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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. 17<sup>th</sup>. 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*

**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

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

**CHRIST IS BORN! LET US GLORIFY HIM!**  
**ХРИСТОС РОЖДАЕТСЯ! СЛАВИМО ЙОГО!**

### **SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY**

**1<sup>st</sup> ANTIPHON:** I will confess You with all my heart, O Lord, I will tell all Your marvels.

***Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.***

In the counsels of rightful men and in the assemblies, great are the works of the Lord.

***Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.***

They are sought in order to accomplish His will.

***Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.***

Glory be...now and forever...Only begotten Son...

**3<sup>RD</sup> ANTIPHON:** Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, Our Saviour.

**Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!** Let us come before

His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms. **Son of God, born...** For God is a great

Lord and a great king over all the earth. **Son of God, born...**

**CHRISTMAS TROPAR (Tone 3):** Your birth, O Christ our God, has shed upon the world the light of knowledge; for through it, those who worshipped the stars have learned from a star to worship You, the Sun of Justice, and to recognize You as the Orient from on High. Glory be to You, O Lord.

**TROPAR OF ST. JOSEPH (Tone 2):** O Joseph, announce to David, ancestor of Christ, the good news of these wonders you have seen: a Virgin giving birth to a Child; with the shepherds you have glorified Him; with the wise men you have worshipped Him; and an angel appeared to you. Ask Christ to save our souls.

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.*

**KONDAK Of CHRISTMAS (Tone 3):** Today the Virgin gives birth to Perfect Essence, and the earth offers a cave to the Inaccessible. The angels sing his glory with the shepherds, the wise men journey with the star, for there is born for us an infant child, God Eternal.

*Now and forever and ever. Amen.*

**KONDAK OF THE SAINT (Tone 3):** Yesterday the Lord came to us in the flesh, today his servant departs from this life. Yesterday the King was born as a man, and today his servant is stoned to death. It is for His sake, that the first martyr and holy Stephen gives up his life.

**PROKIMEN (Tone 4):** God is wonderful in His saints; the God of Israel.

***VERSE: Bless God in your choirs, bless the Lord, you who spring from Israel!***

**EPISTLE: A reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians (1:11-19)**

Brothers and Sisters! I assure you, the gospel I proclaimed to you is no mere human invention. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I schooled in it. It came by revelation from Jesus Christ. You have heard, I know, the story of my former way of life in Judaism.

You know that I went to extremes in persecuting the Church of God and tried to destroy it; I made progress in Jewish observance far beyond most of my contemporaries, in my excess of zeal to live out all the traditions of my ancestors. But the time came when he who had set me apart before I was born and called me by his favor chose to reveal his Son to me, that I might spread among the Gentiles the good tidings concerning him. Immediately, without seeking human advisers or even going to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before me, I went off to Arabia; later I returned to Damascus. Three years after that I went up to Jerusalem to get to know Cephas, with whom I stayed fifteen days. I did not meet any other apostles except James, the brother of the Lord.

**ALLELUIA VERSES:** *Remember, O Lord, for David all his anxious care.  
How he swore to the Lord, vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob.*

**GOSPEL: Matthew (2:13-23)**

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph with the command: "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you otherwise. Herod is searching for the child to destroy him." Joseph got up and took the child and his mother and left that night for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I have called my son." Once Herod realized that he had been deceived by the wise men, he became furious. He ordered the massacre of all the boys two years old and under in Bethlehem and its environs, making his calculations on the basis of the date he had learned from the wise men. What was said through Jeremiah the prophet was then fulfilled: "A cry was heard at Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentations: Rachel bewailing her children; no comfort for her, since they are no more." But after Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt with the command: "Get up, take the child and his mother, and set out for the land of Israel. Those who had designs on the life of the child are dead." He got up, took the child and his mother, and returned to the land of Israel. He heard however, that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as king of Judea, and he was afraid to go back there. Instead, because of a warning received in a dream, Joseph went to the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way what was said through the prophet was fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazorean."

