



# ST. ELIA'S NEWSLETTER

JUNE 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  
\* Confessions are available  
in the board room.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### • COUNCIL MEETING

*Sunday, June 26th, 2022*  
after Divine Liturgy

• THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH  
OF CANADA XXIV SOBOR  
*June 15-19, 2022*

### **Newsletter submissions ~ feel free!**

\* 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)**

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## **Message from Parish President**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

I hope this spring-time has passed well for all of you. I would like to thank all the new-comers to our parish and sharing in our worship. We look forward to seeing new faces again and growing together as a community. We have not been very busy working out of the church lately. We are not in a panic to make perogies as sales have been slow. However, we do have projects to upgrade the exterior lighting around the church and some new help to upkeep the church grounds. Please continue to stay safe and healthy.

***St. Elia's President , Alex Werstiuk***

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### **WESTERN EPARCHY OF THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CANADA FORMALIZES AGREEMENT WITH ORTHODOX CHURCH OF UKRAINE FOR DIRECT HUMANITARIAN AID**

In response to extreme challenges related to humanitarian aid thrust upon Ukraine resulting from engagement by the Russian Federation in an unprovoked, criminal war – summarized during discussions between the Primate of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine, His Beatitude Metropolitan Epifaniy of Kyiv and All-Ukraine, and His Grace Bishop Ilarion of Edmonton and the Western Eparchy, Locum Tenens of the Metropolitan Cathedral of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada – and following guidance from the Charities Directorate of the Canada Revenue Agency, Vladyka Ilarion, in his capacity as ruling bishop of the Western Eparchy and Chair of the Western Eparchy Council, has successfully concluded a process formalizing the Orthodox Church of Ukraine as an intermediary for charitable and humanitarian support from the Western Eparchy for orphans, seniors, the handicapped, the homeless, and other needy groups in the care of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine. This allows the Western Eparchy (and, indeed, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada) to send material aid to Ukraine via the Orthodox Church of Ukraine directly.

The agreement between the Western Eparchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada and the Orthodox Church of Ukraine was signed into deed by His Beatitude Metropolitan Epifaniy of Kyiv and All-Ukraine and His Grace Bishop Ilarion of Edmonton and the Western Eparchy, Locum Tenens of the Metropolitan Cathedral of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, on 06 April 2022.

***Donations for humanitarian aid (tax receipts will be issued) may be sent to:***

***By cheque\*: Western Eparchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada\*  
11404-112 Avenue, Edmonton, AB T5G 0H6***

***OR***

***By e-transfer\*: [giving@uocc-stjohn.ca](mailto:giving@uocc-stjohn.ca)***

## JUNE SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS

**June 12: Pentecost** (also called **Trinity Day** or **Descent of the Holy Spirit**) is one of the Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church, celebrated fifty days after Pascha (thus always falling on a Sunday, this year: **June 12, 2022**, next year: **June 4, 2023**, and **June 23, 2024**, the year after that.)

### Day of Pentecost

Fifty days after the Resurrection, on the exciting Jewish feast of Pentecost, while the disciples and many other followers of Jesus Christ were gathered together to pray, the Holy Spirit descended upon them in the form of “cloven tongues of fire,” with the sound of a mighty rushing wind, and they began to speak in languages that they did not know. There were many visitors from the Jewish diaspora to Jerusalem at that time for the Jewish observance of the feast, and they were astonished to hear these untaught fishermen speaking praises to God in their alien tongues.

The number fifty, as in the fiftieth day after Pascha, stands for eternal and heavenly fulfillment, seven times seven, plus one.

### Feast of Pentecost

The Orthodox Church sees Pentecost as the final fulfillment of the mission of Jesus Christ and the first beginning of the messianic age of the Kingdom of God, mystically present in his Church. It is traditionally called the beginning of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

Besides celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit, the feast also celebrates the full revelation of the divine Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Hymns of the Church, celebrate the sign of the final act of God’s self-disclosure to the world of His creation. To Orthodox Christians, the feast of Pentecost is not just a celebration of an event in history. It is also a celebration their membership in the Church. They have lived Pentecost and received “the seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit” in the sacrament of chrismation.

*Orthodox wiki*

### Icon of the Feast

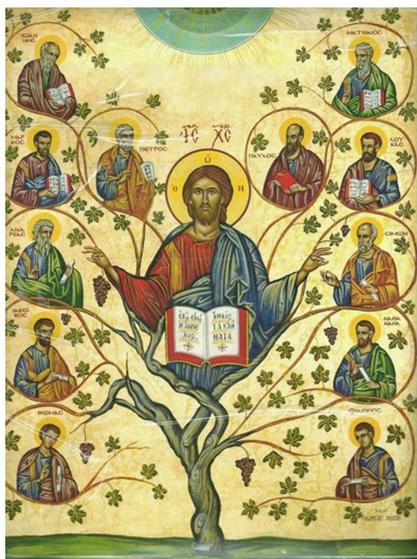


The icon of the Feast of Pentecost is known as “The Descent of the Holy Spirit”. The movement of the icon is from the top to the bottom. At the top of the icon is a semicircle with rays coming from it. The rays are pointing toward the Apostles. The building in the background of the icon represents the upper room where the Disciples of Christ gathered after the Ascension. The Apostles are shown seated in a semicircle which shows the unity of the Church. Included in the group of the Apostles is Saint Paul, who, though not present with the others on the day of Pentecost, became an Apostle of the Church and the greatest missionary. Also included are the four Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John,

holding books of the Gospel, while the other Apostles are holding scrolls that represent the teaching authority given to them by Christ.

