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Sermon on Theophany

The baptism of Jesus was the beginning of his public life. It is worth noting, that before that, for most of His earthly life, Jesus lived like all ordinary people of that time: without apparent greatness, working with his own hands, and leading a simple religious life. According to the Gospels, Jesus was **"...obedient..." to his parents and "...increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man."** (Luke 2:51-52)

The Theophany of the Lord is not just a great event and proclaimed news for a person. The Lord's Theophany is a part of our personal life. God is revealed to us. It is revealed to us first of all in our hidden life: in our silence and obedience, in our ordinary family and community life, as well as in our often difficult and exhausting work.

In addition, the event of Theophany took place in the Jordan River, where people washed away their sins. The Savior entered this Jordan, which was full of human sins, and it was there that the sky opened above him and a voice was heard: **"...You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."** (Luke 3:22)

When Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River, the glory of the Lord was revealed to the people: through the Son of God standing in the waters, through the voice of the Father speaking through the open heavens, and through the Holy Spirit descending in the form of a dove. This glory of the Lord was revealed to people where no one expected it.

A church holyday is not just a commemoration of an evangelical event. A church holyday is an evangelical event that takes place today, which is a continuation of the event described in the Gospel. And that is why today's holy Theophany of the Lord is the Theophany now. God is revealed to us today through his Word, through His presence among us. And today, each of us is the spiritual Jordan into which Christ enters.

The person who follows Christ in repentance will be able to hear the same voice from Heaven that was heard in the Jordan River. If we learn to put off our own affairs and obey this voice, we will be able to see another true reality. We will see the Heavenly Father who can say of each of us: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; this is my beloved daughter whom I have loved. He does everything so that we can, through His Holy Spirit, cleanse earthly life and prepare for eternal life.

I greet you, dear believers, on the feast of the Theophany of the Lord!

Let Us
Worship



Blessed Be Our
Lord God!

St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Parish

Lenten & Paschal Services 2025

“The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ”, Wednesday, December 25th—Liturgy, 10 a.m.

- ◆ Epistle: Gal. 4:4-7
- ◆ Gospel: Matt. 2:1-12

Eve of Epiphany, Sunday, January 5th—Great Blessing Water / Epiphany Supper, 5:00 p.m.

*Theophany—Baptism of Our Lord, Monday, January 6th
Liturgy & Blessing Water, 10 a.m.*

- ◆ Epistle: Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7
- ◆ Gospel: Matt. 3:13-17

Sunday After Theophany, January 12—Liturgy, 10 a.m.

- ◆ Epistle: Gal. 1:11-19
- ◆ Gospel: Matt. 2:13-23

31 Sunday After Pentecost, January 26th—Liturgy, 10 a.m.

- ◆ Epistle: 1 Tim. 1:15-17
- ◆ Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee, February 9th—Liturgy, 10 a.m.

- ◆ Epistle: 2 Tim. 3:10-15
- ◆ Gospel: Luke 8:10-14

Sunday of the Dread Judgement, February 23rd—Liturgy, 10 a.m.

- ◆ Epistle: 1 Cor. 8:8-9:2
- ◆ Gospel: Matt. 25:31-46

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

BEGINNING OF GREAT LENT (March 3rd—April 20th)

1st Sunday of Great Lent—“Triumph of Orthodoxy”, March 9th—Liturgy, 10 a.m.

- ◆ Epistle: Heb. 11:24-26, 32-12:2
- ◆ Gospel: John 1:43-51

Memorial Saturday, March 15th—Liturgy & Panikhida, 10 a.m.

3rd Sunday of Great Lent—“Veneration of the Cross”, March 23rd—Liturgy, 10 a.m.

- ◆ Epistle: Heb. 4:14-5:6
- ◆ Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

5th Sunday of Great Lent—“Forefeast of Annunciation”, April 6th—Liturgy, 10 a.m.

- ◆ Epistle: Heb 9:11-14
- ◆ Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

*Palm Sunday—“Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem”, April 13th—Liturgy, 10 a.m.
Blessing of Pussy Willows*

- ◆ Epistle: Phil. 4:4-9
- ◆ Gospel: John 12:1-18

For Holy Week & Easter Services, turn to page 4.



St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Orthodox Parish
President's Message—Dorothy Stachniak

Christ is Born! Let Us Glorify Him!

On behalf of the Church Board, I wish Father Victor and Dobr. Marusia and all the members and adherents of St. Michael's Parish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the New Year bring all of you good health, happiness and prosperity in 2025.

