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**DIVINE LITURGY: Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Service in English; TEMPORARILY by preregistration** Weekday Liturgies – as scheduled; **preregistration required** by calling Fr. Vasyl Tymishak (306-519-9030)

**MEMBERSHIP AT ST. ATHANASIUS PARISH** is recognized by <u>participating</u> in the Sunday Divine Liturgy and by fulfilling your baptismal responsibility in <u>contributing</u> 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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On Tuesday May 4, 2021 the province of Saskatchewan, along with Dr. Saqib Shahab, Saskatchewan's Chief Medical Health Officer, announced the new measures in response to the New measures for all Saskatchewan.

Re-Opening Roadmap: A Gradual, Measured Approach to Easing Public Health Measures Released on May 4, 2021

Three-Step Plan Will Move Forward as Province Reaches Vaccination Targets

The Government of Saskatchewan today released the "Re-Opening Roadmap" - a three-step plan to gradually lift current public health restrictions as Saskatchewan reaches significant vaccination levels. The Re-Opening Roadmap also provides Saskatchewan people with an incentive to continue following public health measures and a clear reason to get vaccinated.

"The road to the end of this pandemic runs through the vaccination clinics, and today we are providing Saskatchewan people with a clear roadmap of how we will get there and some important markers along the way," Premier Scott Moe said. "This is not only a re-opening plan. It's also a plan to encourage people to get vaccinated and to keep following all the public health orders and guidelines. Those are the two things we all need to do in order to move forward through the three steps of re-opening so we can enjoy a great Saskatchewan summer and get back to normal."

"As the provincial vaccination campaign continues and we see our way out of the pandemic event, all residents must continue those best practices to protect us all against transmission," Saskatchewan Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. Saqib Shahab said. "Get vaccinated when it is your turn, mask whenever you are in an indoor public place outside your household, particularly in the workplace; keep your number of contacts low and restrict gatherings in accordance with public health measures; and get tested for even the mildest symptoms or if you think you have been exposed to COVID-19."

The Re-Opening Roadmap includes three steps based on vaccination thresholds, vaccine availability and timing between steps. The thresholds are as follows:

Threshold Current level

Step One • Three weeks have passed since 70 per cent of people age 40 and above have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

Vaccine eligibility open to all adults (18+) province-wide.
 65%
 of 40+

Step Two • Three weeks have passed since 70 per cent of people age 30 have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

• Three weeks have passed since the beginning of Step One. 53% of 30+

Step Three • Three weeks have passed since 70 per cent of people age 18 and above have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

Three weeks have passed since the beginning of Step Two. 44% of 18+

Based on the current pace of vaccinations, it is estimated that Saskatchewan could enter Step One about the last week in May, Step Two the third week in June and Step Three the second week in July. These are estimates only. Three weeks is used as a buffer between the threshold and the easing of

public health measures as it is the length of time it takes for an individual to achieve the necessary immune response to a dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

Provincial hospitalization rates will continue to be monitored throughout the re-opening. If acute care pressures require, a re-opening step may be paused to respond to COVID-transmission trends at regional or provincial levels.

All current public health orders will remain in place until reviewed as part of implementing Step One.



Step One:

Step One of the re-opening roadmap will commence three weeks after 70 per cent of residents age 40 and above have received their first dose, and once vaccine eligibility has opened to all adults age 18 and older across the province.

Step One will see the cautious easing of public health measures across the province, including bringing Regina and the surrounding communities in line with public health orders that apply to the rest of the province. Changes to public health orders in Step One will include:

- Restaurants and bars open, maximum of six at a table, two metres or structural barriers between tables, dance floors and buffets remain closed, VLTs may re-open;
- 30 per cent of capacity or 150 people, whichever is less, at places of worship, with physical distancing between households;
- Group fitness classes involving intense training, like aerobics and spin, can resume, with three metres between participants;
- Current restrictions remain in place for retail, personal care services, event facilities, casinos, bingo halls, theatres, art galleries, libraries and recreational facilities;
- Current protocols remain in place for primary, secondary and post-secondary education and for childcare;
- Limit of 10 people at private indoor and outdoor gatherings, including household gatherings;
- Limit of 30 people at public indoor gatherings;
- Limit of 150 people at public outdoor gatherings; and
- Current province-wide masking mandate remains in place.

