



# ST. ELIA'S NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2024

СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ!  
СЛАВА НАВІКИ!

GLORY BE TO JESUS CHRIST!  
GLORY FOREVER!



## SUNDAY WORSHIP:

- † Confession: from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m.
- † Hours: 9:00 a.m.
- † Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- \* **ST. ELIA COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Sunday, March 17, 2024**  
after Divine Liturgy

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## Newsletter Submissions ~ feel free!

\* If you want to share an event, story, or photos with our Ukrainian Orthodox community, please send the information to [bpanchuk52@gmail.com](mailto:bpanchuk52@gmail.com)

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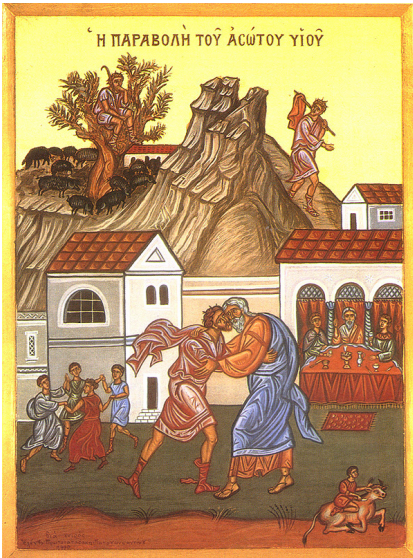
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## UPCOMING FEAST DAYS

### ***Sunday of the Prodigal Son Commemorated on March 3***



The Sunday after the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son. This parable of God's forgiveness calls us to "come to ourselves" as did the prodigal son, to see ourselves as being "in a far country" far from the Father's house, and to make the journey of return to God. We are given every assurance by the Master that our heavenly Father will receive us with joy and gladness. We must only "arise and go," confessing our self-inflicted and sinful separation from that "home" where we truly belong (Luke 15:11-24).

If we were to serve Matins, this is where we would first hear the lenten hymn "By the Waters of Babylon." It is sung for the next two Sundays before Lent begins, and it serves to reinforce the theme of exile in today's Gospel.

The day after, the weekday readings summarize the events of Holy Week. On Monday we read Saint Mark's account of the Entry into Jerusalem. On Tuesday we read how Judas went to the chief priests and offered to betray the Lord. On the night before His death Christ tells His disciples that one of them will betray Him. He also predicts that they will desert Him, and that Peter will deny Him three times. On Wednesday the Gospel describes how Judas betrayed the Savior with a kiss. Thursday's Gospel tells how Jesus was questioned by Pilate. On Friday we read the narrative of Christ's crucifixion and death.

### ***Sunday of Meatfare of the Last Judgment Commemorated on March 10***

Today's Gospel reading is Matthew 25:31-46, the parable of the Last Judgment. It reminds us that while trusting in Christ's love and mercy, we must not forget His righteous judgment when He comes again in glory. If our hearts remain hardened and unrepentant, we should not expect the Lord to overlook our transgressions simply because He is a good and loving God. Although He does not desire the death of a sinner, He also expects us to turn from our wickedness and live (Ezek. 33:11). This same idea is expressed in the prayer read by the priest after the penitent has confessed his or her sins (Slavic practice).

The time for repentance and forgiveness is now, in the present life. At the Second Coming, Christ will appear as the righteous Judge, "Who will render to every man according to his deeds" (Rom. 2:6). Then the time for entreating God's mercy and forgiveness will have passed.

As Father Alexander Schmemmann reminds us in his book GREAT LENT (Ch. 1:4), sin is the absence of love, it is separation and isolation. When Christ comes to judge the world, His criterion for judgment will be love. Christian love entails seeing Christ in other people, our family, our friends, and everyone else we may encounter in our lives. We shall be judged on whether we have loved, or not loved, our neighbor. We show Christian love when we feed the hungry, give drink to

the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick or in prison. If we did such things for the least of Christ's brethren, then we also did them for Christ (Mt.25:40). If we did not do such things for the least of the brethren, neither did we do them for Christ (Mt.25:45).

This is the last day for eating meat and meat products until Pascha, though eggs and dairy products are permitted every day during the coming week. This limited fasting prepares us gradually for the more intense fasting of Great Lent.

