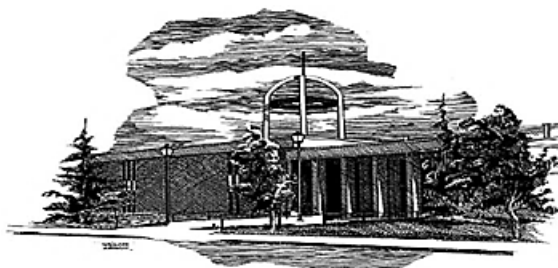


Sunday, June 6, 2021



**ST. ATHANASIOUS UKRAINIAN
CATHOLIC CHURCH
55 MCMURCHY AVENUE
REGINA SK. S4R 3G3**

Parish Priest: Fr. Vasyl Tymishak
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Website: www.st-athanasius.ca

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/reginaukrainiancatholicnorth/live>

Parish Council President – Kevin Korchinski

Cell phone (call or text) @ 306-539-3935

UCWLC President - Josie Vantour

UCBC President - Mark Woitas

Knights of Columbus – James Empey, Grand Knight

Parish Coordinator of Care (PCC) - Mary Lou Senko @ 306-525-6437

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Seniors' Club President - Angie Lawryk

Ultimate A&B Youth - Lesia Lazurko

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. ATHANASIOUS PARISH is recognized by participating in the Sunday Divine Liturgy and by fulfilling your baptismal responsibility in contributing to our Church Community activities by using your time, talents and treasures. Regular financial donations by use of Sunday envelopes is necessary for our parish to grow and prosper.

Please contact Fr. Vasyl if you know of any parishioner who is sick and wants to be visited.

St. John Paul II Syro-Malabar Parish – Fr. Daris Cherian

Phone: 1-647-680-2415

Parish Council Trustee – Saneesh A. Sunny (Phone: 306-807-5454)

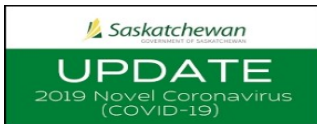
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MASKS ARE MANDATORY UPON ENTERING THE CHURCH AND DURING DIVINE LITURGY. THE BULLETINS CANNOT BE LEFT ANYWHERE IN THE CHURCH.



Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon
Українська Католицька Єпархія Саскатуну



The Faith Leaders' Working Group met with our government liaisons again today. As you know, the **Saskatchewan Re-opening Roadmap will begin Step 1 on Sunday May 30**. We have sought clarification on a number of details raised by you or another faith leader. Here is a summary of the upcoming

changes:

In Step 1, beginning Sunday, May 30:

- **maximum capacity of a place of worship will be increased to 30% of seating capacity, with a maximum of 150 people in the entire facility.**
- 2 metre distancing, masking, sanitizing, and contact tracing will continue to be required.
- sharing food or drink is prohibited in Step 1.
- other non-worship gatherings will be allowed to a maximum of **30 people**.
- non-worship gatherings held concurrently with a worship service are allowed but the total number of people in the worship service and additional gathering may not exceed 150 people.
- non-essential travel is not recommended outside Saskatchewan.

In Step 2, beginning June 20, there will be few changes affecting places of worship:

- maximum capacity will remain 30% of seating capacity, with a maximum of 150 people in the entire facility.
- 2 metre distancing, masking, sanitizing, and contact tracing will continue to be required.
- sharing food or drink is prohibited in Step 2.
- other non-worship gatherings will be allowed to a maximum of **150 people**.
- non-worship gatherings held concurrently with a worship service are allowed but the total number of people in the worship service and additional gathering may not exceed 150 people.
- non-essential travel is not recommended outside Saskatchewan.

Step 3 is anticipated in mid-July. In Step 3 most restrictions will be lifted. There will be no limits on capacity, food and drink will be permitted, physical distancing and contact tracing will not be required. It is expected that masks and sanitizing will be advised for some time, but the public health emergency will end, and the public health orders will be lifted soon after Step 3 begins.

Due to the continuing high infection rates in both Alberta and Manitoba, travel will not be recommended even in Step 3. The entire SK Roadmap is contingent on the continuing decline in infection rates. Please continue to cooperate with public health authorities and encourage

vaccination.

Health officials are still considering when large gatherings such as conferences and sporting events will be able to resume. Further advice will be provided in the coming weeks.