## Step Two:

Step Two of the re-opening roadmap will commence three weeks after 70 per cent of residents age 30 and above have received their first dose, with at least three weeks passing since the commencement of Step One. Public health measures in Step Two are planned to be eased as follows:

- No capacity thresholds on retail and personal care services, must maintain an occupancy that allows for physical distancing:
- Restaurants and bars will have no table capacity thresholds, must maintain two metres of physical distancing or structural barriers between tables, dance floors and buffets remain closed;
- 150 person maximum capacity at event facilities, casinos, bingo halls, theatres, art galleries, libraries and recreational facilities, must maintain an occupancy that allows for physical distancing, restaurant guidelines apply at venues that serve food;
- No change from Step One at gyms and fitness facilities, primary, secondary and post-secondary education and childcare;
- All remaining restrictions on youth and adult sports will be lifted;
- Limit of 15 people at private indoor gatherings, including household gatherings;
- Limit of 150 people at public indoor gatherings and private and public outdoor gatherings; and
- Current province-wide masking mandate remains in place.

## Step Three:

Step Three of the re-opening roadmap will commence three weeks after 70 per cent of residents age 18 and older have received their first dose, with at least three weeks passing since the commencement of Step Two.

In Step Three, most remaining restrictions will be lifted. Guidance on gathering sizes and indoor masking will be developed based on the progress of the first two steps. Public health orders from Step Two on gathering sizes and indoor masking will remain in place until that guidance is finalized.

Aggressive Vaccination Campaign to Continue

Even after the vaccination thresholds are met, the province's aggressive vaccination program will continue at full pace until all Saskatchewan residents have the opportunity to be fully vaccinated.

"Even after we hit these targets, we need to keep going to get as many people vaccinated as possible and everyone still needs to get their second dose, so you are fully protected," Moe said.

"We need to achieve the highest vaccination rate possible to protect ourselves and those in our province who are unable to receive a vaccine," Shahab said. "It's only a matter of a few weeks before we begin providing the second doses of our two-dose vaccines, providing full protection to Saskatchewan residents."

Please note: Due to the revised Public Health order regarding places of worship, St. Athanasius Church will allow 30 people to attend services as per Public Health Act of Saskatchewan. *Also, please remember there is to be no gathering or socializing in the church foyer after services.*Please continue to register for all services.

**SUNDAY LITURGIES:** If you wish to attend Liturgy on Sundays, please contact Rosanne Miller, 306-543-5773, to confirm your attendance (preferably by Noon on Saturday). This is a reminder that this process must be followed for **EACH** Sunday. You can leave a message for Rosanne if she is not home, and she will confirm whether or not there is space for you. Thank you for your cooperation.

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: <a href="https://st-athanasius.ca/">https://st-athanasius.ca/</a> or on Facebook:

https://facebook.com/reginaukrainiancatholicnorth/live

TO ALL PARISHIONERS: During our Livestream and Videotaping, the video may



capture the likeness of those parishioners sitting in the pews during our services. This video will be kept for a maximum of 45 days. Other than those who choose to view the livestream as it happens, the video will not be released to third parties. As our video will stream on Facebook, we will comply with that website's regulations.

If you are uncomfortable being on video, please advise the Greeters when you enter the church and they will place you in a pew where you will not be captured.

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

## SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS

- Post Feast Of Ascension

**FIRST ANTIPHON**: All you peoples, clap your hands; shout to God with cries of gladness. **Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.** For the Lord, the Most High, the awesome, is the Great King over all the earth. **Through the prayers ...** He brings people under us; nations under our feet. **Through the prayers ...** The Lord mounts His throne amid shouts of joy; the Lord amid trumpet blasts. **Through the prayers ...** 

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

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

**SMALL ENTRANCE:** Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. **Son of God who ascended** ...

TROPAR (Tone 6): Angelic powers were upon Your tomb and the guards became like dead men; Mary stood before Your tomb seeking Your most pure body. You captured Hades without being overcome by it. You met the Virgin and granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory be to You.

