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HOLY TRINITY UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 6:31-36



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.

II. Faith as Obedience in the Light of the Resurrection

Faith is not only something we believe—it is something we live. True faith is a step of obedience. It is not simply agreeing with truths about God, but trusting Him enough to follow His will. In the Gospel, we see that those who encountered Christ did not always understand everything, but they obeyed—and through that obedience, their faith grew. Faith begins where certainty ends, and where trust in God begins.

The Myrrh-bearing women are a beautiful example of this living faith. They went to the tomb not knowing how the stone would be rolled away. They did not have all the answers, but they took a step forward in obedience and love. This is the nature of faith: we act first, trusting that God will do the rest. Obedience opens the door for God's grace to work in our lives.

In the spiritual life, obedience is essential for growth. Without obedience, faith remains only an idea. But when we begin to live according to God's commandments—when we forgive, pray, fast, and love even when it is difficult—our faith becomes alive. As Saint Basil the Great teaches, faith is perfected through action. It is through obedience that we are transformed and drawn closer to God.

The Resurrection of Christ is the foundation of this faith. It is not something we create on our own—it is a gift given to us by the Risen Lord. After His Resurrection, Christ strengthens the faith of His disciples, not only by words, but by His presence. He gives them peace, courage, and the grace to believe. In the same way, our faith is nourished through our encounter with the Risen Christ in prayer, in Scripture, and especially in the Holy Eucharist.

Faith, then, is a journey. It grows step by step. Sometimes God asks us to trust Him in small things—daily prayer, patience, kindness. Other times, He asks for greater sacrifices. But every act of obedience strengthens our faith. When we say “yes” to God, even in small ways, we begin to experience His power and His love more deeply.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us ask the Risen Christ to strengthen our faith. Let us not be afraid to take that step of obedience, even when we do not see the whole path ahead. For it is in trusting Him that we grow, and it is in following

Him that we come to new life. True faith is not only believing that Christ is risen—it is living as those who have been transformed by His Resurrection.



120th Anniversary of the Parish:

The Parish will be celebrating 120 years in 2027. We are considering having a banquet in the Social Centre with a local band and dancing.

A discussion occurred at the last Parish Council Meeting as to whether the Parish should hold a 120th Anniversary celebration in April of 2027, or wait until 2032 to hold the 125th Anniversary celebration.

During the meeting, it was suggested that the opinions of parishioners be considered. Please respond with opinion by emailing the Parish Office with your choice, OR by checking off the ballots in the vestibule and placing them in the box. One vote per person only, please.

Annual Christmas Backpacks/Shoeboxes for Ukraine:

Thank you to everyone who supported this project. A total of 6 backpacks and 2 monetary donations have been generously donated, and will be delivered to Edmonton for shipping this week. Thank you for helping bring hope and joy to orphans & underprivileged children in Ukraine this Christmas season.

September 2026 Campaign – Aid to the Church in Ukraine:
(Please note: donations towards this project now closed).

Thank you to everyone who donated towards this campaign. A total of **\$1,400.00** was donated by parishioners, and has been forwarded to the Eparchy of Edmonton.

Update to Church Basement Rebuild:

Painting has been completed, but paint touch-ups will be done closer to completion of all repairs. Flooring has been ordered and should arrive in approximately 2 weeks. The ceiling tile in the kitchen has been installed.

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!

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.

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 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

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 9th: 10:00 a.m. at Heritage House

Tue., October 13th: 9:30 a.m. at Homestead Lodge

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

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Parish Weekly Donations:

- September 27 Donations:	\$1,261.00
- Utilities:	<u>\$ 125.00</u>
September 27 Total Donation:	\$1,386.00

Parish Weekly Donations:

- September Donations:	\$6,053.45
- Catechism:	\$ 100.00
- Repairs & Maintenance:	\$ 70.00
- Utilities:	<u>\$ 175.00</u>
September Total Donation:	\$6,398.45

Неділя, 4 жовтня: 19-а Неділя по Зіс. Св. Духа

Тропар, глас 2: Коли зійшов Ти до смерти, Життя безсмертне,* тоді ад умертвив Ти зблиском божества.* Коли ж і умерлих із глибин підземних воскресив Ти,* всі сили небесні взивали:* Життедавче, Христе Боже наш, слава Тобі

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

Кондак, глас 2: Воскрес єси з гробу, всесильний Спасе,* і ад, видівши чудо, вжахнувся, і мертві возстали,* а творіння, бачачи це, радується разом з Тобою,* і Адам веселиться, і світ, Спасе мій, оспівує тебе повсякчасно.

Прокімен, глас 2: Кріпость моя і пісня моя – Господь, і став мені спасінням.

Стих: Караючи покарав мене Господь, та смерті не передав мене.

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Апостол: До Корінтян другого послання святого апостола Павла читання (11:31–12:9)

Хор: Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!

Стих: Вислухає тебе Господь у день печалі, захистить тебе ім'я Бога Якова.

Хор: Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!

Стих: Господи, спаси царя Свого і почуй нас у день, коли призовемо Тебе.

Хор: Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!

Євангелія: Від Луки 6:31–36

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



Sunday, October 4: 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Troparion, tone 2: When You went down to death, O Life Immortal,* You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity.* When You raised the dead from the nether world,* all the powers of heaven cried out:* “O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!”

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

Kontakion, tone 2: You rose from the tomb, O almighty Saviour;* and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose.* Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults.* And the world, my Saviour, sings Your praises for ever.

Prokeimenon, tone 2: The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

Verse: The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death.

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Epistle: A reading from the **Second Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (11:31–12:9)**

Faithful: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse: The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you.

Faithful: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse: Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You.

Faithful: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 6:31–36

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

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