

MASK IS MANDATORY UPON ENTERING THE CHURCH AND DURING DIVINE LITURGY. THE BULLETINS CANNOT BE LEFT ANYWHERE IN THE CHURCH. PLEASE TAKE HOME TO READ AND RECYCLE.



Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon
Українська Католицька Єпархія Саскатуну



This Monday afternoon, December 14 at 3:00 pm, Dr. Saqib Shahab, Saskatchewan's Chief Medical Health Officer, announced revised public health orders effective this Thursday, Dec. 17th. These remain in effect until Friday, January 15, 2021, unless amended.

The revisions affecting places of worship are as follows:

The Places of Worship Guidelines are established under the provisions of the Public Health Act of Saskatchewan and are legally binding on all residents of Saskatchewan. The government has asked the police to step up enforcement and we have seen a number of local health inspectors looking closely at places of worship. The faith leaders' group has asked all faith communities to protect vulnerable people by following these guidelines.

30-person capacity, no concurrent services:

Over the past three weeks there have been discussions regarding the Nov. 27 health order. These have led to differing rulings by local health inspectors and considerable confusion for local faith communities. The text of the Places of Worship Guidelines has been revised to read: "All places of worship must reduce capacity to 30 people, including wedding, funeral, and baptismal services. No food or drink may be present or served. Services must be held in their usual location. Concurrent services in other rooms within the facility are not permitted." This means that the 30-person capacity limit applies to the whole facility, not to individual rooms.

For clarification, the 30-person capacity does not include the minimal number of clergy and other leaders required to facilitate the service. However, faith communities are encouraged to keep this number at a reasonable level.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Janko Kolosnjaji, Vicar General, Eparchy of Saskatoon

COVID-19 Guideline Committee:

– Rev. Ivan Nahachewsky, Marcella Ogenchuk, Bernie Bodnar



The Christmas Season Liturgy schedule has to be set up. As it now appears that we will not be able to increase the number of people able to attend each service, it is requested that you let Rosanne Miller know of your preference for attendance. It has been determined that there will be a service on December 24th at 9:00pm, and again on December 25th at 10:00am. If more people wish to attend these services than what we are allowed (30 at each), Fr. Vasyl is willing to do more Liturgies on December 25th, perhaps a second one at 12:00pm (noon), and/or a third one at 2:00pm if there is enough interest. It would be preferred that the first two Liturgies be attended to capacity before a third or fourth service is arranged. Please call Rosanne at 306-543-5773 to indicate your preference of day and time.



WEEKDAY LITURGIES: If you wish to attend weekday Liturgies, please register by calling Fr. Vasyl at 306-519-9030.

Please join our services by visiting our website and clicking on the Livestream icon: <https://st-athanasius.ca/nl/> or on Facebook: <https://facebook.com/reginaukrainiancatholicnorth/> live

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!
Слава на Віки!

Слава Ісусу Христу!

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

**“GRAD’S BLESSINGS” FOLLOWING TODAY’S 9:30 A.M.
DIVINE LITURGY.**

SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY - The Holy Fathers

TROPAR (Tone 4): When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection and cast off the ancestral condemnation, they proudly told the apostles: "Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen granting to the world great mercy."

TROPAR OF THE HOLY FATHERS (Tone 2): The three young men who are the great guides of the faith, rejoiced in the pit of flame as if they were in a water of rest; and the prophet Daniel appeared as a shepherd to the lions. O Christ God, save our souls for their sake.

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

CHRISTMAS PRE-FESTIVE KONDAK (Tone 3): Today the Virgin is on her way to the cave where she will give birth in a manner beyond understanding to the Word Who is in all eternity. Rejoice, therefore, universe, when you hear it heralded. With the angels and the shepherds, glorify Him Who chose to be seen as a newborn babe while remaining God in all eternity.

PROKIMEN (Tone 4): Blessed are you, and praiseworthy, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and glorious forever is your name.

