Alberta Ukrainian Orthodox Parishes

Based on our research and the best data that is available, here is a list of the known Ukrainian Orthodox parishes (and their locations) that existed in Alberta between 1900 and 2000. Many are now gone, and many more are inactive.

1. **Andrew** – Sts. Peter and Paul Parish (*GPS = 53.881432,-112.335769*)
2. **Anshaw** (Dupres) – St. Vladimir Parish (*GPS = n/a*)
3. **Athabasca** – Sts. Peter and Paul Parish (*GPS = 54.721180,-113.273174*)
4. **Barrhead** – All Saints Parish (*GPS = 54.137575,-114.402674*)
5. **Bellis** – All Saints Parish (*GPS = 54.143117,-112.148241*)
6. **Big Meadow** – St. John the Baptist Parish (*GPS = 54.35561,-110.65599*)
7. **Bonnyville** – St. Elias Parish (*GPS = 54.266138,-110.729885*)
8. **Boriwtzi** (Borowich) – St. Mary the Protectress Parish (*GPS = 53.845508,-112.110012*)
9. **Boyle** – Descent of the Holy Spirit Parish (*GPS = 54.588347,-112.804970*)
10. **Boyne Lake** – Sts. Peter and Paul Parish (*GPS = 54.238197,-111.677424*)
11. **Brinsley** – Holy Spirit Parish (*GPS = 53.890256,-111.786451*)
12. **Calgary** – St. Vladimir Sobor (*GPS = 51.052344,-114.054462*)
13. **Cappon** (Buffalo) – Saint Wolodymyr Parish (*GPS = n/a*)
14. **Calmar** – Holy Trinity Parish (*GPS = 53.265485,-113.854082*)
15. **Camrose** – All Saints Parish (*GPS = 53.029274,-112.831143*)
16. **Caslan** – St. Michael Parish (*GPS = n/a*)
17. **Craigend** – St. Demetrius Parish (*GPS = 54.594211,-111.921945*)
18. **Downing** – St. Paraskewa Parish (*GPS = 54.034614,-111.984265*)
19. **Edmonton** – St. John Cathedral (*GPS = 53.556631,-113.504653*)
20. **Edmonton** – St. Andrew Sobor (*GPS = 53.539427,-113.442649*)
21. **Edmonton** – St. Anthony Parish (*GPS = 53.497281,-113.620693*)
22. **Edmonton** – St. Elias Parish (*GPS = 53.571509,-113.442624*)
23. **Edmonton** – St. Michael Parish (*GPS = 53.588045,-113.530820*)
24. **Edwand** – St. Mary the Protectress Parish (*GPS = 54.127093,-112.300339*)
25. **Egremont** – St. John the Baptist Parish (*GPS = 54.071060,-113.150709*)
26. **Elk Point** – St. Volodymyr Parish (*GPS = 53.585768,-113.526971*)
27. **Evansburg** – Holy Trinity Parish (*GPS = n/a*)
28. **Fedorah** – St. John Parish (*GPS = 53.936129,-113.396998*)
29. **Flat Lake** (Rook Valley) – Flat Lake Parish (*GPS = n/a*)

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30. **Fort McMurray** – St. Andrew Parish (*GPS = n/a*)

31. **Gifford** – Sts. Peter and Paul Parish (*GPS = 54.20080,-111.10400*)

32. **Glendon** – Holy Trinity Parish (*GPS = 54.248556,-111.153381*)

33. **Grassland** – Holy Transfiguration Parish (*GPS = 54.819872,-112.693623*)

34. **Hamlin** – St. Mary Parish (*GPS = 53.946873,-111.897907*)

35. **Heinburg** – St. Volodymyr Parish (*GPS = n/a*)

36. **Innisfree** – St. John Parish (*GPS = 53.381473,-111.531492*)

37. **Ispas** – Holy Ascension Parish (*GPS = 53.889293,-111.837428*)

38. **Jaroslaw** – St Demetrius Parish (*GPS = 53.889251,-112.901779*)

39. **Kahwin** – Holy Trinity Parish (*GPS = 53.983992,-112.281533*)

40. **Kaleland** – Sts. Peter and Paul Parish (*GPS = 53.751410,-111.885429*)

41. **Lac La Biche** – All Saints Parish (*GPS = 54.771215,-111.981675*)

