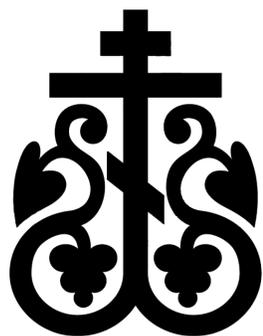


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# Bonnyville & Parish News

## Sponsors!

Our fundraising committee has begun a new campaign -  
Newsletter Sponsorship!

If you are interested in how you can sponsor a  
newsletter, please see Caroline Yewchin.

Many thanks to the  
**Kostiniuk Family**

for sponsoring the November Newsletter in  
honour and recognition of George Kostiniuk's  
birthday this month on the 15th.

**Happy Birthday George!**



## PASTORAL MESSAGE

Submitted by Fr. Peter Haugen

**Христос посеред нас! Christ is amongst us!**

This month we are continuing our Bible Study series on the Old Testament, picking up where we left off last Fall with the expulsion of Adam and Eve from paradise. I invite you all to be present and attend this series of lessons as you are able! It is important for us to be aware and familiar with the Holy Bible, here are some important notes on this if you are unsure how to read the bible, or where one should start.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Peter Haugen



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# How to Read the Bible & Where to Start

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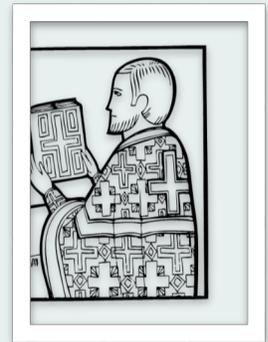
Just picking up a Bible and committing to read the whole thing can seem an impossible task. Where should you start? How should you make sense of the whole book? Here's a little bit of advice for getting started:

**Everything must be read through the lens of Jesus Christ.** The Incarnation of the Son of God is in a sense the beginning and the end of the story of salvation. As Christians, we understand all of the Scripture through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. This is a good argument for *not* reading the Bible cover to cover the first time you are getting really acquainted with the Scriptures-the gospels are the primary key to the rest of the Bible (for more on this, see my reading recommendations below)

**Everything is not equal.** The Bible is not a monolithic document-it contains history, poetry, letters, prophecy, ritual practices, and more. The gospels, for example, are their own genre of literature: neither history nor mythology nor theological teaching, but "the good news." This means we have to treat different parts of the Bible differently. Now, this isn't a judgment of validity, but a ranking of importance. The Gospel of John is just always going to be more important to the life of the Church than the Apocalypse of John (Revelation). Psalms will always be read more often than Numbers. The Church uses *all* of Scripture, but uses the different parts differently, in a manner appropriate to their genre, content, and context.

**Everything need not be read literally.** Flowing naturally from #1 and #2, allegorical and typological readings of the Old Testament especially are completely the norm in the Church. St. Paul does it in his letters (for example, in Galatians and 1 Corinthians), and the Church Fathers continue this tradition, seeing Christ and salvation through Him as the most important point of interpretation. This has a lot of implications for our understanding of Scripture. For example, we don't deny any of the "ugly" history of the Old Testament, but we also understand it in a spiritual context and in relationship to the coming of Christ.

**There are supposed to be bumpy spots.** The Bible is a collection of thousands of years worth of a variety of texts meant to apply to every era, culture, and individual person to encounter it until the Second Coming of Christ. Obviously, then, it's not exactly the easiest book you'll ever read. Sometimes, we open it up, and the reading for the day is *perfect* for what is going on in our lives and draws us closer to God in an obvious way. But sometimes, we can get disheartened when a passage seems difficult to understand or jars us in a negative way. We shouldn't give up, but should continue to ask God to reveal to us what we need and use the bumpy spots as opportunities to ask



## Liturgical Scripture Readings

*November 2019*

November 3, 2019

*20th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 3*

Epistle - Gal. 1:11-19;  
Gospel - Lk. 16:19-31

November 10, 2019

*21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 4*

Epistle - Gal. 2:16-20  
(Sunday); Gal. 5:22-6:2  
(Venerable Father)  
Gospel - Luke 8:26-39  
(Sunday); Lk. 6: 17-23  
(Venerable Father)

November 17, 2019

*22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 5*

Epistle - Gal 6:11-18;  
Gospel - Lk. 8:41-56

November 24, 2019

*23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 6*

Epistle - Eph. 2:4-10;  
Gospel - Lk. 10:25-37

## Newsletter Submissions Needed!

Please keep the submissions for the newsletter coming! Announcements, reports, stories, photos... If you want to share it, we want to see it! Please feel free to submit to me anytime.