Verse: *For you are just in all you have done.*

EPISTLE: A reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews (11:9-10; 17-23; 32-40)

Brothers and Sisters! By faith Abraham sojourned in the promised land as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs of the same promise; for he was looking forward to the city with foundations whose designer and maker is God. By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac; he who had received the promises was ready to

sacrifice his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your descendants be called." He reasoned that God was able to raise from the dead, and so he received Isaac back as a symbol. By faith Isaac invoked for Jacob and Esau blessings that were still to be. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshipped God, leaning on the head of his staff. By faith Joseph, near the end of his life spoke of the Exodus of the Israelites, and gave instructions about his burial. By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after his birth, thereby disregarding the king's edict because they saw that he was a beautiful child. What more shall I recount? I have no time to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who by faith conquered kingdoms, did what was just, obtained the promises; they broke the jaws of lions, put out raging fires, escaped the devouring sword; though weak they were made powerful, became strong in battle, and turned back foreign invaders. Women received back their dead through resurrection. Others were tortured and would not receive deliverance, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Still others endured mockery, scourging, even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, sawed in two, put to death at sword's point; they went about garbed in the skins of sheep or goats, needy, afflicted, tormented. The world was not worthy of them. They wandered about in deserts and on mountains, they dwelt in caves and in holes of the earth. Yet despite the fact that all of these were approved because of their faith, they did not obtain what had been promised. God had made a better plan, a plan which included us. Without us, they were not to be made perfect.

ALLELUIA VERSES: *O God, our ears have heard, our fathers have declared to us.
But you have saved us from our foes, and those who hated us you put to shame.*

GOSPEL: Matthew (1:1-25)

A family record of Jesus Christ, Son of David, son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac. Isaac the father of Jacob. Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar. Perez was the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram. Ram was the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon. Salmon was the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz was the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth. Obed was the father of Jesse, Jesse the father of King David, David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon was the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asa. Asa was the father of Jehosaphat, Jehosaphat the father of Joram, Joram the father of Uzziah. Uzziah was the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah. Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amos, Amos the father of Josiah. Josiah became the father of Jechoniah and his brothers at the time of the Babylonian exile. After the Babylonian exile Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel was the father of Abiud, Abiud the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor. Azor was the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Achim, Achim the father of Eliud. Eliud was the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob. Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary. It was of her that Jesus who is called the Messiah was born. Thus the total number of generations is: from Abraham to David, fourteen generations; from David to the Babylonian captivity, fourteen generations; from the Babylonian captivity to the Messiah, fourteen generations. Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, an upright man unwilling to expose her to the law, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when suddenly the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream and said to him: "Joseph, son of David, have no fear about taking Mary as your wife. It is by the Holy Spirit that she has conceived this child. She is to have a son and you are to name him Jesus because he will save his people from their sins." All this happened to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin

shall be with child and give birth to a son. and they shall call him Emmanuel," a name which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord had directed him and received her into his home as his wife. He had no relations with her at any time before she bore a son, whom he named Jesus.

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest.
Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting. Alleluia! 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 – LIVESTREAM SCHEDULE AND READINGS

LITURGIAL SCHEDULE December 21 – December 27, 2020

Monday, December 21 - Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ; the Holy Martyr Juliana of Nicomedia (284-305); [Hebrews 8:7-13](#); [Mark 8:11-21](#)

No service scheduled

Tuesday, December 22 - Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ; The Holy Great-Martyr Anastasia (305); [Hebrews 9:8-10, 15-23](#); [Mark 8:22-26](#)

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for +Fr.Yurij Lazurko, requested by Dorothy and Greg Lazurko **(preregistration) – livestreaming**

Wednesday, December 23 - Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ; The Ten Holy Martyrs of Crete (249-51); [Hebrews 10:1-18](#); [Mark 8:30-34](#)

No service scheduled

Thursday, December 24 - Eve of the Nativity of Christ; [Hebrews 1:1-12](#); [Luke 2:1-20](#)

Nativity Fast

9:00 p.m. – Christmas Great Compline and Divine Liturgy of the Nativity, followed by caroling (preregistration) – livestreaming

Friday, December 25 - The Nativity in the Flesh of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ - Christmas; [Galatians 4:4-7](#); [Matthew 2:1-12](#) Holy Day of Obligation.

10:00 a.m. – Christmas Divine Liturgy of the Nativity, followed by caroling (preregistration) – livestreaming

12:00 p.m. – Christmas Divine Liturgy of the Nativity, followed by caroling (preregistration only)

Saturday, December 26 - Saturday after the Nativity of Christ; Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God; [1 Timothy 6:11-16](#); [Hebrews 2:11-18](#); [Matthew 12:15-21](#); [Matthew 2:13-23](#)

10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy post feast of the Nativity for +Fr.Yurij Lazurko, requested by Dorothy and Greg Lazurko **(preregistration) – livestreaming**

Sunday, December 27 - Sunday after the Nativity of Christ Commemoration of the Holy and Righteous Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James, Brother of the Lord, Tone 5; the Holy Apostle, First Martyr and Archdeacon Stephen; [Galatians 1:11-19](#); [Matthew 2:13-23](#)

9:15 a.m. – Rosary (preregistration) – livestreaming

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy with Bishop Bryan Bayda (preregistration) – livestreaming

3:00 p.m. – Christmas Divine Liturgy in Glentworth (preregistration)



CHRIST IS BORN! LET US GLORIFY HIM IN CAROLS!

