

The Way Of The CROSS

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE MISSION OF THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CANADA
SERVING SOUTH WINNIPEG

4th Sunday of the Great Fast. St. John Climacus

Venerable martyr Eudocia of Heliopolis (c. 160-170). Martyrs Nestor and Tribimius (III).
Martyr Antoninia of Niceaea (III-IV). Virgin Domnina of Cyrrhus (450-460). St. David,
Bp. Of Wales (VI). St. Albinus, Bp. Angers (550).

ORDER OF SERVICE:

Troparion and Kontakion

Tone 7: You destroyed death by Your Cross. / You opened paradise to the thief. / You changed the Myrrh-Bearers weeping / and commanded Your apostles to proclaim / that You are risen, O Christ God, // granting the world great mercy.

Tone 1: O Lord, save Your People, / and bless Your inheritance! / Grant victory to Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries, / and by Your Cross // preserve Your Commonwealth.

Tone 1: Dweller of the Wilderness and Angel in the Flesh: / You were shown to be a wonderworker, O John, our God-Bearing Father. / You received heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil and prayer. / You heal the bodies and souls of those who approach you in faith. / Glory to the One Who gave you strength. / Glory to the One Who crowned you. // Glory to the One Who through you Grants healing to all.

Glory...Both now...

Tone 4: On the height of abstinence did the Lord place you, / O Our Father and Teacher John, / as an unerring star // which enlightens the ends of the earth.

The Epistle

Reader: The Prokimenon in the 7th Tone: The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

Choir: The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

Reader: Bring to the Lord, you sons of God, bring young rams to the Lord.

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Reader: The Reading is from St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews: [Hebrews 6:13-20]

Reader: Alleluia in the 7th Tone: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: To declare Your mercy in the morning and Your truth by night.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel: [Mark 9:17-31]

Communion Verse: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. The righteous man shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Hebrews 6:13-20 (Sunday Epistle)

13. For when God made his promise to Abraham, he swore an oath by himself, since he had no one greater to swear by.

14. He said, "I will certainly bless you and give you many descendants."

15. And so he obtained the promise, because he patiently waited for it.

16. For people swear by someone greater than themselves, and an oath given as confirmation puts an end to all argument.

17. In the same way, when God wanted to make the unchangeable character of his purpose perfectly clear to the heirs of his promise, he guaranteed it with an oath, so that by these two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to prove false, we who have taken refuge in him might have a strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us.

18. We have this hope as an anchor for our souls, firm and secure, which reaches behind the curtain,

19. where Jesus, our forerunner, has gone on our behalf, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Mark 9:17-31 (Sunday Gospel)

17. A man in the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you. He has a spirit that won't let him talk.

18. Whenever it brings on a seizure, it throws him to the ground. Then he foams at the mouth, grinds his teeth, and becomes stiff. So I asked your disciples to drive the spirit out, but they didn't have the power."

19. Jesus said to them, "You unbelieving generation! How long must I be with you? How long must I put up with you? Bring him to me!"

20. So they brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into convulsions. He fell on the ground and kept rolling around and foaming at the mouth.

21. Then Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" He said, "Since he was a child.

22. The spirit has often thrown him into fire and into water to destroy him. But if you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us!"

23. Jesus said to him, "If you are able? Everything is possible for the person who believes!"

24. With tears flowing, the child's father at once cried out, "I do believe! Help my unbelief!"

25. When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You spirit that won't let him talk or hear-I command you to come out of him and never enter him again!"

26. The spirit screamed, shook the child violently, and came out. The boy was like a corpse, and many said that he was dead.

27. But Jesus took his hand and helped him up, and he stood up.

28. When Jesus came home, his disciples asked him privately, "Why couldn't we drive it out?"

29. He told them, "This kind can come out only by prayer and fasting."

30. Then they left that place and were passing through Galilee. Jesus didn't want anyone to know it,

31. for he was teaching his disciples and saying to them, "The Son of Man will be betrayed into human hands. They will kill him, but after being dead for three days he will be raised."

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

VESPERS: Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

DIVINE LITURGY:

March 7: Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
 March 14: Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
 March 21: Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
 March 28: Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. (Palm Sunday)

Please make every effort to participate in the services offered during this Great Lent.

Financial Report Feb. 10

Income	805.70
Expenses	1050.00
Net	-\$244.30

Building Fund

Goal — \$25,000
 Collected — \$9092.76

Fund Raising

Prayer for Needs: Pamela, and Jeff, Lisa, Dustin, Lucinda, Sophia

Prayer for Sick: Georgina, , Dustin, Chuck, Frank

Prayer for the souls of those who have fallen asleep in the Lord:

GOD GRANT MANY YEARS: March

Birthdays: Liam (6),

Anniversaries:

OUR PARISH REQUIRES YOUR REGULAR DONATIONS FOR ITS ONGOING SUPPORT. ANY DONATION YOU CAN GIVE EITHER FOR THE OPERATION OR FOR THE BUILDING FUND WILL BE GRATEFULLY APPRECIATED.

