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#### **RETURN TO IN-PERSON SERVICES**

As it was announced that effective June 8, 2020, places of worship may resume services provided social distancing of two metres can be maintained between each individual household. The allowable occupancy is one-third of the defined occupancy rate of the facility to a maximum of 30 individuals for the initial stage of re-opening. Following these guidelines, Bishop Bryan has written a pastoral letter with instructions for all churches in the Eparchy of Saskatoon. Please take a moment to read this IMPORTANT letter: <u>Updated COVID Instructions</u>.

Please join our services by visiting our website and clicking on the Livestream icon: <a href="https://st-athanasius.ca/nl/">https://st-athanasius.ca/nl/</a> or on Facebook: <a href="https://st-atha

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

Слава Ісусу Христу! Слава на віки!

Please join us at 9:15 a.m. for the praying of the rosary followed by Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m.

# TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Post-Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

**FIRST ANTIPHON:** Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing to His name, give glory to His praise. **Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.** Your thunder resounded in the whirlwind; your lightning illumined the world; the earth quivered and quaked. **Through the prayers ...** You are clothed with majesty and glory, robed in light as with a cloak. **Through the prayers...** 

Glory be to the Father ... Only Begotten Son ...

**THIRD ANTIPHON:** Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Saviour. **Son of God, transfigured on the mountain, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!** Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms. **Son of God, ...** For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth. **Son of God, ...** 

**TROPAR (Festive, Tone 7):** You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, revealing as much of your glory to your disciples as they could behold. Through the prayers of the Mother of God, let your everlasting light also shine upon us sinners. O Giver of Light, glory be to You!

**SUNDAY TROPAR (Tone 1):** Though the stone was sealed by the Jews, and soldiers guarded Your most pure body, You arose, O Saviour, on the third day, and gave life to the world. And so the heavenly powers cried out to you, O Giver of life: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your saving plan, O only Lover of Mankind.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen!

**KONDAK (Sunday Tone 1):** You arose in glory from the tomb and with Yourself You raised the world. All humanity acclaims You as God, and death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master, and Eve, redeemed now from bondage, cries out for joy: "You are the One, O Christ, who offers resurrection to all."

**PROKIMEN (Tone 1):** Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You. Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous.

### **EPISTLE:** A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (4:9-16)

Brothers and Sisters! God has put us apostles at the end of the line, like men doomed to die in the arena. We have become a spectacle to the universe, to angels and men alike. We are fools on Christ's account. Ah, but in Christ you are wise! We are the weak ones, you the strong! They honour you, while they sneer at us! Up to this very hour we go hungry and thirsty, poorly clad, roughly treated, wandering about homeless. We work hard at manual labour. When we are insulted we respond with a blessing. Persecution comes our way; we bear it patiently. We are slandered, and we try conciliation. We have become the world's refuse, the scum of all; that is the present state of affairs. I am writing you in this way not to shame you but to admonish you as my beloved children. Granted you have ten thousand guardians in Christ, and you have only one father. It was I who begot you in Christ Jesus through my preaching of the gospel. I beg you, then, be imitators of me.

**ALLELUIA:** God gives me vindication, and has subdued peoples under me.

Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His posterity for ever.

#### GOSPEL: Matthew 17:14-23

At that time a man come up to Jesus and knelt before him. "Lord" he said, "take pity on my son, who is demented and in a serious condition. For example, he often falls into the fire and frequently into the water. I have brought him to our disciples but they could not cure him." In reply Jesus said, "What an unbelieving and perverse lot you are! How long must I remain with you? How long can I endure you? Bring him here to me!" Then Jesus reprimanded him, and the demon came out of him. That every moment the boy was cured. The disciples approached Jesus at the point and asked him privately, "Why could we not expel it?" "Because you have so little trust," he told them. "I assure you, if you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you would be able to say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible for you. This kind does not leave but by prayer and fasting." When they met again in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men who will put him to death, and he will be raised up on the third day."

**INSTEAD OF "It is truly right…":** O my soul, extol the Lord transfigured on Mount Tabor. You gave birth without blemish; for it was God who came forth from your womb, appearing in the flesh upon the earth, and dwelling among us. Therefore, O Mother of God, we all extol you.

**COMMUNION HYMN:** O Lord, in the light of your countenance, we walk; at your name we rejoice all the day.

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, alleluia!