TROPAR OF THE ASCENSION, (Tone 4): You ascended in glory, O Christ our God; You delighted the disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through this blessing they were assured that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

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

KONDAK OF THE HOLY FATHERS (Tone 8): The preaching of the apostles and the decisions of the Fathers have established the true faith of the Church which she wears as the garment of truth fashioned from the theology on high. She justly governs and glorifies the great mystery of worship.

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 Acts of the Apostles (20:16-18, 28-36)

In those days Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus so as not to lose time in Asia, for he was eager to get to Jerusalem by the feast of Pentecost if at all possible. Paul sent word from Miletus to Ephesus, summoning the presbyters of that church. When they came to him, he delivered this address: "Keep watch over yourselves, and over the whole flock the Holy Spirit has given

you to guard. Shepherd the church of God, which he has acquired at the price of his own blood. I know that when I am gone, savage wolves will come among you who will not spare the flock. From your own number, men will present themselves distorting the truth and leading astray any who follow them. Be on guard, therefore. Do not forget that for three years, night and day, I never ceased warning you individually even to the point of tears. I commend you now to the Lord, and to that gracious word of his which can enlarge you, and give you a share among all who are consecrated to him. Never did I set my heart on anyone's silver of gold or envy the way he dressed. You yourselves know that these hands of mine have served both my needs and those of my companions. I have always pointed out to you it is by such hard work that you must help the weak. You need to recall the words of the Lord Jesus himself, who said: 'There is more happiness in giving than receiving.'

ALLELUIA VERSE: The Lord, God of gods, speaks, he summons the earth from east to west. Assemble my faithful before me who sealed my covenant by sacrifice.

## **GOSPEL:** (John 17:1-13)

At that time Jesus looked up to heaven and said: "Father, the hour has come! Give glory to your Son that your Son may give glory to you, inasmuch as you have given him authority over all mankind, that he may bestow eternal life on those you gave him. Eternal life is this, to know you, the only true God, and him whom you have sent, Jesus Christ. I have given you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. Do you now, Father, give me glory at your side, a glory I had with you before the world began. I have made your name known to those you gave me out of the world. These men you gave me were yours; they have kept your word. Now they realize that all that you gave me comes from you. I entrusted to them the message you entrusted to me. They have known that in truth I came from you, they have believed it was you who sent me. For these I pray -- not for the world but for these you have given me, for they are really yours. Just as all that belongs to me is yours, so all that belongs to you is mine. It is in them that I have been glorified. I am in the world no more, but these are in the world as I come to you. O Father most holy, protect them with your name which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. As long as I was with them, I guarded them with your name which you gave me. I kept careful watch, and not one of them was lost, none but him who was destined to be lost -- in fulfillment of Scripture. Now, however, I come to you; I say all this while I am still in the world that they may share my joy completely."

INSTEAD OF 'It is truly right': O my soul, extol the Lord who in glory ascended bodily into heaven. O Mother of God, who in a manner beyond understanding and beyond words gave birth in time to Him whom time cannot contain, we the faithful magnify you with one accord..

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!

INSTEAD OF 'We have seen the true light...'and 'May our mouths be filled...': Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; above all the earth be your glory.

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 SCHEDULE May 17 - May 23, 2021

Monday, May 17 - The Holy Apostle Andronicus and those with him; Passing into Eternal Life (1952) of Blessed Ivan Ziatyk, Protohegumen of the Redemptorists and Martyr; Acts 21:8-14; John 14:27-15:7 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy in Ukrainian of Thanksgiving and God's blessing for Olexandra Tymishak, (preregistration by calling Fr. Vasyl @ 306-519-9030) *livestreaming* 

**7:00 p.m. Moleben to Blessed Virgin Mary** (preregistration by calling Fr. Vasyl @ 306-519-9030) *livestreaming* 

Tuesday, May 18 - The Holy Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra (284-305); Holy Martyrs Peter, Dionysius and Those with Them; the Seven Holy Virgins; Acts 21:26-32; John 16:2-13