As the province is easing the restrictions for churches in the Reopen plan, St. Athanasius will be moving to the following starting Sunday May 30, 2021.

- A maximum of 55 people will be allowed in three groups of 1 or 2 in the available pews to maintain the distancing required.
- All parishioners **MUST** continue to pre-register for all Liturgies by contacting Father Vasyl for weekdays **(306-519-8008)** or Rosanne Miller for Sundays **(306-543-5773)**.
- If you are on the edge of a pew please step into the aisle or move to the centre to avoid people having to step over one another.
- All seating is on the main floor as the choir loft remains closed to the public.
- As restrictions continue to change, we will update you further.

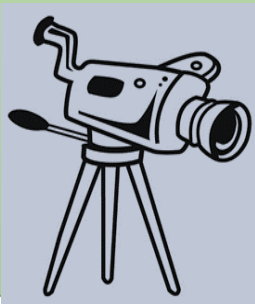
Please note: Due to the revised Public Health order regarding places of worship, St. Athanasius Church will allow 55 people to attend services as per Public Health Act of Saskatchewan. ***Also, please remember there is to be no gathering or socializing in the church foyer after services. Please continue 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:
<https://st-athanasius.ca/> 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.

Gloria Be To Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever! Слава Ісусу Христу! Слава на віки!

POST - FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST
- Second Sunday After Pentecost

FIRST ANTIPHON: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

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

POST-FEAST THIRD ANTIPHON: Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God our Saviour. Son of God, who nourishes us with Your Body and Blood, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms. Son of God, who ...

For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth. Son of God, who

SMALL ENTRANCE: Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

Son of God, who nourishes us with Your Body and Blood, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

SUNDAY TROPAR (Tone 1): Though the stone was sealed by the Jews and soldiers guarded Your most pure body, You arose, O Saviour, on the third day, and gave life to the world. And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life. Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your saving plan, O only Lover of Mankind.

TROPAR (Tone 4): Your memorial sacrifice, Christ our God, became a festive day for the world. For fishermen were taught by You to offer You the unbloody sacrifice with bread and wine, to recall Your divine memorial act which we celebrate; proclaiming: O Lord, glory be to You.

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

KONDAK (Tone 4): Behold, Christ becomes present as food for all. Come let us prostrate ourselves in worship of Christ, our God, hidden in these Mysteries and let us cry out in humility: "Lord, do not destroy us sinners by fire when we communicate, but burn our sins and purify our souls.

PROKIMEN (Tone 4): I will feed them with the best of wheat, and with honey from the rock I will fill them.

VERSE: Sing joyfully to God our strength.

EPISTLE: Romans (2:10-16)

Brothers and Sisters, there will be glory, honor, and peace for everyone who does good, Jew first and then Greek. There is no partiality with God. All who sin outside the law will also perish without reference to it, and all who sin under the law will be judged in accordance with it. For it is not those who hear the law who are just in the sight of God; rather, those who observe the law will be justified. For when the Gentiles who do not have the law by nature observe the prescriptions of the law, they are a law for themselves even though they do not have the law. They show that the demands of the law are written in their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even defend them on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge people's hidden works through Christ Jesus.

ALLELUIA VERSE: The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season.

You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

GOSPEL: (Matthew 4:18-23)

At that time the Lord was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him.

He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.

INSTEAD OF "It Is Truly Right": My soul, extol the Lord, who gave his flesh as mystical food. My soul, extol Christ our God, who gave his flesh for man's salvation. You are all desire. You are all delight, word of God, son of the Virgin, Lord, the God of gods, you are the holiest of the holy. For this we extol you with her who bore you.

