

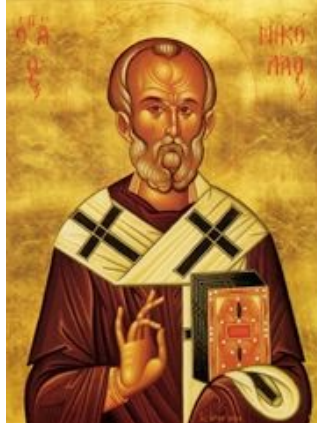
**WELCOME**

**ST. NICHOLAS UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Українська Католицька Парафія Св. Миколая

**BULLETIN**

**September 2018**



**9507 Austin 9507 Austin O'Brien Road, Edmonton, Alberta, T6B 2C1**

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+Confessions/Sacrament of Reconciliation - Every Sunday at 9:15 a.m., or by previous arrangement with Father Julian.

+Please make arrangements for Baptisms in advance with the pastor.

+Pre-marriage classes are a pre-requisite to Matrimony. Please register at least 6 months prior to the wedding day.

+Anointing of the Sick - for healing and recovery, in all cases of surgery and grave illness (spiritual or physical), please call Fr. Julian directly.

+Parish Website: [www.stnicholasucp.ca](http://www.stnicholasucp.ca)

+Eparchial Website: [www.edmontoneparchy.com](http://www.edmontoneparchy.com)

+Youth and Family Ministry Website: [www.saintnicksyouth.com](http://www.saintnicksyouth.com)

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:**

**THE FAITHFUL OF ST. NICHOLAS PARISH ARE CALLED TO JOYFULLY LEAD THE LIFE TAUGHT BY THE RISEN CHRIST, REACHING OUT WITH LOVE AND COMPASSION AS DID OUR PATRON SAINT - ST. NICHOLAS, ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA - AND PROCLAIMING CHRIST'S WORD TO ALL PEOPLE FOR THE GLORY OF GOD.**

***Birthdays and Anniversaries of the Parishioners of St. Nicholas Parish  
for the month of September***

Congratulations are extended from all of us at the parish to the following parishioners who are celebrating their wedding anniversaries:

***September 2 - Adam and Robin Cole  
September 19 - Bill and Lesia Lesoway  
September 29 - Gary and Paulette Nestorowich***

Congratulations are also extended from all of us at the parish to the following parishioners who are celebrating their birthdays:

***September 1 - Jaxon Schrettlinger  
September 4 - Angel Rudiak  
September 5 - Ken Gizowski  
September 6 - Jolene Warawa  
September 8 - Susan Mandrusiak  
September 13 - Joseph Mandrusiak  
September 14 - Andrew Lesoway  
September 15 - Darryl Ward  
September 19 - James Kalynchuk  
September 23 - Stephanie Dowson; Bill Hladunewich  
September 26 - George Danilak; Victor Dolynchuk  
September 29 - Jordan Kirchner  
September 30 - Ken Eliuk; Mike Lewchuk***

*We pray to our loving Lord, through the intercession of St. Nicholas, the Wonderworker, that He continue to bless you all as you celebrate these joyous occasions. Many Happy and Blessed Years to All! Многая і Благая Літа!*

