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September 2026 Newsletter

This is the Day
That the Lord has made,
Let us rejoice
And be glad in it.
Psalm 118.24

Worship Hours

Confessions: :00 – 9:30
Divine Liturgy: 10:00

Next Mission Outreach Potluck is September 27

'Then the righteous will answer Him [Christ], saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? . . . And the King [Christ] will answer and say to them, Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to Me.' (Matthew 25: 37,40)

We need your help!. Next cleaning be **at 9:30 AM on Saturday, September 12**. There will be cleaning inside the church and weather permitting some yard work outside. Lunch provided.

September 6 after Divine Liturgy: Prayers for the start of school

September 7 Great Vespers with Litia: 6:00 p.m

September 17th – Thursday, Orthodox 101 Program 7-9 pm

October 3 – Saturday: Redwater Holy Trinity Parish, Redwater: 100th Anniversary Liturgy and program – see Fr. Slawomir for detail

FR.SLAWOMIR'S CORNER

My First Month at St. Elia Parish

My name is Fr. Slawomir, and this is my first month serving at St. Elia Parish. I do not like to speak much about myself, but I would like to share a few words with you. After completing six years of Theology, this year marks my 41 years of serving God in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, for the glory of God.

During my first month here, I have been grateful for the opportunity to serve in a Parish where we have many young altar servers, elders, and church choir.

I hope that, with time, we will see more members joining our parish community. My first month was not very busy, but I served all the church services scheduled for this month. I also had the opportunity to help Sich Kolomea with their 100th anniversary celebration.

I responded to several messages from parishioners who contacted me, and I served memorial services for Steven Boyko and for a Ukrainian soldier, Pavlo, who died in Ukraine last Sunday.

I have also prepared materials for the church bulletin and have begun planning the schedule and activities for the next months.

Some changes have been made in the church, and I hope that these changes will be beneficial for all of us.

Looking ahead, I would like to propose having additional church services for church holy days, in addition to the regular scheduled Divine Liturgy. I would like also to introduce, once a month, Orthodox 101 Church Program for those who would like to learn more about the Orthodox faith, our Church, and its tradition.

If you have any suggestions, please do not hesitate to share with me. I will do my best to consider and accept your suggestions. With your cooperation, prayers, and support, I hope that together we can bring good fruits to St. Elia Parish and to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada.

May God bless our parish, our parishioners, and all our efforts in His service.

Fr. Slawomir – Parish Priest

Parish Priest's Message

Someone once said, "Every Christian needs two conversions: the first to Christ and the second to the world in the person of our neighbour." This is another way of saying that the first and only business of the Christian is love of God and love of neighbour. We are often surprised by the number of people who have been converted merely to the world - the busy activists - but who have never really been converted to Christ. On the other hand, we are rarely disturbed by the number of people who have been converted to Christ but not to the world - the religious

people, the priests and the Levites who pass by and ignore their wounded neighbour on the Jericho Road. After all, were they not on their way to the synagogue to worship God?
They saw no connection between love of God and love of neighbour. The whole point of Jesus is that one cannot love God without loving one's neighbour. To love one's neighbour is to love God. Love of neighbour is the test



TETRAPOD

When we enter an Orthodox Church especially if it is Ukrainian, we notice that in the middle of the temple stands a four-legged table with an icon (normally the patron Saint of the temple or specific Saints on their Feast days) placed on it with an embroidered cloth or decorated with flowers.

This table is called the **TETRAPOD**, which literally means “Four legs” It is seen in Ukrainian and more so in Slavic Orthodox Churches. In the Greek tradition they have a raised stand with the Icon standing up more vertically on an angle in the foyer of the temple.
It serves as a practical, central stand, for placing icons of the feast day or patron saint for public veneration, but it has other important uses.

The Tetrapod is used as a central place for the celebration of the Holy Mysteries of the Church. Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Holy Unction along with the occasional services, Moleben, Akathists etc.
Unlike the Holy Table or Altar, it is not consecrated but is an important place where God’s Grace is bestowed onto His people.