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*If anyone you know is in the Hospital, or are at home ill and would like a visitation from me, please contact me and I will make immediate arrangements to meet with them.*

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questions and learn how to interpret these difficult passages. Which brings me to my last principle...

**Interpretation is done through and in the Church.** The Bible is the text of the Christian Church, and it is only in the context of the worshipping, Eucharistic, Body of Christ that it can be interpreted. This means we should read the Scripture in the context of a full life in the Church and should go to the Church Fathers and the whole communion of saints to help us understand what we read and how it should be applied to our lives. It also means we shouldn't be surprised when those who are outside of the Church don't understand the Scripture or misinterpret it or even try to use it against us. St. Irenaeus in his book *Against Heresies* warns us that some who are outside of the Church will even try to use Scripture to their own ends and lead people astray with our sacred Scriptures. We shouldn't be intimidated by anyone using our Scriptures inappropriately, and we should always go to the Church with our questions as we read the Bible ourselves.

So now that we have an idea about *how* to read Scripture, here are a few suggestions for *where* to start (these are my personal recommendations):

**The Daily Readings:** If you aren't in the habit of reading Scripture at all, a great way to start is by looking at Orthodox apps, websites, or bibles that list readings for daily use and just start with the daily readings. This will help you not only get used to reading the Bible, but will make sure you are automatically following #1, #2, and #5 above.

**The Gospels:** If you're wanting to read the whole Bible, you *have* to start with the gospels. Start with Mark (it's the shortest) then Matthew and Luke (which are similar to Mark) then end with John (the theological gospel). Once you have read all four gospels, you'll have a better foundation for whatever you read next.

**The Epistles:** After the gospels, I recommend reading through some of the epistles. My college student recommendations are 1 & 2 Timothy (how to be a young Christian leader) and James (faith and works, wealth and poverty, and controlling your tongue).

**The Wisdom Literature:** If you are looking for a good place to start in the Old Testament, I recommend starting with the wisdom literature. I always recommend the Wisdom of Sirach (practical advice for young people), Job (how to deal with suffering), and the Psalms (the favorite book of the Church, the Psalms have a prayer for everything).

<https://www.ocf.net/how-to-read-the-bible-where-to-start/>

## BIBLE STUDY - GENESIS (CONTINUED) AND EXODUS

Monday, November 11th - St. Paul @ 6:30pm

Tuesday, November 12th - Bonnville @ 6:30pm

Monday, November 18th - St. Paul @ 6:30pm

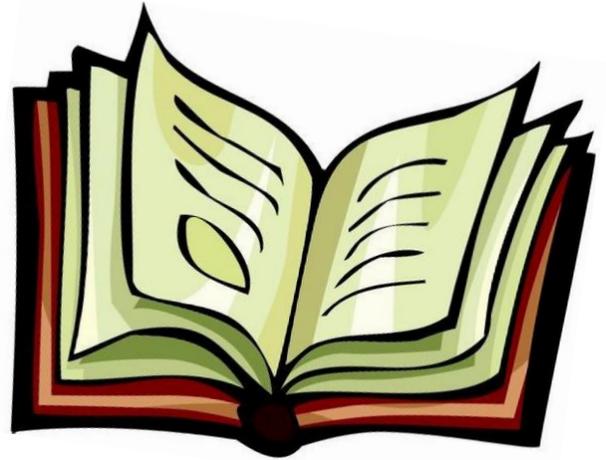
Tuesday, November 19th - Bonnville @ 6:30pm

Monday, November 25th - St. Paul @ 6:30pm

Tuesday, November 26th - Bonnville @ 6:30pm

Monday, December 2nd - St. Paul @ 6:30pm

Tuesday, December 3rd - Bonnville @ 6:30pm



## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

On **Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**, the district is hosting a family movie night. The evening will begin with a prayer service and talk with Fr. Peter, followed by Pizza, popcorn, and a movie. We will be showing The Grinch on the big screen in the All Saints hall, feel free to bring a pillow and something comfy to lay on. Parents, (or grandparents)

**Please let Fr. Peter know before December 1<sup>st</sup>** if you are joining us so that we can make appropriate arrangements for food.