COMMUNION HYMN: "Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him, said the Lord." 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 SCHEDULE June 7 – June 13, 2021

MONDAY, June 7 - Theodotus Bishop-Martyr [Rom 7:1-13; Mt 9:36-10:8](#)

7:00 p.m. Moleben to Jesus Christ, Lover of Mankind ([preregistration by calling Fr. Vasyl @ 306-519-9030](#)) **livestreaming**

7:30 p.m. Marriage preparation

TUESDAY, June 8 - Translation of the Relics of the Great-Martyr Theodore, [Rom 7:14-8:2; Mt 10:9-15](#)

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for God's blessing upon residents and staff of St.Basil's Senior Citizens' Home ([preregistration by calling Fr. Vasyl @ 306-519-9030](#)) **livestreaming**

WEDNESDAY, June 9 - Cyril of Alexandria Archbishop, [Rom 8:2-13; Mt 10:16-22](#)

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for repose of the soul of Josephine Mackow, requested by Terry Mackow ([preregistration by calling Fr. Vasyl @ 306-519-9030](#)) **livestreaming**

THURSDAY, June 10 - Timothy Bishop-Martyr, [Rom 8:22-27; Mt 10:23-31](#)

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for repose of the soul of Josephine Mackow, requested by Ivan and Val Bida (preregistration by calling Fr. Vasyl @ 306-519-9030) **livestreaming**

FRIDAY, June 11 - CHRIST LOVER OF MANKIND, Heb 2:11-18; Jn 3:13-17

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

SATURDAY, June 12 - Onuphrius and Peter Venerables, Rom 3:28-4:3; Mt 7:24-8:4
No service scheduled

SUNDAY, JUNE 13 - 3rd Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 2, Rom 5:1-10; Mt 6:22-34

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**

1:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy in Moose Jaw (preregistration)

MAY/JUNE GREETERS

June 6	Maggie Stephen & Bernice Bzdell
June 13	Kevin Korchinski & Len Markewich
June 20	Terry & Rosanne Miller
June 27	Mark & Karen Woitas

Schedule of singers for upcoming Sundays/Special Services etc. subject to change as needed. Until the SHA guidelines are changed for singers, groups of singers, and choirs, we will continue to have a limited number of singers at one time, with no cross-household sharing of microphones, while respecting the distancing requirements.

Sun. June 6 **today:** Phyllis Lukey; Leonard Markewich

Mon. June 7 Moleben to Christ 7 PM: Phyllis Lukey; TBA

Fri. June 11 10 AM: Feast of Christ the Lover of Mankind: Phyllis Lukey; TBA

Sun. June 13: Peter & Marion Federko; Alla Gof-Tymishak

Sun. June 20: Phyllis Lukey; Anna & Len Markewich

Sun. June 27: Phyllis Lukey; Alla Gof-Tymishak

Sun. July 4: Phyllis Lukey; Len & Anna Markewich



After all this time unable to spend time with those we love, win a place to gather together when we are able to again!

St Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church Camp Inc is having a raffle to raise funds to maintain the facility. **First prize** is a Free Weekend Stay at St. Michael's at Madge Value \$4000* (\$3000 cash value) **2nd Prize** – Meat Smoker: \$776.99

value, **3rd Prize** – PILGRIM Jewellery: \$284.46 value Gracefulness/Affection Collections Necklace, Bracelet, Earrings from Sherring Gold in Yorkton, **4th Prize** – \$250 gift Certificate from Madge Lake Developments, and **5th Prize** – Summer fun in the park package: 1 Duck Mountain Park seasons pass, Free minigolf for 5 at Waves Ice Cream and Minigolf, and a Hoodie from Friends of Madge Lake.

****Must be 19 year and older to purchase tickets and claim prizes.**

Draw 11:30am on June 27th, 2021 at St. Basil's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Regina, SK. Cost per ticket \$20.00 and are being sold at most Ukrainian Catholic Churches in Saskatchewan. You may purchase your ticket by phone at St. Athanasius Office - 306-543-8008 during office hours or purchase your tickets by e-transfer to stathandeposit@sasktel.net. If you choose the e-transfer, please complete the message field by providing your name, address and phone number, and indicating it is for St. Michael's Camp. Paper copy of the ticket will be mailed out to you.

Also, St. Michael's Camp will be accepting e-transfers at stmichaelscamp5@gmail.com.