**INSTEAD OF 'It Is Truly Right...':** *Rejoice, O my soul, for in a cave was born Christ the King.*

A strange and incredible mystery, I behold the cave becomes heaven, The Virgin becomes the throne of the cherubim; the manger becomes the place where lies the unplaceable Christ God. To Him we sing praises.

**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.

**INSTEAD OF "Blessed is He...", "We have seen the true light...", and "Blessed be the name...":** *The whole universe is today filled with joy, for Christ is born of a Virgin.*

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 28 – January 03, 2021

**Monday, December 28** – Post-feast of the Nativity of Christ; the Two Thousand Martyrs Who Were Burned in Nicomedia (303); Passing into eternal life (1945) of Blessed Hryhoriy (Gregory) Khomyshyn, Bishop of Stanyslaviv (Ivano-Frankivsk) and Martyr; [Hebrews 11:17-23, 27-31](#); [Mark 9:42-10:1](#).

**No service scheduled**

**Tuesday, December 29** - The Holy Children who were murdered by Herod in Bethlehem; Our Venerable Father Marcellus, Hegumen of the Monastery of the Sleepless Ones (c. 470); [Hebrews 12:25-26](#); [13:22-25](#); [Mark 10:2-12](#).

**10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy** for God's blessing and good health of Robert Wuschenny, requested by prayer partner **(preregistration) – livestreaming**

**Wednesday, December 30** - Post-feast of the Nativity of Christ; the Holy Martyr Anysia (286-305); Holy Martyr and Presbyter, Zoticus, Protector of Orphans (4th c.); [James 1:1-18](#); [Mark 10:11-16](#).

**6:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy in Ukrainian language of thanksgiving for the year**, requested by Serhiy and Natalya Hrishnyy **(preregistration) – livestreaming**

**Thursday, December 31** - The Leave-taking of the Feast of the Nativity of Christ, Christmas; Our Venerable Mother Melania the Roman (439); [James 1:19-27](#); [Mark 10:17-27](#).

**No service scheduled**

**Friday, January 1, 2021 - The Circumcision of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ; Our Father Among the Saints Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia** (379); Feast of our Lord. The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated today. A day when the faithful are highly encouraged to participate in the Divine Liturgy. [Colossians 2:8-12](#); [Hebrews 7:26-8:2](#); [Luke 2:20-21, 40-52](#); [Luke 6:17-23](#)

**11:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (preregistration) – livestreaming**

**Saturday, January 2, 2021** - Saturday before Theophany; Our Holy Father Sylvester, Pope of Rome (335); [1 Timothy 3:14-4:5](#); [Matthew 3:1-11](#)

**No service scheduled**

**Sunday, January 3, 2021** - Sunday before Theophany, Octoechos Tone 6; the Holy Prophet Malachi (5th c. BC); the Holy Martyr Gordius (313-24); [2 Timothy 4:5-8](#); [Mark 1:1-8](#)

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

**9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy for faithful (preregistration) – livestreaming**

**CHRISTMAS SEASON CONFESSIONS:** Father Vasyl will be available during Christmas Season for confessions by appointment. Confessions will be celebrated in front of the iconostasis or in the sacristy area, instead of confessionals, standing or sitting at least 6 feet apart. Masks must be worn at all times. Please call Fr. Vasyl at [306-519-9030](tel:306-519-9030).



## 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](mailto: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. 27(Today):** 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

**Jan. 17:** Phyllis Lukey; Len & Anna Markewich

**Jan. 24:** Peter & Marion Federko; Alla Gof

**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 Monday, **December 28<sup>th</sup>**. in order to be included in the 2020 tax receipt. Any donations received after that date will be included with the 2021 receipt.

