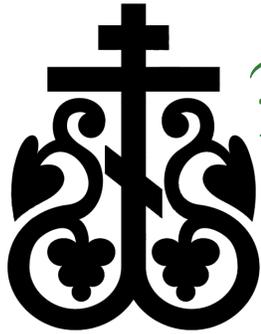


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*Thank you to my wonderful church family for your support, prayers,  
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## PASTORAL MESSAGE

Submitted by Fr. Peter Haugen

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

When the opportunity arises, I enjoy teaching and sharing on the various Great Feast days we have throughout the year. Especially those of the Theotokos as I sometimes feel they can be overlooked. On December 4th (*New Calendar on November 21<sup>st</sup>*) the Church celebrates the Feast day of the "Entrance of the Holy Theotokos to the Temple". Below, Fr. Thomas Hopko explores the meaning of the importance of this feast.

- Fr. Peter



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### **Entrance of the Theotokos to the Temple**

The second great feast of the Theotokos is the celebration of her entrance as a child into the Jerusalem Temple which is commemorated on the twenty-first of November. Like the feast of her nativity, this feast of Mary is without direct biblical and historical reference. But like the nativity, it is a feast filled with important spiritual significance for the Christian believer.

The texts of the service tells how Mary was brought as a small child to the temple by her parents in order to be raised there among the virgins consecrated to the service of the Lord until the time of their betrothal in marriage. According to Church tradition, Mary was solemnly received by the temple community which was headed by the priest Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist. She was led to the holy place to be “nourished” there by the angels in order to become herself the “holy of holies” of God, the living sanctuary and temple of the Divine child who was to be born in her.

There is no doubt that the verses of the Old Testament Psalm 45, used extensively in the services of the feast, provided a great inspiration for the celebration of Mary’s consecration to the service of God in the Jerusalem Temple.

*“Hear, O Daughter, and consider and incline your ear; forget your people and your father’s house, and the king will desire your beauty. Since he is your Lord, bow to him .□.□. The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven robes, in many-colored robes she is led to her king, with her virgin companions, her escort, in her train. With joy and gladness they are led along, as they enter the palace of the king. Instead of your fathers shall be your sons; you will make them princes in all the earth. I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations, therefore, the peoples will praise you forever and ever” (Ps 45.10-17).*

The Orthodox Church understands these words of the psalm to be a prophecy directly related to Mary the Theotokos. According to the Gospel of Saint Luke which is read at the Vigil of each of her feasts, Mary herself speaks the following words:

*“My soul magnifies the Lord and my Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden. For behold, hence-forth all generations shall call me blessed; for He who is mighty has done great things for me and holy is His name. And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation” (Lk 1.47-50).*

The main theme of the feast of Mary’s entrance to the Temple, repeated many times in the liturgical services, is the fact that she enters the Temple to become herself the living temple of God,



### **Liturgical Scripture Readings**

*December 2018*

Sunday, December 2nd

*27th Sunday after Pentecost*

Epistle: Eph. 6:10-17;  
Gospel: Lk. 12:16-21.

Sunday, December 9th

*28th Sunday after Pentecost*

Epistle: Col. 1:12-18 ;  
Gospel: Lk. 13:10-17.

Sunday, December 16th

*29th Sunday after Pentecost*

Epistle: 1 Tim. 1:15-17 ;  
Gospel: Lk. 18:18-27.

Sunday, December 23rd

*30th Sunday after Pentecost*

Epistle: Col. 3:12-16 ;  
Gospel: Lk. 17:12-19.

Sunday, December 30th

*31st Sunday after Pentecost*

Epistle: Col. 3:4-11;  
Gospel: Lk. 14:16-24.

## 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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thus inaugurating the New Testament in which are fulfilled the prophecies of old that “the dwelling of God is with man” and that the human person is the sole proper dwelling place of the Divine Presence (Ezek 37.27; Jn 14.15-23; Acts 7.47; 2 Cor 6.11; Eph 2.18-22; 1 Pet 2.4; Rev 22.1-4).

*Today is the preview of the good will of God, of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. The Virgin appears in the temple of God, in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all. Let us rejoice and sing to her: Rejoice, O Divine Fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation (Troparion).*

The most pure Temple of the Saviour, the precious Chamber and -Virgin, the Sacred Treasure of the Glory of God, is presented today to the house of the Lord. She brings with her the grace of the Spirit, which the angels of God do praise. Truly this woman is the Abode of Heaven! (Kontakion).

The fortieth chapter of Exodus about the building of the tabernacle is read at Vespers, together with passages from the First Book of Kings and the Prophecy of Ezekiel. Each one of these readings all end with exactly the same line, “for the glory of the Lord filled the house [tabernacle] of the Lord God Almighty” (Ex 40.35; 1 Kg 8.11; Ezek 44.4).

