

SUNDAY BEFORE AND VIGIL OF THEOPHANY

CHRIST IS BORN! LET US GLORIFY HIM!
ХРИСТОС РОЖДАЄТЬСЯ! СЛАВІМО ЙОГО!

TROPAR (Tone 5): Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, and born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

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

FEASTDAY KONDAK (Tone 4): Today the Lord stood in the waters of the Jordan telling John: "Do not be afraid to baptized me, for I have come to save Adam, the first created."

PROKIMEN (Tone 6): Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

Verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence.

EPISTLE: A reading from the second Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy (4:5-8)

ALLELUIA VERSES: *May God have pity on us and bless us.*

May he let his face shine upon us

GOSPEL: (Mark 1:1-8)

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; Praise Him in the highest. *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

READERS: Today – Derow Family

January 12 – Doris Gordon

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Today – Ernie Paluck, Tyler Woloshyn

January 12 – John Makuch, Mark Woitas

USHERS: Today – Ted Dusyk, Joe Lawryk

January 12 – Ernie Paluck, Art Wytrykush

GREETERS: Today – Ernie & Jayne Paluck

January 12 – Mark & Karen Woitas

ALTAR SERVERS: Every Sunday, all volunteers welcome

DIVINE LITURGIES:

Monday, January 6 – The Holy Theophany of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ [Titus 2:11-15; 3:4-7; Matthew 3:13-17] Holy Day of Obligation.

10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great followed by blessing of homes

6:30 p.m. – Catechism (No childrens Divine Liturgy)

Tuesday, January 7 - The Nativity in the Flesh of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ – Christmas (Julian Calendar) [Galatians 4:4-7; Matthew 2:1-12]

6:30 p.m. – Divine Liturgy in Ukrainian

Wednesday, January 8 – Post-feast of Theophany; Our Venerable Father George the Chosebite (610-41); Our Venerable Mother Dominica (474-91); and Emilian the Confessor [Hebrews 4:1-13; Luke 21:12-19]

Blessing of homes

Thursday, January 9 – Post-feast of Theophany; the Holy Martyr Polyeuctus (249-51)

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Friday, January 10 – Post-feast of Theophany; Our Holy Father Gregory; Bishop of Nyssa (after 394)

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Saturday, January 11 – Post-feast of Theophany; Our Venerable Father Theodosius, Founder of the Cenobitic Monastic Life (529)

No Service scheduled

Sunday, January 12 – Sunday after Theophany, (Tone 6) [Ephesians 4:7-13; Matthew 4:12-17]

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy at St. Athanasius (for the faithful)

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

❖ Monday, January 6 - 6:30pm~Children's Catechism (No Children's Liturgy)



CHRISTMAS CAROLLING: The Ukrainian Community Choir, conducted by Alla Tymishak, that performed at our parish will be having a Christmas Concert at **St. Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church on Sunday, January 12th, at 12:30p.m. with Spiritual talks by the four priests of Regina.**

Free admission with coffee and goodies in the parish hall to follow. Address: 2075 McDonald St, Regina.

2020 BLESSING OF HOMES AFTER THEOPHANY: sign up sheets are in the foyer. Fr Vasil will be blessing homes until Friday, January 31.

KITCHEN CLEANING: A general kitchen cleaning has been scheduled for **Saturday, January 18th at 9:00am.** Ovens, cupboards and some dishes will have to be cleaned. Please mark your calendars. Lunch will be provided. This parish belongs to ALL of us so your help would be greatly appreciated. The more people that show up, more can be done.

*Rosanne Miller – President
St. Athanasius Parish*

UCWLC NOTES – Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26 at St. Athanasius Board Room at 3:00pm. Member Appreciation will start at 5:00 with cocktails and supper to follow at 6:00pm.

2020 SUNDAY DONATION ENVELOPES and calendars (one per family) are available for pick up. If there is an error or if you did not receive a set of envelopes, please contact the office. Also, we would appreciate if you could include your e-mail address and any changes to your current address on your first donation envelope.

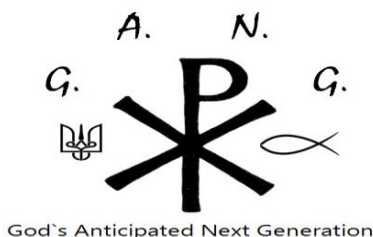
CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL TREE: Once again the memorial tree is set up in the front foyer. Christmas is a time to spend with loved ones, family and friends, and to remember those who are no longer with us in person but are with us in spirit. If you wish to donate, you may do so by placing your money and family names in the marked envelopes at the back of the church and then placed in the Sunday collection basket. Fr. Vasyl will have the Panakhyda for all those departed family and friends on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. All funds received will be deposited into the St. Athanasius Building Fund.

Young Adults Announcement!

Young adults, age 18 to 30 something, come join our newly implemented young adult group! Our purpose is to foster spiritual growth, build relationships and empower ourselves to find our role as vibrant members while we encounter God in our parish community.

