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HOLY TRINITY UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 5:1-11



Divine Liturgies:

Sundays: 9:00 a.m. (Ukrainian) & 11:15 a.m. (English)

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturdays: 5:00 p.m.

Holy Days of Obligation: 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Baptisms & Funerals: By arrangement.

Marriages: By arrangement eight months in advance.

NOTE: Marriage preparation course required.

Confessions: 20 minutes before Sunday Divine Liturgies, or by appointment.

Pastor: Fr. Iryney Valyavka, OSBM

Assistant Pastor: Fr. Josaphat Oliynyk, OSBM

Parish Secretaries (part time): Lorraine Stoyko & Michelle Yakimetz

HOLY TRINITY PARISH OFFICE HOURS (Monday – Friday) 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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Faith is truly a pearl of great price. How well do we know what faith is all about? Are we people of faith? The reflections in this bulletin and those in the following weeks will help us to familiarize even more with the meaning of faith, with the characteristics of faith, with the effects of faith in our lives, with how faith is the basis for peace and hope in our lives. This week, we begin with reflecting on faith as a choice.

I: Faith Is a Choice

Today, we invite you to reflect on a simple but powerful truth: faith is a choice. It is not something we are born with, nor is it something that simply happens to us. Faith is a daily decision—to trust, to believe, to surrender ourselves to the God who created us, loves us, and calls us to live in communion with Him.

Throughout Scripture, we see examples of this choice. Abraham left everything to follow God's promise. Moses returned to Egypt to free his people, not knowing how it would end. Mary said "yes" to God's plan at the Annunciation, even though it meant suffering. Every one of these heroes of faith chose to trust God rather than themselves. In today's world, we face a similar decision—will we choose to live by faith, or by fear, doubt, and self-reliance?

Faith is not just a feeling or a comfort in hard times. It is an act of the will. Each day, we choose whether we will follow Christ or turn away. We choose whether to trust in His Word or in our own opinions. Even when we don't feel strong or inspired, faith remains an act of love—a conscious response to God's invitation. And remember: God never forces Himself upon us. He always waits for our "yes."

This choice to believe is especially meaningful for us as Ukrainian Catholics. In a world that often challenges our identity, our traditions, and even our beliefs, we must renew our "yes" to God daily. We choose to pass on our faith, to pray with our children, to keep the Liturgy central in our lives. We choose to believe that our Church, with all her beauty and history, is a living witness to Christ in today's world.

Let us ask for the grace to choose faith—not only when it is easy, but especially when it is hard. Let us say, like the apostles, "Lord, increase our faith." And may our daily choice to believe bear fruit in our families, in our parish, and in the world around us.

Annual Christmas Backpacks/Shoeboxes for Ukraine:

Our parish is collecting gift-filled backpacks and shoeboxes for orphans & underprivileged children in Ukraine for the **Bridge of Hope's annual campaign**. Please fill your gift with personal care items, school supplies, treats, clothing, or toys, & label if it is for a Boy/Girl, and include their age range (2-4, 5-9, or 10-14). Please avoid liquids, loose candy, battery-operated toys, or excessively heavy items. Monetary gifts are also accepted. **For more details**, please visit ourbridgeofhope.com .

***IMPORTANT: Please bring your gift & a \$7.00 donation to cover shipping (cheques payable to "Bridge of Hope") to the Parish Office by Monday, September 28th.**

September 2026 Campaign – Aid to the Church in Ukraine: ***(Please note: the deadline to donate is September 30th).***

This September, the Eparchy of Edmonton invites the faithful to support the **"Aid to the Church in Ukraine"** campaign. With winter approaching, families continue to arrive from frontline communities with little more than they can carry. In the Kharkiv region, over **520,000 people** have been forced from their homes due to the war—with over 200,000 displaced individuals in the city of Kharkiv alone. The goal is to raise \$60,000 to send two semi-truck loads of **critical, life-saving supplies** – such as food, medicine, blankets, heaters, & generators – directly to the Exarchates of Kharkiv and Donetsk. Your meaningful gift stands in solidarity with those who have lost everything. Please consider donating in the collection plate (**please mark your donation as "Kharkiv & Donetsk Aid"**), or directly online at eeparchy.com (More info is posted in the letter on the bulletin board).