42. **Lethbridge** – Holy Trinity Parish (*GPS = 49.709108,-112.823762*)

43. **Lloydminster** – All Saints Parish (*GPS = 53.280491,-110.021504*)

44. **Luzan** – St. Demetrius Parish (*GPS = 53.745932,-112.120832*)

45. **Luzan Toporiwtzi** – St. Elias Parish (*GPS = 53.755823,-111.588460*)

46. **Mamaetsie** (Brosseau) – Holy Trinity Parish (*GPS = 53.802134,-111.602545*)

47. **Morecambe** – St. John Parish (*GPS = 53.680112,-111.501834*)

48. **Musidora** – Assumption (Dormition) of St. Mary Parish (*GPS = 53.688421,-111.582769*)

49. **Myrnam** – Holy Trinity Parish (*GPS = 53.662505,-111.225476*)

50. **Newbrook** – Assumption of St. Mary Parish (*GPS = 54.334349, -112.950120*)

51. **Noral** – St. Mary the Protectress Parish (*GPS = 54.617176,-112.424069*)

52. **North Kotzman** – St. Michael Parish (*GPS = n/a*)

53. **Onoway** – Sts. Peter and Paul Parish (*GPS = 53.774371,-114.199211*)

54. **Oyen** – Sts. Peter and Paul Parish (*GPS = 51.351177, -110.480957*)

55. **Peno** – St. John Parish (*GPS = 53.890001,-112.677852*)

56. **Pruth** – Holy Ascension Parish (*GPS = 53.744090,-112.133138*)

57. **Radway** – Holy Ascension Parish (*GPS = 54.058674,-112.948718*)

58. **Red Deer** – St. Nicholas Parish (*GPS = 52.233278,-113.754066*)

59. **Redwater** – Holy Trinty Parish (*GPS = 53.946575,-113.100594*)

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60. **Reno** – Assumption (Dormition) of St. Mary Parish (*GPS = n/a*)
61. **Richmond Park** – Holy Trinity Parish (*GPS = 54.907273,-113.207698*)
62. **Round Hill** – St. Mary Parish (*GPS = 53.15766, -112.63487*)
63. **Sachawa** – St. John Parish (*GPS = 53.830292,-112.332104*)
64. **Sandy Rapids** – All Saints Parish (*GPS = 54.456690,-111.025846*)
65. **Sangudo** – Assumption of St. Mary Parish (*GPS = n/a*)
66. **Sarrail** – Sts. Peter and Paul Parish (*GPS = 54.753912,-112.703135*)
67. **Seba Beach** – Sts. Peter and Paul Parish (*GPS = 53.542771, -114.739378*)
68. **Sich-Kolomiya** – Holy Assumption of St. Mary Parish (*GPS = 53.629311,-112.188451*)
69. **Slawa North** – All Saints Parish (*GPS = 53.744683,-111.043186*)
70. **Slawa South** – Holy Assumption of St. Mary Parish (*GPS = 53.715864,-111.092719*)
71. **Smoky Lake** – Holy Ascension Parish (*GPS = 54.111020,-112.475374*)
72. **Spedden** – Holy Trinity Parish (*GPS = 54.140118,-111.725308*)
73. **St. Paul** – All Saints Parish (*GPS = 53.998436,-111.298967*)
74. **Spirit River** – St. Elias Parish (*GPS = n/a*)
75. **Stry** – Descent of the Holy Spirit Parish (*GPS = 54.035430,-111.862715*)
76. **Szypenitz** – St. Mary Parish (*GPS = 53.773487,-111.849963*)
77. **Therien** – St. Michael Parish (*GPS = n/a*)
78. **Thorhild** – Sts. Peter and Paul Parish (*GPS = 54.160934,-113.125147*)
79. **Thorsby** – Sts. Peter and Paul Parish (*GPS = somewhere near 53.227247, -114.047959*)
80. **Two Hills** – Holy Trinity Parish (*GPS = 53.712037,-111.746703*)
81. **Two Hills** (Rural) – St. Paraskevia Parish (*GPS = 53.72779, -111.66681*)
82. **Vegreville** – St. Volodymyr Parish (*GPS = 53.712037,-111.746703*)
83. **Vilna** – St. Demetrius Parish (*GPS = somewhere near 54.116513, -111.921387*)
84. **Wandering River** – St. Elias Parish (*GPS = 55.177714,-112.467743*)
85. **Warspite** – St. John Parish (*GPS = somewhere near 54.093460, -112.615885*)
86. **Waskatenau** – St. Volodymyr Parish (*GPS = 54.093654,-112.777331*)
87. **Westlock** – St. Volodymr Parish (*GPS = 54.152538,-113.840362*)
88. **Wildwood** – Holy Fathers Parish (*GPS = n/a*)
89. **Willingdon** – Holy Spirit Parish (*GPS = n/a*)
90. **Zawale** – St. Michael Parish (*GPS = 53.055590,-114.059959*)