Our next gathering will take place **Saturday, January 25, 2020 from 7-9pm at St. Basil's Parish.**

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Lesia at ultimateaandb@hotmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there!





Ultimate A & B Youth Presents...This year's Lock-in Retreat!

Hey Youth in Grades 7-12!

Are you in grades 7-12 and are looking to get together with your friends? Well now's your chance. This year's lock-in takes place **Friday, January 31, 2020 and Saturday, February 1, 2020** at St. Basil's Parish Centre.

This year's theme will be "Fullness of Life". Activities for the two days include: bowling, spiritual sessions, guest speakers, group activities and so much more.

The cost for the event will be \$10. This will cover all the meals and activities.

The registration deadline is **Sunday, January 26, 2020.**

See the poster for all the details. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Lesia at ultimateaandb@hotmail.com.

NEW YEAR'S EVE MALANKA 2020: will be held at Conexus Art Center on Saturday, January 11, 2020. For more information regarding this event, please refer to poster on the bulletin board.



Merry Christmas 2019 & Happy New Year 2020 from Regina Pro-life.

The Green Ribbon Campaign is on January 25 & 26, 2020. Once again, they are relying on our faithful volunteers to help us distribute bookmarks and green ribbons for that week-end.

For more information regarding Regina Pro-Life events, please refer to the poster on the bulletin board in the auditorium.



Listen to The Ukrainian Hour

Sundays (3 PM) and again on Mondays (10 PM)

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<https://www.therock985.ca>

- Sasktel Max Channel 839

- radio player Canada app (free): CJJC FM
- Yorkton & area: 98.5 FM

JANUARY PROGRAMMING INCLUDES Liturgical Music and Carols:

Jan. 5/6: Theophany; Jan. 12/13; Jan. 19/20: Gregory; Jan. 26/27: Three Holy Hierarchs; Zaccheus

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: 52 regular envelopes - \$2345; 3 Building Fund envelopes - \$550; 6 Visitor envelopes - \$135; 8 Christmas offering - \$315; 3 Memorial Tree - \$90; Loose Change - \$67.



JANUARY 6, THEOPHANY

At the baptism of Jesus Christ in the Jordan, the public ministry of the Saviour begins (see Mt 3; Mk 1). John the Baptist points to Christ in the Jordan and identifies Him as the “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (Jn 1:29). During the baptism of Jesus, the Most Holy Trinity is made known: “Worship of the Trinity was revealed; the voice of the Father bore witness to You, naming you the beloved Son, and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the word’s certainty.” “The voice of the Father” is the voice of the Heavenly Father, and the “Spirit in the form of a dove” is the Holy Spirit, who descends upon Christ, revealing him to be the Son of God. For this reason, Church tradition refers to the Baptism of Jesus Christ as the

Theophany (from the Greek, meaning divine appearance).

The Theophany at the Jordan is liturgically connected with the feast of the Nativity. In her celebration of both these events, Church tradition emphasizes that both the Incarnation and the Baptism of the Lord are when God appears (in Greek, theophania).

What was announced by the angel is now announced to the people by the Baptist; the spilling of infant blood caused Bethlehem to become childless, but through the sanctified waters of baptism, the Jordan now has many children. What was announced by the star to the magi in Bethlehem is now revealed to the world by the Father himself.

Christ brings regeneration to humankind, and he chooses the waters of the Jordan to signify this. In Holy Scripture, water is a symbol of elemental forces and death, and simultaneously a symbol of cleansing, rebirth, life, and the grace of the Holy Spirit.

By means of water, God offers to the world “a salvation of baptism.” Upon receiving it, a human being and all creation are filled with “mysterious streams.”

In the Ukrainian Christian tradition, the symbolism of Jordan water is closely connected with the memory of the Baptism of Ukraine by Grand Prince Volodymyr. The river Dnipro, in which the people of Kyiv were baptized, is figuratively called the “Ukrainian Jordan.” On the feast of Theophany in Ukraine, an ice cross is erected as a sign and a memorial of baptism; during the Great Blessing of Water, three triple-branched candles are immersed into the waters. Bringing the holy water home, the faithful partake of it at the beginning of the Theophany Eve supper *Shchedryi vechir* (Ukrainian, meaning *Abundantly Generous Eve*). They bless their homes and farms, and keep the water throughout the year to partake of it, and to bless themselves in times of difficulty and illness.

BLESSING OF HOMES

The blessing of homes begins in January after the Feast of Holy Theophany. By His Baptism in the river Jordan, Christ sanctified the waters. It is at this time of year that that sanctification is brought to our homes, to us and to our loved ones. We keep this tradition of having our homes blessed by our parish priest every year in faith that God blesses all of us during this New Year with health and salvation



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**DIVINE LITURGY: Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Service in English; Confessions before every Divine Liturgy & Week Day Liturgies
- As per the Schedule**

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.

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