



ST. ELIA'S NEWSLETTER

MARCH 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

• **UWAC meeting**
Sunday, March 6th, 2022

• **COUNCIL MEETING**
Saturday, March 19th, 2022 1:30pm

**Help Ukraine by supporting the
Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal**

**DONATE ONLINE AT
CUFOUNDATION.CA**

Canada Ukraine Foundation
(tax receipts issued)

My soul, my soul, arise! Why are you sleeping? The end is drawing near, and you will be confounded. Awake, then, and be watchful, that Christ our God may spare you, Who is everywhere present and fills all things.

+ The First Week of Great Lent, Kontakion

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ΠΑΤΡΙΑΡΧΕΙΟΝ

STATEMENT

*by His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew
about the War in Ukraine (Sunday, February 27th, 2022)*

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Even in the most unfavorable circumstances, such as today, where the world community is following with horror Russia's, beyond every sense of law and morality, military attack and unprovoked invasion of Ukraine, an independent and sovereign state...we direct our prayers to the Lord Jesus, the Ruler of peace, asking Him with a fervent soul that He "will give strength to His people" and "bless His people with peace" (cf. Psalm 27:11). The Holy Great Church of Christ unceasingly chants the angelic hymn throughout the ages: "peace on earth and good will to men."

Indeed, during the last few days, a tragic humanitarian catastrophe is unfolding in Ukraine. ...Again, from this position, we address another plea to end the war now! To immediately stop any act of violence, anything that spreads pain and death. Let reason prevail, love for fellow human beings, reconciliation and solidarity, the light of the Risen Christ, the gift of life.

We express our full sympathy to our brother, the Primate of the Church of Ukraine, His Beatitude Metropolitan Epiphanius of Kyiv, and our unwavering support to all the seriously suffering Ukrainian people, who have a deep faith in God and chose to live freely and to determine their own lives, as every nation deserves. ...We are certain that the Lord will hear our prayers and will not abandon his beloved children in Ukraine.



*ENCYCLICAL REGARDING THE INVASION OF UKRAINE
BY THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
FROM THE LOCUM TENENS OF THE METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL OF
THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CANADA*

Your Grace! Reverend Presbyters & Deacons!
Members of the Consistory Board & Presidium!
Beloved & Faithful Brothers & Sisters in Christ!

Today, 25 February 2022, marks the second day of unprovoked, brutal, and violent attacks on the sovereign territory of our peace-loving, free, independent ancestral homeland, Ukraine! ...the beautiful and glorious country which is home to our relatives and friends; a country in which exist some of the holiest places in Orthodoxy; a country which is the source of our identity, personal and collective history, and Orthodox Christian spirituality.

My dear ones! I know many of you feel sorrow, shock, anger and are in disbelief. Now is not the time to be overcome by our emotions or to submit to panic, but to channel our energy into good, Godly works for the benefit of our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. We are members of a vast and active Ukrainian diaspora! Let us, each one of us, take up the challenge to add our talents to productive activism!

Therefore, in response to the current war of aggression against our people, I bless all our churches to be active centres of prayer and “havens for the storm-tossed.” Wherever possible, our churches should be accessible daily for prayer and solace. ...

Additionally, I bless all members of our Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada to support initiatives coordinated by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress and the Canada-Ukraine Foundation....

Beloved in Christ! ...We may find ourselves frustratingly distanced from the place that so needs our help, but we are, nevertheless, armed with precisely the weapons required for our Ukrainian brothers and sisters: our prayers for their salvation and our resolve and ability to ensure that truth and justice prevail through our productive activism as a Ukrainian Orthodox community in this blessed country, Canada.

Through the prayers of the Most Holy Theotokos, the intercessions of the honourable Heavenly Bodiless Powers, and all the saints of the lands of Kyivan Rus'-Ukraine, may the blessings of our Lord be upon the pious and faith

With archpastoral affection in Christ, the Lord,

Ilarion, Bishop of Edmonton & the Western Eparchy

Locum Tenens of the Metropolitan Cathedral, people of Ukraine and you all!

A Prayer for Ukraine

Дорогі Парафіяни й Друзі

Dear Parishioners and Friends

This is a fervent call to prayers by us all in response to the tragic events unfolding in our ancestral homeland.