In the center of the icon below the Apostles, a royal figure is seen against a dark background. This is a symbolic figure, Cosmos, representing the people of the world living in darkness and sin, and involved in pagan worship. However, the figure carries in his hands a cloth containing scrolls which represent the teaching of the Apostles. The tradition of the Church holds that the Apostles carried the message of the Gospel to all parts of the world.

In the icon of Pentecost we see the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit, sent down upon the Apostles who will teach the nations and baptize them in the name of the Holy Trinity. Here we see that the Church is brought together and sustained in unity through the presence and work of the Holy Spirit, that the Spirit guides the Church in the missionary endeavor throughout the world, and that the Spirit nurtures the Body of Christ, the Church, in truth and love. *Goarch.com*



**June 20: Apostles' Fast begins** 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 scriptural foundation for the Fast is found in the Synoptic Gospels [Matthew, Mark, Luke], when the Pharisees criticized the apostles for not fasting, Jesus said to them, "Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast." In the immediate sense, Christ was referring to his being taken to be crucified; but in the wider sense it is understood in terms of his Ascension into heaven and his commission to preach the Gospel, which can only be accomplished with prayer and fasting.

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.

### June 26: All Saints of Rus-Ukraine



God has commanded: "You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy." (Leviticus 11:44; I Peter 1:15-16). This command must be our beacon during the time of the Apostles' Fast which began on the Monday after All Saints' Sunday and lasts until the Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul (June 30/July 12). Knowing that God is impartial in His dealings with people ought to give us hope and encouragement in our efforts at living a dedicated and holy life. God has helped countless people before us and will help us as well.

## News and Events at St. Elia Parish and the Ukrainian Community

Congratulations! Our sister **Betty Corlett** has been selected as a recipient of ***the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada (USRL) Award of Excellence.***

“...Your nomination, which was made by Lesia Perritt, outlined your steadfast dedication to our community and was approved by the Award of Excellence committee. Your significant efforts have made an impact on our Canadian and Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada communities and we congratulate you!...”

*from the USRL Letter*

### **Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada 2022 USRL-CYC National Convention**

**August 10 - 14, 2022  
Edmonton, Alberta**

Registration form here:

***[www.usrl-cyc.org/events/convention2022/  
convention-registration](http://www.usrl-cyc.org/events/convention2022/convention-registration)***

Deadline for submission of registration forms and payment is **July 8 , 2022.**

For questions or more information about the 2022 Convention,  
please email ***[convention2022@usrl-cyc.org](mailto:convention2022@usrl-cyc.org)***

### **GOLF TOURNAMENT *Support Ukrainians settling in Alberta***

**Monday, June 13, 2022  
Cattail Crossing Golf & Winter Club,  
24427 Township Rd 542, Sturgeon  
County, AB T8T 1L4**

Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Alberta  
Provincial Council (UCC-APC)  
in support with Ukraine Athletic and  
Ukrainian Golf Association of Canada  
Presents

### **ACUA Workshop *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, June 18, 2022 10:00am – 1:00pm**  
**Members: \$60 Non-Members: \$65**

**Register at: <https://alberta-council-for-the-ukrainian-arts.square.site/shop/25>**  
Call (780) 488-8558 or email [programs@acuarts.ca](mailto:programs@acuarts.ca) for more details.  
ACUA 9534-87 Street Edmonton

**May 29 2022: Ecumenical Patriarch prays on Mount Athos for an end to the war in “suffering Ukraine” and expresses his solidarity with the Ukrainian people...**The fathers of Mount Athos report that on May 28, the first day of his stay on the Holy Mountain, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew performed a special prayer in the Iveron monastery in front of the miraculous Iveron Icon of the Mother of God for the end of the war and the coming of peace in “suffering Ukraine”. He prayerfully shared his pain and sympathy with the Ukrainian people and as a sign of prayerful solidarity with the Ukrainian people, he specially lit an unquenchable lamp in front of the miraculous Iveron Icon of the Mother of God as a symbol of prayer and sacrifice to God for “suffering Ukraine”.

The fathers of Mount Athos say that such a prayer of the Ecumenical Patriarch in the garden of the Mother of God before her most revered miraculous icon has great power and significance...

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

### **ORDER OF SERVICES FOR JUNE 2022.**

- 5. - SUNDAY..... FATHERS OF 1st ECUMENICAL COUNCIL.....10:00 A.M.
- 12. - SUNDAY..... TRINITY SUNDAY.....10:00 A.M.
- 19. - SUNDAY..... ALL SAINTS.....10:00 A.M.
- 26. - SUNDAY..... ALL SAINTS OF UKRAINE..... 10:00 A.M.