## GREAT VESPERS

We will be holding Great Vespers on the Saturdays preceding the Divine Liturgies in St. Paul and Bonnyville. It is my hope that in time, as our parishioners become more comfortable with this service, that individuals will volunteer to assist in the readings when they arrive at the Church. No one will be forced to read, so please don't avoid these services in fear of being asked, but it really is a wonderful way of becoming more involved in our worship services.

### Schedule of Great Vespers:

- Saturday - November 2<sup>nd</sup> - All Saints, St. Paul - 5 pm
- Saturday - November 23<sup>rd</sup> - St. Elias, Bonnyville - 5 pm
- Saturday - November 30<sup>th</sup> - All Saints, St. Paul - 5 pm

*“O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God. Have mercy on me, a sinner .”  
-Jesus Prayer*

## WEBSITE

**Don't forget we have a website!**

It is under a bit of construction, but you can find updates, locations, and a long term schedule there. Photos will be coming soon as well. Check it out!

[www.bonnyvilleanddistrictuoc.ca/](http://www.bonnyvilleanddistrictuoc.ca/)

**We're also on Facebook!**

Look up:

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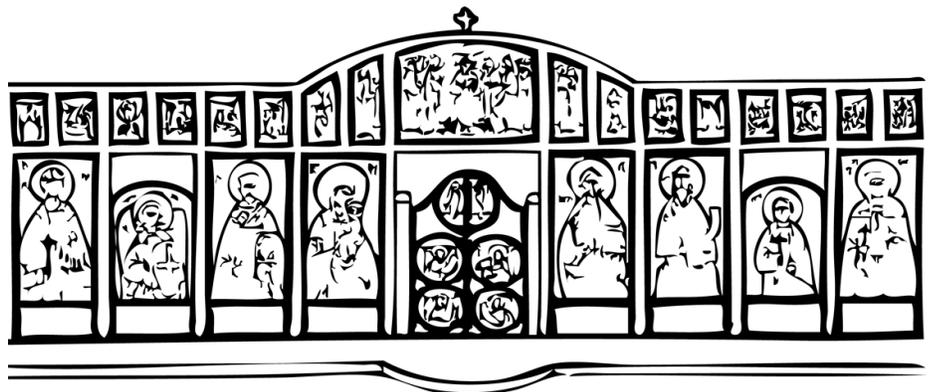
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# Bonnyville & District Ukrainian Orthodox Parish

## Council Society - Schedule of Services - 2019

Note: Services may be cancelled due to inclement weather. If weather is a concern, please contact the President listed to learn service status.

NOVEMBER				
Date	Day	Time	Location	Description
2	Saturday	5:00 PM	St. Paul	Great Vespers
3	Sunday	10:00 AM	St. Paul	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
10	Sunday	10:00 AM	Nowa Bukowina	Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost
17	Sunday	10:00 AM	Glendon	Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost
23	Saturday	5:00 PM	Bonnyville	Great Vespers
24	Sunday	10:00 AM	Bonnyville	Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost
27	Wednesday	NATIVITY FAST BEGINS		
30	Saturday	5:00 PM	St. Paul	Great Vespers

DECEMBER				
Date	Day	Time	Location	Description
1	Sunday	10:00 AM	St. Paul	Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
4	Wednesday	*ENTRY OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE*		
8	Sunday	10:00 AM	Nowa Bukowina	Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
14	Saturday	5:00 PM	Bonnyville	Great Vespers
15	Sunday	10:00 AM	Bonnyville	Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
22	Sunday	10:00 AM	St. Paul	Twenty Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
29	Sunday	NO SERVICE WITHIN DISTRICT		

*\*Note: Services for Elk Point and Hamlin may be scheduled at a future date.*

- Information and Month.
- Major Feats, Fasts, and Xram celebrations.
- Great Lenten Services and events outside of District.
- Great Vespers