“God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

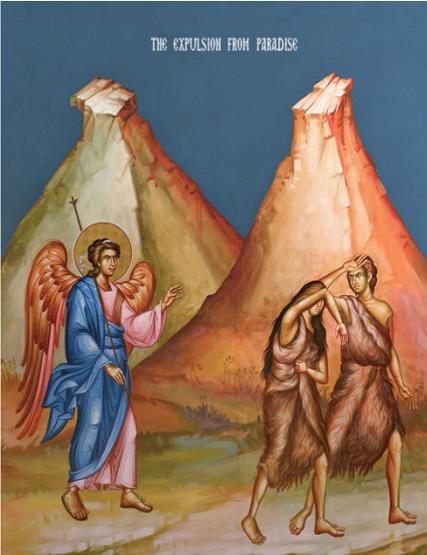
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen”

With Love in Christ our Lord,

Fr. Roman Tsaplan

MARCH 6: THE SUNDAY OF FORGIVENESS



The Sunday of Forgiveness is the last Sunday prior to the commencement of Great Lent. Focus is placed on the exile of Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden, an event that shows us how far we have fallen in sin and separated ourselves from God. At the onset of Great Lent and a period of intense fasting, this Sunday reminds us of our need for God’s forgiveness and guides our hearts, minds, and spiritual efforts on returning to Him in repentance.

One of the primary images is that of the return to Paradise. Lent is a time when we weep with Adam and Eve before the closed gate of Eden, repenting with them for the sins that have deprived us of our free communion with God. But Lent is also a time when we are preparing to celebrate the saving event of Christ’s death and rising, which has reopened Paradise to us once more (Luke 23:43). So sorrow for our exile in sin is tempered by hope of our re-entry into Paradise.

Before we enter the Lenten fast, we are reminded that there can be no true fast, no genuine repentance, no reconciliation with God, unless we are at the same time reconciled with one another. A fast without mutual love is the fast of demons. We do not travel the road of Lent as isolated individuals but as members of a family. Our asceticism and fasting should not separate us from others, but should link us to them with ever-stronger bonds.

The triumph of sin, the main sign of its rule over the world, is division, opposition, separation, hatred. Therefore, the first breakthrough this fortress of sin is forgiveness—the return to unity, solidarity, love. To forgive is to put between me and my “enemy” the radiant forgiveness of God Himself. To forgive is to reject the hopeless “dead-ends” of human relations and to refer them to Christ. Forgiveness is truly a “breakthrough” of the Kingdom into this sinful and fallen world.

<https://www.goarch.org/cheesefare-learn>

- * 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)*

Message from Parish President

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ! It is that time of year again! We are into our season of Great Lent and we are preparing for our Lenten and Easter services. We started making Kolachi and Perogies. So far, we have made around 20 kolachi and 154 dozen perogies! A big thanks to Collin These for his donation of 800 pounds of potatoes he cultivated himself. Also, a big thanks to the 6-8 women who have been coming out to help with these preparations. If any others would like to come out and help us pinch perogies it would be most helpful and appreciated. Contact me and we can make arrangements. Fr. Georg needed Kolachi for the memorial services we will be holding during Great Lent, so, we were able to make these. I hope you all have a good and blessed Lent.

St. Elia's President , Alex Werstiuk

News and Stories in St. Elia Parish Community



MOLIBEN SERVICE AFTER LITURGY at St Elia - February 27

Very Rev. Mitred Archpriest Fr. Georg Podtepa and Rev.Fr.Vasyl Maskal served a special Moliben for Ukraine's protection and quick resolution of the conflict.



CLUB TRIDENT AGM - February 27

Club Trident held an AGM after missing the last 2 years due to covid. President Ivan Sawchuk reported on the last 3 years of the Club Trident situation and made clear to us the current status and projected planning for our parish.

UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ST.ELIA.

ORDER OF SERVICES FOR MARCH 2022.

6. - SUNDAY..... SUNDAY OF FORGIVENESS (CHEESE-FARE)..... 10:00 A.M.
13 - SUNDAY..... SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY..... 10:00 A.M
20 - SUNDAY..... 2nd.SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT 10:00 A.M.
27 - SUNDAY..... 3rd.SUNDAY. HOLY CROSS VENERATION..... 10:00 A.M.

ORDER OF SERVICES FOR APRIL 2022.

3. - SUNDAY..... 4th.SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT..... 10:00 A.M.
10 - SUNDAY 5th.SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT 10:00 A.M
17 - SUNDAY PALM SUNDAY 10:00 A.M.
24 - SUNDAY..... HOLY PASCHA-RESURRECTION OF CHRIST..... 10:00 A.M.

