaning the flower of royalty. Note that the word “Vasiliko” means “of the King,” since the word “Basileus” in Greek means “King”; so, the plant Vasiliko, Basil, is tied to the Precious Cross of the King of Glory, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Underneath the Basil, the Cross of Christ was found, but with it were the other two crosses, those used to crucify the two thieves on either side of Christ. The sign with the inscription, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews”, also lay among the three crosses. In order to determine which one was the true cross, a sick woman was told to kiss each of the three crosses. The woman kissed the first cross with no result. She kissed the second cross and again nothing happened. However, when the ailing woman kissed the True Cross, she was immediately made well. It so happened that a funeral procession was passing that way, and so the body of the dead man was placed on each of the crosses, and when it was placed on the True Cross, the dead man came to life — thus the name the “Life-Giving” Cross, which gives life not only to that man, but to each person who believes in the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross and His all-glorious three day Resurrection.

When the true Cross was identified, it was lifted on high for all the people to see, who then continually sang Kyrie eleison, [Hospody pomylui] a practice which is still enacted at current celebrations of this feast.

### **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 is starting up again. If you would like to lend a hand please contact me. Thank you to everyone on the Church board for your attention to detail and helpful involvement in our meetings. It was great to see such a great turn out for our Khram. Thank you to everyone involved in making our patron saint day a memorable success. Welcome to all new members of St. Elias. We hope you feel at home with us.

**President,  
Alex Werstiuk**

Myrna Kostash regrets that, after Sunday September 8, she will not be preparing the Sunday Bulletins while she is travelling but will be back at her laptop for October 13 service. But rest assured that she will be praying for her sisters and brothers at St Elias, for Fr Georg and the Cantors when she visits the (many) churches in Republic of Georgia.

Thanks.

Your sister in Christ,  
Myrna

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\* Please be aware that certain members of the church have noticed strange emails from known and unknown email addresses. If you do not know the email address contacting you or you do know it and it is asking for financial help, please delete and ignore these potential scam emails from internet con-artists. Be safe and never give financial or personal information to these people.

## TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE 2019

Sponsored by the Edmonton Local Council of Women

### A Service Project to Unite Women In Helping the Poor and Vulnerable in Edmonton Through the:

Elizabeth Fry Society    4C Edmonton    Hope Mission    CEASE (Centre to End All Sexual Exploitation)  
 Little Warriors                  Royal Alexandra                  University of Alberta and Grey Nuns Hospitals

### What they need:

**Hygiene Kits**– Small sizes in a large sealable plastic bag marked for men or women: (300 needed this year)

Toothbrush and toothpaste	Hand soap	Comb or brush	Razor	Deodorant
Shampoo and conditioner	Hand lotion	Tampons (Women)	Shaving Cream (Men)	

**Hygiene Supplies in bulk** – Large containers of the same products for women and men but not in kits. All the shelters have a great need for bulk hygiene supplies, esp. feminine hygiene products (lots of them)

**Comfort Kits** – A backpack or zippered bag with the size marked on it containing:

Hygiene kit	Nightwear	Bath towel	3 pair underwear	3 pair socks
Notebook	Pen/pencil	Small bottle liquid soap	Note of encouragement	

**Newborn Layettes** – In an extra large zippered plastic bag:

Receiving blanket – 76cm (30”) square	Newborn gown / sleepers	Newborn hat
Package of newborn disposable diapers	Small bottle Ivory soap	Pair booties or socks

**Stillborn Layettes** – plastic bag containing: Smallest infant gown, 9” square receiving blanket, small cape

**Quilts or Blankets (New)** – fleece, knitted or crocheted – Single bed or crib sizes only

**Sweat pants and shirts** – for women and men – large and X Large sizes – **Must not be red or black.** Preferred colours are navy blue, grey or tan

**Nightwear, underwear and socks** – for men, women and children (ages 8 – adulthood)

**Winterwear** – Coats, hats, scarves, mittens / gloves – for men, women and children (ages 8 – adulthood)

**Dialysis Bags** – Drawstring bag of soft flannelette 13 cm x 9cm or 4 ¾ in. x 3 ½ in. (Bright patterned fabric esp. appreciated). – Hundreds of these are needed

**Carryall bags** – sturdy fabric - drawstring or with handles

### Suggestions for Organizations and Individuals

- Choose a specific project. (Please call the numbers below to inform us of your project). Be creative. One group made a huge sock and collected hundreds of socks to fill it. Women like to work together on projects.
- Give retired and elderly women the challenge to sew dialysis bags or knit and teach younger women to knit.
- Teach children to sew dialysis or carryall bags.
- Give information to your members re. the above service agencies who provide services to the poor and needy. All have great websites. Keep up the momentum during the year.
- Encourage families to collect needed items for a Christmas, Easter or Thanksgiving project.
- Encourage young women to learn a new skill – Sewing, knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc.