**ST. NICHOLAS UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**SEPTEMBER 2018**

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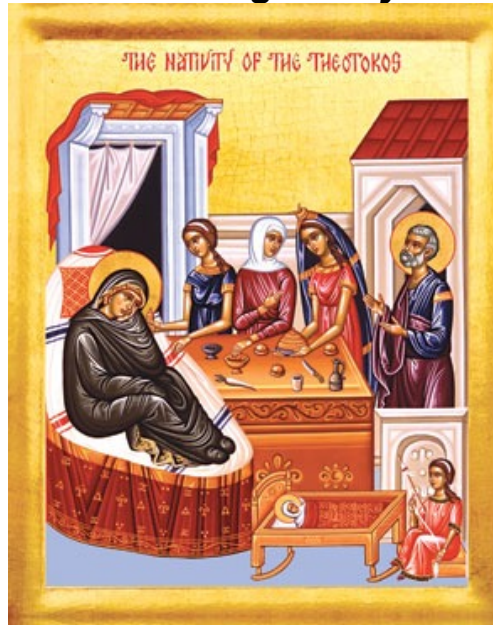
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<b>2</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost <i>Rosary - 9:30 a.m.</i> <b>Divine Liturgy</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos</b> <i>Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m.</i>
<b>9</b> Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross <b>Divine Liturgy</b> <u>10:30 a.m. at Camp Oselia</u>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> <i>Divine Liturgy at 7:00 p.m.</i>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross <i>Rosary - 9:30 a.m.</i> <b>Divine Liturgy</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>17</b> <b>UCWLC Meeting</b> <i>following the Rosary at 6:30 p.m.</i>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Family - A Domestic Church</b> 5:00-8:00 p.m.
<b>23</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost <i>Rosary - 9:30 a.m.</i> <b>Divine Liturgy</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Junior Youth Group: Scavenger Night</b> 6:30-8:30 p.m.	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost <i>Rosary - 9:30 a.m.</i> <b>Divine Liturgy</b> 10:00 a.m.						

**September 8 - Nativity of our Most Holy Lady, the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary**



The Holy Virgin Mary was born of aged parents, Joachim and Anna. Her father was of the lineage of David, and her mother of the lineage of Aaron. Thus, she was of royal birth by her father, and of priestly birth by her mother. In this, she foreshadowed Him Who would be born of her as King and High Priest. Her parents were quite old and had no children. Because of this they were ashamed before people and humble before God. In their humility they prayed to God with tears, to bring them joy in their old age by giving them a child, as He had once given joy to the aged Abraham and his wife Sarah by giving them Isaac. The Almighty and All-seeing God rewarded them with a joy that surpassed all their expectations and all their most beautiful dreams. For He gave them not just a daughter, but the Mother of God. He illumined them not only with temporal joy, but with eternal joy as well. God gave them just one daughter, and she would later give them just one grandson - but what a daughter and what a Grandson! Mary, Full of grace, Blessed among women, the Temple of the Holy Spirit, the Altar of the Living God, the Table of the Heavenly Bread, the Ark of God's Holiness, the Tree of the Sweetest Fruit, the Glory of the race of man, the Praise of womanhood, the Fount of virginity and purity-this was the daughter given by God to Joachim and Anna. She was born in Nazareth, and at the age of three, was taken to the Temple in Jerusalem. In her young womanhood she returned again to Nazareth, and shortly thereafter heard the Annunciation of the Holy Archangel Gabriel concerning the birth of the Son of God, the Savior of the world, from her most-pure virgin body. (Prologue of Ohrid)

## September 14 - The Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross



Two events in connection with the Honorable Cross of Christ are commemorated on this day: first, the finding of the Honorable Cross on Golgotha and second, the return of the Honorable Cross from Persia to Jerusalem. Visiting the Holy Land, the holy Empress Helena decided to find the Honorable Cross of Christ. An old Jewish man named Judah was the only one who knew where the Cross was located, and, constrained by the empress, he revealed that the Cross was buried under the temple of Venus that Emperor Hadrian had built on Golgotha. The empress ordered that this idolatrous temple be razed and, having dug deep below it, found three crosses. While the empress pondered on how to recognize which of these was the Cross of Christ, a funeral procession passed by. Patriarch Macarius told them to place the crosses, one by one, on the dead man. When they placed the first and second cross on the dead man, the dead man lay unchanged. When they placed the third cross on him, the dead man came back to life. By this they knew that this was the Precious and Life-giving Cross of Christ. They then placed the Cross on a sick woman, and she became well. The patriarch elevated the Cross for all the people to see, and the people sang with tears: "Lord, have mercy!" Empress Helena had a silver case made and set the Honorable Cross in it. Later, the Persian Emperor Chozroes conquered Jerusalem, enslaved many people, and took the Lord's Cross to Persia. The Cross remained in Persia for fourteen years. In the year 628 the Greek Emperor Heraclius defeated Chozroes and, with much ceremony, returned the Cross to Jerusalem. As he entered the city Emperor Heraclius carried the Cross on his back, but suddenly was unable to take another step. Patriarch Zacharias saw an angel preventing the emperor from bearing the Cross on the same path that the Lord had walked barefoot and humiliated. The patriarch communicated this vision to the emperor. The emperor removed his raiment and, in ragged attire and barefoot, took up the Cross, carried it to Golgotha, and placed it in the Church of the Resurrection, to the joy and consolation of the whole Christian world. (Prologue of Ohrid)

