

JULY, 2017						GREGORIAN
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
16 Brandon: 9 am Portage: 12 Nn 6 th Sunday After Pentecost	17 Vacation	18 Vacation	19 Vacation	20 Vacation Prophet Elijah	21  Vacation	22 Brandon: 5 pm Sandy Johnson Birthday Offering: Barbara MacKalski
23 Brandon: 9 am Portage: 12 Nn 7 th Sunday After Pentecost	24 Vacation Martyrs Boris & Hlib	25 Vacation Dormition of St. Anne	26 Vacation	27 Vacation Great Martyr Panteleimon	28  Vacation	29 Brandon: 5 pm + Lawrence + Ciss + Martin + Joe Egan Offering: Issigonis Family

Elijah's (Elias) Journey

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, he and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, please. The LORD has sent me on to Bethel." Elisha replied, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The guild prophets who were in Bethel went out to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master from you?" He replied, "Yes, I know that. Be still."

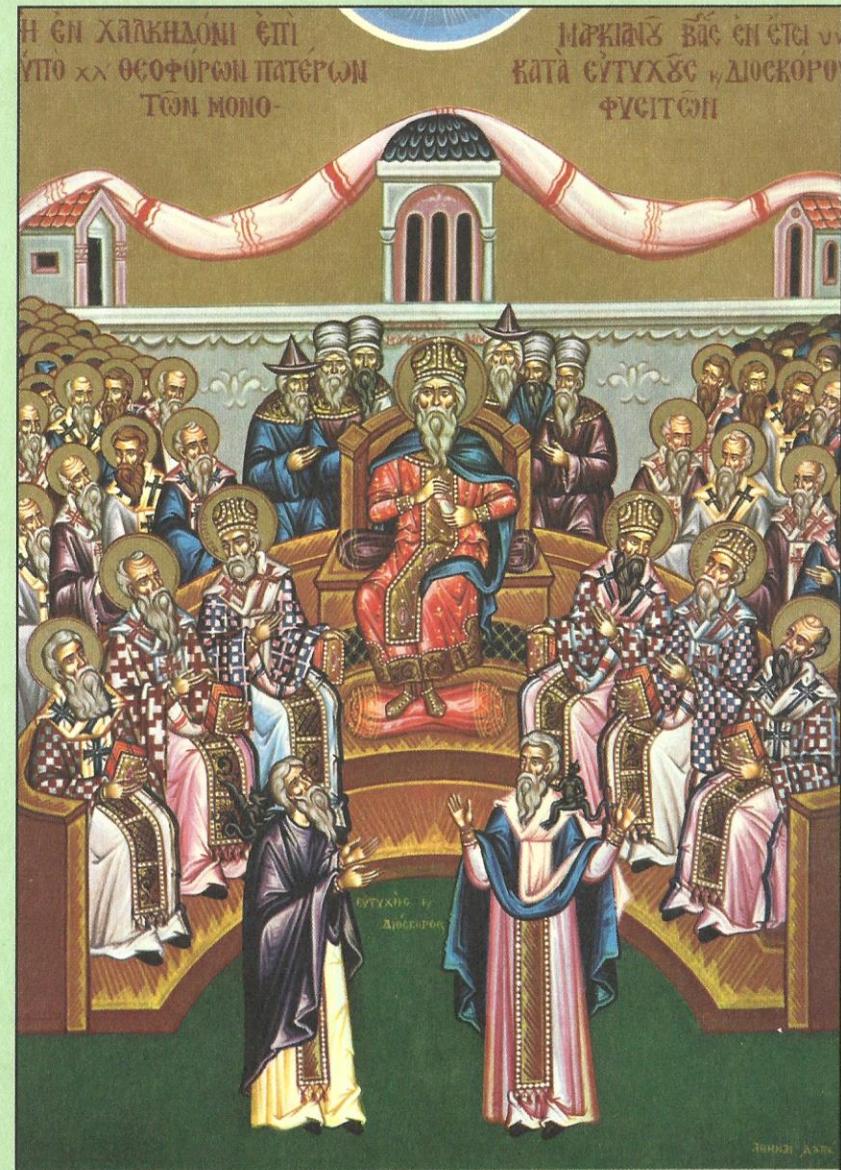
Elijah said to him, "Stay here, please. The LORD has sent me on to the Jordan." Elisha replied, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two went on together. Fifty of the guild prophets followed and stood facing them at a distance, while the two of them stood next to the Jordan.