This is the title of **the 2020 Christmas Carol CD from St. Athanasius Parish, Regina, SK.** – from deep in our hearts, to your homes!

Enjoy traditional Ukrainian Christmas Carols sung in both Ukrainian and English!

Voices apart – voices together - join with us in your own homes in the carolling! Let's be together in Spirit this Holy Season!

Some of the members of St. Athanasius Parish Choir joined their voices for this project. First, we recorded separately because of pandemic protocols. Then our voices were mixed to produce a Christmas Carol CD that we hope you will enjoy for years to come!

We felt compelled in this pandemic year to try to pursue something uplifting for the hearts of our Parish (and District) families. Thank you all, especially at Christmas, for continued support of our Parish Community!

It's been difficult to stay connected, hopeful and vibrant during these unexpected months of social and communal isolation and upended familiar routines. Our Parish has been blessed in live streaming all services since March 22, 2020 - the week when everything suddenly changed. St. A's continues to appreciate the support and involvement of many people through generous donations; through expertise, time and courage; and with continued views and encouragement of us who have been tasked with moving us through the challenges.

Every one of us waits for the return of large gatherings, joyful noise, full choirs, many children in the Church, and hugs!

While we wait – just as we wait for the incarnation of the Christ Child – we remain committed in Faith, and with hope for the restoration of the world to much greater health and spiritual balance.

We wish you Christmas Blessings, and a 2021 that is Safe & Peaceful for you and all your loved ones!

Our intention is to provide each Parish household a CD as our gift to you. Extra physical CD's are in limited supply at this time. If a digital download is your preference, please contact Fr. Vasyl at vasyltymishak@gmail.com and a link will be sent to you for a download. In addition, words to these carols are on St. Athanasius website: <https://st-athanasius.ca/nl/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Lyrics-for-St.-Athanasius-Traditional-Bilingual-Ukrainian-Carols-Cd---2020.pdf>

Here is a sample of the kind of carolling you can expect from this homegrown Parish on the Prairies CD <https://st-athanasius.ca/nl/carols-cd-2020/>
Enjoy!

With Joy of Christmas
Singers & Fr. Vasyl

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL TREE: Once again the memorial tree will be 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 Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.. All funds received will be deposited into the St. Athanasius Building Fund.

Schedule of singers for upcoming Sundays - subject to change as needed. We will continue to adhere to having only two households at one time, each sharing a microphone, until the spread of Covid-19 is no longer a risk.

Dec. 20 (Today): Phyllis Lukey; Alla Gof

Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve): Peter & Marion Federko; Phyllis Lukey

Dec. 25 (Christmas Day): Phyllis Lukey; Alla Gof

Dec. 27: Peter & Marion Federko; Len & Anna Markewich

Jan. 1 (Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord): Phyllis Lukey; TBA

Jan. 3: Peter & Marion Federko; Alla Gof

Jan. 5 (Eve of Theophany/Blessing of Water) Phyllis Lukey; Peter & Marion Federko

Jan. 6 (Theophany): Phyllis Lukey; TBA

Jan. 10: Peter & Marion Federko; Len & Anna Markewich



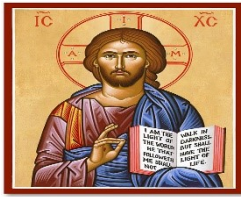
DONATIONS FOR PONSETTAS to decorate our church for Christmas are now being accepted. Please use either the specifically marked envelopes provided at the back of the church, e-transfers, or include with your regular donations and indicate **"Christmas flower donation"**.
Thank You!



YEAR END IS FAST APPROACHING: If you wish to give a donation to the parish, all donations must be received in the parish office by **Sunday, December 27th**, in order to be included in the 2020 tax receipt. Any donations received after that date will be included with the 2021 receipt.

PRIEST'S CHRISTMAS GIFTS: Tax receipts cannot be issued for the *monetary gifts* given to a priest. This is a "gift of love" with no service rendered. If you are using a cheque, the cheque must be made payable to Fr. Vasyl Tymishak.

