



ST. ELIA'S NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 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

- ***Mission Outreach Fellowship Lunch***
December 8, 2019 after Divine Liturgy

As long as wood is fastened together in the form of a cross, I venerate it because it is a likeness of the wood on which Christ was crucified. If it should fall to pieces, I throw the pieces into the fire. When a man receives a sealed order from the emperor, he kisses the seal. He does not honor clay, paper, or wax for their own sake, but he gives honor and veneration to the emperor. Likewise when Christian people venerate the form of the cross, they are not worshipping the nature of wood, but they see that it is marked with the imprint of the hands of Him who was nailed upon it, and so they embrace and honor it.

St. Leontius, Bishop of Neapolis.

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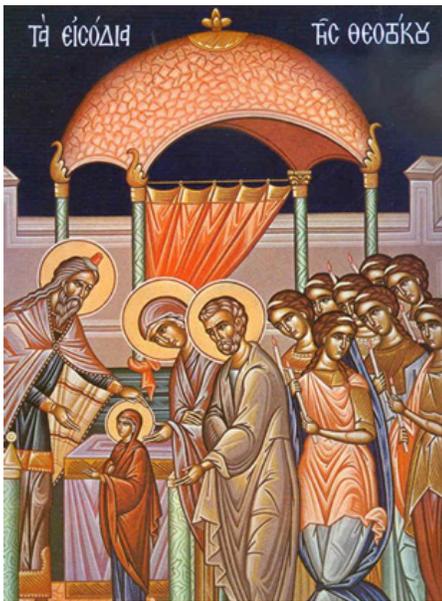
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DECEMBER FEAST AND SAINTS' DAYS

DECEMBER 4 ENTRY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN THE TEMPLE



When Mary was three years old, Joachim and Anna decided that the time had come to fulfill their promise and to offer her to the Lord. Joachim gathered the young girls of the neighborhood to form an escort, and he made them go in front of Mary, carrying torches. Captivated by the torches, the young child followed joyfully to the Temple, not once looking back at her parents nor weeping as she was parted from them.

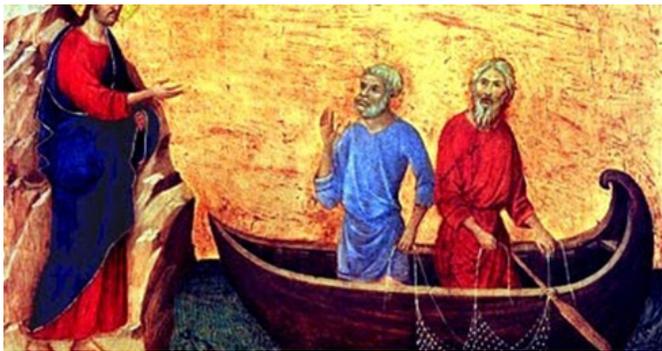
The holy Virgin ran toward the Temple, overtaking her attendant maidens and threw herself into the arms of the High Priest Zacharias, who was waiting for her at the gate of the Temple with the elders. Zacharias blessed her saying, “It is in you that He has glorified your name in every generation. It is in you that He will reveal the Redemption that He has prepared for His people in the last days.”

Then, Zacharias brought the child into the Holy of Holies—a place where only the High Priest was permitted to enter once a year on the Day of Atonement. He placed her on the steps of the altar, and the grace of the Lord descended upon her. She arose and expressed her joy in a dance as wonder seized all who saw this happen.

The Virgin Mary dwelt in the Temple for nine years until, reaching an age for marriage, she was taken from the Temple by the priests and elders and entrusted to Joseph as the guardian of her virginity.

The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple signifies her total dedication to God and her readiness for her future vocation as the Mother of the Incarnate Lord. This is a feast of anticipation. As honour is shown to Mary, the faithful are called to look forward to the Incarnation of Christ, celebrated by the Feast of the Nativity.

DECEMBER 13 APOSTLE ANDREW THE FIRST-CALLED



The Holy Apostle Andrew the First-Called was the first of the Apostles to follow Christ, and he later brought his own brother, the holy Apostle Peter, to Christ. He did not enter into marriage, and he worked with his brother as a fisherman. When the holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John began to preach, Saint Andrew became his closest disciple. Saint John the Baptist himself sent to Christ his own two disciples, the future Apostles Andrew and John the Theologian, declaring Christ to be the Lamb of God.

After the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, Saint Andrew went to the Eastern lands preaching the Word of God. He went through Asia Minor, Thrace, Macedonia, he reached the River Danube, went along the coast of the Black Sea, through Crimea, the Black Sea region and along the River Dniro he climbed to the place where the city of Kyiv now stands.

He stopped overnight on the hills of Kyiv. Rising in the morning, he said to those disciples that were with him: "See these hills? Upon these hills shall shine forth the beneficence of God, and there will be a great city here, and God shall raise up many churches." The apostle went up around the hills, blessed them and set up a cross. Having prayed, he went up even further along the Dniro and reached a settlement of the Slavs, where Novgorod was built. From here the apostle went through the land of the Varangians towards Rome for preaching, and again he returned to Thrace, where in the small village of Byzantium, the future Constantinople, he founded the Church of Christ.