Elijah took his mantle, rolled it up and struck the water: it divided, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. When they had crossed over,

Elijah said to Elisha, "Request whatever I might do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha answered, "May I receive a double portion of your spirit." He replied, "You have asked something that is not easy. Still, if you see me taken up from you, your wish will be granted; otherwise not." As they walked on still conversing, a fiery chariot and fiery horses came between the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind, and Elisha saw it happen. He cried out, "My father! my father! Israel's chariot and steeds!" Then he saw him no longer. He gripped his own garment, tore it into two pieces, and picked up the mantle which had fallen from Elijah. Then he went back and stood at the bank of the Jordan. Wielding the mantle which had fallen from Elijah, he struck the water and said, "The LORD, the God of Elijah – where is he now?" He struck the water: it divided, and he crossed over. (2 Kings 2:1-15)

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ROSARY AND CONFESSIONS
One-half hour before Saturday and Sunday Liturgies.

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DIVINE LITURGIES

Wednesday - Friday - 9:00 AM
Saturday (English) - 5:00 PM
Sunday (Bilingual) - 9:00 AM

<u>DATE</u>	<u>READER</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>SACRISTAN</u>	<u>GREETER</u>
Sun Jul 16	H. Lazaruk	D. Shwaluk / A. Todosichuk	N. Zemliak	S. Baranyk
Sun Jul 23	S. Kostiw	B. McKay / S. Kachur	I. Dyakiv	L. Olisnevych
Sun Jul 30	S. Shwaluk	M. Sheeshka / D. Kostiw	L. Makwaychuk	B. McKay
Sun Aug 06	P. Zaliskyy	L. Halchyshak / D. Shwaluk	N. Baranyk	O. Stevenson

COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS:

Saturday, Jul 08 \$ 275.00
Sunday, Jul 09 \$ 421.00
Total \$ 696.00
Candles \$ 19.45

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Prayer gives you courage to make the decisions you must make in a crisis and then the confidence to leave the result to a Higher Power.
- General Dwight Eisenhower

ANNUAL LEAVE

There will be no weekday services for the next two weeks of vacation. I will, however, still have Saturday and Sunday services during those weeks. Please contact St. Augustine's for emergency anointing. In the event of a funeral, please contact Fr. Emil in Neepawa at 1-204-476-3857.

SEVEN OAKS HOSPITAL ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Seven Oaks Hospital is seeking support for their upcoming book sale on August 15th, 16th and 17th, 2017. They are looking for any donations of gently used books and magazines, such as cookbooks, non-fiction, children's stories and novels. Donations are being accepted until August 9th, 2017. All proceeds from the book sale will go towards supporting the Summer Youth Volunteer program, which assists in the improvement of patient care, positive growth of youth and staff support.

COOKS CREEK - AUGUST 18-20, 2017

The 63rd three-day Annual Pilgrimage is set to take place at the "Prairie Cathedral" of the Immaculate Conception and Grotto at Cooks Creek. For further information and schedule, please check their website at www.immaculate.ca

K OF C EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Canon Luhovy Assembly Educational Foundation provides financial assistance to Ukrainian Catholic students, seminarians and religious sisters who attend post-secondary institutions, seminaries and private Catholic secondary schools. If anyone wishes to apply for a bursary, please see Fr. Michael for an application form. The closing date for receipt of applications is September 30th, 2017.

CHRIST OUR PASCHA

There are still two books available of the adult catechism "Christ Our Pascha". The cost is \$20.00 per copy. Please see Fr. Michael if you would like to purchase one.

GOD HEARS EVERY LANGUAGE

A missionary, after using a telephone in the presence of a group of natives, was asked by one of them, "Where was that wonderful thing made?" Upon being told that it was manufactured in America, the man said, "Then it is no use for me to have one in my shop, for it cannot speak our language." Calling at the home of a mutual friend, the missionary placed the instrument against the man's ear. He listened, and then exclaimed, "Oh, it speaks our language, too!" This discovery opened the way for the missionary to tell of the God who hears and understands the languages of all His people of every race and tongue.

- Free Churchman

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HUMOR

Four old men went into the pro shop after playing 18 holes of golf.
The pro asked, "Did you guys have a good game today?"
The first old guy said, "Yes, I had three riders today."
The second old guy said, "I had the most riders ever. I had five."
The third old guy said, "I had seven riders, the same as last time."
The last old man said, "I beat my old record. I had 12 riders today."
After they went into the locker room, another golfer who had heard the old guys talking about their game went to the pro and said, "I've been playing golf for a long time and thought I knew all the terminology of the game, but what's a rider?"
The pro said, "A rider is when you hit the ball far enough to actually get in the golf cart to ride to it."

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On the door of a rural post office: "PULL. If that doesn't work, PUSH. If that doesn't work, we're closed. Come again."