During the month of **September**, the Eparchy of Edmonton conducts its annual **Vocations and Seminary Collection**.

“It takes a whole village to raise a child.” It likewise takes the support of the whole Church to form a deacon, priest, religious, monastic and lay member for ministry in the Church. It also takes our support to offer on-going education and formation for those already in sacred orders or involved in lay ministry.

The faithful can acknowledge the role they play in nurturing vocations by offering their financial support to help defray such expenses as formation programs, retreats, conferences, seminars, tuition, books, and room and board.

The collection supports Holy Spirit Seminary, Edmonton; the Basilian House of Studies, Edmonton; the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate Novitiate, Winnipeg; Clergy Study Days; and the Eparchial Diaconal and Lay Ministry Formation Programs;

The collection also assists the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies, Toronto, which serves the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada by providing academic and spiritual formation for our future Church leaders.

Studying at Holy Spirit Seminary this year are:

**Subdeacon Cyril Kennedy** (Doctoral Studies in Sacred Scripture, Catholic University, Washington, DC);

**Roman Kobyletsky** (Theology Studies, Saint Paul University, Ottawa);

**Julian Savaryn** (Theology Studies, Newman Theological College, Edmonton)

**Orion Wiebe** (Philosophy/Theology Studies, Newman Theological College, Edmonton) The suggested donation amount is \$25.00 per family.

Thank you for your generosity! May God bless you and your families!

**Food Bank** - Thank you for your generous donations towards the Food Bank. **Edmonton Food Bank** most needed items are beans with or without pork, canned meat, canned fish, canned fruit or vegetables, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese dinners, pasta and pasta sauce, cereal and oatmeal, school snacks such as juice boxes, fruit cups and granola bars. The parishioners of St. Nicholas Parish are encouraged to bring these items. Let's see if we can **FILL** our Food Bank box **again!!!** Your generosity is much appreciated. **Go St. Nicholas!**

The annual **Synod of Bishops** of the Ukrainian Catholic Church will take place from **September 2-11** in **Lviv** (Briukhovychi). **This year's theme is "The Word of God and Catechesis,"** which builds upon Vision 2020 and the Vibrant Parish Spiritual Renewal Program. Please pray for our bishops that the Holy Spirit may grant them wisdom and guide and bless their episcopal pastoral ministry, at service to the Church and for God's greater glory.

The 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Plenary Meeting of the **Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops** will take place from **September 24-28** in **Cornwall, Ontario**. Please pray for our bishops that the Holy Spirit may grant them wisdom and guide and bless their episcopal pastoral ministry, at service to the Church and for God's greater glory.

The **85<sup>th</sup> International Holodomor Memorial Day** will take place on November 24. For 85 days prior to the Holodomor Memorial Day, Ukrainian communities around the world will participate in an international action: "Light a Candle in Remembrance!", organized by the Ukrainian World Congress, Beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>, the first candle will be lit in a Ukrainian city, and everyday in a different part of the world a candle lighting ceremony will take place.

