

PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE
- Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

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.

PRESENTATION TROPAR (Tone 1): Hail, Mother of God, Virgin full of grace. From you has shown forth the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, shining upon those who are in darkness. Rejoice also, you just Elder Simeon, for you received in your arms the Redeemer of our souls who has given us Resurrection.

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

KONDAK (Tone1): O Christ our God, through your birth You sanctified the Virgin's womb, and blessed, as it was proper, the hands of Simeon. Today, You have come to bring us deliverance. Give peace to nations at war and strengthen our civil authorities, for You alone love mankind.

PROKIMEN (Tone 3): My soul magnifies the lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my saviour.

Verse: *Because He has regarded the humility of His handmaid; for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.*

EPISTLE: A reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews (7:7-17)

ALLELUIA VERSES: *Now, Master, you can dismiss your servant in peace; you have fulfilled your word.*

A revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people Israel.

GOSPEL: (Luke 2:22-40)

INSTEAD OF "It is truly right...": O Virgin Mother of God. Hope of Christians, protect, watch, and save those who have placed their hope in you. We, the faithful, see the figure of Christ in the shadow and the letter of the law which says: Every male who opens he womb shall be called holy to the Lord. Therefore, we extol the firstborn of the Eternal Father and the Virgin Mother.

COMMUNION HYMN: I will take the chalice of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

READERS: Today – Nicole Stephaniuk

February 9 – Eleanor Hadubiak

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Today – Len Markewich, Ernie Paluck

February 9 – Mark Woitas, Tyler Woloshyn

USHERS: Today – Carl Korchynski, Mark Woitas

February 9 – Art Wytrykush, Walter Brigidear

GREETERS: Today – Carl & Linda Korchynski

February 9 – Maggie Stephen, Bernice Bzdell

ALTAR SERVERS: Every Sunday, all volunteers are welcome

DIVINE LITURGIES:

Monday, February 3 - Post-Feast of the Encounter; **The Holy and Just Simeon Who Received God and the Prophetess Anna** [2 Peter 1:20-2:9; Mark 13:9-13]

6:00 p.m.- Divine Liturgy (intention for +Fr. Yuij Lazurko) requested by Moose Jaw Parish followed by Catechism

Tuesday, February 4 – Post-Feast of the Encounter; Our Venerable Father Isidore of Pelusium (408-50) [2 Peter 2:9-22; Mark 13:14-23]

Regina Priests at Conference - No Service scheduled

Wednesday, February 5 – Post-Feast of the Encounter; The Holy Martyr Agatha (249- 51) [2 Peter 3:1-18; Mark 13:24-31]

Regina Priests at Conference – No Service scheduled

Thursday, February 6 – Post-Feast of the Encounter; Our Venerable Father Boucolus, Bishop of Smyrna; the Holy Priest-Martyr Sylvanus, Bishop of Emessa and Those with Him [1 John 1:3-2:6; Mark 13:31-37]

No Service scheduled

Friday, February 7 – Post-Feast of the Encounter; Our Venerable Father Parthenius, Bishop of Lampsacus (312-37); Passing into Eternal Life (1957) of Blessed Petro Verhun, Apostolic Visitor of Forced Labourers in Germany and Martyr of Siberia [1 John 2:7-17; Mark 14:3-9]

12:30 p.m. – Divine Liturgy at Campion College (intention for + Fr. Yuriy Lazurko) requested by Moose Jaw Parish

Saturday, February 8 – Post-Feast of the Encounter; the Holy Great-Martyr Theodore the General (286-305); the Holy Prophet Zechariah (c.520 BC) [2 Timothy 3:1- 9; Luke 20:45-21:4]

No Service scheduled

Sunday, February 9 – **Sunday of the Prodigal Son, (Tone 2); Leave-taking of the Feast of the Encounter of Our Lord;** the Holy Martyr Nicephorus [1 Corinthians 6:12- 20; Luke 15:11-32]

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

12:30 p.m. – Christmas carolling at Decent of the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church with spiritual talks by four priests (TBA)

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

- ❖ Monday, February 3 – 6:00pm~Children's Liturgy followed by catechism
- ❖ Tuesday, February 4 – Seniors' Breakfast at the Casino
- ❖ Friday, February 7 – 7:00pm – 9:00pm~Faith Enrichment Program @ St. Basil's Parish
- ❖ Saturday, February 8 – 8:00am -4:00pm~Faith Enrichment Program at St. Basil's Parish

THE EPARCHIAL UCBC is having an installation of executive officers today.

Congratulations to the Eparchial UCBC executive who is being installed at St. Athanasius Parish. At the conclusion of the installation, please join us in singing our “Гимн до Святого Володимира Великого” – “**UCBC Hymn to St. Volodymyr the Great**”. The Hymn sheet is included in this week's bulletin. Also, they are offering an invitation to all those present at Liturgy today to be their guests for lunch.

As we approach the end of the Christmas season, we would like to extend a thank you to all parishioners and guests for prayers, support, help and priestly gifts!
May God continue to bless you abundantly!