REMEMBER THAT YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS AS WELL AS ANY FINANCIAL GIFT AND VOLUNTEER TIME YOU CAN GIVE. **THE COLLECTION BASKET FOR DONATIONS IS LOCATED ON THE BACK CORNER TABLE.**

MEETINGS and STUFF

Holy Cross Parish Council: Kitzul Residence:

March 2, 7:30 p.m.

Adult Ed. Class: Postponed

3rd Sunday of Month: Bring a canned good donation to Church.

WELCOME to all our guests who came to worship with us today IN THE FAITH OF THE APOSTLES THAT HAS BEEN PRESERVED UNCHANGED AND IS ETERNAL. May God save you for your prayers.

- Check out our Lending Library: **New Kid's album of Icon Cards are now available.**
- Let's not forget about our Food Bank Donations and 'Pennies from Heaven'.
- If you are working at your computer, turn on Ancient Faith Radio at: <http://ancientfaith.com>
- **Parish is selling Prayer Ropes and Beeswax Candles** as a fundraiser. Great for your devotional needs. See Sandy

Hand your prayer request to Subdeacon Dennis or to one of the Acolytes before the service and he will bring it to the priest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **GRAPE JELLY for sale.** Only \$3.00 a jar. We are all sold out of the Honey. We still have grape jelly for sale. Please see Sylvia Kitzul if you are interested.
2. **Church Calendars: \$3.00 each. They will be available at the back of the chapel.** Please pay Dave.
3. **DIVINE LITURGY SERVICE BOOKS** are now available for sale. You can have your very own copy for \$10.00. Please see Sandy or Fr. Evan.
4. **Perogie Orders!** Holy Cross is taking perogie orders again. Get your perogie orders in. Same prices as last time. If you are able to donate flour or potatoes please see Sylvia Kitzul.
5. **Passia Service - Mar. 14, 6:00 p.m. St. Michael's**
6. **Holy Week Schedule of Services.**
Holy Wednesday (March 31)—Holy Unction. 7:00 p.m. at All-Saints.
Holy Thursday (April 1)— Reading of the 12 Gospels. 6:00 p.m. at Holy Cross.
Holy Friday (April 2)— Shroud Service. 3:00 p.m. at Holy Cross.
Holy Saturday (April 3)— Vespers Liturgy. 11:00 a.m. at Holy Cross.
Holy Pascha (April 4)— Paschal Matins. 5:15 a.m., Divine Liturgy to follow.
7. **Great Vespers (March 13)** will be hosted by St. Nicholas OCA (5635 Henderson Hwy) at 4:00 p.m.
8. **Holy Cross will be hosting the Akathist-Laudation of**

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the Most Holy Theotokos at 6:00 p.m. on March 19. Please make every effort to participate in this service as this our opportunity to be hosts to our brothers and sisters from our sister parishes.

Martyr Eudokia of Heliopolis Commemorated on March 14

Holy Monastic Martyr Eudokia was a Samaritan, a native of the city of Heliopolis in Phoenicia (modern Baalbek), who lived during the reign of Trajan (98-117). Her pagan impiety took her off the good path, and for a long time she led a sinful life. Her soul was deadened and her heart hardened.

Eudokia awoke one night at midnight and heard singing from the house of a Christian woman next to hers. A monk was reading from a book which described the Last Judgment, the punishment of sinners, and the reward of the righteous. The grace of God touched Eudokia's heart, and she grieved because of her great wealth and for her sinful life.

In the morning Eudokia hastened to call on the man whose rule of prayer she heard the previous night. This was a monk named Germanus, returning from pilgrimage to the holy places to his own monastery. Eudokia listened for a long time to the guidance of the Elder, and her soul was filled with joy and love for Christ. She asked Germanus to stay in her home for a week, during which she secluded herself in her room, and spent her time in fasting and prayer.

The Elder Germanus told her to give away her wealth and to forget her previous life. Eudokia received holy Baptism from Bishop Theodotus of Heliopolis. She entered a monastery and took upon herself very strict acts of penitence. The Lord granted forgiveness to the penitent sinner and endowed her with spiritual gifts.

After she had become the head of the monastery, the young pagan Philostrates (one of her former lovers) heard of her conversion to Christ and longed to see her again. Aflame with impious passion, he came into the monastery in the guise of a monk and began to urge Eudokia to return to Heliopolis, and resume her former life. "May God rebuke you and not allow you to leave these premises," Eudokia cried. Then the impostor fell down dead. Fearing that she had served as an accomplice to murder, the sisters intensified their prayer and besought the Lord to reveal to them His will.

The Lord appeared to St Eudokia in a vision and said: "Arise, Eudokia, and pray for the resurrection of the dead man." Through Eudokia's prayers, Philostrates revived. Having been restored to life, the pagan begged the nun to forgive him. After he was baptized, he went back to Heliopolis. From that time he never forgot the mercy of God shown him, and he started onto the way of repentance.

The holy martyr was beheaded on March 14, 107.

The true Orthodox way of thought has always been historical, has always included the past, but has never been enslaved by it. The strength of the Church is not in the past, present, or future, but in Christ.