

May 12, 2013: Second Sunday after Easter (of St. Thomas)

Epistle: Acts 5:12-20; Gospel: John 20:19-31.

"So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Following His third-day Resurrection, Christ appeared first to the myrrh-bearing women with the greeting "Hail," and then to His disciples with the greeting "Peace be to you."

Having seen the tragic ending of their Master's life, the Apostles were afraid for their own lives. They needed to have their inner peace restored because their mandate (which they would receive 40 days later) to evangelize the world was a difficult one. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit (who would descend upon them 50 days later), they were supposed to continue the work begun by their Master.

While He was with them, Christ used to forgive the sins of the people ("your sins are forgiven, go in peace"). Now, the disciples receive this great gift: *If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.*"

May the risen Lord give us also His peace and forgiveness of our sins!

Fr. George Bazgan

For details about the upcoming events, please visit our website:
bisericaedmonton.org

GARAGE AND BAKE SALE

The Romanian Orthodox Church will be hosting a Garage/Bake sale on:

- Friday, May 31, 2013: 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM.
- Saturday, June 1st, 2013: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM.
- Sunday, June 2nd 2013: 12:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

This is a fundraising event with proceeds going towards the renovation of the kitchen.

**SAINTS CONSTANTINE and ELENA PARISH
THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY (1948 – 2013)**

MAY 26, 2013

**10:00: HIERARCHICAL LITURGY
(H. G. IOAN CASIAN – Vicar Bishop)**

**11:30: MEMORIAL FOR FOUNDERS
1:00 PM: ANNIVERSARY BANQUET**

**Tickets: \$50/adults; \$15/children (7-14)
Contact Viorel Ciocan: 780-994-2304**

MEMBERSHIP

We encourage all our members and supporters to pay their membership (\$100/person (\$200/couple)), as soon as possible so we can complete the various projects during the warm season.

Keep in mind that \$35 of each membership goes to the Archdiocese.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

KITCHEN RENOVATION

**Our kitchen is in dire need for expansion and renovation.
In the fall of 2012 we launched a campaign to fundraise for this important project.**

We appeal to all of our members, supporters and friends to give generously towards this major project and support our fundraising events!

All donors will receive a tax-deductible receipt.

THANK YOU AND MAY THE GOOD LORD BLESS YOU!