Buyers are to use the password: **win**, when making their e-transfers to stmichaelscamp5@gmail.com. Remember to complete the message field by providing your name, address and phone number.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE: INTENTION FOR EVANGELIZATION – *The beauty of marriage*: Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

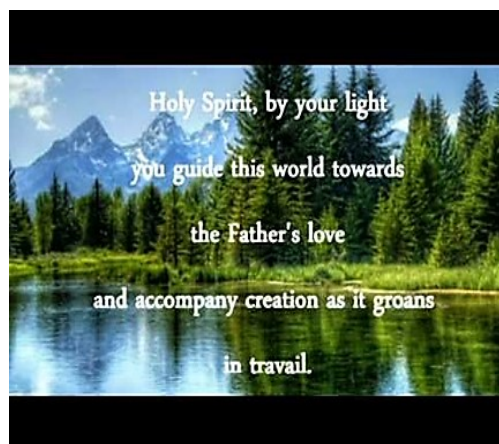
JUNE FOOD BANK ITEM: SOUP

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

May 30: 23 regular envelopes - \$1170; 3 Building Fund envelopes - \$130; 1 Pope Pastoral Works envelope - \$30; 1 Initial Offering envelope - \$15; Loose Change - \$20.

E-Sunday Collections & E-transfers: 6 regular donations - \$1115.

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 a joint project and sponsored jointly by the Diocese of Saskatoon and the Eparchy of Saskatoon (Eparchial Appeal).



Celebrating Laudato Si' - May 24th - June 18th

Laudato Si' - the Papal Encyclical of our Holy Father, Pope Francis about Care for God's Creation, was dated May 24, 2015 and released June 18, 2015 to the public. Each year during this time we reflect more deeply on these words Pope Francis share with us through ***Laudato Si'***.

Watch this YouTube reflection on "**A Prayer in Union with Creation**": <https://youtu.be/4GzKZXxE4> "***Father, we praise you with all your creatures. They came forth from your all-powerful hand; they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love. Praise be to you!***

DATE: JULY 12 - 16	SAVE THE DATE! REGISTRATION OPENS JUNE 1ST, 2021	AGES: 8-14
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St. Volodymyr Ukrainian Catholic Camp 2021: July 12 – 16 – Ages 8 - 14! This year we will be having camp but under different circumstances! Remember to save the date: Registration for camp opens on June 1st! . . . stvolodymyrcamp.com -- stvolodymyrcamp@gmail.com More details on camp procedures and new additions to come!



The Ukrainian Catholic Foundation would like to extend a huge and heartfelt *THANK YOU* to all the Parish Families who donated their hard-earned money to this year's Annual Eparchial Appeal. Although we did not achieve our goal of \$250,000 as of yet, the total contributions of \$140,310.00 (or 56% of our goal amount) made by 586 Parish Families as of May 31, 2021, will help to fund our Eparchial Ministries and Eparchial organizations, whose work continues to play a huge role in sustaining our Ukrainian Catholic Church in Saskatchewan into the future. *THANK YOU* for your kind-hearted generosity.

While the Annual Eparchial Appeal campaign is officially over, the Foundation will continue to accept donations to the Eparchial Annual Appeal. Any donations to the Appeal up until June 30, 2021, will be credited towards the Appeal goal that was established for your Parish. Any donations received after June 30, 2021 will be greatly accepted, and will be forwarded to the Eparchial Ministries and Organizations at the end of the year.

Please be confidently assured that your gifts will be used wisely to support ministries and programs that were established for the 2021 Annual Eparchial Appeal.

May God Bless you abundantly with his Grace, Mercy and Blessings. If you have any questions or comments regarding the Eparchial Appeal or the Foundation itself, please contact our office at 306-653-0138, Ext 223 or by email to admin@ucfsask.org.



Dear friends,
We are open for applications to our Iconography Summer School 2021!

School format this year

As the situation with the Covid-19 pandemic continues to remain uncertain, we decided to prepare one option for the coming summer school 2021.

Online learning

We offer our courses online (pre-recorded video-demonstrations; real-time online tutoring and lecturing via Zoom or similar platforms), July 26 – August 14.

We hope that next year we will meet together offline.

Schedule and materials

The schedule is flexible and depends on students' pace and agreed upon by the group and the instructor.

By the end of the course, students will complete their icon of the Mother of God with the Child.

We provide students with all necessary materials and painting supplies (board, brushes, pigments, gold leaves, varnish, etc.)!

Open to All

We strive to offer our students high-quality service that would allow them to learn the art in-depth. At the same time, we welcome people who do not have much artistic experience, training, or even courage in their ability to paint an icon. No level of knowledge or ability is expected. Students are encouraged to develop their skillset step by step, at their own pace. We believe that everyone can try, and everyone can benefit from this experience.