Alberta Ukrainian Orthodox Cemeteries

The following is a list of known Ukrainian Orthodox cemeteries in Alberta that were established between 1900 and 2000. The GPS locations of the cemetery (not always the same as the church) are provided.

1. **Andrew** – Sts. Peter and Paul UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 53.869420,-112.331297*)
2. **Athabasca** – Athabasca Cemetery (*GPS = 54.73322,-113.25552*)
3. **Barrhead** – All Saints UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 54.137325, -114.403067*)
4. **Bellis** – All Saints UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 54.153133,-112.152434*)
5. **Big Meadow** – St. John the Baptist UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 54.35561,-110.65599*)
6. **Bonnyville** – St. Elias UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 54.32647,-110.48105*)
7. **Boriwtzi** (Borowich) – Borowich UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 53.845508,-112.110012*)
8. **Boyle** – Boyle Cemetery (*GPS = 54.58745,-112.86575*)
9. **Boyne Lake** – Holy Cross UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 54.238197,-111.677424*)
10. **Brinsley** – Holy Spirit UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 53.890256,-111.786451*)
11. **Calmar** – Holy Trinity UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 53.265485,-113.854082*)
12. **Craigend** – Craigend UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 54.594211,-111.921945*)
13. **Downing** – St. Paraskeva UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 54.034614,-111.984265*)
14. **Edmonton** – St. Stephens UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 53.66625, -113.34272*)
15. **Edwand** – St. Mary (Pokrova) UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 54.127093,-112.300339*)
16. **Egremont** – St. George UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 54.071923,-113.150451*)
17. **Fedorah** – Fedorah Ukrainian Orthodox Cemetery (*GPS = 53.936129,-113.396998*)
18. **Gifford** – Sts. Peter and Paul UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 54.20080,-111.10400*)
19. **Glendon** – Holy Trinity UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 54.249284,-111.176750*)
20. **Grassland** – Grassland Community Cemetery (*GPS = 54.82046,-112.69755*)
21. **Hamlin** – St. Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Cemetery (*GPS = 53.946873,-111.897907*)
22. **Ispas** – Holy Ascension UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 53.88922,-111.83729*)
23. **Jaroslaw** – St Demetrius UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 53.889251,-112.901779*)
24. **Kahwin** – Holy Trinity UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 53.983992,-112.281533*)
25. **Kaleland** – Sts. Peter and Paul UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 53.751410,-111.885429*)
26. **Luzan** – St. Demetrius UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 53.745932,-112.120832*)
27. **Luzan Toporiwtzi** – St. Elias UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 53.755823,-111.588460*)
28. **Mamaetsie** (Brosseau) – Manaestie UOC Cemetery (*GPS =53.80195,-111.60131*)
29. **Morecambe** – St. John UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 53.680112,-111.501834*)
30. **Musidora** – St. Dmytry UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 53.67943,-111.59861*)