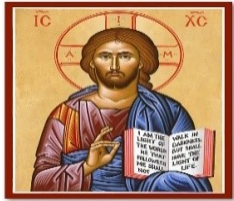
**PRIEST'S CHRISTMAS GIFTS:** Tax receipts cannot be issued for the *monetary gifts* given to a priest. This is a "gift of love" with no service rendered. If you are using a cheque, the cheque must be made payable to Fr. Vasyl Tymishak.

Parish Grads:

St. Athanasius parish had four parishioners graduate from Grade 12 in 2020: Nataliya Baran, Tristan Braconnier, Sean Gordon, and Reid Wilchow. Graduates are honoured with gifts from the parish, UCBC and UCWLC, as well as a blessing from our parish priest. Last Sunday Tristan received his blessing and gifts. Sorry, no reception this year. We wish to congratulate all the graduates, thank them for their contributions to our parish and parish life as well as offer them our best wishes and prayers for successful studies, wonderful careers and increasingly deeper personal relationships with Jesus Christ.

Have a blessed Christmas and God's blessings for a better 2021.

**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:	
January 1	Rosanne Miller
January 3	Terry & Rosanne Miller
January 5	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 McMurchy Avenue, mail in your cheque to 55 McMurchy Avenue, Regina, S4R 3G3, or you can also do an e-transfer to [stathandeposit@sasktel.net](mailto:stathandeposit@sasktel.net).

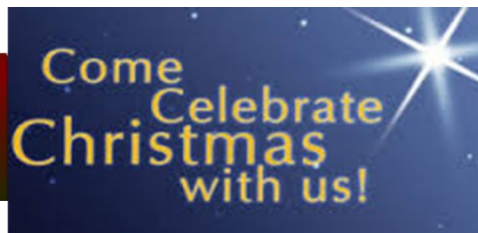
**DECEMBER 20:** 26 regular envelopes - \$6000; 6 Building Fund envelopes - \$1820; 1 Deacon Mykola envelope - \$250; 3 Christmas Flowers envelopes - \$60; 9 Christmas Offering envelopes - \$780; 12 Memorial Tree envelopes - \$600; 1 Seminary Fund envelope - \$40; 1 Patriarchal Collection envelope - \$50; 1 Beatifications – Canonizations envelope - \$50; 1 World Mission envelope - \$50; 1 Aid to Ukraine envelope - \$70; 1 Pope's Pastoral Works envelope - \$60; 1 Initial Offering envelope - \$50; 2 Visitor's envelopes - \$700.

**E-Sunday Collections & E-transfers:** 3 Sunday donations - \$450; 1 Memorial Tree donation - \$100.





CHRIST  
IS BORN!  
GLORIFY  
HIM!



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

**PLEASE NOTE: THAT AS OF NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto: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 Saskato

**UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF SASKATCHEWAN (UCFSASK)**  
**"SHARE THE SPIRIT" 50/50 LOTTERY DRAW** (Lottery License - #LR20 - 0030)

The "Share the Spirit" 50/50 Lottery Draw concluded on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

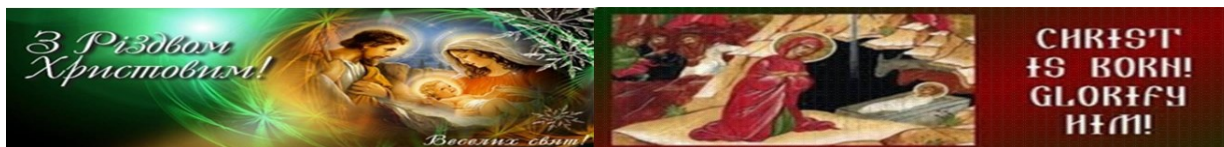
The response to this Lottery was again exceptional this year, a record-breaking year **(THANK YOU)**. There were 3,290 tickets sold which means that the gross ticket sales amounted to \$65,800. The winning portion of the 50/50 draw was half of the gross ticket sales, or **\$32,900**. **The winner of this amount was Greg & Lori Hudye from 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 will receive \$5.00 for each time they were named as the designated beneficiary on the ticket purchased. The total amount that will be shared among 67 Parishes/Missions and 4 Eparchial Organizations will be **\$16,450**. Over the past 3 years, the Parish/Missions or designated Eparchial Organizations have received \$45,780 from the proceeds of the Lottery. 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](http://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 supported the 2020 "Share the Spirit" Lottery Draw and 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 them 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.*

