

# ST. ELIA'S NEWSLETTER

## JUNE 2024



**ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС!  
ВОІСТИНУ ВОСКРЕС!**

**CHRIST IS RISEN!  
TRULY, HE IS RISEN!**

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

† Confession: from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.

† Hours: 9:00 a.m.

† Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **St. Elia Council meeting**  
**Saturday, June 15th, 1:00pm**
- **UWAC Meeting:** A very short Lesia Ukrainka Branch meeting following fellowship on **June 8**.
- **Pot-luck fellowship luncheon** on **June 30**. Everyone is welcome.  
\*Please be generous with your cash donation to support Mission Outreach initiatives.

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You can check upcoming events, St. Elia community news, and helpful Orthodox church information at our facebook page.

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## UPCOMING FEAST DAYS

### *June 13: Ascension of our Lord*



The Lord did not rise in order to return again to the fleshly order of life, so as to live again and commune with the disciples and the multitudes by means of preaching and miracles. Now he does not even stay with them, but only “appears” to them during the forty days, from time to time, and always in a miraculous and mysterious manner. “He was not always with them now, as He was before the Resurrection,” comments Saint John Chrysostom. “He came and again disappeared, thus leading them on to higher conceptions. He no longer permitted them to continue in their former relationship toward Him, but took effectual measures to secure these two objects: That the fact of His Resurrection should be believed, and that He Himself should be ever-after apprehended to be greater than man.”

There was something new and unusual in His person (cf. John 21:1-14). As Saint John Chrysostom says, “It was not an open presence, but a certain testimony of the fact that He was present.” That is why the disciples were confused and frightened. Christ arose not in the same way as those who were restored to life before Him; theirs was a resurrection for a time, and they returned to life in the same body, which was subject to death and corruption—returned to the previous mode of life. But Christ arose for ever, unto eternity. He arose in a body of glory, immortal and incorruptible. He arose, never to die, for “He clothed the mortal in the splendor of incorruption.” His glorified Body was already exempt from the fleshly order of existence. “It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body” (I Cor. 15:42-44).

This mysterious transformation of human bodies, of which Saint Paul was speaking in the case of our Lord, had been accomplished in three days. Christ’s work on earth was accomplished. He had suffered, was dead and buried, and now rose to a higher mode of existence. By His Resurrection He abolished and destroyed death, abolished the law of corruption, “and raised with Himself the whole race of Adam.” Christ has risen, and now “no dead are left in the grave” (cf. The Easter Sermon of Saint John Chrysostom). And now He ascends to the Father, yet He does not “go away,” but abides with the faithful for ever (cf. The Kontakion of Ascension). For He raises the very earth with Him to heaven, and even higher than any heaven. God’s power, in the phrase of Saint John Chrysostom, “manifests itself not only in the Resurrection, but in something much stronger.” For “He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God” (Mark 16:19).

And with Christ, human nature ascends also; a deified nature of Whom we may only attain through a life in Christ, a life fed and nurtured by the mysteries of the church.

*(excerpt from the writings of V. Rev. George Florovsky)*

## June 23: Holy Pentecost



In the Church's annual liturgical cycle, Pentecost is "the last and great day." It is the celebration by the Church of the coming of the Holy Spirit as the end—the achievement and fulfillment—of the entire history of salvation. For the same reason, however, it is also the celebration of the beginning: it is the "birthday" of the Church as the presence among us of the Holy Spirit, of the new life in Christ, of grace, knowledge, adoption to God and holiness.

This double meaning and double joy is revealed to us, first of all, in the very name of the feast. Pentecost in Greek means fifty, and in the sacred biblical symbolism of numbers, the number fifty symbolizes both the fulness of time and that which is beyond time: the Kingdom of God itself. It symbolizes the fulness of time by its first component: 49, which is the fulness of seven (7 x 7): the number of time. And, it symbolizes that which is beyond time by its second component: 49 + 1, this one being the new day, the "day without evening" of God's eternal Kingdom. With the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Christ's disciples, the time of salvation, the Divine work of redemption has been completed, the fulness revealed, all gifts bestowed: it belongs to us now to "appropriate" these gifts, to be that which we have become in Christ: participants and citizens of His Kingdom.

*Fr. Alexander Schmemmann*

## June 24: Postfeast of Pentecost ~ Day of the Holy Spirit



On the day after every Great Feast, the Orthodox Church honors the one through whom the Feast is made possible. On the day following the Nativity of the Lord, for example, we celebrate the Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos (December 26). On the day after Theophany, we commemorate Saint John the Baptist (January 7), and so on.

