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August 2026 Newsletter

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

'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)

Mission Outreach Potluck: August 30

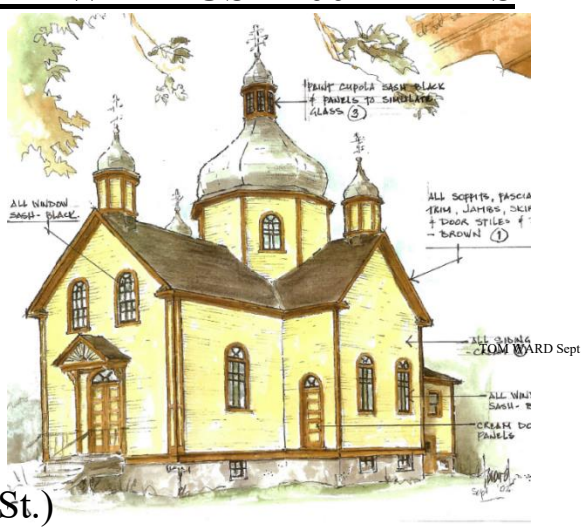
Worship Hours
Confessions: 8:30-9:00
Divine Liturgy: 9:30
Starting in Sept. Liturgy: 10:00

SPECIAL EVENT:
Farewell luncheon for Fr. Vasyl, Dobr. Sofiya ad Melania following Liturgy on Sunday, August 16. Please attend to wish the Maskel Family a blessed transition to their new parish in Hamilton.

We need your help!. Next cleaning is **scheduled for August 8 at 9:30 AM**. There will be cleaning inside the church and weather permitting some yard work outside. Lunch provided. Please help if you are able; there were few volunteers in July. Call Betty 780-932-9727

Call ASAP to Book a Ticket!! – Space is limited

AN INVITATION TO CELEBRATE WITH US - 100 YEARS



Ukrainian Orthodox Church
Dormition of St. Mary
Sich-Kolomea

Saturday, August 15, 2026, 9:30 am
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at our church
Twp. Rd. 540, Rge. Rd. 155
Luncheon: Vegreville Sunshine Club (4630-49 St.)
Tickets: $40/Adults-Youth, $15/ Children 7-12, Free for 6 and younger

Natalia – 780-993-7430 (eTransfer) / Rob – 780-446-5932 / Ray – 780-603-1776
Ticket purchases by August 1 but supply is limited

St. Elia Service Schedule

(Subject to revision and additions by Fr. Slawomir)

August 2 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost
Confession: 8:30-9:00, Hours: 9:00, Divine Liturgy: 9:30 Fellowship to follow

August 9 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost
Confession: 8:30-9:00, Hours: 9:00, Divine Liturgy: 9:30 Fellowship to follow

August 16 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost
Confession: 8:30-9:00, Hours: 9:00, Divine Liturgy: 9:30
Maskal Family Farewell Luncheon to follow (catered)

August 23 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost
Confession: 8:30-9:00, Hours: 9:00, Divine Liturgy: 9:30 Fellowship to follow

August 30 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost
Confession: 8:30-9:00, Hours: 9:00, Divine Liturgy: 9:30 Pot-luck lunch to follow

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RE: ASSIGNMENT OF NEW PARISH PRIEST

Beloved in Christ, Tammy:

Christ is in our midst!

I greet you with prayers for peaceful resolve in the Faith, inspiration, and hope as your parish community continues to walk the blessed path toward salvation and the Heavenly Kingdom.

I wish to confirm that the Consistory Board, during its deliberations at its latest meeting (25 and 30 June 2026), supported the decision of the Council of Bishops unanimously regarding clergy assignments and transfers in this calendar year.

Therefore, I am pleased to confirm that **the Mitred Archpriest Slawomir Lomaszkiewicz has been assigned to St. Elia Ukrainian Orthodox Church, in Edmonton, AB, effective 01 August 2026.**

Please welcome Fr. Slawomir with Christian love and respect and a willingness to co-labour with him for the continuing good of your parish community and for the glory of God. I look forward hearing good news as you begin this new chapter in the life of your parish.

With paternal embrace in Christ, the Lord,

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Primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada

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Message from Parish President, Tammy Ewanec:

Christ is in our midst! He is and ever shall be!

First, please join me in welcoming Mitred Archpriest Father Slawomir Lomaszkiewicz and Dobr. Irena to our beloved parish of St. Elia! I am looking forward to working together with them and to hear their ideas to help us continue to move forward here at St. Elia. May the good Lord grant them good health, and many years with us.

Second, with the record rainfalls this year and then extreme heat, we have experienced once again some costly repairs. We have water in the basement after each rain in the old part. The sump pump wasn't working correctly and needed to be replaced. There are leaks from the roof that need to be fixed as well. Also, one of the air conditioning units needed repairs as well. If you wish to make donations to these expenses, please see or contact Tanya Popovych, our treasurer.

Thank you to all of our volunteers: looking after our yard and flower beds, cantoring, assisting behind the altar, extra cleaning, looking after the leaks with the record rainfalls, getting things repaired, bringing dishes for potluck and weekly fellowship. Our volunteers keep us running and the church property (inside and out) looking beautiful.

Thank you for your generous donations, and all the ways in which you support our beloved St. Elia.