The applications deadline is June 28
For more details, please CONTACT US:
Email: arsacra@gmail.com
Web: <http://radruzh.org/>
Registration form is in
<https://sites.google.com/view/iconography-summer-school-2021/register?authuser=0>
Phone: +380680691730





Online Bible Study Sessions with Hieromonk Gregory Hrynkiw - the Book of the Prophet Isaiah - Continue through the Summer Months: Tuesdays June 1 to August 31, 2021 – 6:30 – 7:15 pm. These Online sessions are available virtually via WebEx. To receive a link for the sessions, please contact the Sisters of Servants of Mary Immaculate (SSMI) at the Ukrainian Catholic Religious Education Centre (UCREC), at rel.ed@sasktel.net or calling them at 306-652-1718, 306-653-1897 or 306-380-8509. Once you have received the link and downloaded the WebEx App, you will get weekly invitation notices from the Sisters to join in the sessions. **Login will be from 6:15 pm.**

A “goodwill offering” towards the sessions can be made by:

- cheque made out to Father Gregory Hrynkiw, mailed to the **Ukrainian Catholic Religious Education Centre (UCREC)** 214 Avenue M South, Saskatoon, SK S7M 2K4;
- via eTransfer from your bank mobile app or website to the.asketerion@gmail.com [We are Auto Deposit registered, so no need for a security question or password. In the Message, simply type in your name],
- or by the PayPal address: https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=SRTQSADRCRWCL&source=url

A Bible Study Gathering for young people 15-25 years of age

REVELATION 4

– VISION OF THE HEAVENLY LITURGY

- Led by Fr. Andre Lalach

- **FRIDAY, JUNE 18TH 6:30 - 8:00 PM**

Ukrainian Catholic Church

of the Dormition of the Mother of God

- 120 – 105th Street West, Saskatoon

- **Online Participation Available**

- **Registration is required by contacting
Viktoriia Marko @ uwitness2youth@gmail.com**

- **Current COVID-19 protocols will be followed**



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NEWS FROM THE EPARCHY OF SASKATOON

Слава Ісусу Христу! Слава На Віки! Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever

Effective Monday May 31, 2021, our Eparchy is embarking on a project to update the contact information of all the Parish families within the Eparchy. **Jonathan Lashyn**, a Seminarian from our Eparchy, will lead this project. Over the next nine weeks, Jonathan will be calling Parish families in our Eparchy to gather/update contact information: address, telephone number(s), cell phone number(s) and email addresses, etc.

It is important that the Eparchy have your most current information, particularly cell phone number(s) and email addresses. The Eparchy and your Parish will use this information to communicate with our parishioners on a more regular basis concerning news/information that will be pertinent to you as a member of your Parish and Eparchy.

Jonathan will begin his work on May 31, 2021. So, when Jonathan calls, please be assured that this a genuine and valid call. Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please call the Eparchy office at 306-653-0138, ext. 221.



Jonathan Lashyn

Second Sunday After Pentecost



Icon of the Call of the Apostles

Called to be Disciples

Taking Peter with him, Andrew brought his brother to the Lord, thus making him his fellow-disciple. This was Andrew's first achievement: he increased the number of the apostles by bringing Peter to Christ, so that Christ might find in him the disciples' leader. When later on Peter won approval, it was thanks to the seed sown by Andrew. But the commendation given to the one rebounded to the other, for the virtues of each belonged to both, and each was proud of the other's merits. Indeed, when Peter promptly answered the master's question, how much joy he gave to all the disciples by breaking their embarrassed silence! Peter alone acted as the mouthpiece of those to whom the question was addressed. As though all spoke through him, he replied clearly on their behalf: *You are the Christ, the Son of the living God*. In one sentence he acknowledged both the Savior and his saving plan.

Notice how these words echo Andrew's. By prompting Peter the Father endorsed from above the words Andrew used when he led Peter to Christ. Andrew had said: *We have found the Messiah*. The Father said, prompting Peter: *You are the Christ, the Son of the living God*, almost forcing these words on Peter. "Peter," he said, "when you are questioned, use Andrew's words in reply. Show yourself very prompt in answering your master. Andrew did not lie to you when he said: *We have found the Messiah*. Turn the Hebrew words into Greek and cry out: *You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!* "

From a Sermon by St. Basil of Seleucia