"The Uncontainable is contained by flesh." Christ accepted the humility of childhood to counterbalance Adam's choice of self-exaltation. When the Virgin received in her womb the Word of God, her womb became a noetic paradise [noetic, from the Greek nous, meaning mind or intellect]. Her womb was thus a place of encounter between God and humanity. The ewe-lamb carried the great Shepherd in her womb; and then in the cave, Christ—the Tree of Life—blossomed from the Virgin. The wall of partition separating humanity from God and earth from heaven is now removed. Heaven announces this to the earth through "the voice of the star" and "the starry host"—the angels. The stable itself becomes a royal palace, and the manger a royal throne. Jesus is bound in swaddling clothes in order to unbind humanity from the chains of sin. Although it had been fallen, the royal image of humanity is now being renewed to its fullness in the Resurrection.

- 194 Fulfilling the decree of the Roman Emperor that all people in the empire be enrolled, Joseph, who was of the line of David, sets out with Mary to Bethlehem, the home town of King David, to be recorded in the census rolls. There, in a cave in Bethlehem of Judea, Mary gave birth to the Child (see Lk 2:1). Fulfilled are the words of the prophet Micah about the Messiah, the son of David who shall come forth from Bethlehem (see Mi 5:2). Obedient to the word spoken by the angel of the Lord, Joseph names the Child Jesus, which means God saves, "for he will save his people from their sins" (Mt 1:21). The shepherds come to the newborn Child (see Lk 2:15-18), and Magi from the East also arrive (see Mt 2:1-11). The fact that the magi—representatives of all humanity—worship Christ, points to the universal character of salvation. In the Son of God, God the Father offers salvation to all the nations of the earth.
- 195 Creation joyfully welcomes God in the flesh, bearing gifts for the newborn Child: angels—their song; the heavens—a star; the magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh; the shepherds—their wonder; the earth—a cave; the deserted place—a manger; humankind—the Virgin Mother. The mystery of the Nativity, namely God's entry into human history, continues to this day: "Today has God come upon earth, and the human race gone up to heaven."¹⁶⁶
- 196 In our Church's tradition, the Eve of the Nativity feast, also called Holy Eve (in Ukrainian, *Sviat vechir*), is honoured with particular solemnity. Every home becomes a *Bethlehem of the family*: the table symbolizes the

¹⁶⁶ Menaion, Nativity of our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ (December 25/January 7), Great Complines: Stichera for Lytia.

manger; straw is placed under the tablecloth, and upon the tablecloth are placed the prosphora (Communion bread), a symbol of the Child Jesus. A lit candle is placed next to the prosphora to symbolize the star of Bethlehem. With a meatless supper, the family gathers around the table to prayerfully honour the incarnate Son of God. Christmas carols are sung by the faithful. In hospitality, homes open their doors to everyone who celebrates the Nativity of Christ. The high point of the celebration of the Nativity feast is the solemn divine service, for which all parishioners gather. The Eucharistic Supper at the Divine Liturgy crowns the family supper.

c. Theophany

- 197 At the baptism of Jesus Christ in the Jordan, the public ministry of the Saviour begins (see Mt 3; Mk 1). John the Baptist points to Christ in the Jordan and identifies Him as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn 1:29). During the baptism of Jesus, the Most Holy Trinity is made known: "Worship of the Trinity was revealed; the voice of the Father bore witness to You, naming you the beloved Son, and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the word's certainty."¹⁶⁷ "The voice of the Father" is the voice of the Heavenly Father, and the "Spirit in the form of a dove" is the Holy Spirit, who descends upon Christ, revealing him to be the Son of God. For this reason, Church tradition refers to the Baptism of Jesus Christ as the Theophany (from the Greek, meaning divine appearance).
- 198 The Theophany at the Jordan is liturgically connected with the feast of the Nativity. In her celebration of both these events, Church tradition emphasizes that both the Incarnation and the Baptism of the Lord are when God appears (in Greek, theophania). In accordance with the text of the Great Blessing of Water at Theophany, "in the preceding feast we have seen you as a babe, and in this present feast as perfect human, appearing as our perfect God." At the Nativity, God the Word "was born," but now he "appears in the flesh to the human race." At the Nativity, the "Sun of Righteousness" rose, and now it "shines forth." In the liturgical tradition of the Church, the feast of Theophany is also called the feast of Illumination. The sticheras of the feast of Theophany elucidate the bond between the feasts of the Nativity and Theophany. What was announced by the angel is now announced to the people by the Baptist; the spilling of infant blood caused Bethlehem to become childless, but through the sanctified waters of baptism, the Jordan now

¹⁶⁷ Menaion, Holy Theophany of our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ (January 6/19), Troparion.