We may not realise this, but the tetrapod is present throughout our lives as Orthodox Christians, and all of us will process around it 3 times during our lives here on earth.
1. Our Baptism - In the Mystery of Baptism those receiving the Mystery process three times around the table, the Priest takes the newly baptised Child or Adult around the tetrapod with the Godparents. This is done to show them how they should walk in the ways of the Lord.
2. Our Wedding Day - In Matrimony, the priest takes the newly united couple around the tetrapod with their groomsmen and bridesmaids in the Dance of Isaiah, again in the spirit of instruction to walk in the ways of the Lord.
3. Our Funeral - On the last day on earth, before we are committed to Eternal life, on the completion of the funeral service, the coffin processes the same way around the tetrapod, this being done to echo the Prokimenon that is sung on the day of the funeral:
“Blessed is the way that you walk today o soul, for there is prepared for you a place of rest”

This is more than a mere table, but the place where the needs of the Church are celebrated, all pertaining to life in its Christian understanding.
Our entry into the Church,

Our union with God and spouse in Matrimonial love.
Our repose in the Lord.
Fr. Slawomir

WELCOME TO THE ST. ELIA PARISH!

Your presence has brought us much joy! We hope your visit is memorable and meaningful in every way. Our doors and hearts are always open to you. Please join us for fellowship following the Divine Liturgy and visit with Fr. Slawomir and with members of the Parish Council. They will answer questions and provide you with information regarding parish life.

COMMUNION GUIDELINES: To partake of Holy Communion, one must be a Baptized/Chrismated Orthodox Christian and be in good standing with the church. Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and regular participation in Holy Confession are welcome to receive communion. One should also be present at the Liturgy before the Scripture readings. Please follow the directions of the ushers during Holy Communion, and please allow children to commune first.

Spiritual Reflection
"When your brother sins against you in any way — for instance, if he speaks ill of you, or transmits with an evil intention your words in a perverted form to another, or calumniates you — do not be angered against him, but seek to find in him those good qualities which undoubtedly exist in every man, and dwell lovingly on them, despising his evil calumnies concerning you as dross, not worth attention, as an illusion of the Devil. The gold-diggers do not pay any attention to the quantity of sand and dirt in the gold-dust but only look for the grains of gold; and though they are few, they value this small quantity and wash it out of heaps of useless sand. God acts in a like manner with us, cleansing us with great and long forbearance." *St. John of Kronstadt*

COMMEMORATION OF YOUR LOVED ONES & ACQUAINTENCES: Should you wish to have names of your family and friends commemorated at Proskomedia or by special petition in the Liturgy, please take advantage of the Commemoration Lists in the entrance to the Church.

PASTORAL NEEDS, HOSPITAL CALLS, NURSING/REHAB AND HOME-BOUND PARISHIONERS:
If you have a pastoral need or emergency and would like to speak to Fr. Slawomir, or know of someone who would like to schedule a pastoral visit, please contact Father by phoning the office at 306 737 4697 or Email: *fr.slawomir@yahoo.ca*

September Greeting from Parish President

Christ is in our midst! He is and ever shall be! With the fall months rapidly approaching, let us continue to pray for one another and for our beloved St. Elia parish. Let us take the time to enjoy all of the abundant harvests of our gardens and enjoy the warm weather now that we have some, while it lasts.

On August 16, when we gathered to say farewell to Father Vasyl, Dobr. Sofiya and little Melania, our hearts were filled with both gratitude and sadness. Gratitude for the gift of having had Fr Vasyl as our priest, and sadness because saying goodbye to someone who has meant so much to us is never easy.

Father Vasyl, Dobr. Sofia thank you for every prayer you have offered on our behalf, every sacrifice you have made, every word of encouragement you have spoken, and every moment you have dedicated to serving God and His people. May God be with you, now and always. **Amen."**

With the fall also comes the beginning of a new church year. This year at St. Elia, it is a new beginning for us as well as we welcome Mitred Archpriest Slawomir Lomaszkiewicz and Dobr. Irena to our parish as our spiritual leaders. We welcome you with open arms and look forward to your ministry, pastoral guidance and presence at our church. Fr. Slawomir, we are excited to have your years of experience as an Orthodox priest and know we have much to learn from you. We look forward to working together for the Glory of God.