***Sunday of Cheesefare: Expulsion of Adam from Paradise  
Commemorated on March 17***

As we begin the Great Fast, the Church reminds us of Adam's expulsion from Paradise. God commanded Adam to fast (Gen. 2:16), but he did not obey. Because of their disobedience, Adam and Eve were cast out of Eden and lost the life of blessedness, knowledge of God, and communion with Him, for which they were created. Both they and their descendents became heirs of death and corruption.

Let us consider the benefits of fasting, the consequences of disobedience, and recall our fallen state. Today we are invited to cleanse ourselves of evil through fasting and obedience to God. Our fasting should not be a negative thing, a mere abstention from certain foods. It is an opportunity to free ourselves from the sinful desires and urges of our fallen nature, and to nourish our souls with prayer, repentance, to participate in church services, and partake of the life-giving Mysteries of Christ.

At Forgiveness Vespers we sing: "Let us begin the time of fasting in light, preparing ourselves for spiritual efforts. Let us purify our soul, let us purify our body. As we abstain from food, let us abstain from all passion and enjoy the virtues of the spirit...."

***1st Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of Orthodoxy  
Commemorated on March 24***

The first Sunday of Great Lent is called the Sunday of Orthodoxy because it commemorates the restoration of the Holy Icons and the triumph of the Orthodox Faith against the terrible heresy of the Iconoclasts, i.e. those heretics who refused to honor the Holy Icons. For more than a hundred years the Church was disturbed by the evil doctrine of iconoclasm.

The first Emperor to persecute the Church was Leo the Isaurian, and the last was Theophilos, the spouse of Saint Theodora (February 11), who reigned after her husband's death and re-established Orthodoxy in the time of Patriarch Methodios (June 14). Empress Theodora proclaimed publicly that we do not kiss the Icons as a sign of worship, nor do we honor them as "gods," but as images of their prototypes.

In the year 843, on the first Sunday of the Fast, Saint Theodora and her son, Emperor Michael, venerated the Holy Icons together with the clergy and the people. Since that time this event has been commemorated every year, because it was definitively determined that we do not worship the Icons, but we honor and glorify all the Saints who are depicted on them. We worship only the Triune God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and no one else, neither a Saint, nor an Angel.

## 2nd Sunday of Great Lent: St. Gregory Palamas



Gregory Palamas (c. 1296 – 1359) was a Byzantine Greek theologian and Eastern Orthodox cleric of the late Byzantine period. A monk of Mount Athos (modern Greece) and later archbishop of Thessaloniki, he is famous for his defense of hesychast spirituality, the uncreated character of the light of the Transfiguration, and the distinction between God's essence and energies (i.e., the divine will, divine grace, etc.). His teaching unfolded over the course of three major controversies, (1) with the Italo-Greek Barlaam between 1336 and 1341, (2) with the monk Gregory Akindynos between 1341 and 1347, and (3) with the philosopher Gregoras, from 1348 to 1355. His theological contributions are sometimes referred to as Palamism, and his followers as Palamites.

Gregory has been venerated as a saint in the Eastern Orthodox Church since 1368. Some of his writings are collected in the Philokalia, and since the Ottoman period, the second Sunday of Great Lent is dedicated to the memory of Gregory Palamas in the Orthodox Church. The Byzantine Synodikon of Orthodoxy also celebrates his memory and theology while condemning his opponents, including some anti-Palamites who flourished after Gregory's death.

## News & Stories in St. Elia Parish Community



*February 9th-10th*

*Members of St. Elias gathered and made perogies for church fundraising.  
Thank you to everyone who spent their time and effort to help serve the church.  
Contact the church if you would like to buy some perogies.*

## Upcoming news/events in the Ukrainian Community

### \* EASTER BAKE SALES

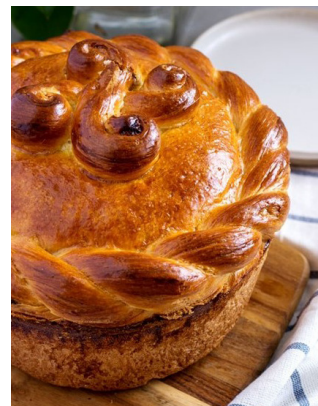
**St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Hall 12918 - 121 Street  
Saturday, March 23, 2024 10:00a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