**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:**

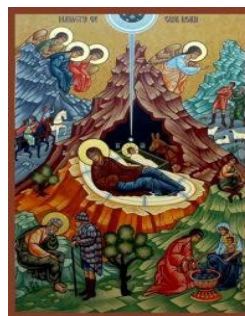
**Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>: 9 am-12 noon**

**Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>: CLOSED**

**Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>: CLOSED**

**Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>: 9 am-12 noon**

**Friday, January 1, 2021: CLOSED**



Please visit our Eparchial website [www.skeparchy.org](http://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)

**Virtual Dying Healed Workshop:**

**January 16, 2021 - Time: 9:30 am-3:00 pm**



This workshop will provide comprehensive education on palliative care/end of life issues and preliminary training for palliative and hospice care volunteers. Also suitable for those wishing to provide compassion and support to those in need, particularly at end of life.

The Dying Healed workshop covers important issues about human suffering, human dignity, and the power of human presence as well as other end-of-life issues. Also, important pastoral and practical behaviours of what to say, how to listen, and how to be with people who suffer illness, disability and loneliness.

A joint project of the Diocese of Saskatoon and the Eparchy, workshop facilitators will be Jacqueline Saretsky of the Diocese of Saskatoon and Deborah Larmour of the Eparchy of Saskatoon. The cost of the electronic version of the workbook will be covered by the Eparchy for all participants from our parishes.

**Registration** required. Contact: Jacqueline Saretsky [jsaretsky@rcdos.ca](mailto:jsaretsky@rcdos.ca)

Registered participants will receive an online workbook and a zoom link.

This is funded by your generous donations to the Eparchial Appeal and initiatives of the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation.

**SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

**SYNAXIS OF THE MOTHER OF GOD**

**COMMEMORATION OF JOSEPH, DAVID AND JAMES**

*Icon of the Holy Family*





The day after a major feast is sometimes known as a "synaxis," which is a Greek word meaning a "gathering" or an "assembly." On such days, the Church commemorates the various saints associated with the major feast day celebrated on the previous day. Following the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord, therefore, we celebrate a feast called the Synaxis of the Mother of God.

To whom would it be more appropriate that our thoughts should turn, following the birth of Christ, than to the Theotokos - the Virgin Mother of God, because of the role she willingly fulfilled in God's plan of salvation. Mary is the tabernacle in which God Himself was contained and through whom God entered the world. She is the "new Eve" who reminds us that paradise has been reopened and that all creation has been renewed by the birth of Christ into the world. The world is no longer in darkness, but it has seen a Great Light, Christ our God, Who has reopened the gates of paradise for us and has restored the gift to eternal life. The Virgin Theotokos, because of the role she fulfilled and continues to fulfill in God's plan of salvation for all mankind, ought to occupy a central place in our own lives because she has been given to us as a most powerful advocate before her Son and our God.

Let our thoughts turn, also, to Joseph, foster-father of Jesus. His protective concern for the Blessed Child and His mother began almost immediately. Shortly after the birth of Our Lord, Joseph was warned in a dream that the jealous King Herod had designs on the life of the Child. Joseph, therefore, was told in a dream to take Jesus and Mary and flee into the safety of Egypt. In doing so, Joseph initiated his role as protector of the Holy Family, and hence, he has come to be regarded by the Church as the "Protector of Christian Families."

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Weekday Liturgies – as scheduled; **preregistration required** by calling Fr. Vasyl  
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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  
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