Fr. Vasyl and family

UCWLC MEMBER APPRECIATION BRUNCH – will be held on Sunday, February 9th at 11:15 a.m. at Classic Buffet on North Albert St. Please confirm your attendance by calling Joanna Mazyn at (306) 543-6302 no later than Wednesday, February 5th.



CHRISTMAS CAROLLING:

The Ukrainian Community Choir, conducted by Alla Tymishak, will be having a Christmas Closing Caroling at Ukrainian Orthodox Church Descent of the Holy Spirit **on Sunday, February 9th, at 12:30p.m. with Spiritual talks by the four priests of Regina.**

Free admission

Address: 1305 -12 Ave, Regina, SK.

SOROKOUSTY SERVICES – ALL SOULS SATURDAYS

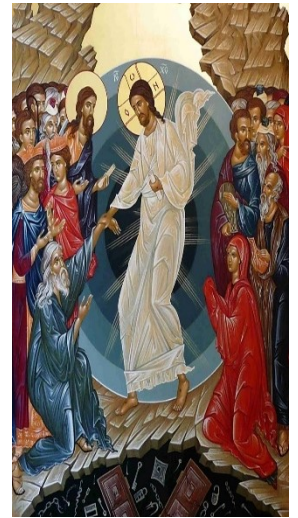
Sorokousty Services (All Souls Saturday) will be celebrated this year **on February 15th, March 7th, March 14th, March 21st, and May 30th.**

The word “Sorokousty” literally means “forty mouths” (*sorok = forty; ust = mouth*). Originally, this was a prayer service offered by forty mouths or by forty priests especially in Lenten time.

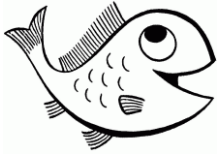
Sorokousty or All Souls Saturdays services have been celebrated for the deceased by holding Liturgies, panakydas or parastas for them in five Saturdays.

Each family in our parish has a book or a list where the names of deceased family members are written. Father reads out every book or list during each Sorokousty.

If you would like to have the names of your deceased relatives mentioned during the Sorokousty services this year, or if you wish to renew or add to last year’s list, please call the office @ 306-543-8008, or visit the parish office Tuesday-Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00p.m.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (Bishop Budka Council #5914) and Ultimate A & B Youth, have joined together for a Family Night featuring a Fish Fry Supper and Carnival Games. This will be held at St. Athanasius Parish, Friday, February 28th at 5:30pm. Proceeds will be supporting the Ultimate A & B Youth and the Lubov Home of Hope of Ukraine. For more information regarding this event, please refer to the poster on the bulletin board.



Once a year the Marian Centre requests volunteers from our parish for help to cut vegetables, make sandwiches, etc. The dates this year are February 17, 18, 19, and 21st. They start at 9:30 A.M. and finish at 11:00 A.M. We need 2 volunteers for each of the four days. Please call Chris Hladky at 306-889-6610 if you are available to help.

Listen to The Ukrainian Hour Sundays (3 PM) and again on Mondays (10 PM)



Listen to **The Ukrainian Hour**, **Sundays 3:00pm** and again on **Mondays at 10:00 pm**

with host Colette Karapita (nee Ukrainetz).

Listen at: <https://www.therock985.ca>

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February Programming: February 2/3: Feast of the Encounter; **February 9/10:** John Pihach: “Ukrainian Genealogy”

February 16/17: Meat-fare Sunday; **February 23/24:** Cheese-fare Sunday



UNITY 2020 “Stillness in Chaos” July 31 – August 3, 2020 – Toronto Invitation For Young Adults.

This is an amazing opportunity for you to build relationships, enrich spiritually and get a renewing breath of life to love, to serve and to enjoy your life to the fullest. For more information regarding this event, please refer to the poster on the bulletin board.



Eparchial Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Presents: New Escape Room!

What? How? You guys are crazy... and incredibly creative!!! That's what people say when we tell them we came up with a new, first ever Christian Escape Room in Saskatoon!

Just as Mary found her vocation by saying her "yes" to God, we want you to go through our escape room called "Servants of the Lord" and become one step closer to figuring out your own vocation! Will you be able to overcome all the challenges

using logic, observation, creative thinking and teamwork in just one hour? We promise, you will not regret spending your time in a room full of mystery and fun!

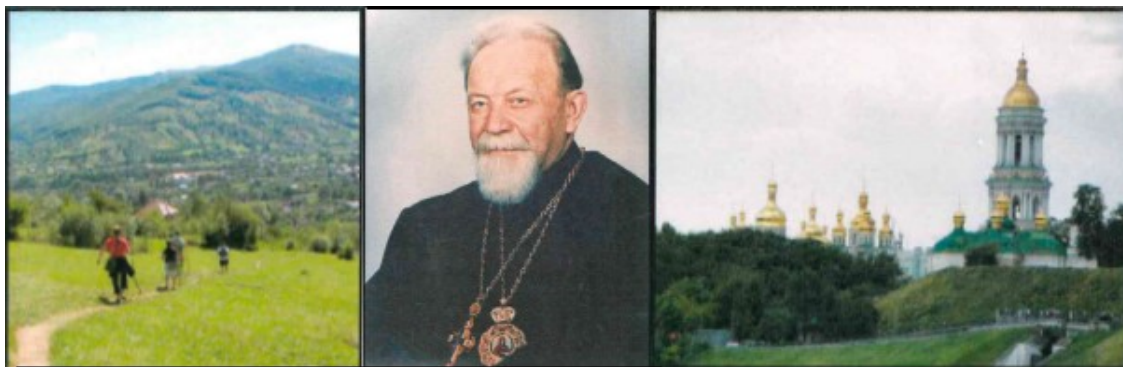
Pilgrims of the World Youth Day 2019: Olena Simko, Veronica Lucas and Anna Marko, under the leadership of Viktoriia Marko, came up with this idea for people 14+! Bring your family and friends, this room is intended for 4 to 6 participants 😊

