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HOLY TRINITY UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost;

Apostle & Evangelist Luke

Luke 8:5-15



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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IV. Faith is Taking God at His Word

Faith, dear brothers and sisters, is not merely a feeling or a vague belief—it is a conscious decision to trust God. To have faith means to take God at His word, to believe that what He has revealed is true because He Himself is faithful. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches clearly: “Faith is the theological virtue by which we believe in God and believe all that he has said and revealed to us” (CCC 1814). In this sense, faith is rooted not in our own understanding, but in the reliability of God who speaks.

This means that faith is deeply relational. God does not simply communicate truths; He reveals Himself. When we take God at His word, we are entering into a living relationship with Him. Like Abraham, who trusted God’s promise even when it seemed impossible, we are called to rely on God’s voice more than on our own reasoning. Faith invites us to step beyond certainty into trust, knowing that God never deceives.

At the same time, faith involves obedience. It is not enough to hear God’s word—we must respond to it with our lives. The Catechism reminds us: “By faith, man completely submits his intellect and his will to God” (CCC 143). This obedience is not a burden, but a path to freedom. When we align our lives with God’s truth, we begin to live as we were truly created to live.

A profound insight into this mystery is given by St. Augustine of Hippo, who wrote: “Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.” Faith opens the eyes of the heart. It allows us to trust God’s promises even when we cannot yet see their fulfillment, and it gradually leads us into deeper understanding and communion with Him.

In daily life, this characteristic of faith becomes very concrete. Taking God at His word means trusting in His mercy when we feel burdened by sin, believing in His presence when we feel alone, and holding onto His promises in moments of fear or uncertainty. It challenges us to move beyond self-reliance and to place our confidence fully in God.

Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, let us cultivate this living faith. Let us listen attentively to God's word in Scripture and in the Divine Liturgy, and let us respond with trust and obedience. Faith is not only something we profess with our lips—it is something we live. When we truly take God at His word, our lives are transformed, and we become witnesses to His truth, His love, and His faithfulness in the world.

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Holy Trinity Parish Anniversary Celebration:

In 2027, Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Parish will mark 120 years of faith, prayer, worship, and service to our community.

We ask our parishioners to prayerfully consider how we should commemorate this important milestone, giving thanks to God for the generations who have built, sustained, and faithfully served our parish.

Our anniversary celebration would include a Divine Liturgy, a blessing by our Bishop upon our parish and parishioners, and a parish celebration of thanksgiving and fellowship.

Please indicate your preference in the box in the vestibule:

- ☐ Celebrate our 120th Anniversary in 2027
- ☐ Wait and celebrate our 125th Anniversary in 2032
- ☐ Celebrate both — commemorate our 120th Anniversary in 2027 and our 125th Anniversary in 2032

This vote is about when we, as a parish family, wish to commemorate the faithful history and spiritual life of Holy Trinity Parish. Details regarding a banquet, entertainment, dancing, or other social activities can be discussed and decided separately.

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Update to Church Basement Rebuild:

The flooring has arrived, and flooring prep is in progress. Floor tile installation has started.

Parish Garage Update:

The construction of the new garage has begun. Work will continue in the upcoming weeks.

The Marian Movement of Priests in Canada - 2026 Regional Cenacles in Alberta:

You are invited to join us for a day of prayer and devotion, including Holy Mass, Holy Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, Meditation, & a Q & A session.

Edmonton: Wednesday, October 21st from 7:00–9:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Catholic Church, 12810–111 Ave., Edmonton, AB. Contact: Roger at rverret7@gmail.com .

Calgary: Monday, October 19th from 2:00–6:00 p.m. at St. Bonaventure's Catholic Church, 1600 Acadia Drive SE, Calgary, AB. Contact: Marjorie at marymarjoriet@yahoo.ca . For more information, please contact Lowell by calling 780–632–2931, or the email addresses listed above.

Update on First Holy Communion Classes:

First Holy Communion Classes will commence once the church basement renovations are completed and the basement is usable once more.

Please contact the Parish Office at 780–632–3433, or ucveg@telusplanet.net to confirm your child's attendance for classes, as there will likely not be more than 1–2 weeks notice before they begin.