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for repose of the soul of Rev. Msgr Rudolf Luzney, requested by Ted & Ella Dusyk (preregistration by calling Fr. Vasyl @ 306-519-9030) livestreaming

Wednesday, May 19 - The Holy Priest-Martyr Patrick, Bishop of Prussa, and Those with Him (361-63); Acts 23:1-11; John 16:15-23

**10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy** for health and God's blessing upon Bernice Bzdell, requested by Ann Neskar and Maggie Stephen (preregistration by calling Fr. Vasyl @ 306-519-9030) *livestreaming* 

**Thursday, May 20 -** The Holy Martyr Thaleleus (283-84); Acts 25:13-19; John 16:23-33 **10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy** for health and God's blessing on all the parish members participating in the daily Divine Liturgies, requested by Anonymous (preregistration by calling Fr. Vasyl @ 306-519-9030) **livestreaming** 

Friday, May 21 - The Holy Great Rulers Constantine (337) and Helen (330), Equals-to-the-Apostles; Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat. <u>Galatians 1:11-19</u>; <u>John 10:1-8</u>

No service scheduled

Saturday, May 22 - All Souls Saturday-Sorokousty; the Holy Martyr Basiliscus (286-305); Acts 28:1-31; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; John 21:15-25; John 5:24-30

**10:00 a.m. Sorokousty Divine Liturgy and Panakhyda** (preregistration by calling Fr. Vasyl @ 306-519-9030) *livestreaming* 

1:30 p.m. Sorokousty in Moose Jaw and grave blessings (preregistration)

Sunday, May 23 - Descent of the Holy Spirit. Holy and Glorious Pentecost. Acts 2:1-11; John 7:37-52; 8:12

9:15 a.m. Rosary (preregistration by calling Rosanne at 306-543-5773) *livestreaming*9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy for faithful (preregistration by calling Rosanne at 306-543-5773) *livestreaming*

PLEASE NOTE: Pentecost Cemetery service will be livestreamed on Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Private blessings will be available only by Preregistration. Please call Father Vasyl at 306-519-9030 for your private blessings request.

- ❖ 10:00 a.m. Riverside Cemetery
- ♦ 11:00 a.m. Memorial Gardens

## **MAY GREETERS**

May 16 (today)	Kevin Korchinski & Len Markewich
May 23	Terry & Rosanne Miller
May 30	Mark & Karen Woitas

Thank you to the St. Athanasius UCBC members: Spiritual Advisor Fr. Vasyl, Peter Federko, Joe Hladky, Carl Korchynski, Harry Moleschi, Ernie Paluck, Pat Romanow, Henry Stadnyk, and honorary member Terry Miller who raked the lawns and cleaned around the trees and shrubs at the Parish center and rectory. Great job; may God Bless you.

John Makuch - Buildings and Grounds

Schedule of singers for upcoming Sundays/Special Services etc. subject to change as needed. We will continue having only limited households at one time, each sharing a microphone while respecting distancing requirements, until the spread of Covid-19 is no longer a risk.

May 16 (today): Phyllis Lukey; Peter & Marion Federko

May 19 Moleban 7 PM: Peter & Marion Federko; Phyllis Lukey

May 22 Sorokousty: Phyllis Lukey; Len & Anna Markewich May 23 (Pentecost): Phyllis Lukey; Alla Gof-Tymishak

May 30: Peter & Marion Federko; Len & Anna Markewich

June 6: Phyllis Lukey; Alla Gof-Tymishak



St. Michael's Camp at Madge Lake is very excited this year to announce our Summer Day Camps. This year is going to look a little different from other years at camp, but one thing we know for sure is that they will have an experience they will remember forever! Our registration will open up on May 1. We have limited spots available due to COVID-19 restrictions, so please be sure to register early to guarantee a spot