**Light a Candle in Remembrance!** will take place in Alberta at **7:00 pm, September 21, Saint Josaphat Cathedral**, where a Panakhyda will be celebrated, during which the names of 85 Holodomor victims will be read. The event is sponsored by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Alberta Provincial Council.

The annual **Holodomor Commemoration** will take place as usual at 12:30 pm, **November 24**, at City Hall, City of Edmonton.

All are invited to the official **Opening and Blessing of Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Seminary** with the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of Canada on Saturday, **October 13**. Divine Liturgy will be at 10:00 am followed by a small reception. All are invited.

Please RSVP to 587-460-6031 before October.

Contact information for **Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Seminary**:

Address: 12909 113 Avenue NW, Edmonton, AB T5M 2W8

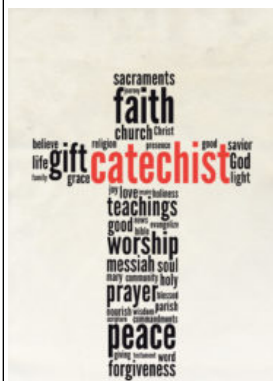
Phone: 587-460-6031

Email (office): [admin@holyspiritseminary.org](mailto:admin@holyspiritseminary.org)

Email (rector): [rector@holyspiritseminary.org](mailto:rector@holyspiritseminary.org)

Website: [holyspiritseminary.org](http://holyspiritseminary.org)

## **Catechist Workshop Oct 5, 2018 5:30 – 9:00 pm.**



**Who should attend?** All those who are working throughout the Edmonton Eparchy, whether teaching children or adults, or those who might like to begin teaching.

**This will be an evening of professional development, spiritual growth and networking with other catechists.**

*Themes for the workshop:*

- Faith and God's call. We will explore how we can help those we encounter, grow in their faith and discernment of God's call for them.
- Our Blessed Mother, the *Theotokos*. What does the Church teach about Mary? How and why do we pray to her? Fr. Stephen Wojcichowsky will speak to us about the recently published Rosary Book.

**LOCATION:** 9645-108 Ave, Edmonton, Alberta

Those at a distance are welcome to join us online. Please contact us and we can set it up. Register by Sept. 28 at [780-424-5496](tel:780-424-5496) or [education@edmontoneparchy.com](mailto:education@edmontoneparchy.com)

**COST:** \$15.00 - Chargeable to your parish.

## **UCWLC News**

We hope that everybody has had a wonderful summer break and that you are ready to get back into the swing of things as we begin a new liturgical year. After an executive meeting on Aug. 27, we have the following announcements:

### **Meeting**

Because of the parish picnic on Sept. 9, we have rescheduled our **meeting to Monday, Sept. 17** beginning with rosary at 6:30 followed by a meeting, chaired by Bernie Mandrusiak at 7:00. Please contact Bernie if you have an item for the agenda.

### **Scholarships:**

St. Nicholas UCWLC provides scholarships to students in Gr. 9 and 12 who have attained honours (80%). Parents must be parishioners of St. Nicholas. If you know of any students eligible to receive a scholarship please contact Eleanor Busko at 780-464-6360. Scholarships will be presented at St. Nicholas Day in December.

### **Liturgy for the deceased**

On November 4th, the UCWLC will sponsor a Panahyda Service for any parishioners who have lost a family member since May 2018. Currently we have Martha Filipchuk's son-in-law; Sophie Werbitski; Rena Hanchuk's Father – Edward Hanchuk; Father Julian's Baba; the late Bill Orfino's nephew (John Orfino) and Brother (name); and Jayne Buryn. If there are any other names to be added, please contact Eleanor Busko at 780-464-6360.

### **Cabbage Prep convenor in training:**

Lillian Panylyk has been in charge of cabbage preparation for many years and we are most grateful for all her work. However, she would like to pass the job on to someone younger. It is about a 10 hour commitment over two days to organize the coring and blanching. There is a binder of previous reports and Lil would be happy to do the training. Please contact Barb Olynyk 780 722 3537.