Fundraiser for 2027 World Youth Day Pilgrims:

Sunday, October 18th at St. Martin of Tours Parish, from 12:00–1:00 p.m. Soup and a bun for \$5.00/person. Everyone is welcome!

Knights of Columbus Annual Memorial Service:

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Memorial Service for all deceased Brother Knights who were members of Our Lady of the Highway Council 4249 on **Sunday, November 8th, 2026** at 2:00 p.m., at St. Martin of Tours R.C. Church, 5437–43 Street, 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 pauljbosse2@outlook.com regarding your attendance & the number of people attending, prior to Mon., Nov. 1st, 2026.

Catholic Education Week – October 17th–23rd, 2026:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate Catholic Education Week across Alberta, the Northwest Territories and Yukon, we give thanks to God for the gift of Catholic education and for our schools, where young people are formed in faith, knowledge, and service.

This year's theme, "The Power of the Holy Spirit," is drawn from St. Paul: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13).

At the heart of Catholic education is Jesus Christ, who through the power of the Holy Spirit lives in us. It is the confidence that God is with us, that Christ has conquered sin and death, and that the Holy Spirit continues to guide and strengthen us towards fullness of life in Him. Catholic education brings faith and learning together, in forming the intellect, freedom, and conscience of students. This formation begins in the home, is nourished in the parish, and is strengthened in our schools through the shared witness of families, educators, clergy, council members, trustees and the wider Catholic community.

To our students: Christ calls each of you by name. Your gifts, your challenges, and your hopes matter to the Church today. May your education help you discover the gifts God has given you through His Spirit, and inspire you to place them at the service of others.

To all who share in this mission, especially parents, educators, staff, council members, trustees, clergy and supporters, we offer our heartfelt gratitude.

May our Catholic schools remain places where Christ is known and loved, where faith and learning are united, and where young people may abound in a community of hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Yours in Christ,

Catholic Bishops of Alberta, Northwest Territories and Yukon:

Most Reverend Stephen A. Hero, Archbishop of Edmonton
Most Reverend David Motiuk, Bishop of the Ukrainian Eparchy of Edmonton
Most Reverend Jon Hansen, CSsR, Bishop of Mackenzie–Fort Smith
Most Reverend Hector Vila, Bishop of Whitehorse
Most Reverend William McGrattan, Alberta Liaison Bishop for Catholic Education; Bishop of Calgary
Most Reverend Charles Duval, CSsR, Archbishop of Grouard–McLennan
Most Reverend Gary Franken, Bishop of St. Paul
(The original letter is posted on the bulletin board).

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Eparchial Events:

Called to Be Holy Men's Conference 2026:

Join us **November 6–7th** at **Holy Spirit Seminary**, 12909–113 Ave. NW, Edmonton for a welcoming weekend of talks, conversation, prayer, and fellowship for all men 16+.

This year's theme is **“Open the Eyes of Our Minds: Lifting the Veil of Liturgical Mystery.”**

Keynote speaker: Ilya Galadza

Registration Deadline: October 30, 2026. Limited overnight rooms available. **Register** by following the link on <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 Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on **Saturday, October 31st, 2026**. The bilingual celebration will take place at **St. Basil the Great Ukrainian Catholic Church** in Edmonton at **10:00 a.m.**

For more info, please visit:

<https://eeparchy.com/events/hierarchical-divineliturgy-ukrainian-catholicbishops-canada>

Seventeenth Annual Bishop's Gala:

The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton warmly invites you to join Bishop David Motiuk for the 17th Annual Bishop's Gala on **Thursday, December 3, 2026**, at the Chateau Louis Conference Centre in Edmonton.

Each year, the Bishop's Gala brings together clergy, parishioners, friends, families, and supporters of the Eparchy for an evening of fellowship, celebration, and support for the mission of the Church.

An Evening of Faith, Community and Celebration

The Bishop's Gala is more than an annual dinner. It is an opportunity for our Eparchial community to come together, reconnect with one another, celebrate the life of our Church, and support its continuing mission.

As in previous years, the Gala also provides an important opportunity to support the work of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton. Previous Gala fundraising has helped the Eparchy continue ministries and programs that strengthen the faithful, nurture hope and charity, and further the mission of the Church. This year, we invite you to join us as we especially honour the women who serve with faith and love and whose gifts continue to enrich the Church and its communities.