*Pyrohy / Cabbage Rolls / Paska*

*For more info contact Dorothy:780-476-3646 or Jim: 780-474-4394*

**St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Sobor Parish  
Cultural Centre 9821 - 75 Street  
Saturday, March 23, 2024 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

*Easter Eggs, Easter Breads, Holubtsi, various baked goods*



### ACUA EASTER MARKET

**MAR 23, 2024**

**10:00am - 11:00 a.m. (ACUA Members Only) / 11:00 - 3:00 p.m. - (Public)**

**ACUA Gallery 10554 110 St NW Unit 100, Edmonton, AB**

*Get ready for Easter at ACUA!*

*Food • Ukrainian Easter Supplies • Artisan & Craft Vendors • Art & Ukrainian Goods*

In addition to the market, ACUA is offering a curated menu of Ukrainian food and other food offerings for Easter! Visit our online food market to place your order starting February 23.

***Order Online: February 23 to March 16, 2024***

***<https://acua-market.square.site>***

### **Pioneer Churches Project**

The Pioneer Churches on the Prairies is an ongoing project to record, document and display the historic churches established by early settlers in northeastern Alberta. They have photos and histories on 92 different churches and their cemeteries. If you would like to see their website and view their work, please visit: <https://pioneerchurches.ca/>



## **ACUA(Alberta Council for the Ukrainian Arts) Events & Workshops**

780-488-8558 | [info@acuarts.ca](mailto:info@acuarts.ca) | [programs@acuarts.ca](mailto:programs@acuarts.ca) | <https://acuarts.ca/>

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

ACUA Regular Hours: Tue-Thu 10am-4pm | Friday 2pm-7pm | Saturday 11am-3pm

### **\* KOVBASA MAKING WORKSHOP**

**MAR 09, 2024 10:00am – 1:00pm**

**at St Elia Church 11833 66 Street (South Entrance)**

Registration Fee Members: \$100 / Non-Members: \$125 (**Register by: March 1, 2024**)

Learn how to make your own homemade kovbasa! The instructor will teach you everything you need to know so you can create your own delicious ring of kovbasa. You will take home three rings to bake or smoke at home to enjoy!

### **\* UKRAINIAN MUSEUM TOUR**

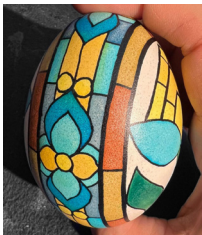
**MAR 13, 2024 1:00 pm**

**Ukrainian Museum of Canada – Alberta Branch**

**10611 110 Avenue Northwest**

Tickets only \$10. Limit 15 participants. This event is intended for mature participants. No minors. (**Register by: March 7, 2024**)

The viewing will be conducted by a knowledgeable and expert tour guide who understands each artifact on display and is able to convey its significance and uniqueness. Your viewing experience will prove both educational and delightful.



### **\* PYSANKY WORKSHOPS**

**ACUA Gallery**

**10554 110 St NW Unit 100, Edmonton, AB**

Registration Fee Members: \$30 / Non-Members: \$40

#### **- PYSANKY COLOURS AND SYMBOLISM**

**MAR 16, 2024 TO MAR 16, 2024 9:00am – 12:00pm (Register by: March 8, 2024)**

#### **- BEGINNER PYSANKA WRITING**

**MAR 16, 2024 TO MAR 16, 2024 9:00am – 12:00pm (Register by: March 8, 2024)**

#### **- ADVANCED PYSANKY: STAINED GLASS TECHNIQUE**

**MAR 16, 2024 TO MAR 16, 2024 1:00pm – 4:00pm (Register by: March 8, 2024)**

#### **- ADVANCED PYSANKY: BUKOVINA EMBOSSEING TECHNIQUE**

**MAR 17, 2024 TO MAR 17, 2024 12:00pm – 3:00pm (Register by: March 8, 2024)**

#### **- TETIANA KONOVAL'S ETCHED PYSANKA**

**MAR 24, 2024 TO MAR 24, 2024 12:30pm – 3:30pm (Register by: March 20, 2024)**

# ORDER OF SERVICES FOR MARCH 2024.



## MARCH

**March 3 – Sunday.**

**Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

† Confession: from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m.