SPECIAL NOTE: For those who are in church today, we will be reciting the regular prayer before communion.

For those who are watching via livestreaming, please recite the prayer below:

#### BYZANTINE ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

O Lord, I believe and profess that you are truly Christ, The Son of the living God, who came into the world To save sinners of whom I am the first.

Although I cannot now be a partaker of your mystical supper, O Son of God,

Come at least spiritually into my heart by your Divine Grace for the healing of my soul and body.

For I will not reveal your mystery to your enemies, Nor will I give you a kiss as did Judas, But like the thief I profess to you:

- + Remember me, O Lord, when you come in your kingdom.
- + Remember me, O Master, when you come in your kingdom.
- + Remember me, O Holy One, when you come in your kingdom.

O Lord, I also believe and profess, that this, Which I would receive, and which is now here present with us in Mystery, Is truly your most precious Body, and your life-giving Blood. May I one day partake of your mystical supper again For the remission of all my sins and for life everlasting. Amen

- + O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- + O God, cleanse me of my sins and have mercy on me.
- + O Lord, forgive me for I have sinned without number.

With Ecclesiastical Approbation. Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix

### LITURGICAL SERVICES - LIVESTREAMING SCHEDULE AND READINGS

MONDAY, AUGUST 10 - Post-feast of the Transfiguration; Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Lawrence (249-51); 2 Corinthians 2:4-15; Matthew 23:13-22 - No service scheduled

**TUESDAY**, **AUGUST 11** - Post-feast of the Transfiguration; Holy Martyr Euplus (304); 2 Corinthians 2:14-3:3; Matthew 23:23-28

**10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy** (intention for +Fr.Yurij Lazurko requested by Dorothy Lazurko) (preregistration) – *Livestreaming* 

**WEDNESDAY**, **AUGUST 12** - Post-feast of the Transfiguration; Holy Martyrs Photius and Anicetas (284-305); **2** Corinthians 3:4-11; Matthew 23:29-39

**10:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy** for +Kate Bobryk (5 year memorial) and +Tony Woloshyn (10 year memorial), requested by Tyler Woloshyn (**preregistration**) – *Livestreaming* 

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 13** - Leave-taking of the Feast of the Holy Transfiguration; Our Venerable Father Maximus the Confessor (662); 2 Corinthians 4:1-6; Matthew 24:13-28

**10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy** (intention for +Fr.Yurij Lazurko requested by Dorothy Lazurko) (preregistration) – *Livestreaming* 

**FRIDAY**, **AUGUST 14** - The Transfer of the Precious Relics of Our Venerable Father Theodosius, Hegumen of the Monastery of the Caves at Kiev (1091); Fore-feast of the Holy Dormition of the Mother of God; Holy Prophet Micah (8th c. BC); Hebrews 13:7-16; Matthew 11:27-29

**10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy** for +Raymond Woynarski (preregistration) – *Livestreaming* 

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 - The Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary; Kievan-Caves Icon of the Mother of God (1073), and Zaranytsia; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy followed by blessing of flowers (plants) (preregistration) – Livestreaming

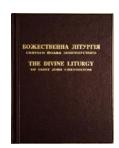
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 16** - **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**, Tone 2; Post-feast of the Dormition; the Transfer from Edessa to Constantinople of the Holy Icon Not Made with Hands of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, also Called the Holy Veil, and the Holy Martyr Diomedes (284-305); 1 Corinthians 9:2-12; Matthew 18:23-35

9:15 a.m. – Rosary (preregistration) – *Livestreaming* 

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy (preregistration) – *Livestreaming* 

1:30 p.m. – Parish Feast Divine Liturgy in Moose Jaw (preregistration)

AN APOLOGY: It is with regret that we must inform you that the parish e-mail has been hacked. It has come to our attention that messages which appear to be from the parish have been sent out. Please delete them if they do not relate to legitimate parish issues. It may be someone asking for money or gift cards to be sent to them. We are making every attempt to correct this unfortunate situation. Also, the parish has not received any e-mail messages. If you have forwarded something to the parish in the past week, please resend the information. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Looking for the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom Liturgy book? Look no further! The Ukrainian Catholic Religious Education Centre has them in stock.