Cocktails: 6:00 PM

Dinner: 7:00 PM

Tickets: \$225 per person

Theme: Celebrating Women in the Church Today: Serving with Faith and Love

Honorary Chair: Dr. Linda Dudar, PhD, Program Director, Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation for Canada

Reserve Your Spot Today! We look forward to welcoming you for a meaningful evening of faith, fellowship, & celebration!

Tickets are \$225 and are available through the Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral Centre.

Phone: 780-424-5496

Email: chancery@edmontoneparchy.com

For more information, please visit

<https://eeparchy.com/events/bishops-gala-2026>

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 17th, 24th, & 31st:

- 5:00 p.m. – Divine Liturgy

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

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

Tuesday, October 20th:

- 7:00 p.m. – **Parish Council Meeting** in the Parish Office. All parishioners are welcome to attend council meetings

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Liturgy Service at Senior's Homes:

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

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

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Parish Weekly Donations:

-	October 11 Donations:	\$1,455.00
-	Catechism:	<u>\$ 90.00</u>
	October 11 Total Donation:	\$1,545.00

Parish Weekly Donations:

-	October 04 Donations:	\$1,975.00
-	Catechism:	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
-	Repairs & Maintenance:	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
	October 04 Total Donation:	\$2,075.00

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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, 18 жовтня: 21-а Неділя по Зіс. Св. Духа
Апостол і Євангеліст Лука**

Тропар, глас 4: Світлую воскресіння проповідь від ангела взявши* і прадідне осудження відкинувши,*
* Господні учениці, хвалячись, апостолам мовили:*
Повалилася смерть, воскрес Христос Бог,* даруючи світові велику милість.

Тропар, глас 5: Священними піснями похвалімо* святого апостола, преславного Луку,* що Христовій Церкві світло написав Христове Євангеліє, якого не було,* і розповів Апостольські Діяння.* Він бо лікар, що оздоровляє людські немочі,* тілесні недуги й душевні рани,* і безустанно молиться за душі наші.

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

Кондак, глас 4: Спас і Визволитель мій* із гробу як Бог* воскресив від оков земнороджених* і врата адові сокрушив,* і як Владика* воскрес тридневний.

Прокімен, глас 4: Які величні діла Твої, Господи, все премудрістю сотворив Ти.

Стих: Благослови, душе моя, Господа; Господи, Боже мій, Ти вельми величний.

Прокімен, глас 4: Які величні діла Твої, Господи, все премудрістю сотворив Ти.

Апостол: До Галатів послання святого апостола Павла читання (2:16–20)

Хор: Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!

Стих: Напни лук, і тріумфуй, і царюй, істини ради, і лагідности, і справедливости.

Хор: Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!

Стих: Возлюбив Ти справедливість і возненавидів Ти беззаконня.

Хор: Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!

Євангелія: Від Луки 8:5–15

Причасний: Хваліте Господа з небес, хваліте Його во
вишніх. На всю землю вийшло вісткування їх і до
кінців вселенної глаголи їх. Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!

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**Sunday, October 18: 21st Sunday after Pentecost
Apostle & Evangelist Luke**

Troparion, tone 4: When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel* the glorious news of the resurrection* and cast off the ancestral condemnation,* they proudly told the apostles:* “Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen,* granting to the world great mercy.”

Troparion, tone 5: Let us praise in sacred hymns the celebrated Luke* herald of the acts of the apostles,* brightly shining author of the Good News of Christ,* scribe of things unwritten which he wrote for Christ’s Church.* He is a physician for the feeble,* healing nature’s ailments and the maladies of souls* and he prays unceasingly for all of us.

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

Kontakion, tone 4: My Saviour and Deliverer from the grave* as God raised out of bondage the children of the earth* and shattered the gates of Hades;* and as Master, He rose on the third day.

Prokeimenon, tone 4: How great are Your works, O Lord* You have made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul: O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great.

Prokeimenon, tone 4: How great are Your works, O Lord* You have made all things in wisdom.

Epistle: A reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians (2:16–20)

Faithful: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse: Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, and meekness, and justice.

Faithful: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse: You have loved justice and hated iniquity.

Faithful: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 8:5–15

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise Him in the highest. Their utterance has gone forth
into all the earth,* and their words unto the ends of the
world. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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