



# ST. ELIA'S NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2023

**СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ!  
СЛАВА НАВІКІ!**

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

## **SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS:**

9:30 am Confessions  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**COUNCIL MEETING**  
***Sunday, June 25th, 2023***  
after Divine Liturgy

### **\* Free Store for Ukrainian Newcomers**

The store provides clothing and essentials at no charge to Ukrainian newcomers to Edmonton displaced by the war in Ukraine.

**Mission Outreach of St Elia** is joining their appeal for donations of Toiletries - Shampoo, Full Size Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Shower Gel; and Housewares - toasters, kettles, irons, kitchen utensils, dishes, pots, pans and cookware. Please check to ensure these are in new/next to new condition and CLEAN.

Please leave items along with your Food Bank donations and we will make sure they get to the Free Store.

Bless you!

## **CONTACTS**

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### **• WEBSITES**

St. Elia: [www.uocc-stelia.ca](http://www.uocc-stelia.ca)  
Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada: [www.uocc.ca](http://www.uocc.ca)  
Western Eparchy: [www.uocc-we.ca](http://www.uocc-we.ca)

### **• CLERGY**

**PRIEST:** Very Rev. Mitred Archpriest Fr. Georg Podtepa  
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## **Message from Parish President**

Glory be to Jesus Christ! His Glory is forever! As the summer months approach and the weather improves, let us thank the lord for the beauty that appears each day, from the flowers, trees and grasses to the birds in the sky.

I would also like to take this time to thank Dobr. Ivanna and the Youth Musical Orchestra for the wonderful performance for Mother's day. As well as all the people who brought food and attended the performance. It was wonderful to see the support for these young people, and their tribute to all the Mothers.

I would also like to thank all the people who help to keep our parish functioning. The Clergy, the Dobrodiky, the Hospodar, the Altar servers, the Church Board, the Sisterhood, and all the parishioners who attend the services, Thank You all!

May Jesus Christ shower his love and blessings on each of you and your loved ones. May your lives and the lives of your loved ones be full of happiness, harmony and peace.

***Your Sister-in Christ,  
President,  
Tammy Ewanec***

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## **Message from UWAC Lesia Ukrainka Branch at St. Elia**

Thank you Hilda Ewanec for organizing and financing, and Justina, Tammy, Jean, Pauline and Bill for assisting in making Easter breads. Your commitment to providing Paskas and babkas to parishioners and others is very much appreciated. Thank you to the Soyuzanky who consistently help with potlucks – setting-up and clean-up after. Tammy, Mary Ann, Mariana and all others, St. Elia church attendees are grateful for your participation in making Sunday fellowship a wonderful event. Thank you to all St. Elia members and guests who bring food to share at these occasions; we must do them more often. Thank you Dobr. Ivanna for organizing the Mother's Day Concert! Thank you Mary Ann Tymchuk for your donation of beautiful beaded icons to grace the walls of our church! Thank you Dobr. Barbara and Myrna for putting together the monthly parish newsletter! Thank you AI, for your unending support at UWAC events and church crisis management. How ever would our beloved church of St. Elia manage without the support of the Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada, Lesia Ukrainka Branch at Elia. And thank you Club Trident for your financial and moral support as well. Our lay organizations are paramount to the sustainability of the parish. We must maintain our combined church community in any way we all can.

***In Christ,  
Betty Corlett, President***

## FEAST DAYS IN JUNE

### June 4: Day of Pentecost



Fifty days after the Resurrection, on the existing 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 fisherman speaking praises to God in their alien tongues. This account is detailed in the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2.

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 of 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.

Today Ukrainians also celebrate Zeleni Svyata (Green Holidays)



The Feast of Triytsya (Trinity Sunday) celebrates the Christian belief of Holy Spirit’s descent on the apostles. In Ukrainian it is also known as Pyatydesyatnytsya and in English it is known as Whitsunday, or Pentecost.

It is an ancient pre-Christian fertility festival closely linked to the spring-to-summer transition, the cult of the dead and agricultural rites. In modern day Ukraine it is closely tied to and celebrated along with Pentecostal Sunday and Monday.