I specifically want to thank all the volunteers, members and non members, who have helped out in various ways to make this parish an exciting place to be. Your dedication is very much appreciated. The public is checking out our revamped website and they are making inquiries about our facility. Our hall rentals have increased and therefore more volunteers are needed to assist with the functions. We are building a community!

Parish Membership,, The parish membership fees for 2025 are \$150.00 per person. Cheques may be made out to St. Michael's Parish and forwarded to the address on this Bulletin.

Annual General Meeting... All members are reminded to attend the AGM on Sunday, February 23, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting but only paid members may vote on issues. Therefore, it is important to pay the fee early in the new year.

Calendars... The Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada (UOCC) 2025 wall calendars have been ordered. We are very grateful to Park Memorial for once again sponsoring the 2025 calendars. This calendar will have all the new dates for church holidays and feast days. The calendar will be available in the church vestibule.

Epiphany & Blessing of Water... Sunday, January 5, 5:00 p.m. (*see poster in this bulletin*). Following the blessing of water, there will be a Epiphany supper in the hall.

Malanka!... Saturday, January 18, 2025 (*see poster in this bulletin*) This is a parish sponsored social including supper, two band dance and entertainment by the Veeteretz Dancers. The general public is invited

Soul Saturday, March 15, 10:00 a.m. This is a special service held during Lent to remember deceased family or friends. A kolach and fruit may be brought for blessing in memory of the deceased. Deceased names are written in a Pomyatnek (Memory Book) and passed on to Fr. Victor to be read during the service. The offering of bread and fruit are then brought into the hall and shared with everyone present.

Easter Bake Sale... (*See poster in this bulletin*) Saturday, April 12, 10:00 to 12:00. The Women's Association will be holding their sale of pyrohy, cabbage rolls, paska, babka and other food items. (*See poster in this bulletin or check out the website*).

Blessing of Easter Baskets... Saturday, April 19 (3:00 p.m.) and Sunday, April 20. following the Easter Liturgy.

Easter Brunch... Sunday, April 27, St. Thomas Sunday, following Divine Liturgy everyone is invited to a fellowship of ham, cheese, paska, et

Dorothy Stachniak,,Parish President



St. Michael's Parish Hall

12918—121 Street

MALANKA

Ukrainian New Year's Social Supper & Dance

Saturday, January 18, 2025

Two Band Extravaganza!

The New Lumberjacks

&

The Sparkling Tones

Refreshments: 4:30— 11:00

Supper: 5:30

Dance: 7:00

Late Lunch

Advance tickets: \$70.00/person

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Advance tickets only.



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Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada St. Michael's UWAC Branch

December has been a very busy for UWAC and parish members. As usual, our Christmas

bake sale was a successful, well attended event. St. Nicholas was also an important and enjoyable celebration. Thank you to all who assisted in both of these annual events.

Our plans for 2025 is to continue to work cooperatively together to assist with numerous food workshops and events. Fund-raising is an essential part of UWAC activities.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of our UWAC is scheduled for

February 9th.

Please plan to attend, as a quorum is essential. You may also consider taking on a committee task, such as phoning committee or Promin

Convenor.

*Mary Pafzat,
Branch President*

HOLY WEEK / RESURRECTION SERVICES

Great & Holy Wednesday, April 16th—Holy Unction Service—TBA.

Great & Holy Thursday, April 17th—Reading of Passion Gospels, 6 p.m.

Great & Holy Friday, April 18th—Procession of the Shroud / Holy Epitaphios, 5:30 p.m.

Great & Holy Saturday, April 19th—Bringing of the Shroud into the Altar, 3 p.m.

Blessing of Easter Baskets

EASTER SUNDAY, April 20th - PASCHA:

The Bright and Glorious Resurrection of our Lord Saviour Jesus Christ

> Paschal Liturgy & Blessing of Easter Baskets, 8 a.m.

◆ Epistle: Acts 1:1-8

◆ Gospel: John 1:1-17

St. Thomas Sunday, April 27th—Liturgy, 10 a.m.

Easter Brunch to follow

Do you know that in 2025 Orthodox Easter & Latin Easter will be celebrated on the same date: April 20th.

Христос Воскрес! Christ is Risen!

Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada

St. Michael's UWAC Branch = Mary Paltzat ,President



Easter Bazaar

Saturday, April 12st, 2025

**St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Hall
12918 – 121 Street**

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Frozen Pyrohy and Cabbage Rolls
Paska and Babka



For information phone 780-454-8385 or 780-476-3646



St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Parish
12104—129 Avenue, Edmonton, AB
invites you to celebrate

Feast of Jordan—Epiphany Supper

Eve of Theophany and the Blessing of Water

Sunday, January 5, 2025

5:00 p.m.

