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HOLY TRINITY UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Christ the King

John 18:33-37



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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V. Faith Is Saying Yes to God

Faith begins when a person opens his or her heart to God and says “yes” to His presence, His truth, and His will. In the Ukrainian Catholic tradition, faith is not only an idea or feeling, but a living relationship with the Lord. Just as the Mother of God answered the angel, “Let it be done to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38), every Christian is called to answer God with trust and obedience. Faith means allowing God to guide our life even when we do not fully understand His plans.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: “Faith is first of all a personal adherence of man to God” (CCC 150). Faith is therefore more than knowing prayers or attending church services; it is entrusting our whole life to Christ. In the Divine Liturgy we constantly proclaim our “Amen,” which means, “Yes, I believe.” Every time we pray, receive the Holy Eucharist, or make the sign of the cross, we renew our “yes” to God and invite Him to dwell more deeply within us.

Saying “yes” to God also requires courage. Sometimes God calls us to forgive, to change our way of life, or to carry our daily cross with patience. True faith does not disappear in difficulties but grows stronger through them. The saints of our Church, the martyrs, monastics, and faithful grandparents who preserved the faith through persecution, all teach us that faithfulness means remaining with Christ in every circumstance. Their lives remind us that saying “yes” to God often demands sacrifice, but it also brings deep peace and spiritual freedom.

The Catechism also reminds us: “By faith, man completely submits his intellect and his will to God” (CCC 143). This submission is not slavery, but love and trust. Just as a child trusts loving parents, so we trust our Heavenly Father. In prayer we learn to listen to God’s voice, and through the Scriptures and teachings of the Church we discover the path that leads to eternal life. Faith transforms the mind and heart, helping us to see the world not only with human eyes but with the light of Christ.

Saint Augustine beautifully wrote: “Faith is to believe what you do not yet see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.” These words remind us that faith is a journey toward the Kingdom of God. We do not yet see heaven fully, but through faith we already experience God’s grace, love, and presence in our lives. Every Divine Liturgy is a foretaste of heaven, where our earthly “yes” joins the eternal praise of the angels and saints.

As Ukrainian Catholics, we are called to live our faith publicly and joyfully. In our families, workplaces, schools, and parish communities, we witness to Christ by our kindness, prayer, honesty, and love for one another. Faith is not passive; it moves us to action. Each day the Lord asks us again: “Do you trust Me?” May our answer always be simple and sincere: “Yes, Lord, I believe. Lead me according to Your holy will.”

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Knights of Columbus Annual Memorial Service:

The K. of C. will be holding their annual Memorial Service for all deceased Brother Knights who were members of Our Lady of the Highway Council 4249 at 2 PM on **Sunday, November 8th, 2026** at St. Martin of Tours R.C. Church, Vegreville. Together we will offer prayers for their eternal rest and comfort for their families. Donuts and refreshments will be served following the Memorial Service.

Please RSVP to Paul Bosse @ 587-280-1945 or by emailing paulbosse2@outlook.com regarding your attendance & the number of people attending, prior to Mon., Nov. 1st, 2026.

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Eparchial Events:

Called to Be Holy Men’s Conference 2026: November 6–7th at Holy Spirit Seminary, for all men 16+. This year’s theme is “Open the Eyes of Our Minds: Lifting the Veil of Liturgical Mystery”, with Keynote speaker, Ilya Galadza. **Registration Deadline: October 30, 2026. Register** by following the link <https://eeparchy.com/events/mens-conference-event-2026> .

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of Canada: Join Metropolitan-elect Michael Kwiatkowski, Bishop David Motiuk, and all the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops in Canada for a bilingual Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. on **Saturday, October 31st** at St. Basil the Great Ukrainian Catholic Church in Edmonton. **For more info, please visit:**
<https://eeparchy.com/events/hierarchical-divineliturgy-ukrainian-catholicbishops-canada>

PARISH EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

October is dedicated to Mary. We normally try to pray the Rosary daily. If anyone would like to pray in church, please come during office hours so someone can unlock the door.