The final city to which the Apostle came was the city of Patra, where he was destined to suffer martyrdom.

Tropar: *Andrew, first-called of the Apostles / and brother of the foremost disciple, / entreat the Master of all / to grant peace to the world / and to our souls great mercy.*

DECEMBER 19 WONDERWORKER NICHOLAS



By tradition, Nicholas born in the province of Lycia in the southern part of Asia Minor in the city of Patara to well-to-do parents. The date of his birth is not known. Having inherited his parents' estate, he became known for his generous gifts to those in need. As a youth, he made pilgrimages to Palestine and Egypt. He was subsequently consecrated Archbishop of Myra as the fourth century began. Nicholas was noted for his defense of Orthodoxy.. He died in Myra, Turkey, in a year uncertain, but between 342 and 352.

Many of the details of his life that we have appeared during medieval times. St. Methodius, Patriarch of Constantinople, in the middle of the ninth century produced a life of Nicholas in which he noted that the life of Nicholas was unknown to most of the Christians of the time, thus indicating his composition was probably based mainly on legend. Methodius related how Nicholas contributed from his inheritance the

dowry for three daughters of a citizen of Patara who had lost all his money. The story of his rescue of sailors in the Aegean Sea during his lifetime established him as the patron of mariners.

In time his fame in northern Europe as a saintly bishop began changing to that of a giver of gifts to children, usually done on December 18. As immigrants from the Germanic and Nordic lands settled in the United States the image of St. Nicholas, or "Sinterklaas," as he is known among the Dutch, slowly changed to that of "Santa Claus" with little tie to the spirituality of Christianity.

Tropar *In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence; your humility exalted you; your poverty enriched you. Hierarch Father Nicholas, entreat Christ our God that our souls may be saved.*

DECEMBER 30 PROPHEET DANIEL



The prophet Daniel was one of the major prophets of ancient Israel. Around 604 BC, he was taken as a captive from Jerusalem to Babylon when he was probably a young teenager. In Babylon he was placed in a training school for captives who'd shown abilities to be trained in the knowledge and ways of the Babylonians. He soon distinguished himself there when he and his 3 young friends from Jerusalem declined to eat the food they were being fed which was not according to Jewish law.

Daniel's prophetic career started abruptly while he was still a very young man. The king of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar, had a dream which he couldn't remember. When all his wise men failed to bring the dream back to his remembrance and also interpret its meaning, the impulsive king immediately ordered their execution and all those who were being trained for their office, which included Daniel and his friends.

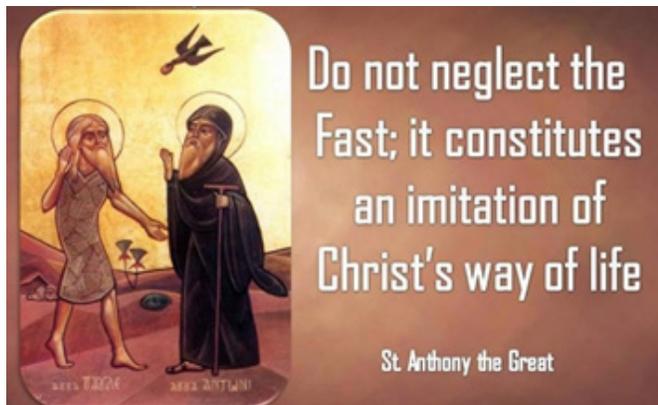
In desperation, Daniel prayed mightily to the God of Abraham to know the king's dream and its meaning. Miraculously his prayer was answered and Daniel went before Nebuchadnezzar, telling him his dream and its meaning in front of his whole court. Thus began Daniel's life as a high court official and advisor, first with Nebuchadnezzar but then also for what must have been another 70 years or more, beyond the kingdom of Babylon and into the kingdom of the Persians that followed.

Towards the end of his life he began to be given some of the most significant prophetic messages ever received by a Hebrew prophet. Daniel's prophetic visions are seen as being played out and, in a sense, shown again with greater detail over 600 years later in the last book of the Bible, the Book of Revelations. In the non-prophetic chapters of Daniel are the famous testimonies of the three Hebrew children in the fiery furnace (Chapter 3), the handwriting on the wall (Chapter 5) and Daniel in the lions' den (Chapter 6).

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 clean and 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. The designated amount of our perogies for sale is now filled until after Christmas. We will continue making perogies after the feast. Thanks to everyone who was able to come help. If you would like to lend a hand making perogies, once we start up again, feel free to contact me. Thank you to everyone on the Church board for your attention to detail and helpful involvement in our meetings. Welcome to all new members of St. Elias. We hope you feel at home with us.

**President,
Alex Werstiuk**



NOVEMBER 28 NATIVITY FAST BEGINS

THINK ABOUT IT ...