Cost: \$10.00 no GST. Contact: Sr. Marijka, Sr. Bonnie or Sr. Georgia -Telephone: (306) 652-1718 or email: rel.ed@sasktel.net.

Located in the Chancery Office 214 Avenue M South, Saskatoon

Currently operating on Summer Hours.

Please call before you come, and we'll make arrangements for pick up.

SERENA SK is looking to raise awareness of NFP options in Saskatchewan and is also looking for volunteers to help in the mission of Serena in building authentic intimacy toward strong marriages. Serena SK is an organization that teaches the Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning (NFP). We rely on our generous volunteers and donors to keep this healthy, safe, effective, and affordable method of NFP available. Want to take a class to learn Serena? Are you interested in teaching others NFP? Do you have some time or talent to offer and have a desire to serve on our Board of Directors? Want to help out with or attend our next event? Would you be willing to support us financially with a donation? Please contact us if you said yes to any of those questions! Email sask@serena.ca or call/text (306)934-8223.

## Appeal to Provide Financial Assistance to Those Affected by the Flood in Western Ukraine

[How we, as the Eparchy of Saskatoon, can help]



As you may already know, parts of Western Ukraine are under water due to strong torrential rains that have been falling for several days in the past week. Two regions, Ivano-Frankivsk and Chernivtsi, were affected the most. In the Ivano-Frankivsk region, over 4,600 houses were lost or flooded, 550 kilometers of roads were damaged or washed away, and 90 bridges are gone. In addition, at least three people lost their lives. Thousands of people had to be evacuated leaving their homes and properties behind. Many have lost their belongings and savings.

This is the time when our brothers and sisters in Ukraine need help. Patriarch Sviatoslav has sent a letter of appeal asking us, "to show Christian solidarity and social service, so that those who are suffering might receive assistance as soon as possible. Therefore, I call upon our faithful and churches in our Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon to act in the spirit of the Good Samaritan of the Gospel, to support those who are deprived of their homes and have come face-to-face with misfortune."

In response to our Patriarch's request and in the spirit of Christian love and fellowship, we are announcing a campaign to raise funds for people who lost everything due to the floods and now need food and basic necessities.

- Donations can be made on-line through our Ukrainian Catholic Foundation Office from their website
   www.ucfsask.org by clicking on the button on their home page: "Donate to the Western Ukraine Relief Fund"
   and complete and submit the form, noting in the "Comments" box that this donation is directed for the
   "Western Ukraine Relief Fund".
- Donations can also be made by cheque made out to the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation and marked "Western Ukraine Relief Fund", and mailed or dropped off at the UCF-SASK Foundation Office at 214 Avenue M South, Saskatoon SK S7M 2K4.
- Donations can also be dropped in your parish collection basket or parish office which will then forwarded to the Foundation Office.

All the donations received will then be forwarded through our Eparchy to the CNEWA Canada Office in Ottawa to distribute the funds to those affected by the Flood in Western Ukraine.

**Note:** You can also choose to make your donation directly on-line through the CNEWA Office on their website: <a href="https://cnewa.org/ca/donate/">https://cnewa.org/ca/donate/</a> and from the drop-down "Donate To "section, choose "Ukraine".

No donation is too small or too large. However, your donation will change someone's life and God will repay a cheerful giver hundredfold. Please keep people of the affected areas in your prayers!



In Christ, Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSsR Eparch of Saskatoon Eparchy

**PLEASE NOTE:** St. Athanasius Parish will not be issuing the receipts for donations to the Western Ukraine Relief Fund. Receipts will be issued by CNEWA Canada Office in Ottawa.

**APPEAL TO ST. ATHANASIUS PARISH MEMBERS:** Father Vasyl was born in the Western Region in Ukraine that has been affected by the flooding. If you care to make a donation on behalf of Father, please make the cheque payable to Father Vasyl and he will forward the funds. Receipts will be issued from the recipient when donations are received in Ukraine. *Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.* 

**The Ukrainian Program** is looking for support from our parent and community members. We are excited about our long running program and want to ensure that it continues. In keeping with that mandate, we are proposing to form three committees. We are inviting parents and community members



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- \* Phone 306-540-5786

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https://www.rcsd.ca/Programs/UkrainianProgram

who want to get involved to sign up for one of the committees. If that is not possible we would gladly accept any expertise in any of the below listed areas.