2021 SUNDAY DONATION ENVELOPES are available for pick up during scheduled Divine Liturgy services or during office hours, Tuesday – Thursday, 10:00 a.m – 2:00 p.m. Please phone 306-543-8008 during office hours to arrange for pick up of your donation envelopes. 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 or phone number on your first donation envelope.



2021 Julian and Gregorian Calendars are available at the parish. We have a limited amount of calendars therefore we encourage one calendar per family. If you know of someone who is in a care home or is not comfortable to attend church but would like a calendar, please do not hesitate to take a calendar for them.

DECEMBER/ JANUARY GREETER SCHEDULE:	
December 24	Maggie Stephen, Bernice Bzdell
December 25	Kevin Korchinski
December 27	Mark & Karen Woitas
January 1	Rosanne Miller
January 3	Terry & Rosanne Miller
January 10	Kevin Korchinski. Len Markewich
January 17	Maggie Stephen, Bernice Bzdell
January 24	Mark & Karen Woitas
January 31	Terry & Rosanne Miller

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 McMurphy Avenue, mail in your cheque to 55 McMurphy Avenue, Regina, S4R 3G3, or you can also do an e-transfer to stathandeposit@sasktel.net.

DECEMBER 13: 20 regular envelopes - \$1840; 2 Building Fund envelopes - \$200; 3 Deacon Mykola envelopes - \$310; 4 Christmas Flowers envelopes - \$95; 1 Christmas Offering envelope - \$50; 8 Memorial Tree envelopes - \$410.

E-Sunday Collections & E-transfers: 3 Sunday donations - \$90.

DECEMBER FOOD BANK ITEM: Baby Food

The University of Regina, through the Lifelong Learning Center, is offering an **Introductory Ukrainian Language** course on-line using Zoom. This course is for those who want to learn and speak basic Ukrainian, or improve existing knowledge of Ukrainian. Note that all LLC courses have no exams nor assignments.

The course will be offered on Saturday mornings from 9:00am to 10:30am starting January 23rd, 2021 to March 20th, 2021.

Price: \$100.00 (Standard charge)

Ages: 14 and up

Gender: Coed

For more information on the Ukrainian Language course, or to register, go to ...

https://ca.apm.activecommunities.com/uregina/Activity_Search/6664

For general information on the Lifelong Learning Center programs and courses, go to

<https://www.uregina.ca/cce/personal-enrichment/program-guide/index.html>



CHRIST
IS BORN!
GLORIFY
HIM!

Come
Celebrate
Christmas
with us!



**Schedule of Christmas & Theophany Services
in our parishes throughout our Eparchy
will be posted on our Eparchial website!**

**PLEASE NOTE: THAT AS OF NOVEMBER 27TH PLACE OF WORSHIP CAPACITY IS 30 PEOPLE!!!
– PLEASE CALL TO PRE-REGISTER TO ATTEND**

Take part via our Livestreaming option through the parishes listed below:

- Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of St. George, Saskatoon, SK | [Website»»](#)
- Ukrainian Catholic Church of Dormition of the Mother of God, Saskatoon, SK
| [Website»](#) | [Facebook»»](#)
- Ss. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, Saskatoon, SK
| [YouTube Channel»»](#)
- St. Athanasius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Regina, SK
| [Website»»](#) | [Facebook»»](#)
- Sacred Heart Ukrainian Catholic Church, Ituna, SK | [Facebook»»](#)
- St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, Kamsack, SK
| [Facebook»»](#) | [Website»](#)
- Live Streaming Services of Ukrainian Catholic Churches in Canada
and the World | [Royal Doors»»](#)



Virtual Christmas With Camp St. Basil-Edmonton – December 28 to 31-2020:

We are so excited to share that we will be hosting a Christmas camp from Dec. 28-31! Join our Christmas themed games, crafts, and a lesson on the Christmas story! Details: December 28-31 2020, 11:00 am to 12:15 pm CST [10:00 to 11:15 A.M. MST]; Cost: FREE OF CHARGE; Ages: Attendees are *required* to be between the ages of 7 and 14.

Register Now: <https://sites.google.com/view/campsaintbasil/register?authuser=0>

Further questions? Contact: campsaintbasils@gmail.com or call 1-780-434-8010



Appeal for Donations for Catholic Missions in Canada



Catholic Missions in Canada help our Eparchy by supporting our programs such as the Ukrainian Catholic Religious Education Centre (UCREC) programs, Youth Camps, Youth Programs, Campus Ministry, as well as financial assistance for several of our parishes with some of their major projects. The collection for Catholic Missions in Canada through our Eparchy is usually done during the month of October, but with the situation with the COVID-19 pandemic, this was not able to happen. Below is a letter to Bishop Bryan

Bayda, CSsR from Rev. David Reilander, President of Catholic Missions in Canada, with an appeal for donations.