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Saturday, October 24th & 31st:

- 5:00 p.m. – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, October 25th & November 1st:

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

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Liturgy Service at Senior's Home:

Tue., October 27th: 10:00 a.m. at Vegreville Care Centre

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Parish Weekly Donations:

-	October 18 Donations:	\$1,430.00
-	Catechism:	\$ 80.00
-	Utilities:	\$ 75.00

October 18 Total Donation: \$1,585.00

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-	October Donations:	\$5,015.00
-	Catechism:	\$ 220.00
-	Repairs & Maintenance:	\$ 50.00
-	Utilities:	\$ 75.00

October Total Donation: \$5,360.00

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Update to Church Basement Rebuild:

The flooring tile has been completed and baseboards are installed. We will receive updates on the next steps soon.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for October 2026:

For mental health ministry: Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illness.

Неділя, 25 жовтня: Празник Христа Царя

Тропар, глас 4: Володіння твоє, Христе Боже наш,*
визволило нас від влади темряви* і перенесло в
царство твоєї любови.* Ти, що є, і споконвіку був та
явився нам, як Цар, * Господи, – слава тобі!

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

Кондак, глас 7: Царю віків безсмертному, * єдиному
премудрому Христу Богові,* поклонімся і,
припадаючи, закликаємо:* Тобі дана влада і честь і
царство,* і всі люди тобі підкоряться. * Влада твоя –
влада вічна, і царство твоє не занепаде:* бо задля
нас став раром предвічний Цар Христос.

Прокімен, глас 3: Співайте Богові нашому, співайте;
співайте цареві нашому, співайте.

Стих: Бо цар усієї землі – Бог, співайте якнайкраще.

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**Апостол: До Колосян послання святого апостола
Павла читання (1:12–20)**

Хор: Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!

Стих: Він буде правити від моря до моря і від ріки до
кінців землі.

Хор: Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!

Стих: Йому поклоняться усі царі, роди Йому
служитимуть.

Хор: Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!

Євангелія: Від Івана 18:33–37

Замість "Достойно...": Величай, душе моя, Царя Христа,
що царює у вселенній.* Безначального Отця Син, Бог
і Господь, * воплотившись від Діви, нам з'явився, *
щоб просвітити у тьмі сущих, зібрати розсіяних.*
Тому ми всехвальну Богородицю величаємо.

Причасний: Господь – Суддя наш, Господь – Князь
наш, Господь – Цар наш, що нас спасає. Алилуя!
Алилуя! Алилуя!

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Sunday, October 25: Feast of Christ the King

Troparion, tone 4: Your rule, O Christ our God,* saved us from the power of darkness* and brought us into the kingdom of Your love.* You Who are and were from all eternity and appeared Yourself to us as a King* – Glory be to You, O Lord!

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

Kontakion, tone 7: Let us fall down before Christ God, the only wise and immortal King of ages,* and adore Him saying: To You is given the power and the glory and the kingdom,* and all nations are subject to You.* Your power is eternal power and your Kingdom is indestructible.* The eternal King, Jesus Christ, has become a King for our sake.

Prokeimenon, tone 3: Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

Verse: God is king over all the earth; sing hymns of praise.

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Epistle: A reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Colossians (1:12–20)

Faithful: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse: May He rule from sea to sea, from the river to the ends of the earth.

Faithful: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse: May all kings bow before Him, all nations serve Him.

Faithful: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: John 18:33–37

Instead of 'It is truly right...': O my soul, extol Christ the King, Ruler of the universe.* God the Lord, Son of the eternal Father,* took flesh from the Virgin and appeared among us* to enlighten those living in darkness* and to gather together the scattered.* Therefore, we exalt the ever-praised Mother of God.

Communion Hymn: The Lord is our Judge, the Lord is our
Prince, the Lord is our King Who will save us. Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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