Update to Church Basement Rebuild:

The painting has been completed, and flooring will be ordered next week. Lights are being installed in the kitchen, and ceiling tiles will also be installed next week. Kitchen cabinets will be constructed by Brookwood Cabinets, owned by local cabinet maker Alex Hanson.

PARISH EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note: Due to Study Days, there will be no 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy on October 6, 7, or 8th.

Saturday, September 26th:

- 5:00 p.m. – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, September 27th:

- 9:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)
- 11:15 a.m. – Divine Liturgy (English)

Thu., October 1st: Feast of the Protection of the B.V.M.

- 8:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

Saturday, October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, & 31st:

- (*October 3rd: 8:00 a.m. First Saturday Divine Liturgy*)
- 5:00 p.m. – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, October 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th; November 1st:

- 9:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)
- 11:15 a.m. – Divine Liturgy (English)

Monday, October 12th: Thanksgiving Day

- 8:00 a.m. – Thanksgiving Divine Liturgy
- Parish Office closed for Thanksgiving

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Liturgy Service at Senior's Homes:

Fri., October 16th: 10:00 a.m. at Century Park

Thu., October 22nd: 10:00 a.m. at Vegreville Manor

Tue., October 27th: 10:00 a.m. at Vegreville Care Centre
(Homestead Lodge & Heritage House dates to be decided).

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Parish Weekly Donations:

- September 20 Donations:	\$ 975.00
- Catechism:	\$ 50.00
- Repairs & Maintenance:	\$ 20.00
- Utilities:	<u>\$ 50.00</u>

September 20 Total Donation: \$1,095.00

Parish Weekly Donations:

- September Donations:	\$4,792.45
- Catechism:	\$ 100.00
- Repairs & Maintenance:	\$ 70.00
- Utilities:	<u>\$ 50.00</u>

September Total Donation: \$5,012.45

Неділя, 27 вересня: 18-та Неділя по Зісл.Св. Духа

Тропар, глас 1: Хоч камінь запечатали юдеї* і воїни стерегли пречисте тіло Твоє,* воскрес Ти на третій день Спасе,* даруючи світові життя.* Ради цього сили небесні взивали до Тебе, Життєдавче:* Слава воскресінню Твоєму, Христе,* слава царству Твоєму,* слава промислові Твоєму,* єдиний Людинолюбне.

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові, і нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.

Кондак, глас 1: Воскрес Ти як Бог із гробу у славі* і світ із собою воскресив,* і людське єство як Бога оспівує Тебе,* і смерть щезла.* Адам же ликує, Владико,* і Єва нині, від узів визволяючись, радується, взиваючи:* Ти, Христе, Той, Хто всім подає воскресіння.

Прокімен, глас 1: Будь, Господи, милість Твоя на нас, бо уповали ми на Тебе.

Стих: Радуйтеся, праведні, у Господі, правим належить похвала.

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Апостол: До Корінтян другого послання святого апостола Павла читання (9:6–11)

Хор: Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!

Стих: Бог, що вершить відомству за мене і підкорив народи мені.

Хор: Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!

Стих: Ти велично спасаєш царя Свого і твориш милість помазаникові Своєму Давидові і сімені його довіку.

Хор: Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!

Євангелія: Від Луки 5:1–11

Причасний: Хваліте Господа з небес, хваліте Його во вишніх. Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!

Sunday, September 27: 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Troparion, tone 1: Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans,* and soldiers guarded Your most pure body,* You arose, O Saviour, on the third day,* and gave life to the world.* And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life:* Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ!* Glory to Your kingdom!* Glory to Your saving plan,* O only Lover of mankind.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, tone 1: You arose in glory from the tomb* and with Yourself You raised the world.* All humanity acclaims You as God, and death has vanished.* Adam exults, O Master,* and Eve, redeemed from bondage now, cries out for joy:* “You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all.”

Prokeimenon, tone 1: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous.

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Epistle: A reading from the Second Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (9:6–11)

Faithful: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse: God gives me vindication, and has subdued peoples under me.

Faithful: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse: Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His posterity for ever.

Faithful: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 5:1–11

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!