Collection Day is set for 19 October 2019 at the Ermineskin Center. More information to follow. Questions? **Call Kristie at 587-341-2932 or Maren at 587-589-2803).** Thanks for your interest.

**St. Elia's KHRAM and 60 year Celebration**  
**(August 4, 2019)**

His Grace Bishop Ilarion officiated at the Divine Liturgy,  
assisted by clergy, to celebrate St. Elia's Khram



Presentation of Hramotas to long-time members (40,50, and 60 years).



# St. John's Institute What Next?

Please join the Board of SJI for an important discussion on the current status and future of the institute.

The board will provide important updates on what is happening at SJI and lead a community discussion.

- **Is it time to reimagine SJI (again)?**
- **Is it time to sell and move on?**



## **When?**

Sunday, September 22, 2019  
2PM @SJI

(Free parking at Safeway with pass provided by SJI, or paid underground parking available at Windsor Park Plaza)

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

### **ACUA Workshops**

- ***Willow Heart Weaving***

September 22, 2019 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Strathearn Community League, 9511 90 Street

- ***Weat Centrepieces***

September 28, 2019 | 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

\* For more information

call ACUA at **780-488-8558** or visit [www.acuarts.ca](http://www.acuarts.ca)



**UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ST.ELIA.**

**ORDER OF SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2019.**

1. - SUNDAY..... 11-th.SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.....10:00 A.M.
8. - SUNDAY..... 12-th.SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST .....10:00 A.M.
15. - SUNDAY..... 13-th.SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST..... 10:00 A.M.
22. - SUNDAY.....14-th.SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST..... 10:00 A.M.
29. - SUNDAY.....15-th.SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST..... 10:00 A.M.

**ORDER OF SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2019.**

6. - SUNDAY.....16-th.SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.....10:00 A.M.
13. - SUNDAY.....17-th.SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST..... 10:00 A.M.
20. - SUNDAY.....18-th.SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST..... 10:00 A.M.
27. - SUNDAY.....19-th.SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST..... 10:00 A.M.  
(SERVICE AT ST.JOHN CATHEDRAL)



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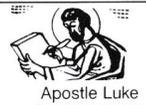
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Sun 11 after Pent Tone 2	<b>1</b> Andrew Stratelates Андрія стратилата 1 Cor 9:2-12 Matt 18:23-35	<b>2</b> Prophet Samuel пророка Самуїла 2 Cor 5:10-15 Mark 1:9-15	<b>3</b> Apostle Thaddeus (70) апостола Тадея (70) 2 Cor 5:15-21 Mark 1:16-22	<b>4</b> Martyr Agathonicus мч Агатоніка 2 Cor 6:11-16 Mark 1:23-28	<b>5</b> HMartyr Irenaeus сщмч Іринея 2 Cor 7:1-10 Mark 1:29-35	<b>6</b> HMartyr Eutychius сщмч Євтихія 2 Cor 7:10-16 Mark 2:18-22	<b>7</b> Apostle Bartholomew апостола Вартоломея 1 Cor 1:26-29 Matt 20:29-34
Sun 12 after Pent Tone 3	<b>8</b> Adrian & Natalia Адріана і Наталії 1 Cor 15:1-11 Matt 19:16-26	<b>9</b> Roemen the Great преп Пимена вел 2 Cor 8:7-15 Mark 3:6-12	<b>10</b> Relics Job Pochaev Іова Почаївського 2 Cor 8:16-9:5 Mark 3:13-19	<b>11*</b> Ус гл Хрест Іоана Behead John Baptist Acts 13:25-32 Mark 6:14-30 	<b>12</b> Saint Alexander свт Олександра 2 Cor 10:7-18 Mark 3:28-35	<b>13</b> Sash of Theotokos Пол пояса Богор 2 Cor 11:5-21 Mark 4:1-9	<b>14</b> Church New Year Symeon the Stylite Симеона стовпника 1 Cor 2:6-9 Matt 22:15-22
Sun 13 after Pent Tone 4	<b>15</b> Martyr Mamas мч Маманта 1 Cor 16:13-24 Matt 21:33-42	<b>16</b> HMartyr Anthimus сщмч Антіма 2 Cor 12:10-19 Mark 4:10-23	<b>17</b> HMartyr Babyllas сщмч Вавили 2 Cor 12:20-13:2 Mark 4:24-34	<b>18</b> Zachariah & Elizabeth Захарії і Єлисавети 2 Cor 13:3-13 Mark 4:35-41	<b>19</b> Miracle St Michael чудо ар Михаїла Gal 1:1-10, 20:2-5 Mark 5:1-20	<b>20</b> Martyr Sozon мч Созонта Gal 2:6-10 Mark 5:22-24, 35:6:1	<b>21*</b> Різдво По Богородиці  Birth of Theotokos Phil 2:5-11, Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28
Sun 14 after Pent Tone 5	<b>22</b> Sunday Before Cross Elevation Joachim & Anna Іоакима і Анни Gal 6:11-18 John 3:13-17	<b>23</b> Martyr Menodora мч Мінодори Gal 2:11-16 Mark 5:24-34	<b>24</b> Venerable Theodora преп Теодори Gal 2:11-16 Mark 6:1-7	<b>25</b> HMartyr Autonomus сщмч Автонома Gal 3:15-22 Mark 6:7-13	<b>26</b> Centurion Cornelius сщмч Корнілія Gal 3:23-4:5 Mark 6:30-45	<b>27</b> Воздч Хреста Strict Fast CROSS ELEVATION 1 Cor 11:18-24, Jn 19:6-11 13-20, 25-28, 30-35 	<b>28</b> Saturday After Cross Elevation GrMartyr Nicetas велмч Никити 1 Cor 10:23-28 John 8:21-30
Sun 15 after Pent Tone 6	<b>29</b> Sunday After Cross Elevation GrMartyr Euphemia велмч Євфимії Gal 2:16-20 Mark 8:34-9:1	<b>30</b> Sophia & daughters Софії і 3 доч Gal 4:28-5:10 Luke 3:19-22					