Choose the correct answer:

1. Another name for the Nativity Fast is:
 - A. St. Philip's Fast
 - B. Dormition Fast
 - C. Sts. Peter and Paul's Fast
 - D. Great Lent

2. How long is the Nativity Fast?
 - A. One day
 - B. Nine days
 - C. Twelve days
 - D. Forty days

3. The Nativity Fast is sometimes called Winter Lent because:
 - A. It occurs on the first day of winter
 - B. It is the same number of days as Great Lent
 - C. It continues all winter until the first day of spring
 - D. All of the above

4. Orthodox Christians observe times of Fasting to:
 - A. Draw closer to God
 - B. Practice self-discipline
 - C. Repent and work on our spiritual growth
 - D. All of the above

5. The Nativity Fast ends on:

- A. New Year's
- B. Christmas
- C. Epiphany
- D. The first day of spring

6. Repentance is symbolized by what color?

- A. Red
- B. Green
- C. Purple
- D. Yellow

7. The name for the Christ child is Emmanuel, which means:

- A. "Lord have mercy"
- B. "Let us attend"
- C. "God is with us"
- D. "Come and see"

*St. Michael's Orthodox Church,
Jermyn, Pennsylvania*



With the Fast! Mission Outreach Fellowship Lunch

Please join us **December 8** after Liturgy for a simple Lenten lunch.
Hosted by the Mission Outreach Committee

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

- Friday, December 6, 2019 @ 5:30-7:30pm Christmas Bake Sale at St. Andrew's
- Saturday, December 7, 2019 @ 10:00 AM Christmas Bake Sale at St. Anthony's
- Sunday, December 22, 2019 12:00 pm St. Nicholas Dinner & Concert at St. John's
- Friday, December 27, 2019 - Pyrohy Supper @ 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm at St. John's
- Friday, December 20, 2019 @ 6:00pm at St. Anthony's
- Repentance in the Orthodox Tradition.

RE-CATECHISM @ ST. ANTHONY'S UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

To understand one's faith is to understand one's self. Most of us, although born into the Orthodox Church, have never had the opportunity to really explore our faith. For years we have been content with simply "going through the motions" of our religious life, always feeling that there was something more, something deeper to our faith. This has handicapped our ability to teach and train up our children. Therefore, the problem has become generational. Now is the time for our ReCatechism to begin!



Christmas Bake Sale

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019
5:30 – 7:30 P.M.

**ST. ANDREW'S
UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX SOBOR**

**PARISH CULTURAL CENTRE
9831 – 75TH STREET**

BAKING, PIES, FROZEN CABBAGE ROLLS
& PYROHY, *SOME* GARLIC & WHEAT

*SPONSORED BY ST. ANDREW'S UKRAINIAN
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Christmas Bake Sale

**St. Anthony's
Ukrainian Orthodox Parish**
6103 – 172 Street, Edmonton
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
10:00 AM

*** HOME BAKING**

- KOLACHI
- ASSORTED HOME BAKING
- ASSORTED CHIFFON CAKES

*** FROZEN FOOD**

- CABBAGE ROLLS (SWEET LEAF)
- PYROHY

- NALYSNYKY (CREPES)
- PYROSHKY

*** AND MORE**

- KUBASA (SAUSAGE)
- GROUND POPPY-SEED
- HONEY & WHEAT
- PRESERVES

*** HOME-MADE FRUIT PIES:**

- APPLE,
- BUMBLEBERRY,
- SASKATOON,
- RHUBARB/
STRAWBERRY!

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 DECEMBER 7
 2019**

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ACUA Christmas Workshops Location:

ACUA, 9534 - 87 Street

To register for a workshop **call 780.488.8558** or email **info@acuarts.ca**

- **Straw Christ Ornaments** with Irene Topolnitsky
 December 14, 2019 / 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at ACUA 9534 - 87St.
- **Yavoriv Toy Painting** with Myroslava Oksentiuk
 December 14, 2019 / 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at ACUA 9534 - 87St.
- **Christmas Angel Weaving** with Myroslava Oksentiuk
 December 15, 2019 / 12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at ACUA 9534 - 87St.
- **St. Nicholas Day** at ACUA facilitated by Myroslava Oksentiuk
 December 21, 2019 / 10:30 p.m. - 12:00 p.m. at ACUA 9534 - 87St.

UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ST.ELIA.

ORDER OF SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2019.

- 1. - SUNDAY..... 24-th.SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10:00 A.M.
- 8. - SUNDAY..... 25-th.SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST10:00 A.M.
- 15. - SUNDAY..... 26-th.SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST10:00 A.M.
- 22. - SUNDAY..... 27-th.SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST10:00 A.M.
- 29. - SUNDAY..... 28-th.SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST10:00 A.M.

ORDER OF SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2020.

- 5. - SUNDAY.....SUNDAY BEFORE NATIVITY OF CHRIST..... 10:00 A.M.
- 6. - MONDAY.....EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST.....4:30 P.M.
- 7. - TUESDAY.....THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD.....10:00 A.M.
- 12. - SUNDAY..... SUNDAY AFTER NATIVITY10:00 A.M.
- 18 - SATURDAY..... EVE OF THEOPHANY. BLESSING WATER5:30 P.M.
- 19 - SUNDAY..... HOLY THEOPHANY. BLESSING WATER10:00 A.M.
- 26 - SUNDAY..... ST.NINA THE ENLIGHTENER10:00 A.M.