Huge thank you to many other young people and the Eparchial Appeal for making this happen! Show us some support, we did it for you!

Note: all the donations will go to the Eparchy of Saskatoon Youth Ministry. Register at

uwitness2youth@gmail.com

Bishop Velychkovsky Pilgrimage to Ukraine – A Spiritual Journey following a Martyr's Life – July 5-26, 2020



We will, in the footsteps of Blessed Vasyl, be visiting the sites where he lived, worked and suffered. Some of the places will include: Lviv, Ternopil, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kamianetz Podilsk, Kyiv, Zarvanytsia (participating in the weekend vidpust), and other points of interest such as the Carpathian Mountains, Kolomeya, villages and orphanage.

Cost: \$4,800 CDN (include airfare from Winnipeg, meals, accommodations, and travel throughout Ukraine). Travel and medical insurance is not included. **Deadline for registration: February 29, 2020 (limited to 20 pilgrims).** For more information & to register contact Mary Jane Kalenchuk or Fr. John Sianchuk, C.Ss.R. by e-mail: info@bvmartyrshrine.com or phone 204-338-7321.



WINTER CAMP 2020 – ST. MICHAEL'S AT MADGE LAKE FEBRUARY 17-22 – AGES 9 – 15!!!

Come join us at camp February 17-22, 2020 for a fabulous week! Tobogganing, Downhill skiing, Cross-Country Skiing, Skating, Snow Shoeing and Ice Fishing all in one week! St. Michael's Winter Camp is the place for you. Ages 9-15; Cost: \$250. **If you are still looking at coming to our winter camp then please register today! We only have 10 spots left. It's an awesome way to get outside to re-**

connect with nature and enjoy the company of great people. Please go to <http://www.stmichaelscamp.com/camps/register> to print the form and email it to: register@stmichaelscamp.com or mail the completed form to: St. Michael's Camp, Box 128, Kamsack, Saskatchewan, S0A 1S0. **We can't wait to see you at camp!**

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: 60 regular Sunday envelopes - \$2435; 3 Building Fund envelopes - \$90; 1 Eparchial Charities - \$20; 2 Memorial Tree envelopes - \$170; 6 Initial Offering envelopes - \$82; 4 Visitor envelopes - \$40; Loose Change - \$25.

February 2 Sunday of the “Pharisee and tax collector.”



Lk 18:9-14: “The Lord also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

The novelty that Jesus brought - He did not want to take mankind towards God, instead He brought God towards mankind. Instead, on a stairway of holiness, one climbs towards holiness, one goes towards God thanks to one's merits, Jesus brings God to mankind, and in this case not our merits are making us holy, but

God's love that is a gift for all humanity, if we accept this gift, and put into practice.

In the parable known as that of the “*Pharisee and tax collector*”, we see two opposite men of Israel's society, the Saint for excellence, the Pharisee (Pharisee means separated). He separates himself from the others through the religious practices, observing the law - almost maniacal - and the person thought to be the most impure, furthest from God, the tax collector, an individual, that even if he wanted to, cannot change his work that makes him impure.

So, the Pharisee in this prayer thanks the Lord more for himself than for others and he presents to the Lord his efforts to reach Him through doing more religious practices than the others. The Pharisee says: “*I fast twice a week*”, but the required fasting was once a year. And he gives “*tithes*”, tithes are the offering for the temple of a tenth part of the *harvests and livestock* to the Lord. But He does not only pay what is required but for *all that he possesses*.

The Pharisee is a spiritual person, full of his perceived holiness, that offers his merits to the Lord. On the other hand a person with nothing to give, if not his condition of a sinner, from which he cannot go away because this is his job and shows his misery. A tax collector, a person completely immersed in sin, but still dares to say this prayer: “*God, be merciful to me, a sinner!*”

On one side *merit*, on the other side *need*. Well, Jesus' sentence is disconcerting: “*I tell you; this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other.*” Remember at the beginning Jesus said that the parable was for Pharisees that thought themselves to be *just* and they despised the others.

Now the tax collector becomes “*justified*,” which means a place with God, while the Pharisee is not. What Jesus presents is a novelty that should lead us to this: The Lord does not ask for us to be holy as Pharisees because this holiness separates from the others. Jesus asks us to live our humanity in order to be God the Father's merciful touch for every creature; not loving others for their merits, but for their needs. And doing this we really could be holy and just.



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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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