Today we honor the all-Holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, Who descended upon the Apostles at Pentecost in the form of fiery tongues in fulfillment of the Lord's promise to send the Comforter to His disciples (JN 14:16). That same Holy Spirit remains within the Church throughout the ages, guiding it "into all truth" (JN 16:13).

This whole week is fast-free, and the Leave-taking of Pentecost occurs on Saturday.

## June 30: Synaxis of All Saints



The Sunday following Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints, both those who are known to us, and those who are known only to God. There have been saints at all times, and they have come from every corner of the earth. They were Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, Monastics, and Righteous, yet all were perfected by the same Holy Spirit.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to rise above our fallen state and to attain sainthood, thereby fulfilling God's directive to "be holy, for I am holy" (Lev. 11:44, 1 Peter 1:16, etc.). Therefore, it is fitting to commemorate All Saints on the first Sunday after Pentecost.



## News & Stories in St. Elia Parish Community

To the glory of God.

**The Mission Outreach committee** of St Elia's Ukrainian Orthodox parish began its outreach in 2013 (at least that is as far back as my Sent mail shows) when we first began inviting parishioners to make small cash donations at the mid-monthly fellowship lunches we hosted and to contribute to a Food Basket account, much of which the committee used to purchase Walmart gift cards for our immediate neighbours, Eritrean immigrants (who are Coptic Christians). To be sure, we also made regular contributions to Bishop (as he was then) Ilarion's Ukrainian Orphanage Fund for the Project of Charity Work with Orphans in Ukraine..

As our Food Basket account grew, we looked for outreach to Edmonton Public Schools in the parish's vicinity and established a relationship with the kindergarten at Lauderdale K-6 School (donated furniture and mittens) and later with the nutrition program at Highlands School to which we donated many bags of frozen pyrohy (thanks to the generosity of the pyrohy-pinchers). We also paid the fee for the visiting pysanka artist to Highland's School, Lyrissa Sheptak. In 2016, thanks to Fr Dcn (as he was then) Roman Shiyan, we were able to host a number of Saturday morning Catechism classes at our church for members of all UOCC parishes in Edmonton. Covid restrictions made it impossible to continue these relations.

At the same time, a most welcome infusion into our account from the parish's Lesia Ukrainka branch of the UWAC made it possible for our committee to make substantial donations to the programs serving the influx of Ukrainian newcomers after the beginning of the war on Ukraine (February 2022) as well as to keep up donations to charitable organizations such as Boyle Street's Indigenous women's shelter, Balwin school food hamper program and Hope Mission food program;

Currently.(inspired by Fr Vasyl and Dobr Sofiya), we are happy to have reinstated a monthly potluck fellowship and are once again filling up our modest Food Account thanks to the generosity of parishioners. We hope soon to begin to disburse some of those funds in continued outreach, echoing the lawyer in Luke 10:25-37 who asked Jesus: "Who is our neighbour?" And He replied with the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

Submitted by Myrna Kostash

Дуже вдячні вам, за відвідування, про допомогу, та участь у підтримці в цей непростий час. Хай Господь вас благословить.

Дуже дякуємо Канаді і канадійцям за підтримку України і допомогу українцям! Низький вам уклін! ♥

Щиро дякуємо за Вашу допомогу. Дай Вам свій личний здоров'я та щастя і благодення.

Вітання щиро! Дякую за допомогу безцінну! Канаді і Канадійцям дякуємо за підтримку України і допомогу українцям. Дай Боже Вам здоров'я та щастя і благодення! Хай Господь!

F.S. Все Благословення!  
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To: Mission Outreach  
Committee  
c/o St. Elia's Ukrainian  
Orthodox Church

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for supporting our Free Store for Ukrainian newcomers  
Lilia  
Thank you very much for your help, support and everything you do for us!