Dear Excellency,

As you unfortunately know, COVID-19 continues. I pray that you are safe and healthy. Our home missions are struggling, but I don't need to tell you that. I am concerned about the people in our missions, but also worried about our donors, as some have succumbed to the virus. The Lord bless them and let their good deeds go before them that they may see His face. Fundraising for our missions is harder because of lockdowns and restrictions on gatherings for places of worship. We depend on Diocesan/Eparchial collections and my preaching in parishes and conventions, which isn't happening. May I make a simple request? Only if it's possible, could you increase your donation by \$5 or \$10? My thinking is that our emergency needs must still be covered. If you can help, our bishops would appreciate it. But only if you can for these are hard times.

Yours in Christ,
(Rev.) David Reilander, President

Your support and donation would be greatly appreciated. You can make donation to Catholic Missions in Canada through your parish (if you are able to attend Divine Liturgies), by using the designated envelope that was with your church envelopes, or go directly to the website for Catholic Missions in Canada and make your online donation at <https://cmic.info/donate/>. Thank you for your support for Catholic Missions in Canada

With prayers and blessings,

+Most Rev. Bryan J. Bayda, CSsR
Eparch, Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon



CCCCB: Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Luigi Bonazzi Ends Mission in Canada»»

Source: Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops – <https://www.cccb.ca/>

Thursday, December 10, 2020

Today, His Holiness Pope Francis appointed the Most Reverend Luigi Bonazzi, currently Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, as Apostolic Nuncio to Albania, which ends his mission in Canada. Archbishop Bonazzi was appointed to Canada on 18 December 2013 and began his mission upon arrival to Ottawa on 4 February 2014.

Archbishop Bonazzi was born in Gazzaniga, Italy, on 19 June 1948, and was ordained a priest on 30 June 1973 for the Diocese of Bergamo. Having obtained a Doctorate in Education, he entered the diplomatic service of the Holy See on 25 March 1980. He previously served in the diplomatic missions of the Holy See in Cameroon, Trinidad and Tobago, Malta, Mozambique, Spain, the U.S.A., and Italy, as well in Canada. On 19 June 1999, Archbishop Bonazzi was appointed Apostolic Nuncio to Haiti, following which he was named Apostolic Nuncio to Cuba on 30 March 2004, and then Apostolic Nuncio to Lithuania and Estonia, as of 14 March 2009, and to Latvia, as of 25 March 2009.

The appointment of the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada to replace Archbishop Bonazzi has not yet been announced



Chancery Office Hours over the Christmas Season



Our Chancery Offices, Ukrainian Catholic Foundation Office and Ukrainian Religious Education Centre (UCREC)
Hours during this Christmas Season:

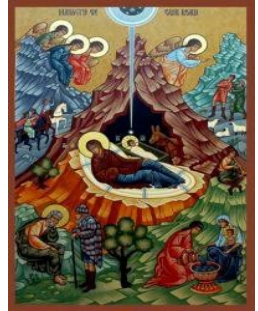
Thursday, December 24th: 9 am-12 noon

Friday, December 25th: CLOSED

Monday, December 28th: CLOSED

Thursday, December 31st: 9 am-12 noon

Friday, January 1, 2021: CLOSED



Please visit our Eparchial website www.skeparchy.org for Christmas services throughout our parishes in our Eparchy

As we celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord, may the deep joy and peace of His birth be celebrated in your homes this Christmas. May the Blessing of Emmanuel fill your heart and the hearts of those in your family with joy and gladness this Christmas and strengthen you to witness for Christ in the New Year.