† Hours: 9:00 a.m.

† Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

*Coffee hour fellowship  
following the Divine Liturgy*

**March 9 – Saturday.**

**Memorial Saturday**

**Commemoration of the Departed**

† Confession: from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m.

† Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

**March 10 – Sunday.**

**Sunday of the Dread Judgement  
(Meatfare Sunday)**

† Confession: from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m.

† Hours: 9:00 a.m.

† Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

*Coffee hour fellowship  
following the Divine Liturgy*

**March 17 – Sunday.**

**Cheesefare Sunday  
(Forgiveness Sunday)**

**Commemoration of the Expulsion  
of Adam from Paradise**

† Confession: from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m.

† Hours: 9:00 a.m.

† Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

† Forgiveness Vespers: 5:00 p.m.

The Beginning Of Holy And Great Lent



## БЕРЕЗЕНЬ

**3 березня – неділя.**

**Неділя про блудного сина**

† Сповідь: з 8:45 до 9:15 год.

† Часи: 9:00 год.

† Божественна Літургія: 10:00 год.

*Братська зустріч при кави після  
Божественної Літургії*

**9 березня – субота.**

**Поминальна субота**

**Поминання спочилих**

† Сповідь: з 8:45 до 9:15 год.

† Божественна Літургія: 9:30 год.

**10 березня – неділя.**

**Неділя Страшного суду  
(м'ясопусна неділя)**

† Сповідь: з 8:45 до 9:15 год.

† Часи: 9:00 год.

† Божественна Літургія: 10:00 год.

*Братська зустріч при кави після  
Божественної Літургії*

**17 березня – неділя.**

**Сиропусна неділя  
(Прощена неділя) Пам'ять про**

**вигнання**

**Адама з раю**

† Сповідь: з 8:45 до 9:15 год.

† Часи: 9:00 год.

† Божественна Літургія: 9:30 год.

† Прощена Вечірня: 17:00 год. Вечора

Початок Святого І Великого Посту



## MARCH

### March 18 - 21

† Great Complines with the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete: TBD

### March 23 – Saturday.

† 9<sup>th</sup> Hour: 4:45 p.m.

† Great Vespers: 5:00 p.m.

### March 24 – Sunday.

#### First Sunday of Great Lent Triumph of Orthodoxy

† Confession: from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m.

† Hours: 9:00 a.m.

† Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

*Coffee hour fellowship  
following the Divine Liturgy*

### March 25 – Monday.

#### Annunciation

† Confession: from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m.

† Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

### March 30 - Saturday.

#### Second Saturday of Great Lent: Commemoration of the Departed

† Confession: from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m.

† Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

### March 31 – Sunday.

#### Second Sunday of Great Lent Commemoration of Saint Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica

† Confession: from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m.

† Hours: 9:00 a.m.

† Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.



## БЕРЕЗЕНЬ

### 18 - 21 березня

† Велике Повчір'я й Великий канон св. Андрія Критського

### 23 березня – субота.

† 9-й Час: 4:45 год. вечора

† Велика вечірня: 5:00 год. Вечора

### 24 березня – неділя.

#### Перша неділя Великого посту: Торжество православ'я

† Сповідь: з 8:45 до 9:15 год.

† Часи: 9:00 год.

† Божественна Літургія: 10:00 год.

*Братська зустріч при кави  
після Божественної Літургії*

### 25 березня – понеділок.

#### Благовіщення

† Сповідь: з 8:45 до 9:15 год.

† Божественна Літургія: 9:30 год.

### 30 березня - субота.

#### Друга субота Великого посту: поминання спочилих

† Сповідь: з 8:45 до 9:15 год.

† Божественна Літургія: 9:30 год.

### 31 березня – неділя.

#### Друга неділя Великого посту Пам'ять святителя Григорія Палами, архієпископа Солунського

† Сповідь: з 8:45 до 9:15 год.

† Часи: 9:00 год.

† Божественна Літургія: 10:00 год.