



ST. ELIA'S NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2022

**СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ!
СЛАВА НАВІКИ!**

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS:

9:30 am Confessions

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

** Due to Covid protocol, confessions are available in the board room.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

• COUNCIL MEETING

February 20th, 2022

after Divine Liturgy

• CLUB TRIDENT AGM - All Welcome

February 27th, 2022

Cultural Center after Divine Liturgy

• UWAC meeting date: to be advised

ST. ELIA'S COVID PROTOCOL

- Please fill out the Self Assessment Questionnaire at the entrance of the Church.

- Entering the church, all wear masks and sit where there is an X mark for distancing.

- Only fully vaccinated (at least 2-dose vaccines) people can attend the service.

**If you have any cold symptoms, please stay home and rest. Thank you!*

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Every year around 27 January, UNESCO pays tribute to the memory of the victims of the Holocaust and reaffirms its unwavering commitment to counter antisemitism, racism, and other forms of intolerance that may lead to group-targeted violence. The date marks the anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau by Soviet troops on 27 January 1945. It was officially proclaimed, in November 2005, International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust by the United Nations General Assembly.

Primate of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine Epifaniy wrote about it on his Facebook page.

“On the International Holocaust Remembrance Day, we share together with the global community the pain of the victims of this terrible tragedy of the last century, which did not bypass the Ukrainian lands.

“After the two Holodomors of 1921-1923 and 1932-1933, the Holocaust became the next act of genocide in time.

“It was not just a tragedy, it was a deliberate crime – against the Jewish people, the Roma, against peaceful people, against humanity, against life, against God. For it was the rejection of God, His Laws of love and mercy, that led to self-praise, self-love, and superiority over others. This is the reason for the emergence of Godless ideologies of Bolshevism, Nazism, and racism...

“I pray that the All-Merciful Lord will grant people the wisdom to draw the right conclusions, learn the lessons of history and observe one of the greatest commandments of our Lord Jesus Christ - love for others,” the first hierarch said. [risu.ua]

FEBRUARY SAINTS AND FEASTS

February 12 The Three Hierarchs



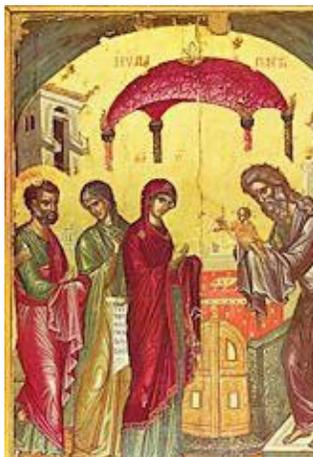
The **Three Hierarchs** of Eastern Christianity refers to Basil the Great (also known as Basil of Caesarea), Gregory the Theologian (also known as Gregory of Nazianzus) and John Chrysostom. They were highly influential bishops of the early church who played pivotal roles in shaping Christian theology. In Eastern Christianity they are also known as the Three Great Hierarchs and Ecumenical Teachers, while in Roman Catholicism the three are honored as Doctors of the Church. The three are venerated as saints in Eastern Orthodoxy, Catholicism, Anglicanism, and other Christian churches.

A **theologian** is generally understood to be a person who teaches or is educated in theology. Its root form is derived from the Greek *theologia*, A literal translation of the Greek word would be “to talk about God.” However, Orthodoxy has privileged the meaning of the

term given by Evagrius Ponticus when he wrote that “If you are a theologian, you will pray truly. And if you pray truly, you are a theologian.” (Treatise On Prayer, 61).

Theologians use various forms of analysis and argument to help understand, explain, test, critique, defend, or promote religious topics. Theology had its origin in classical Greek thought, but was given new senses within the Christian context as the Fathers of the Church.

February 15 The Meeting of Our Lord



The **Meeting of the Lord in the Temple** (also called the **Presentation**) is one of the Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church. This feast is also known as **Candlemas**, particularly in Western nations, due to the custom of blessing candles on this day.

In Eastern tradition, it is often called **The Meeting of Our Lord and God and Savior, Jesus Christ**, because the hymns emphasize the incarnate God, the Lord Jesus Christ, meeting with his people, Israel, in the persons of the Prophet Simeon and the Prophetess Anna.

In the Presentation of our Lord to the Temple, two young pigeons are offered to God's House by Joseph and the Theotokos. They thank God in offering their material goods. The Mother of God, obedient to the teachings of the Old Testament, presents the Christ Child to the Temple forty days after His birth. The icon depicts St. Symeon's encounter with the infant Messiah. Symeon had been promised that he would not see death until he beheld the "Anointed of the Lord." Upon seeing the Child Symeon praises God saying: "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; For my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all people, A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel."

The imagery of this event depicts Symeon as all that was good, all that was God-seeking in the Old Testament community. Thus, in the person of Symeon we see that the Old Testament is fulfilled in Christ. The icon also depicts the Prophetess Anna who was in the Temple the day Jesus was presented in accordance with the law of Moses. She acknowledges the Infant Jesus as the Redeemer of humankind by telling everyone about the redemption of Israel. In some icons of this event she holds a scroll that reads: "This child has created the heaven and the earth!"

We continue to follow this example when presenting our children to the Church for a blessing on the fortieth day after their birth. This pious practice of the faithful enables us to rediscover Christ, to meet Him again, and to affirm Him as our Lord and Savior.