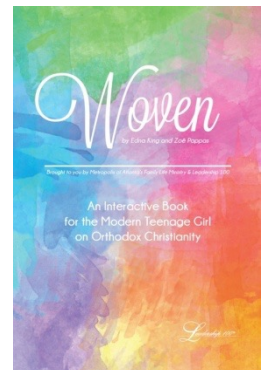
May the Blessed Mother guide us through this new year as we strive to be the hands of Jesus.

Your executive committee, Barb Olynyk, Bernie Mandrusiak & Eleanor Busko

## **Saturdays in November & December:**

### **Woven, a Program for Teen Girls**

The Edmonton Eparchy is hosting a series of 6 sessions for teen girls aged 13-18 that explores what it means to be a young woman living according to the Eastern Christian faith in the modern world. Based on the book, Woven, Victoria Kostyniuk, Joyanne Rudiak, and Bernadette Mandrusiak will lead participants through some of the most pressing topics teen girls have questions about such as identity, social media, friendship, relationships, and more! Saturdays from Nov. 3-Dec. 8 from 6:00-8:00pm. Location TBD. 10 spots available. Register by Monday, October 15th at [education@edmontoneparchy.com](mailto:education@edmontoneparchy.com).



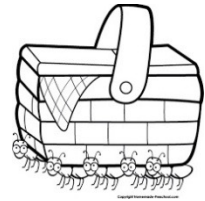


# St. Nicholas Youth Ministry

## Upcoming September Events:

### **Sunday, September 9, 2018: St. Nicholas Parish Picnic**

Join us at Camp Oselia for our annual parish picnic! Divine Liturgy starts at 10:30am, followed by lunch, and games and activities for all ages! Sign up in the parish foyer.



### **Saturday, September 15, 2018: Registration Deadline for Mount Tabor Pilgrim's Retreat**

The Edmonton Eparchy is co-hosting a young adult retreat at Holy Transfiguration Monastery on Mount Tabor, California from December 27-January 3. The retreat includes prayer and talks, with excursions to the Redwood Valley, Wine Country, and a short stay in San Francisco.

Cost is \$650, not including flights or spending money. See

[youth.eeparchy.com](http://youth.eeparchy.com) or contact Millie Schietzsch at 780-446-1061 for more info.

### **Sunday, September 16, 2018: Bozhi Dity Starts Up Again!**

Children aged 3-7(pre-Solemn Holy Communion) are invited to learn about their faith through stories and crafts for the first half of Divine Liturgy. Class starts promptly at 10:00am each Sunday.



### **Saturday, September 22, 2018: Domestic Church**

Back by popular demand, Domestic Church is finally happening at St. Nicholas Parish! The program is geared towards families with children aged 12 and under. Spend a Saturday evening learning how you can bring faith into your home through fun, family-centred activities. 5:00-8:00pm, supper provided. RSVP by Sunday, September 16th to

[stnicksyouthveg@gmail.com](mailto:stnicksyouthveg@gmail.com) or text Joyanne at 780-236-2184.

### **Friday, September 28, 2018: Junior Youth Group: Scavenger Night**

Children in Grades 3-7 are invited to the first Junior Youth Group event of the year! Join us from 6:30-8:30pm at St. Nicholas Parish for scavenger hunt activities. Snack provided partway through the evening. Text Joyanne at 780-236-2184 to RSVP by Sunday, September 23rd.



### **Looking Ahead...**

### **Friday, October 12, 2018: Senior Youth Group: Corn Maze**

Teens in Grades 8-12 are invited to the first Senior Youth Group event of the year at the Edmonton Corn Maze (26171 Garden Valley Road, Spruce Grove, AB). Meet at St. Nicholas Parish at 6pm for the carpool. More info TBD.