Eparchial Chancery Staff: Bishop Bryan Bayda CSsR, Very. Rev. Janko Kolosnjaji - Vicar General, Chancellor, Rev. Ivan Nahachewsky, Vicar of Eparchial Properties, Cornelia Kyba - Office Administrator, Joan Matlock - Archives, Adrian Olenick - Finance Officer, Chris Pidwerbeski - Communications, Deborah Larmour - Family & Life Office/Safeguarding Policy-Covenant of Care, Marcia Coulic-Salahub, Friend of the Family - North Region, Dr. Lesya Sabada - Human & Environmental Development Program Brenda Pasloski - Life Transitions, Viktoriia Marko - Youth Ministry, Nestor Halaitso - AGEMI Executive Secretary, Morris Smysnuik - Foundation Office (UCFSASK), Executive Director, Iris Owchar - Foundation Office (UCFSASK), Office Administrator, Sr. Marijka Konderwicz, Sr. Bonnie Kormarnicki, Sr. Georgia Shchavil Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate (SSMI)

- Ukrainian Catholic Religious Education Centre (UCREC)



UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC
FOUNDATION OF SASKATCHEWAN CORPORATION

Ukrainian Catholic Religious Education Centre (UCREC)

The "Share the Spirit" 50/50 Lottery Draw concluded on December 4, 2020 with the drawing of the winning 50/50 Lottery Ticket. The draw was supervised and conducted by Willie Birss of Baker Tilly Chartered Professional Accountants.

The response to this Lottery was exceptional again this year. There were 3,290 tickets sold which means that the gross ticket sales amounted to \$65,800. The winning portion of the 50/50 draw was half of the \$65,800 gross ticket sales, or **\$32,900**. The winners of this amount were **Greg & Lori Hudye, Kamsack, SK**

In addition to the winner's portion of the 50/50 draw, purchasers of the lottery ticket were able to designate a Parish/Mission or a designated Eparchial Organization to receive 25% of the ticket price, or \$5.00 from each ticket sold. Therefore, a Parish/Mission or the designated Eparchial Organization received \$5.00 for each time they were named as the designated beneficiary on the ticket purchased. The total amount that will be apportioned among 69 Parish/Mission and 4 Eparchial Organizations will be \$16,450. For a complete list of the Parishes/Missions or designated Eparchial Organizations who received these funds please go to our website at www.ucfsask.org. Cheques to these organizations will be going out next week.

In closing, we would like to extend a huge and heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone who purchased these lottery tickets. Your support of this lottery is very gratefully appreciated, and we look forward to your participation and support next year.

PS: If you have not yet returned your UNSOLD ticket book, please mail it to the Foundation Office, or bring it your Parish Office. It is important to remember that under the Lottery License rules ALL tickets, SOLD OR UNSOLD must be returned to the Foundation Office.

214 Avenue M South, Saskatoon SK, S7M 2K4

Phone: (306) 653-0138, EXT 223:

Email address: admin@ucf.org

Website: www.ucfsask.org

PASTORAL LETTER
FROM THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF CANADA ON THE OCCASION
OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD 2020-2021

To the Reverend Clergy, Monastics, Seminarians and Laity of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada:

Christ is Born! Let Us Glorify Him!

Dearly Beloved in Christ!

“Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” Lk 1:28

With what mixed emotions did the Mother of God experience the Annunciation when the Archangel Gabriel greeted Her? On one hand, She experienced fear and confusion about what was taking place in Her life: physically – bearing Jesus in her womb while not yet married; and spiritually - being filled with the Holy Spirit and overwhelmed with peace and joy! Nine months later, at the birth of Her Son Jesus, She continued to treasure and ponder all these words in Her heart. And now, as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ we might ask ourselves what we are pondering in our hearts? For the past nine months, how have we been pondering the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and the presence of Jesus, indeed, the Trinity dwelling in us?

Understandably, it was painful for Mary, when some ridiculed Her as a maiden with child. Meanwhile, others rejoiced with Her, such as her cousin Elizabeth. How important it must have been for Mary to have faith in God’s presence so that she was able to face all storms in life with a deep conviction of His love. Similarly, be mindful of how important it is for all of us today to be certain of God’s presence for He walks with us through the tragedies in life and is ever ready to celebrate times of joy with us. Either way, He accompanies us doing the will of the Father.

We must pray for the same assurance the Mother of God had at that time. Let us draw strength from Her example of faith and trust in God. She gave birth to Jesus and raised Him, sharing His Sacred Heart with others through Her Heart. We strive to do the same, and pray for those in our families who long for a deep confidence in knowing they are loved and not alone during these difficult times. The challenges we face as individuals, as families and communities are numerous, and we need to be reminded that God is with us in our challenges. Jesus is the true vine, and “every branch that bears fruit, he prunes to make it bear more fruit” (Jn15:2 NRSV).