I would like to thank those who bring contributions to the fellowships and potlucks. If anyone wishes to help with these functions, please let either Betty or myself know. Help is always appreciated.
I would like to thank everyone for their love and compassion to St. Elia evidenced by the increase in donations (both monetarily and in volunteering time wise for everything from cleaning the inside of the church to yard maintenance, serving in the altar, taking care of contacting contractors, maintenance inside the church, cantoring and all the other things that keep this parish going. May Christ's light shine on you all and your loved ones!

Your Sister-in Christ,
President,
Tammy Ewanec



Communion for Dobr Sofiya



Communion for daughter Melania



Blessing by Holy Water of fruits traditionally marks the celebration of the Feast of the Transfiguration **In East Slavic folklore, it marks the beginning of autumn and means the transfiguration of nature.**

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH AFTER DIVINE LITURGY



The Moleben for the Beginning of the Instruction of Children is a beautiful service of supplication, traditionally served at the start of the academic year. In these prayers, the Church invokes the grace of the Holy Spirit upon students and teachers, asking for the opening of their minds to receive wisdom and knowledge.

"Father, I pray for students starting school. Give them eager minds to learn. Help them focus and work hard. Bless them with good teachers and friends. In Jesus' name, Amen."



Gift of Icon of St. Elia



Vasyl, Dobr. Sofiya, Melania, Baba Shirley Maskal

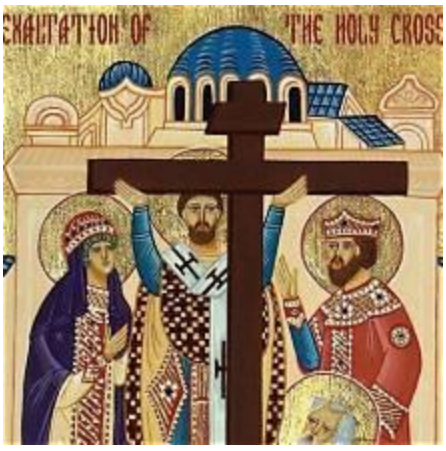
Feast Days for September

September 8: Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos



The icon directs attention to Mary as the central figure in this feast. It also acknowledges the joy that was felt by Joachim and Anna as new parents with a child received through a promise from God. The liturgical texts of the feast acknowledge this joy and confirm the special role of Mary as the Mother of the Incarnate God, Jesus Christ. In this event, another step is made in sacred history in preparation for the entrance of Christ into the world. The icon and the feast also acknowledge a transition from barrenness to life. This was but another foreshadowing of what would be offered through Christ, the transformation from death to eternal life.

September 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross



This is a holy day of fasting and repentance. On this day the faithful make dedication to the crucified Lord and pledge their faithfulness to him by making prostrations at the Lord's feet on the life creating Cross. For the feast, the Cross is placed on a tray surrounded by flowers or branches of basil, and placed in the center of the Church for veneration. *Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship, O Master, and Thy holy Resurrection we glorify. (Thrice)Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen. And Thy holy Resurrection we glorify.Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship, O Master, and Thy holy Resurrection we glorify.*

September 18: Martyr Ariadne



Holy Martyr Ariadne lived during the reigns of Emperors Hadrian (117-138 AD) and Antoninus Pius (138-161 AD). She was a slave girl of the chief ruler of the city of Prymenseos in Phrygia [*central Turkey].* Once her master was celebrating his son's birthday, and invited Ariadne to the temple of the idols to celebrate with them. But the saint turned down the invitation. Then the Lord ordered his men to torture her ruthlessly, which resulted in her death.

SICH KOLOMEA CENTENARY



Fr. Slawomir & Dobr. Irena



Guests at the Centenary of Sich Kolomea



Large group of clergy at the 100 year Sich Kolomea Centenary!


National Centenary of the
UKRAINIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
1926 - 2026
Hosted by UWAC - AB / BC Provincial Executive
Saturday October 3, 2026
5:00 p.m. Reception 6:00 p.m. Banquet
7:30 p.m. Empowerment through Service
Dramatic Performance
St. John's Ukrainian Cultural Centre
10611-110 Avenue NW, Edmonton, AB
Sunday October 4, 2026
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy and Moleben
1:00 p.m. Celebratory Tea / Luncheon and modelling of authentic Ukrainian regional costumes
St. Andrew's Sobor
9831-75 Street NW, Edmonton, AB
СОЮЗ УКРАЇНОК КАНАДИ
Cost: $60 Banquet / $20 Celebratory Tea / Luncheon
eTransfer to uwacapetreasurer@gmail.com
or mail cheque to UWAC-APE 10611-110 Avenue, Edmonton, AB T5H 1H7
Include UWAC-APE 100 Anniversary and your full name in the memo box / on the cheque.