The promise to Symeon is fulfilled as he sees with his own eyes the Savior; the prayers of the prophetess are answered as she beholds the Redeemer because the Lord blesses those who follow Him.

[goarch.org]

Tropar (Tone 1)

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace!
 From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God.
 Enlightening those who sat in darkness!
 Rejoice, and be glad, O righteous elder;
 You accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls,
 Who grants us the Resurrection.

Message from Parish President

Christ is Baptised! In the River Jordan!

Dear members, visitors and friends of St. Elia Ukrainian Orthodox Church. As the president of our church board I would like to express my appreciation for the care and concern we have for each other. We show this care by wearing our masks and keeping the respectful social distance. Since the current Covid situation and the Omicron variants are not slowing down, we have decided to hold off on gathering to make perogies and cabbage rolls. However, with spring and Great Lent quickly approaching we are thinking about making kolachi for the memorial services. We are unsure when we will do this. We will keep you updated on our decisions. I hope everyone stays safe and healthy. I look forward to seeing you all at our church services. Take care.

St. Elia's President , Alex Werstiuk

News and Stories in St. Elia Parish Community



EVE OF THEOPHANY at St Elia - January 19, Wednesday at 10:00 am

Holy Theophany and Blessing of water

served by Very Rev. Mitred Archpriest Fr. Georg Podtepa



DIVINE LITURGY at St Elia - January 23, 2022

His Grace Bishop Ilarion, Rev.Fr.Vasyl and Dobrodiyka Sofiya Maskal visited St. Elia for the Divine Liturgy. It is always a joyous occasion to have His Grace with us. It is through his prayers for and with us we may continue to grow in our faith. God grant him many years!



Newly ordained Rev. Fr. Vasyl Maskal gave his first sermon at St. Elia. He was ordained on January 14, 2022. We look forward to Fr. Vasyl and Dobr. Sofiya Maskal joining us at St. Elia in the coming months. God grant you many years!

* If you like to share your news or stories with St. Elia's members, please email me the information.
 * 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. *Barbara Panchuk (bpanchuk52@gmail.com)*

ACUA Spring Workshops

Beginner Acrylic Painting with Oksana Zhelisko

Do you want to create a bright & beautiful acrylic landscape in one morning? Are you a complete beginner in acrylic painting? This is the class for you – a three-hour class intro to acrylic painting that you will leave with a classic landscape and plenty of knowledge and enthusiasm to continue painting.

Oksana will teach a simplified approach to painting a landscape by breaking it down into basic shapes and values. Follow her demonstration step by step while learning the characteristics of acrylic paints and brushes. You'll be amazed at what you can do with a limited colour palette and some basic colour mixing.

A great start for new acrylic painters! Students need to bring 11"x14" canvas

Saturday, February 12, 2022 10:00am – 1:00pm

In-person at ACUA, 9534 – 87 Street

Register by: February 8, 2022

Members: \$60 / Non-Members: \$65

Hardanger Embroidery with Joyce Sirski-Howell

Traditionally, this counted thread embroidery technique has its roots in Norway. However, it is a technique being done in Ukraine. It is a form of cutwork, but differs from vyrizuvannia, Ukrainian cutwork.

For the class, traditional 22-count Hardanger fabric will be used. First, samples of the basic stitches will be worked: satin, buttonhole, woven bars, eyelets, and more. These will then be applied to start a small doily.

3 Sessions: Thursday February 17, 24 & March 3, 2022 7:00pm – 9:30pm

In-person at ACUA, 9534 – 87 Street

Register by: February 12, 2022

Members: \$70 / Non-Members: \$80

Vytynanky Paper Cutting with Myroslava Oksentiuk

Vytynanka, or paper cutting, is a folk art that was used to decorate homes during the holidays in the 19th century. Images of angels, birds, plants, and other animals are all the traditional cutting ornaments and sometimes was used as amulets for home. In this workshop, you will learn the art of Vytynanka by making your own paper cutting. Once your Vytynanka is created you will apply it to a mat to decorate your home!

February 26, 2022 11:00am – 1:30pm / In-person at ACUA, 9534 – 87 Street

Register by: February 22, 2022

Members: \$45 / Non-Members: \$50

Register at: <https://alberta-council-for-the-ukrainian-arts.square.site/shop/25>

Call (780) 488-8558 or email info@acuarts.ca for more details.

ACUA is following the Restrictions Exemption Program. Please be sure you're able to provide either proof of vaccination, documentation of medical exemption, or proof of a negative PCR or rapid test within 72 hours of service. Masking and social distancing are required.

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ORDER OF SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2022.

6. - SUNDAY.....ZACCHAEUS SUNDAY.....10:00 A.M.
13. - SUNDAY.....PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE.....10:00 A.M.
20. - SUNDAY.....SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON.....10:00 A.M.
27. - SUNDAY.....MEAT-FARE SUNDAY..... 10:00 A.M.

ORDER OF SERVICES FOR MARCH 2022.

6. - SUNDAY.....CHEESE-FARE SUNDAY.....10:00 A.M.
13. - SUNDAY.....SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY.....10:00 A.M.
20. - SUNDAY.....2 SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT.....10:00 A.M.
27. - SUNDAY.....CROSS VENERATION....3.SUND.GR.LENT.....10:00 A.M.