Therefore, while growing weary of COVID and all the adjustments to life we are making, let us remain connected to our parish family. Let us celebrate our faith by knowing the presence of God in Holy Scripture. You are part of the vine. Remain in God through the Eucharist either physically or through spiritual communion. Prepare to celebrate Reconciliation sacramentally as we forgive one another on a daily basis. Then, renewed in Christ, let us follow Him as Missionary Disciples to minister to those who feel isolated and alone: in Canada, Ukraine or wherever our loved ones struggle. Celebrate the birth of Christ by being Christ for others! God has given us the grace to make sure others don’t feel alone despite physical distancing and much more difficult circumstances. Jesus fulfills Scripture through us when we realize more deeply that He dwells within us, helping others believe, sing and proclaim, *“God is With Us, Understand This All You Nations! And Be Humbled, For God Is With Us!”*

May our celebration of this profound truth this Christmas be a time to encounter Jesus Christ in our spouse, in our family members and in our parish because we are an essential part of this profound truth. May we be aware of the presence of Jesus, Mary and Joseph that give us the gift of the Holy Family which is present in our personal and parish families. And may this awareness bear fruit in our lives throughout the new year, 2021, and beyond.

God is with us! Christ is
Born! Sincerely in Christ,

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CHRISTMAS PASTORAL LETTER
OF HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV

**Most Reverend Archbishops and Metropolitans,
God-loving Bishops, Very Reverend Clergy, Venerable Monastics,
Dearly Beloved Brothers and Sisters,
in Ukraine and throughout the world**

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor,
so that you by his poverty might become rich.*

2 Cor 8:9

Christ is born! Glorify Him!

Beloved in Christ!

It is hard to believe how our life has changed from the final carol of last year to the first “*Boh Predvichnyj*” (God Pre-eternal) of this year’s Christmas Eve. Throughout 2020 we were, it would seem, transported into a different world—a world of fear and uncertainty before the unknown. Yet, in spite of the restrictions, challenges, and human losses we endured due to the coronavirus pandemic, together, as Church, in our families, parishes, communities, and countries, we did not cease to proclaim the good news of hope, love, and joy. And so, this year on the occasion of Christ’s Nativity, we are called in a special way to bear witness before others to the “good news of great joy that will be for all the people: for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord” (Lk 2:10-11).

The mystery of Christmas is found in the joy of the coming of the Son of God into a world, full of affliction, pain, and suffering. He leaves heavenly glory in order to enter into the human frailty of all times, cultures, and people. Christ-God becomes not just a human being, but a poor human being, a

person who suffers from the beginning of His earthly life. The Pre-eternal God enters into human history and experiences human hunger and cold, pain and sickness, adversity, and the indifference of society.

A homeless newborn God—what a strange contradiction, what wonder is this divine poverty! The Almighty God becomes poor in order to enrich us. The King of the Universe is placed “in a poor stable-cave, in a manger on hay” (from the carol, *Vozveselimsya vsi razom nyni*), in order to set a path for us to the heavenly abode. Gazing at this mystery St. Gregory the Theologian says: “The One who enriches became poor; for he took on the poverty of my flesh, in order that I may be enriched in His divinity” (*Oratio* 45, 9). The Lord has come, the One who with His wounds heals our wounds, our weakness, our affliction. And He remains from generation to generation our Emmanuel, which means “God is with us,” in our needs, pains, and sufferings. The presence of the incarnate God in human history and in our life is our constant and endless joy, both on Nativity Day, and all the days of our life.

In everyday life we sometimes use a word without thinking about its origin or meaning. Language evolves spontaneously and abruptly—we forget where the word came from and fail to grasp its depth. This is the case of the Ukrainian word *ubohyj*, which is used to describe a poor person. However, when we examine how this word is constructed, we understand that *u-Bohyj* (in God) is a person through whom the Lord comes to us, a person who is “in God,” that is, under the special care of the Almighty.

Christ teaches us that the materially poor and the poor in spirit, the humble, are happy, are blessed, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven (see Lk 6:20). Only God is the last hope, support, and salvation for the poor. Their fate is always in God’s hands. And the Lord is especially sensitive to how we treat His poor, that is, the needy, downtrodden, homeless, hungry, lonely, widows, and orphans. Those who disregard the poor scorn their Creator. To wrong such persons is to commit a sin that calls to heaven for vengeance!

This year, in fact, the Synod of Bishops of our Church focused its attention on the face of poverty today. I encourage you to heed the Synodal pastoral letter, entitled “Only one thing will remain yours – that which you have given to the poor!” and examine it in the light of the star of Bethlehem, contemplating the face of the newborn Savior. The Divine Child is present in every destitute person who knocks on the door of our heart, as Joseph knocked on the doors of the inns in Bethlehem.