#### Day Camp Ages 7-15 9:00am - 3:00pm

July 5 - Typical Day at Camp

July 14 - Water World Day Camp July 15 -Treasure Hunters Camp

July 6 - Ukrainian Dance Camp July 7 - Tie Dye Day Camp

July 19 - Drama Day Camp

July 8 - Sports Day Camp July 12 - Dutdoor Survival Day Camp July 21 - Typical Day at Camp

July 20 - Arts & Crafts Camp

July 13 - Goofy Olympics Camp

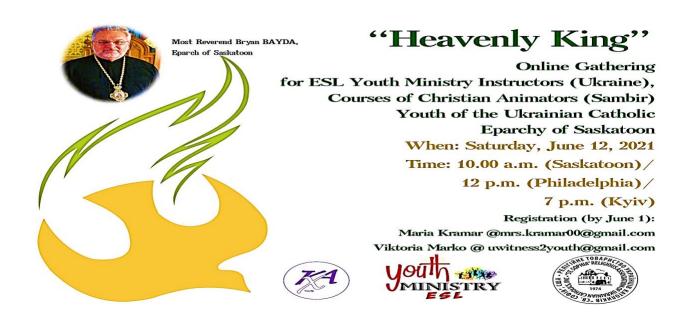
July 22 - Sports Day Camp

## Family Day Camp

Friday July 9 - Sunday July 11 Friday July 16- Sunday July 18 This vear have different themes for each day of Camp.

Due to demand, we have also brought back our Family Camp. This is a time where the whole family can spend the day together at Camp. It does not matter how old or young you are, as we will have activities for the whole family to enjoy.

To register, please go to <a href="www.stmichaelscamp.com">www.stmichaelscamp.com</a>. We can't wait to share a fantastic summer experience with you!!



**Dying Healed Workshop Saturday June 12, 2021** Online 10:00am-4:30pm. This workshop will provide comprehensive education on palliative care/end of life issues and preliminary training for those wishing to provide compassionate and supportive care to those in need, particularly at end of life. To Register contact Deborah Larmour at: uwitness2family@skeparchy.org or call/text 1 306 222-1475 Cost: \$15 includes a workbook As this is a virtual presentation participants will need to register with emails and be able to use an Online platform with minimal support. This program is is a joint project and sponsored jointly by the Diocese of Saskatoon and the Eparchy of Saskatoon (Eparchial Appeal).

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY: *UNIVERSAL INTENTION* – *The world of finance:* Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

## MAY FOOD BANK ITEM: CRACKERS

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

# PLEASE COMPLETE THE MESSAGE FIELD and DO NOT USE ALIAS NAMES WHEN SENDING AN E-TRANSFER DONATION.

May 9: 16 regular envelopes - \$1230; 3 Building Fund envelopes - \$150; 1 Pope's Pastoral Works envelope - \$50; 3 Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishop's Assessment envelopes - \$75; Loose Change - \$20.

E-Sunday Collections & E-transfers: 4 regular donations - \$120.

THE GREAT MYSTERY:
GOD, OUR BODIES
AND OURSELVES
Young people 14-18 years of age

Saturday June 5, 2021 -- 10 am. to 6 pm. (St. George's Seniors Centre - 20th St. West & Ave. M South, Saskatoon)

We live in a world where the majority of the points of conflict that exist between our Catholic worldview and the secular culture concern what it means to be human and how the deep truth about our creation impacts our approach to life and love. The focus of our day will be to consider these issues in the light of Pope St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body.

## Topics will include:

Love, marriage and what it means to be human....

(Deborah Larmour; Family and Life Office Eparchy of Saskatoon)

Religious Life: How Does it fit into the Great Mystery?

(Jonathan Lashyn, Seminarian Eparchy of Saskatoon)

If Porn Kills Love What's a Guy/Girl to Do?