After the service the faithful partake of the Blessed Holy Water and are encouraged to take some water home to partake of as needed throughout the year. The Holy Blessed water is considered to have healing properties. Bring your own container.

*Kutia (Cooked wheat sweetened with honey), Borsch, Pyrohy, Baked Salmon
and more...*



St. Michael The Archangel Patron Saint Day
Sunday, November 10, 2024

Divine Liturgy was held by Rt. Rev. Protopresbyter Victor Lakusta, assisted by Deacon Anton Lakusta and grandsons, Jacob, Nicholas, John and altar server Ihor Tkaczuk. Following the Divine Liturgy, a Memorial Service was held for war veterans and victims of the war in Ukraine.



All the guests enjoyed a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. The guests were entertained by the Razom Orchestra Society under the leadership of Mrs. Josep Pecuh. Ukrainian songs were sung by Dobr. Ivanna Bilous, her daughter Mrs. Mariana Wanback, opera singer Mrs. Zoriana Orlova and accompanied by vocalist Ivan Freiuk on the piano.



**Special Donations to the Church
September, October, November , 2024**

**In Memory of Eugene Hornofluke
Marion Kaczmar**

**In Memory of Shella MacDonald, Ian & Louise
MacDonald & Nick & Pauline Skawronik
Bruce & Gloria Macdonald**

**In Memory of Steve Pitula
Kay Pitula**

**In Memory of Ernie Stachniak &
Brian Stachniak
Dorothy Stachniak**

General Donations for Church Operations

**Robert Andreychuk
Anton & Andrea Lakusta
Joe & Arlene Kryschuk
Zenon % Sidonia Samycia
Ivan & Vera Tkaczuk
Terry & Lil Tymchuk**

**If anyone was missed forgive us.
Gladys Magega, Treasurer
St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Parish**

*All donations are greatly appreciated.
Thank you,*

*Gladys Marie Magega, Parish Treasurer
780-456-5272*

Our 2025 Wall Calendars
*will be arriving soon, which will be
available at the Church.
Or call 204-333-7810 to reserve.*

***Христос Воскрес! Christ Is Risen!
Easter, April 20th. 2025***

We cordially greet you with the greatest and the most glorious of all feasts, with the beginning of the New Life, with the spiritual Spring, with the triumph and victory over death — with the Holy New Testament Easter – the Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, which we will celebrate on April 20th.

On Earth there is no greater feast than Holy Easter – the Resurrection of Christ. Jesus, defeating death — which none of the people could had ever defeated before His Resurrection — proved that in Bethlehem, on the earth and among simple people, indeed was born God!

On this festive day, when the bright joy of the Risen Savior overflows our souls and hearts, I wish you all good health, long life, success in your work, zeal in prayers and many acts of Christian kindness!

***Воістину Воскрес! Indeed He is Risen!
Fr. Victor & Marusia Lakusta***

Graveside Services (Provody)

- ⇒ April 27th—Edmonton Cemetery, 3 p.m.
- ⇒ May 4th—Beechmont Cemetery, 2 p.m.
- ⇒ May 11th—St. Michael's Cemetery, 2 p.m.
- ⇒ May 18th –Evergreen Cemetery, 2 p.m.
- ⇒ May 25th—St. Stephan's Cemetery, 2 p.m.

*Private arrangements may be made for dates outside the Sunday scheduled by contacting Fr. Victor
(204-333-7810)*

**Check out our Parish Website
uocc-stmichael.ca
for updated information.**



Saturday of Souls (or **Soul Saturday**) is a day set aside for the commemoration of the dead within the liturgical year of the Eastern Orthodox and Eastern Catholic Churches. Saturday is a traditional day of prayer for the dead, because Christ lay dead in the Tomb on Saturday.

These days are devoted to prayer for departed relatives and others among the faithful who would not be commemorated specifically as saints. The Divine Services on these days have special hymns added to them to commemorate the departed. There is often a Panikhida (Memorial Service) either after the Divine Liturgy on Saturday morning or after Vespers on Friday evening, for which Koliva (a dish made of boiled wheatberries or rice and honey) is prepared and placed on the Panikhida table. After the Service, the priest blesses

the Koliva. It is then eaten as a memorial by all present.

Soul Saturday will celebrated in our Church on Saturday, March 15th.



Hall For Rent

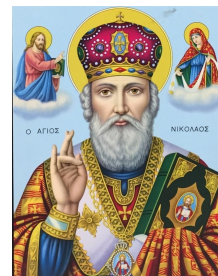
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St. Nicholas at St.



Your Prayer Corner!