

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

**Passion Services (Passias)**, or the Sufferings of Christ, are conducted solemnly throughout Ukraine on the first four Fridays of the Great Fast, but where it is difficult to gather on that day, they are conducted on Sundays after the Divine Liturgy or after vespers.

A "Golgotha" (a tall icon of the crucified Christ) is placed in the center of the Church, and in front but to the sides are placed tall candle holders. A pulpit with the Holy Gospel placed on it is set behind the Golgotha. When a separate Golgotha is not available, then a larger cross, draped in black cloth, is set in its place.

Passion services were introduced into the Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church first during the leadership of the Metropolitan of Kyiv, Petro Mohyla (+1647 AD), in remembrance of the sufferings of Christ and the sufferings of the Ukrainian Church under her oppressors.

### ***The Three Aspects of Fasting...***

**Prayer**



**Abstinence**



**Almsgiving**



***The Fast — is a period of spiritual strengthening. If we are not able to give God all our life, then let us dedicate the times of fasting to Him, without compromise — let us intensify our prayer, let us increase our charity, let us tame our passions, let us make peace with our enemies.***

Fr. Alexander Elchaninov

## Message from the Dean

***Dear brothers & sisters of the Ukrainian Orthodox Community in Edmonton!***

**On behalf of the Ukrainian Orthodox clergy faithfully serving the congregations of this city, I wish to convey our sincere & fervent prayers for a blessed & edifying Holy & Great Fast.**

**With the blessing of His Grace, Bishop Ilarion of Edmonton & the Western Eparchy, we are pleased to invite you to our Lenten services which serve to turn our focus to communion with God & to increase our knowledge of the Orthodox faith through interesting & interactive lectures.**

***We look forward to worshipping with you!***

***In Christ, the Saviour,  
Mitred Archpriest Stephan Semotiuk***



**The Edmonton Ukrainian Orthodox Deanery**

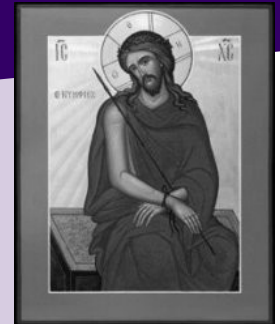
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**The Edmonton  
Ukrainian Orthodox  
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**Invites you & your  
family to attend...**

**Lenten  
Services 2013**



**The Holy & Great Fast  
& Holy Week**

**18 March — 04 May  
2013**

***"O Lord & Master  
of my life..."***

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**  
**THE HOLY & GREAT FAST**  
**2013**

**THE FIRST WEEK OF THE**  
**HOLY & GREAT FAST:**

**“FORGIVENESS” VESPERS**  
**(Celebrated by Bishop Ilarion)**  
**(6:00 PM)**

**SUNDAY, 17 March**  
Cathedral of St. John the Baptist  
(10951 — 107 Street)

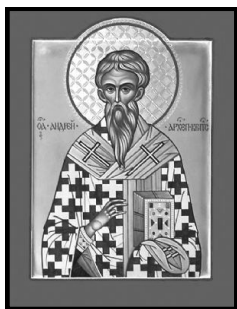
**GREAT COMPLINE WITH THE**  
**READING OF THE**  
**GREAT PENITENTIAL CANON OF**  
**ST. ANDREW OF CRETE**  
**(6:00 PM EACH EVENING)**

**MONDAY, 18 March**  
St. Andrew Sobor  
(9831 — 75 Street)

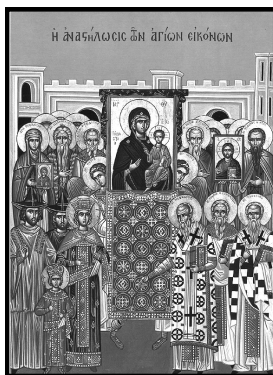
**TUESDAY, 19 March**  
Church of St. Elia  
(11833 — 66 Street)

**WEDNESDAY, 20 March**  
Church of St. Michael  
(12104 — 129 Avenue)

**THURSDAY, 21 March**  
Cathedral of St. John the Baptist  
(10951 — 107 Street)



**THE TRIUMPH OF**  
**ORTHODOXY**  
**(1st Sunday of the Fast)**



**24 March**  
**6:00 PM Pan-Orthodox Vespers**  
**St. Anthony**  
**Ukrainian Orthodox Church**  
**(6103 — 172 Street)**

- Celebration with all clergy & faithful of local Orthodox communities
- Sung by a choir of singers from local Orthodox communities
- Procession of icons with participation of children & youth from local Orthodox communities.
- Light lunch & fellowship in the church hall, following Vespers.

*Come to proclaim & celebrate the truths of the Orthodox Faith with your brothers & sisters of the Orthodox communities in Edmonton & area!*

*(If you would like to sing in the choir or would like your child to participate in the procession, please speak with your priest.)*

**PASSIA SERVICES**  
**(6:00 PM EACH SUNDAY)**

**31 March**  
**2nd Sunday of the Fast**  
**(St. Gregory Palamas)**

St. Andrew Sobor  
(9831 — 75 Street)

**Lecture:**  
***Mitred Archpriest Stephan Semotiuk***

**07 April**  
**3rd Sunday of the Fast**  
**(Cross Veneration)**  
Cathedral of St. John the Baptist  
(10951 — 107 Street)

**Lecture:**  
***Priest Patrick Yamniuk***

**14 April**  
**4th Sunday of the Fast**  
**(St. John Climacus)**

Church of St. Elia  
(11833 — 66 Street)

**Lecture:**  
***Mitred Archpriest Nicholas Rauliuk***

**21 April**  
**5th Sunday of the Fast**  
**(St. Mary of Egypt)**

Church of St. Michael  
(12104 — 129 Avenue)

**Lecture:**  
***Priest Yuriy Sucheuan***

*All faithful are invited to enjoy a light lunch & coffee after each Passia & are encouraged to participate in the lectures. We look forward to your questions & the discussion of vital aspects of our common inheritance—the Holy Orthodox Faith!*