The insides and outsides of homes are decorated with grasses and greenery, fragrant plants and wildflowers, birch, linden and oak branches – symbols of vegetative power. First, the greenery must be taken to church and blessed by the priest. Grasses and greenery are believed to possess special powers that protect dwellings from evil and magic. Young girls and boys get together, weave wreaths, sing, dance and welcome the summer period.

### June 5: All Saints



The first Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pentecost is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of All Saints. This day has been designated as a commemoration of all of the Saints, all the Righteous, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, both men and women alike, known and unknown, who have been added to the choirs of the Saints and shall be added, from the time of Adam until the end of the world, who have been perfected in piety and have glorified God by their holy lives.



### June 12: Apostles Fast begins; also called the Fast of Peter and Paul

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 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.

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### \* FOOD BANK DONATIONS \*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

The Board of St. Elia, once again, would love to reinstate the donations to the food bank that we were actively donating before the Covid Pandemic. We would like to remind those of us who would like to donate that non-perishable foods well within their 'best-before' date are much welcome towards this initiative. We will make sure the donations make their way to the Food Bank. As well as non-perishable goods we are happy to take money donations to pass on to Food-Bank on your behalf. There is no pressure to donate, but if you feel called to give to those in need and are able, then, within your means please do. 2 Corinthians 9:7, the apostle Paul said, "God loves a cheerful giver." While encouraging the believers in Corinth to give generously, Paul didn't want them to give beyond their means, "reluctantly or under compulsion." Most importantly, he wanted them to rely on their inner convictions. Even so, pray for those who work within these services and those who receive the benefits, for we are all in need of the prayers that help in so many ways beyond our knowing.

## \* DONATION NEEDED FOR ALTAR UPGRADE \*

We are planing to update our altar with a 7-branch candelabra and tabernacle.

We greatly appreciate any help towards this initiative.

Please make a separate donation towards these items.

Thank you.



7-branch Candelabra



Tabernacle

FOR REPOSE  
OF THE DEPARTED

FOR HEALTH  
AND SALVATION

### Prayers for our loved ones

At the entrance of the church you may find pieces of paper that look like the ones shown. Fr. Vasyl Maskal provided these for us. One paper is labeled for "Health and Salvation" and the other is "For Repose of the Departed." These two lists are there for you to write the names of those you know, love, and care about.

Before the Divine Liturgy the priest will remember the names of the living and the dead that are provided. This is done at the north corner altar table as part of the Liturgy of Preparation. The priest will say aloud the names of the living and the dead and remove a portion of the Prosera (liturgical loaves specially prepared for the day) and place the commemorations on the Diskos along with all the other Saints remembered. For these commemorations, we respectfully ask that only the names of living and departed Orthodox Christians be provided for the Liturgy of Preparation. The reason being, later in the Divine Liturgy the particles of bread that were part of the Preparation Liturgy are placed in the Chalice right after Holy Communion with the prayer, "Wash away, O Lord, the sins of all those remembered here..."

- Only first names are necessary.  
Please print clearly for ease of reading.
- For Non-Orthodox Commemorations  
Please mark next to their name(s).

Our Communion with our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ is a holy mystery which we enter into through the mysteries of Baptism, Confession, the Eucharist, Marriage and Christian Burial. We do not exclude, but we distinguish between baptised and non-baptised members of the Body of Christ; the church. We will gladly pray for non-orthodox people whose names are provided for commemoration during the Litanies of Fervent Supplication (for Health and for those who are sick) and for the Departed during the Divine Liturgy. If we just see a name on the sheet, we will automatically assume that these are names of Orthodox Christians. But, if you know they are not Orthodox Christians, please make a note of it on the paper, so we know what we are doing.

It may be helpful for our regular faithful who attend every Sunday to also make a note on the top or bottom corner if they want a list of names to be continued each Sunday. In this way your list will not be thrown out and we will continually pray for those names you provide until you give us notice that you want to stop the prayers for any given list or make changes. Hopefully this makes sense, and if there is any confusion, please do not hesitate to ask our priest, the deacon, or altar servers. May the Good Lord remember us all in His Kingdom! **Fr. Deacon Evan Panchuk**

## News and Stories in St. Elia Parish Community

**Mother's Day Pot Luck Fellowship  
and Performance by UA Music Razom (led by Dobr. Ivanna)  
Sunday, May 14th after Liturgy At St. Elia**



The fellowship was a great success!  
Many thanks to Tammy Ewanec for heroic kitchen prep, to parishioners who brought (lots of) food, and to the young musicians, many from Ukraine, who provided a Mother's Day concert and to Dobr. Bilous for MCing.