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31. **Myrnam** – Holy Trinity UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 53.65818,-111.19265*)
32. **Noral** – Casland/Noral UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 54.617192,-112.424790*)
33. **Onoway** – Sts. Peter and Paul UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 53.774371,-114.199211*)
34. **Peno** – St. John UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 53.886559,-112.678935*)
35. **Pruth** – Pruth Ukrainian Orthodox Cemetery (*GPS = 53.744106,-112.121212*)
36. **Radway** – Holy Ascension UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 54.049941,-112.951009*)
37. **Redwater** – Holy Trinty UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 53.946575,-113.100594*)
38. **Round Hill –** St. Mary UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 53.15766, -112.63487*)
39. **Sachawa** – St. John UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 53.830292,-112.332104*)
40. **Sandy Rapids** – St. Virgin Mary Cemetery (*GPS = 54.456690,-111.025846*)
41. **Sarrail** – Sts. Peter and Paul UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 54.753469,-112.703379*)
42. **Seba Beach** – All Saints Cemetery (*GPS = 53.54127, -114.75048*)
43. **Sich-Kolomiya** – Sich-Kolomiya UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 53.634326,-112.212720*)
44. **Slawa North** – Slawa Cemetery (*GPS = 53.74540,-111.04236*)
45. **Slawa South** – St. Mary UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 53.715864,-111.092719*)
46. **Smoky Lake** – Holy Ascension UOC Cemetery (*GPS =54.093943,-112.479304*)
47. **Spedden** – Spedden Ukrainian Orthodox Cemetery (*GPS = 54.151921,-111.766923*)
48. **Stry** – Stry Ukrainian Orthodox Cemetery (*GPS = 54.035169,-111.874281*)
49. **Szypenitz** – St. Mary UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 53.772789,-111.850125*)
50. **Thorhild** – Sts. Peter and Paul UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 54.15877,-113.13566*)
51. **Thorsby** – Sts. Peter and Paul UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 53.22202, -113.97429*)
52. **Two Hills** – Two Hills Community Cemetery (*GPS = 53.715837,-111.725916*)
53. **Two Hills** (Rural) – St. Paraskevia Cemetery (*GPS = 53.72779, -111.66681*)
54. **Vegreville** – St. Volodymr UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 53.52804,-112.18853*)
55. **Vilna** – St. Demetrius UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 54.12117, -111.98758*)
56. **Wandering River** – St. Elias UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 55.177988,-112.467547*)
57. **Waskatenau** – St. Volodymyr UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 54.093654,-112.777331*)
58. **Westlock** – St. Volodymr UOC Cemetery (*GPS = 54.15168,-113.99616*)
59. **Zawale** – Bissell United Church Cemetery (*GPS = 53.803568,-112.400224*)

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Russell Sawchuk grew up on a farm near Arran, a village in northeastern Saskatchewan near the Manitoba boundary. The farm was the homestead settled by his grandparents in 1908. For the first four years, he attended a small rural school (Pasieka) with about 10 students. And yes, he and his brother did have to walk to school in two feet of snow – uphill both ways!

When that school was closed, all the students were bused to the school in Arran. After graduating from high school, he attended the University of Saskatchewan. He stayed at Mohyla Institute where he met Sandy, his future, and present wife. After graduation, he continued his education at Temple University in Philadelphia, Boston University and University of Toronto.

It was in Toronto that he found a passion for photography. After taking photography courses at Ryerson College and the Ontario College of Art, he purchased a photo studio on Young Street. (This was in addition to his regular job at Ontario Hydro).

In the late 1970's Russell and Sandy moved to Edmonton to be closer to their families. In Edmonton, he taught at Grant MacEwan College, and later worked at Access Alberta and Alberta Education. In 1989, Russell started his own technology consulting company – *Steppingstones Partnership Inc.* Most of his recent work involves developing and hosting online education courses for the various health professions.

Eventually, both he and his family became involved with various Ukrainian communities and organizations in Edmonton. They became members of St. Anthony's Ukrainian Orthodox Parish in west Edmonton. Russell has developed and hosts websites for various Ukrainian organizations. These include St. Anthony's Parish, St. Stephen's Cemetery, Ukrainian Museum of Canada (Alberta Branch) and the Ukrainian Orthodox Western Eparchy office.

He began taking drone and regular photographs of historic churches in 2021. This became the *Pioneer Churches on the Prairies* project. It is an ongoing initiative to record, document and share information about the historic churches established by early settlers in northeastern Alberta.

The project objectives are to capture, record and preserve high-quality photographs and videos of these historic churches and their cemeteries. Another objective is to research, record and preserve available historical information about each parish and its cemetery.

He wants to share, promote and inform the general public and the descendants of these pioneers about these important historic churches. This is being done by his dedicated website – *Pioneerchurches.ca* – and exhibits of his photographs.

In 2020 Russell learned about the extensive historical research done by Jars Balan on the region's Ukrainian Orthodox churches. They decided to collaborate to combine their photographs and histories into one document. This book is the result.