Once again on this feast, the Old Testament readings are interpreted as symbols of the Mother of God. This “glory of the Lord” is referred to the Mother of Christ and it “fills” her and all people after her who “hear the word of God and keep it” as the Gospel of the festal liturgy proclaims (Lk 11.37-28). The epistle reading at the Divine Liturgy also proclaims this very same theme (Heb 9.1-7).

Thus, the feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple is the feast which celebrates the end of the physical temple in Jerusalem as the dwelling place of God. When the child Mary enters the temple, the time of the temple comes to an end and the “preview of the good will of God” is shown forth. On this feast we celebrate—in the person of Christ's mother—that we too are the house and tabernacle of the Lord.

*... We are the temple of the living God, as God said, “I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people” (2 Cor 6.16; Is 52.11).*

*Taken from “The Orthodox Faith” Vol. II by Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko*

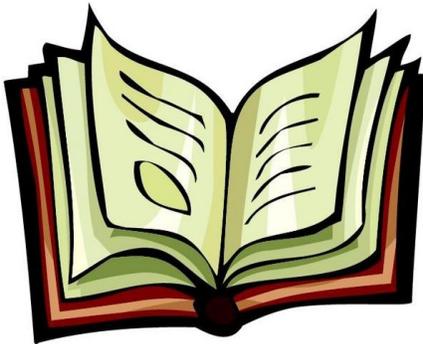
## Great Vespers

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 - December 15th - St. Elias, Bonnyville - 5 pm

Saturday - December 22th - All Saints, St. Paul - 5 pm



## Genesis Bible Study

Bible Study Continues! Dates are:

Session 2: Tuesday, December 11th  
- Genesis Part 1 - St. Paul @ 6:30

Session 3: Tuesday, December 18th  
- Genesis Part 2 - Bonnyville @ 6:30

Session 4: Date TBA - Genesis Part 3 - St. Paul @ 6:30



Submitted by Dobr. Erin

Thank you to all those who attended the Kryla Perogy Supper. It was so lovely to be able to share the evening with you.



## GREETINGS

*Father Peter and family had a wonderful time on holidays in Disneyland in November!*

*Thank you all for your well wishes and understanding while we were gone.*

*Wishing you all a most blessed and merry Christmas season.*



*“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/)

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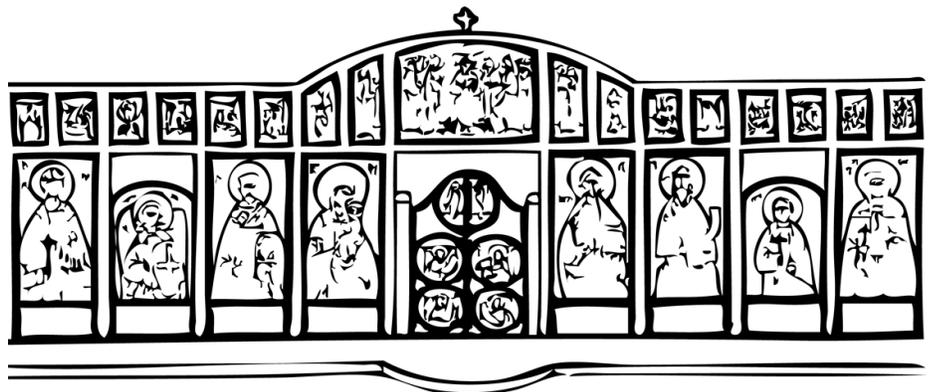
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## Bonnyville & District Ukrainian Orthodox Parish Council Society - Schedule of Services - 2018

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

DECEMBER				
Date	Day	Time	Location	Description
2	Sunday	10:00 AM	St. Paul	Twenty Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
4	Tuesday	*ENTRY OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE*		
9	Sunday	10:00 AM	Nowa Bukowina	Twenty Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
16	Sunday	10:00 AM	Bonnyville	Twenty Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
23	Sunday	10:00 AM	St. Paul	Thirtieth Sunday after Pentecost
30	Sunday	NO SERVICE WITHIN DISTRICT		

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



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JANUARY				
Date	Day	Time	Location	Description
6	Sunday	9:30 PM	St. Paul	Eve of Nativity
7	Monday	10:00 AM	Bonnyville	*Nativity of our Lord*
13	Sunday	10:00 AM	Nowa Bukowina	Sunday After Nativity
18	Friday	5:00 PM	Bonnyville	Eve of Theophany - Water Blessing
19	Saturday	*THEOPHANY*		
20	Sunday	10:00 AM	Kiev's-K-Hi	Great Water Blessing
21	Monday	7:00 PM	St. Paul	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
26	Saturday	5:00 PM	Bonnyville	Great Vespers
27	Sunday	10:00 AM	Bonnyville	35th Sunday after Pentecost/ District AGM