Then, the wise men from the East hurried to the town of David, in order to bring gifts to the King of the ages, who was born as a little child in a stable-cave—gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Today, the infant Jesus is present in the sick, the frail, the homeless, and the neglected, who wait for someone to help them, to bring them gifts—the gold of a compassionate word, the incense of brotherhood, and the myrrh of immediate assistance, necessary for life. Those who stretch out their hand to the poor become rich with God and become partakers in the eternal goodness of the Creator Himself.

We are celebrating Christmas in the midst of a worldwide situation of human anguish, brought on by the coronavirus pandemic. We have not yet fully grasped or understood all the consequences and faces of this global misfortune. We do not know what changes await us in the sphere of economic, social-community, and church life... But we have already understood that the virus is not interested, neither in our place of residence, nor in our wealth or social status. All of us are equally in danger of infection, and a new threat of poverty hangs over all corners of the globe. All of us in the same way need the kind of help and strength that goes beyond human abilities and power. For this reason, Christ’s Nativity is for us a ray of hope and joy in the midst of today’s dark fear and confusion, and each one of us must be open to God’s grace, which pours out on us without ceasing, even in the worst of times.

To celebrate Christmas in a time of pandemic is to enlighten those who dwell in darkness, as the prophet Isaiah foretold: “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined” (Isaiah 9:2). If we are permitted to gather—

with proper distancing, of course—may our eyes shine with a joy that is visible to all. Let us wear masks, when necessary, but let them not silence our traditional carols. Let us celebrate as we are able. Let us acclaim the birth of the Savior, however possible, so that even in this pandemic we might bear witness to the most important truth of human history—that we are not alone or abandoned, because “God is with us!”

Today let us bring to Bethlehem as our gift for the newborn Savior our own poverty and the wounds of humanity today, and let us ask Him for the richness of Divine wisdom in order to overcome this disease, for the fullness of divine strength in order to deal with its effects on society, on the life and health of every person. Above all, let us ask for the richness of His love, which alone can restore this distressed world of ours, and grant it hope, security, and joy. Solidarity with and closeness to those in need, participation in their pain and anxiety, rather than escape from the suffering that hangs over us all today—this will grant us the possibility to be merry and truly celebrate Christmas this year. Therefore, let us hurry to the creche where our Savior rests in a manger, and together with the shepherds and wise men let us sing:

The pre-eternal God has been born!
Today he came from the heavens,
To save all his people,
And has comforted all!

Dear Brother and Sisters! In spite of our poverty and frailty, today we are rich in the joy and love of our newborn Savior. With Christ's Nativity, I sincerely greet you all: from Kyiv to London, from Buenos Aires to Melbourne, from Winnipeg to Zelenyj Klyn—those who are celebrating today in their family circle and those who are keeping distance from their loved ones to protect them from danger, those who are able to attend church services for the Feast, and those who at home join in community prayer through social media. I especially greet all medical workers who, in spite of real danger to themselves and their families, tirelessly and with great sacrifice give of their time and talents for the health of others. I embrace those who suffer physical and spiritual wounds. I send a word of comfort to those who this year lost family members and friends, and for whom it is particularly painful to approach the festive table this Christmas eve. I unite myself in prayer with those who fearlessly stand on the frontlines and defend our country and people, risking their lives not only before the threat of the insidious sniper's bullet, but also before the microscopic virus-enemy that has come upon us and inflicts on us added suffering and distress. May the all-merciful Lord, who in His infinite love has visited our poverty, fill the heart of each and every one of us, Dear Brothers and Sisters, with His peace, His grace and hope!

From the bottom of my heart, I wish all of you the authentic joy of the children of God, a tasty kutia, a cheerful celebration of Christ's Nativity, and a happy, peaceful, and blessed New Year!

Christ is born! Glorify Him!

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Given in Kyiv
at the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ,
on the day of the all-praiseworthy Apostle Andrew the First-called
the 13th of December (30th of November) in the 2020th Year of our Lord

A Christmas Letter from Jesus

When you look for me at Christmas,

You won't need a special star.

I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,

I'm right here where you are.

*You may not be aware of me
amid the celebrations.*

*You'll have to look beyond the stores,
and all the decorations.*

*But if you take a moment
from your list of things to do,
To close your eyes and say a prayer,
I'm waiting here for you.*

You're the one I want to be with,

You're the reason that I came!

*And you'll find me in the stillness
Where I'm whispering your name.*

Sunday, December 20, 2020



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