UWAC 100th Anniversary Celebration

Registration Form

Hosted by: Alberta/British-Columbia Provincial Executive of the Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada

Event dates: Saturday, October 3 and Sunday, October 4, 202

Planned Itinerary

Date	Event	Location	Time	Ticket Price
Saturday, October 3	Anniversary Banquet & Dramatic Performance	St. John's Cultural Center, 10611 - 110 Avenue, Edmonton	5:00 pm Reception w/Broken Banjos 6:00 pm Dinner and Drama - *Empowerment through Service*	$60/person
Sunday, October 4	Divine Liturgy Celebratory Tea, Luncheon & Program	St. Andrew's Sobor, 9831 - 75 Street, Edmonton	10:00 am Divine Liturgy and Moleben 1:00 pm Tea/Luncheon & Modelling of Authentic Ukrainian Regional Costumes	$20/person

There is a registration form if you want to register/purchase tickets on your own; otherwise contact Betty Corlett, 780-932-9727, bettycor@telus.net, or in church. Betty will book tickets for St. Elia UWAC members who wish to attend.

All tickets must be pre-ordered and paid for in advance and may be picked up at each event. ***NO*** *tickets will be available for sale at the Banquet or the Tea/Luncheon.*

Registration and Payment Options – ask Betty to forward you the link to register on your own.

Registration Deadline: September 21, 2026
Let Betty know by Sunday, September 20, 2026

ST. PROPHET ELIA PARISH SERVICES SCHEDULE

2026 SEPTEMBER

September 6th - 14th Sunday after Pentecost
Confession: from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m.
Hours: 9:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.
Blessings for the Students: 11:30 a.m.
Fellowship following the Divine Liturgy

September 7th – Monday, Eve of Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos
Great Vespers with Litia: 6:00 p.m.

September 13th - 15th Sunday after Pentecost
Confession: from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m.
Hours: 9:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship following the Divine Liturgy

September 14th – Monday, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Akathist to our Lord Jesus Christ: 6:00 p.m.

September 17th – Thursday, Orthodox 101 Program
Classes: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. For those who would like to learn more about the Orthodox faith, our Church, and its tradition.

September 20th - 16th Sunday after Pentecost
Confession: from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m.
Hours: 9:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m.
Fellowship following the Divine Liturgy

September 27th - 17th Sunday after Pentecost
Confession: from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m.
Hours: 9:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.
Potluck following the Divine Liturgy

ПОРЯДОК БОГОСЛУЖЕНЬ ГРОМАДИ СВ.ПРОРОКА ІЛЛІ – 2026 ВЕРЕСЕНЬ

6го Вересня – 14 Неділя після Пятидесятниці
Сповідь: з 9:00 до 9:30 р.
Часи: 9:45 р.
Божественна Літургія: 10:00 р.
Благословення Учеників: 11:30 р.
Братська зусеріч після Літургії

7го Вересня – Понеділок. Навечіря Різдва Пресвятої Богородиці
Велика Вечірня з Літією: 6:00 в.

13го Вересня – 15 Неділя після Пятидесятниці
Сповідь: з 9:00 до 9:30 р.
Часи: 9:30 р.
Божественна Літургія: 10:00 р.
Братська зусеріч після Літургії

14го Вересня – Понеділок. Воздвиження Чесного Хреста
Акафіст Господу Ісусу Христу: 6:00 в.

17го Вересня – Четвер. Православи Програм 101
Класи: 7:00 в до 9:00 в. Всім о бажає більше пізнату нашу Православн віру і традицію.

20го Вересня – 16 Неділя після Пятидесятниці
Сповідь: з 9:00 до 9:30 р.
Часи: 9:30 р.
Божественна Літургія: 10:00 р.
Братська зусеріч після Літургії

27го Вересня – 17 Неділя після Пятидесятниці
Сповідь: з 9:00 до 9:30 р.
Часи: 9:30 р.
Божественна Літургія: 10:00 р.
Спілни братській обід після Літургії