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Sun 16 after Pent Tone 7	<b>6</b> Conception John Bapt Зачаття Іоана Хр 2 Cor 6:1-10 Luke 5:1-11	<b>7</b> Isapostle Thecla рівноапост Фекли Eph 1:22-2:3 Luke 4:37-44	<b>8</b> Ven Euphrosyne преп Євфросинії Eph 2:19-3:7 Luke 5:12-16	<b>9</b> Repose Apostle John прес апостола Іоана Eph 3:8-21 Luke 5:33-39	<b>10</b> Martyr Callistratus мч Калістрата Eph 4:14-19 Luke 6:12-19	<b>11</b> Venerable Chariton преп Харитона Eph 4:17-25 Luke 6:17-23	<b>12</b> Venerable Cyriacus преп Кириака 1 Cor 14:20-25 Luke 5:17-26
Sun 17 after Pent Tone 8	<b>13</b> Gregory of Armenia Григорія Арменії 2 Cor 6:16-7:1 Luke 6:31-36	<b>14*</b> Покрова Богородиці  Protection Mother of God Hb 9:1-7, Lk 10: 38-42, 11:27-28	<b>15</b> HMartyr Cyprian сщмч Кипріяна Eph 5:20-26 Luke 6:37-45	<b>16</b> HMartyr Dionysius сщмч Діонісія Eph 5:25-33 Luke 6:46-7:1	<b>17</b> HMartyr Hierotheus сщмч Єротія Eph 5:33-6:9 Luke 7:17-30	<b>18</b> Martyr Charitina мч Харитини Eph 6:18-24 Luke 7:31-35	<b>19</b> Apostle Thomas апостола Томи 1 Cor 15:39-45 Luke 5:27-32
Sun 18 after Pent Tone 1	<b>20</b> Martyr Sergius мч Сергія 2 Cor 9:6-11 Luke 7:11-16	<b>21</b> Venerable Pelagia преп Пелагії Philippians 1:1-7 Luke 7:36-50	<b>22</b> Ar James Alphaeus ап Якова алфесва Philippians 1:8-14 Luke 8:1-3	<b>23</b> Martyr Eulampius мч Євлампія Philippians 1:12-20 Luke 8:22-25	<b>24</b> Apostle Philip (70) ап филипа (70) Philippians 1:20-27 Luke 8:22-25	<b>25</b> Martyr Probus мч Прова Philippians 1:27-2:4 Luke 9:12-18	<b>26</b> HMartyr Carpus сщмч Карпа 1 Cor 15:58-16:3 Luke 6:1-10
Sun 19 after Pent Tone 2	<b>27</b> Martyr Nazarius мч Назарія 2 Cor 11:31-12:9 Luke 8:5-15	<b>28</b> Venerable Euthymius преп Євтимія Philippians 2:12-16 Luke 9:18-22	<b>29</b> Martyr Longinus мч Лонгіна Philippians 2:17-23 Luke 9:23-27	<b>30</b> Prophet Hosea пророка Осії Philippians 2:24-30 Luke 9:44-50	<b>31</b> апостола Луки  Apostle Luke Col 4:5-9, 14, 18 Luke 10:16-21		