Liaison Committee – this committee would meet with the School Board to work collaboratively for the continued success of the program and should consist of the teachers, priests, bishop and a parent representative.

Communication Committee – this committee would be responsible for sending out information to parents and community members and should consist of two or more parent/community members.

Fundraising Committee – this committee would be responsible for creating fundraising opportunities to raise money for transportation. Opportunities such as grants, support from Ukrainian Community groups or individuals, bottle drives, hot dog sales to name a few. This committee should consist of parents/community members.

This year is an opportunity to show the School Board that we want to

work together in good faith for the continued success of the Ukrainian Program. In order to do that we need the support of our parents and the Ukrainian Community as a whole.

If you are interested in joining one of the committees, or if you have any expertise or suggestions **please contact Chris Yost** at **yostck@mac.com** or **Kevin Korchinski** at **kevin@osac.ca**We thank you in advance for your continued support of your Ukrainian Program.

# At-Home FLOWERS (OR OTHER PLANTS) BLESSING ON THE FEAST OF THE DORMITION (ASSUMPTION) August 15th



According to an old custom, flowers and medicinal herbs are blessed after the Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Dormition. According to traditional belief, after Mary's assumption, her tomb was filled with a "heavenly fragrance" and flowers. The herbs, used as natural medicine, are blessed in commemoration of the numerous healing and extraordinary graces bestowed on the pilgrims at Mary's tomb.

Those who cannot participate in the in-person celebration on the Feast of the Dormition (Assumption) at our church this year, you are encouraged to bless your flowers or other plants at home - me at church/you at home, following the same blessing text. (As you

know, for the moment, a limited number of people is allowed, a group of 30 people, maintaining social distancing of two metres between each individual household).

As we did for Easter and Transfiguration blessings, you are encouraged to have this prayer on hand while participating during our livestream liturgy on Saturday, August 15 at 10:00am. Please find the prayer below.

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, we will bless flowers or other plants together (me at the church/you at home, following the same blessing text).

If you wish to attend Liturgy on the Dormition (Assumption) Feast in person, please contact Fr. Vasyl.

### PRAYER FOR BLESSING OF FLOWERS (OR OTHER PLANTS) ON THE FEAST OF THE DORMITION (ASSUMPTION)

O almighty, eternal God, by your word alone You created out of nothing the heavens, earth, sea, and all things visible and invisible. You commanded that the earth give forth plants and trees for the needs of man and animal, each according to its need. In your infinite goodness You ordained that these plants serve not only as food for the animals but also as medicine for the sick body. We beseech You, bless these different plants and fruits and bestow upon them your blessing, and endow them with your power, so that they may serve man and animal alike as a defense against all sickness and all that is impure: For You are our God, and we give glory to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever. Amen.

These Flowers (or Plants) are blessed and sanctified by the sprinkling of this holy water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Have a Blessed Dormition Feast, Fr. Vasyl

**NOTICE:** Our parish expenses continue, even though there are no large church services. Therefore, it would be very much appreciated if you could continue your support of the parish. There are a few options available to you: drop off your envelope at 54 McMurchy Avenue, mail in your cheque to 55 McMurchy Avenue, Regina, S4R 3G3, or you can also do an e-transfer to <a href="mailto:stathandeposit@sasktel.net">stathandeposit@sasktel.net</a>.

**AUGUST 2 COLLECTION:** 13 regular envelopes - \$1205; 2 Building Fund envelopes - \$120; 11 August PAGs: - \$1775; 4 E-transfers - \$625.

E-mail: daris.cherian@gmail.com



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Parish Coordinator of Care (PCC) - Mary Lou Senko @ 306-525-6437

DIVINE LITURGY: Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Service in English; TEMPORARILY by preregistration

**MEMBERSHIP AT ST. ATHANASIUS PARISH** is recognized by participating in the Sunday Divine Liturgy and by fulfilling your baptismal responsibility in contributing to our Church Community activities by using your time, talents and treasures. Regular financial donations by use of Sunday envelopes is necessary for our parish to grow and prosper.

Please contact Fr. Vasyl if you know of any parishioner who is sick and wants to be visited.

St. Jean Paul II Syro-Malabar Parish – Fr. Daris Cherian

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