(Fr. Deacon Cyril Kennedy, Doctoral Candidate Catholic University of America)

**Gender and Identity Matters** 

(Hudson Byblow, International Speaker on Theology of the Body and Identity Issues)

Games/Activities/Q&A/Discussions

BYO Lunch, Snacks provided

Online participation available

Registration fee \$10

Registration deadline: Tuesday, June 1st by contacting Viktoriia Marko at

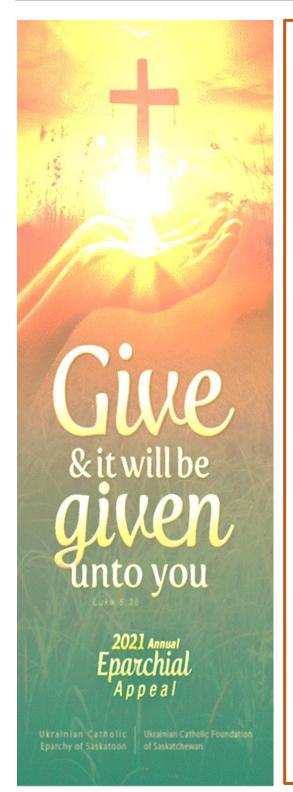
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Current COVID-19 protocol will be followed

# 2021 ANNUAL EPARCHIAL APPEAL WEEK 5 – May 15th/May 16th, 2021



**THANK YOU**, for your continued and generous support of the 2021 Annual Eparchial Appeal. Your contribution will be making a significant difference and serves as a powerful witness of our God's love and mercy. Your gifts are allocated towards religious education programs, family and life, youth ministries, the clergy and the communication services provided by the Eparchy. If you have not yet made your pledge, please pray about your decision, and consider donating a one-time gift, or a pledge spread over several months. Please join us, your Ukrainian Catholic community, as we combine our gifts to God's hidden treasure of faith.

Today the Parish Bulletin Insert features the Bishop Roborecki Foundation. The Bishop Roborecki Foundation is a new initiative of the Annual Eparchial Appeal for 2021. The Bishop Roborecki Foundation was established in 1982 to offer financial support for the education of seminarians and clergy within our Eparchy. By supporting the Bishop Roborecki Foundation through the Annual Eparchial Appeal you are investing in the future of our Eparchy by educating new priests to take over from those who have served us faithfully for many decades and now approach a well-deserved retirement.

Your generous support of the Annual Eparchial Appeal and the Eparchy creates a legacy for our collective future and will bear untold fruit as we work together to grow God's kingdom here on earth.

More information on the 2020 Annual Eparchial Appeal is available on the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan website at www.ucfsask.org.

Did you know that there is more than one way to give to the Annual Eparchial Appeal? You can:

- ✓ Make a one-time gift.
- ✓ Make a pledge and spread out your pledge over 12 (or less) monthly payments.
- ✓ Have your donation matched by your company with a Corporate Matching Gift
- ✓ Online donations using the QR code which links directly to the UCFSask website.



If you have any questions or comments regarding the Eparchial Appeal or the Foundation itself, please contact the Foundation Office at **306-653-0138**, ext **223**.

# Seventh Sunday Of Pascha Sunday Of The Fathers Of The First Ecumenical Council



### NICEA I

On this day, the Church commemorates the memory of the over 300 Fathers who participated in the First Ecumenical Council of Nicea (325AD). At this council, the doctrine of the Holy Trinity was defined. Arius (280-336AD), an archpriest of Alexandria, had taught the heresy that the Son was not equal to the Father, being neither of the same essence nor eternal; consequently, Mary, His mother, could not be the Mother of God (Theotokos). Arius also taught that the Holy Spirit was a creature, the most perfect creature of God, but not God. Saint Athanasius, Archbishop of Alexandria, opposed these errors with all his might. He eloquently upheld the true teaching, that the Word of God was indeed God in reality, and that through the Incarnation He became a real man. Athanasius also reaffirmed that the Holy Spirit was true God.

The controversy had raged throughout the Roman empire, throwing it into a state of turmoil. Emperor Constantine decided to submit the matter to the judgment of the universal Church, and so he called for an Ecumenical Council that convened in Nicea. The council, in response to Arius' teaching, upheld orthodox doctrine in the following words:

"I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, the only-begotten, born of the Father before all ages. Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not made, of one substance (essence or being) with the Father through whom all things were made!

Anonymous