*\*Photos provided by Myrna Kostash and Mariana Wambeck*

## Upcoming news/events in the Ukrainian Community

**Ukrainian Museum of Canada, Alberta Branch**  
**Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada**  
 St. John's Cultural Center, 10611 110 Ave NW, Edmonton

### ***OPENING EXHIBIT. CHANGE AND CONTINUITY, KEEPING CULTURE ALIVE***

**You are invited to the official opening of the newly renovated museum gallery  
 on Friday, June 9 at 7:00 pm. *SAVE THE DATE!***

On June 9, the Ukrainian Museum of Canada, Alberta Branch is reopening with a new exhibition after two years of being closed. The exhibition will feature embroidery, weavings, woodwork, ceramics, religious items and artworks that link the past with the present. The displayed works will also illustrate traditional stylistic differences in different regions and their adaptation in modern times, showcasing changes in Ukrainian material culture through the eras. Some of the designs belong to the 18th and 19th centuries but still have connections with our time. Art and photographs of Ukrainian historical events provide context to the artifacts on display. As the traditional finds its place in our lives, that culture becomes a living part of our present life.

***For further information, contact Elaine Harasymiw, [Elainelvh@telus.net](mailto:Elainelvh@telus.net) or phone 780 437-6629.***

### ***ACUA Events & Workshops***

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 10554 110 St NW Unit 100 Edmonton, AB T5H 3C



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## **UKRAINIAN VINTAGE ITEMS**

ACCEPTING FOR DONATION AND CONSIGNMENT  
**MAY 16 – JUNE 10**

[EMAIL EVENTS@ACUARTS.CA](mailto:EVENTS@ACUARTS.CA) FOR INFORMATION

Accepted Ukrainian Vintage Items:

- Ceramics and Glassware
- Artwork
- Music and Film
- Clothing, Textiles, and Dance Costumes
- Books and Cookbooks
- Jewelry
- Rare Artifacts and Souvenirs
- Religious Items... and more!

***Vintage Launch Day:  
 Saturday, June 24th, 2023.***

This event features thousands of items on consignment from people just like you. And we're here to help you through the process! So if you're a returning consignor, or you're a first time "Vintager":

EMAIL [events@acuarts.ca](mailto:events@acuarts.ca) or CALL 780-488-8558. You'll receive your consignor number as well as a few tips for your pricing and labelling process. We will be accepting items at our location May 16 – June 10, 2023.

It is absolutely free to join the sale, and free to attend! We at ACUA host a joyous launch day featuring live music and delicious Ukrainian food, and we run all the sales on the day and over the course of the eight weeks thereafter.

Note: ACUA takes a 25% commission on sales, so price your items accordingly. We are a non-profit, volunteer-powered community organization. You also have the option of donating your items, in which case all proceeds will go to support the organization.

***After launch event, sale continues for eight weeks during regular ACUA Gallery & Artisan Boutique hours.***

***Sunday: Closed / Monday: Closed***

***Tuesday to Thursday: 10 am - 4 pm***

***Friday: 2pm - 7 pm / Saturday: 11 am - 3 pm***

## UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ST.ELIA

### **ORDER OF SERVICES FOR JUNE 2023.**

4. - SUNDAY..... PENTECOST ..... 10:00 A.M.
11. - SUNDAY..... 1st SUN. AFTER PENTECOST: ALL SAINTS .....10:00 A.M.
18. - SUNDAY..... 2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:  
ALL SAINTS OF UKRAINE ..... 10:00 A.M.
25. - SUNDAY..... 3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ..... 10:00 A.M.

### **ORDER OF SERVICES FOR JULY 2023.**

2. - SUNDAY..... 4-th.SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ..... 9:30 A.M.
9. - SUNDAY..... 5-th. SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ..... 9:30 A.M.
16. - SUNDAY..... 6-th.SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ..... 9:30 A.M.
23. - SUNDAY.....7-th.SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ..... 9:30 A.M.
30. - SUNDAY.....8-th.SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ..... 9:30 A.M.