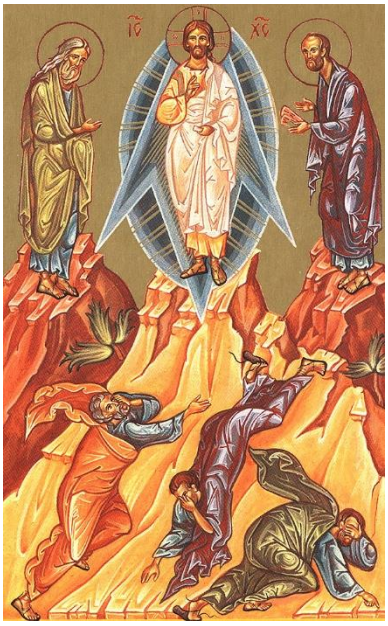
Thank you for your love and compassion for St. Elia and your church family. May God bless you in all ways. May his guidance accompany you through your daily activities.

Your Sister-in Christ,

President,
Tammy Ewanec

Feast Days for August

August 6: Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ



The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on August 6. The feast commemorates the transfiguration or metamorphosis of Christ on Mount Tabor, when our Lord appeared in His divine glory before the Apostles Peter, James, and John.

Jesus had gone with his disciples to Mount Tabor. Christ's appearance was changed while they watched into a glorious radiant figure. There appeared Elijah and Moses, speaking with Jesus. The disciples were amazed and terribly afraid.

This event shows forth the divinity of Christ, so that the disciples would understand after his Ascension that He was truly the radiant splendor of the Father, and that his Passion was voluntary (Mark 9:2-9).

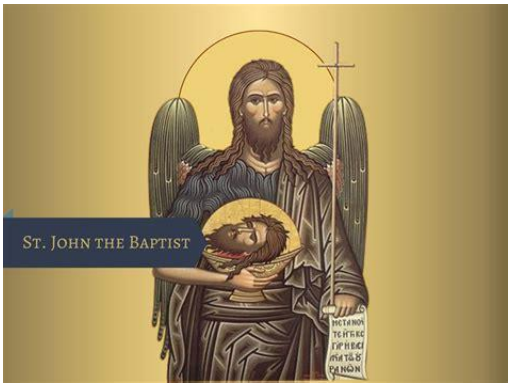
August 15: The Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos



According to Orthodox Tradition, Mary died like all humanity, "falling asleep," so to speak, as the name of the feast indicates. She died as all people die, not "voluntarily" as her Son, but by the necessity of her mortal human nature which is indivisibly bound up with the corruption of this world. The Apostles were miraculously summoned to this event, and all were present except Thomas when Mary passed from this life. She was then buried.

Thomas arrived a few days later, and desiring to see her one more time, convinced the others to open her tomb. Upon doing so, the Apostles discovered that her body was no longer present. She truly died and was raised up by her Son as the Mother of Life and participates already in the eternal life of paradise. This life of paradise is prepared and promised to all who "hear the word of God and keep it." The event is normally called the *Dormition*. In Greek, *Dormition* is *Koimisis*—falling asleep in death—from which the word *cemetery* derives.

August 29 Beheading of St John the Baptist



Kondak: The glorious beheading of the Forerunner, / became an act of divine dispensation, / for he preached to those in hell the coming of the Savior. / Let Herodias lament, for she entreated lawless murder, / loving not the law of God, nor eternal life, / but that which is false and temporal.

His beheading was his final exploit on earth, and the last step for the receiving of the greatest reward in the Kingdom of Heaven; while for all those in hell it was the rising of the morning star, before the appearance of the Son of Righteousness.

Just as the nativity of St. John the Forerunner and Baptist is the beginning of the Gospel for the living, so is his beheading the beginning of the Gospel for the dead. "The glorious beheading of the Forerunner is part of a certain Divine dispensation, for he preached to those in hell the coming of the Savior" (Kontakion of the Feast). "Be glad, Baptist, and let thy spirit dance: for thou dost accuse the godless Herod, and dost preach to those in hell, saying: Our salvation hath drawn near" (Canticle 4 of the Canon). https://www.orthodoxphotos.com/readings/john/2/beheading.shtml

SAVE THE DATE!

Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada
100th Anniversary

October 3 and 4, 2026 in Edmonton, Alberta
Organized by the UWAC-Alberta Provincial Executive

October 3: Banquet (Chateau Louis Hotel) – including UWAC Centennial Legacy Stage Production "Empowerment Through Service"
October 4: Anniversary Tea – including a specially curated Modelling of Authentic Regional Costumes
Ukrainian Museum of Canada Alberta Branch Exhibit: "Repression, Resistance & Statehood"

More details coming soon!

As the editor of our parish Newsletter, I will be including the responses to a short Q&A I am sending out to our new Orthodox brothers-in-Christ.

Kyle Werstiuk has responded: (Thank you brother Kyle!)

1. How did you learn about St. Elia's Ukrainian Orthodox Church? My grandpa was the president for many years.

2. What lay behind your decision to attend services: why us? I wanted to walk in my grandpa's footsteps and the congregation already felt like family because they were so close with him.

3. And then your decision to be chrismated as an Orthodox Christian? I wanted to join a church that was steadfast in its doctrine and following the true word of God, in a time where so many churches are adopting non-Christian beliefs. I admired the symbolism and the ceremonies that felt so rich and historical, something that had not changed in thousands of years.

4. How would you describe where you are on your path now? I am learning so much, and still have so much to learn, but I feel much closer to God and that He is guiding me on the right path.

5. What is your baptismal name and why did you choose it? My baptismal name is George, and I chose it in admiration of his courage, strength and fortitude in the face of persecution, his unshakeable devotion to his faith, and the ultimate sacrifice of himself to serving God.

Myrna Kostash, editor

Thank you Vira Sishchuk for the following photos!
(Easter, Holy Prophet Elia – lesser blessing of water, supporting our Mission UOC of St. Peter's and St. Paul's, Onoway)