Swan  
We want to gratitude for your support. Your impact is so incredible. Thank you ♥  
Lava Ukraine etc

Thank you correspondence from the Free Store to Mission Outreach Committee

## Upcoming news/events in the Ukrainian Community

### **FREE STORE FOR UKRAINIAN NEWCOMERS:**

10568-108 Street NW, Edmonton AB, T5H 2Z9

#### ***Donation Drop-Off Hours:***

***Wednesday 12:00-5:00 PM / Thursdays 1:00-7:00 PM / Fridays 12:00-3:00PM***

***/ Saturdays 10:00AM-3:00 PM***

***Години для Новоприбулих: Четвер з 15:00 до 19:00 / Субота з 10:00 до 15:00***

We accept the following types of donations:

- Diapers size 4, 5, and 6, Baby Wipes, baby shampoo/lotion, diaper cream
- Household Items: Microwaves, coffee makers, 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 note, we no longer accept items older than 10 years.
- Personal Hygiene Products: Unopened and unused toiletries, including soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, sanitary napkins, and shaving cream/razors.
- Children's Items: Clean and safe toys, strollers, car seats.
- PILLOWS, with NO RIPS, NO STAINS, MUST BE FRESHLY LAUNDERED, towels, and other freshly laundered or new bedding (Queen and twin size preferred)
- Clothing: Gently used, clean, and seasonally appropriate clothing for children aged 4 to 12 years only.
- Non-perishable Food Items: Canned goods, dry food items, and other non-perishable food items with unexpired dates. We have an ongoing shortage of water bottles, coffee, and garbage bags.

***\*Check their website for more information: <https://www.freestoreyeg.com/>***

### ***ACUA(Alberta Council for the Ukrainian Arts)***

***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***

### ***UKRAINIAN VINTAGE FAIR***

***ACUA's Annual Ukrainian Vintage Fair – Launch Event***

***Saturday, JUNE 15th, 2024 11AM-3PM***

All things Ukrainian Vintage:

Ukrainian clothing, costumes, jewelry, pottery, ceramics, embroidery, weaving, carving, artwork, crafts, religious items, pysanky, books and MORE!

VINTAGE SALE • FOOD • MUSIC • FUN

Find a hidden gem, or replace that broken plate Baba hasn't found out about yet...

Add to your dining set, maybe even some shot glasses to get your Ukrainian party started! Maybe you'll find a rare Mickey and Bunny record, or an old cookbook for some new recipes! Get in boho chic style with a vintage Ukrainian shirt! Come down and visit with items from your childhood, and come out to have some old-fashioned fun!



## JUNE

### **June 2 – Sunday of the Samaritan Woman.**

- † Confession: from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.
- † Hours: 9:00 a.m.
- † Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.  
*Coffee hour fellowship following the Divine Liturgy*
- † Provody: Evergreen 2:00 p.m

### **June 9 – Sunday of the Blind Man.**

- † Confession: from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.
- † Hours: 9:00 a.m.
- † Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.  
*Coffee hour fellowship following the Divine Liturgy*
- † Provody: St. Stephen's 2:00 p.m

### **June 16 – Holy Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council.**

- † Confession: from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.
- † Hours: 9:00 a.m.
- † Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.  
*Coffee hour fellowship following the Divine Liturgy*

### **June 23 – Trinity Sunday.**

- † Confession: from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.
- † Hours: 9:00 a.m.
- † Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.  
*Coffee hour fellowship following the Divine Liturgy*

### **June 30 – Sunday of All Saints.**

- † Confession: from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.
- † Hours: 9:00 a.m.
- † Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.  
*Pot-luck following the Divine Liturgy*



## ЧЕРВЕНЬ

### **2 червня - Неділя про Самарянку**

- † Сповідь: з 8:30 до 9:00 год.
- † Часи: 9:00 год.
- † Божественна Літургія: 9:30 год.  
*Братська зустріч при кави після Божественної Літургії*
- † Проводи: Evergreen 14:00

### **9 червня - Неділя Сліпонародженого**

- † Сповідь: з 8:30 до 9:00 год.
- † Часи: 9:00 год.
- † Божественна Літургія: 9:30 год.  
*Братська зустріч при кави після Божественної Літургії*
- † Проводи: St. Stephen's 14:00

### **16 червня - Свв. Оо. 1-го Вселенського Собору**

- † Сповідь: з 8:30 до 9:00 год.
- † Часи: 9:00 год.
- † Божественна Літургія: 9:30 год.  
*Братська зустріч при кави після Божественної Літургії*

### **23 червня - День Святої Тройці**

- † Сповідь: з 8:30 до 9:00 год.
- † Часи: 9:00 год.
- † Божественна Літургія: 9:30 год.  
*Братська зустріч при кави після Божественної Літургії*

### **30 червня - Неділя Всіх Святих**

- † Сповідь: з 8:30 до 9:00 год.
- † Часи: 9:00 год.
- † Божественна Літургія: 9:30 год.  
*Братська зустріч при кави після Божественної Літургії*