

Sunday, September 5, 2021

**ST. ATHANASIOUS UKRAINIAN
CATHOLIC CHURCH
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ROSARY: Sunday – 9:15 a.m. (livestreaming)

DIVINE LITURGY: Sunday - 9:30 a.m. for the faithful. (livestreaming)

Weekday Liturgies – as scheduled

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.

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wear one in church.

June 30, 2021, Sask Health and the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon had lifted all restrictions regarding Church services. Anyone with COVID symptoms is required to remain at home and schedule a test. Isolate from others until test results are returned negative. People with cold and flu symptoms are encouraged to remain at home. Masks are not mandatory upon entering the church and during Divine Liturgy. However, if you are more comfortable with a mask, you may continue to

СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ! СЛАВА НАВІКИ!

GLORY BE TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY BE FOREVER

Welcome to all visitors and parishioners who are celebrating the Liturgy with us today. All are invited to the auditorium for coffee, juice, cookies and socializing.



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 our services by visiting our website and clicking on the Livestream icon: <https://st-athanasius.ca/> or on Facebook:

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

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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 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.

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

SUNDAY KONDAK (Tone 6): With His life-giving hand Christ our God, the Giver of life, raised all the dead from the murky abyss and bestowed resurrection upon humanity. He is for all the Savior, the resurrection and the life, and the God of all.

PROKIMEN (Tone 6): Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

VERSE: Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence.

EPISTLE: A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (4:6-15)

Brothers and Sisters! For God, who said, "Let light shine in our hearts, out of darkness," has shone in our hearts, that we in turn might make known the glory of God shining on the face of Christ. This treasure we possess in earthen vessels, to make it clear that its surpassing power comes from God and not from us. We are afflicted in every way possible, but we are not crushed, full of doubts, we never despair. We are persecuted but never abandoned; we are struck down but never destroyed. Continually we carry about in our bodies the dying of Jesus, so that in our bodies the life of Jesus may also be revealed. While we live we are constantly being delivered to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be revealed in our mortal flesh. Death is at work in us, but life in you. We have that spirit of faith of which the Scripture says, "Because I believed, I spoke out." We believe and so we speak, knowing that he who raised up the Lord Jesus will raise us up along with Jesus and place both us and you in his presence. Indeed, everything is ordered to your benefit, so that the grace bestowed in abundance may bring greater glory to God because they who give thanks are many.

ALLELUIA VERSE: *He who lives in the aid of the Most High, shall dwell under the protection of the God of heaven.*

He says to the Lord: You are my protector and my refuge, my God, in Whom I hope.

GOSPEL: (Matthew 22:35-46)

At that time, a lawyer approached Jesus, in an attempt to trip him up, asked him, "Teacher, which commandment of the law is the greatest?" Jesus said to him: "You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments the whole law is based, and the prophets as well." In turn Jesus put a question to the assembled Pharisees, "What is your opinion about the Messiah? Whose son is he?" "David's," they answered. He said to them, "Then how is it that David under the Spirit's influence calls him 'lord' as he does: 'The Lord said to my lord. Sit at my right hand, until I humble your enemies beneath your feet'? If David calls him 'lord,' how can

he be his son?" No one could give him an answer, therefore no one dared, from that day on, to ask him any questions.

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE September 06 – September 12, 2021

Monday, September 6 - Commemoration of the Miracle Performed at Colossus in Chone by the Archangel Michael; Holy Martyr Eudoxius and His Companions (284- 305); Our Venerable Father Archipus; [Galatians 4:28-5:10](#); [Mark 6:54-7:8](#)

No service scheduled

Tuesday, September 7 - Forefeast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Mother of God; Holy Martyr Sozon the Shepherd (304). Zhyrovyski Icon of the Mother of God; [Ephesians 6:10-17](#); [John 15:17-16:2](#)

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for + Tony Woloshyn, requested by Tyler Woloshyn **livestreaming**

Wednesday, September 8 - **Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady, the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary**; Feast of the Mother of God. Holy day of obligation. [Philippians 2:5-11](#); [Luke 10:38-42](#); [11:27-28](#)

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for faithful **livestreaming**

Thursday, September 9 - Post-feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God; Holy and Righteous Forebears of God Joachim and Anna; the Holy Martyr Severian (321-23); [Ephesians 1:1-19](#); [Mark 7:24-30](#)

6:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy for good health for Heidi Hadubiak, requested by Hadubiak family **livestreaming** followed by:

7:00 p.m. Seniors Meeting

Friday, September 10 - Post-feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God; Holy Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora, Nymphodora (303-11); Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat. [Ephesians 1:7-17](#); [Mark 8:1-10](#)

No service scheduled – 2021 Season of Creation Project

Saturday, September 11 - Post-feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God; Saturday before the Exaltation of the Cross; Our Venerable Mother Theodora of Alexandria (474-91); [1 Corinthians 2:6-9](#); [Matthew 10:37-11:1](#)

No service scheduled – 2021 Season of Creation Project

Sunday, September 12 - **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**, Tone 7; Leave-taking of the Feast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Mother of God; Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross; [Galatians 6:11-18](#); [John 3:13-17](#)

9:15 a.m. Rosary **livestreaming**

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy for faithful **livestreaming**

1:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy in Moose Jaw

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER: *Universal intention – An environmentally sustainable lifestyle. We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.*

Back-To-School Prayer



Dear God,

Please bless all children in this new school year. Give them strength to learn, concentrate and act in love towards their classmates. Watch over them at home and at school. When days become challenging, grant them peace and relaxation, knowing that Your patience, wisdom and courage is excellent in every way. Guide them in their mind, thoughts and body so they may use the knowledge gained to build your kingdom. We thank you for this new school year and ask that you bless the students, families and faculty that make school such a wonderful place.

In your name we pray!



GREETERS FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2021

September 5	Carl & Linda Korchynski
September 12	Maggie Stephen & Bernice Bzdell
September 19	Kevin Korchinski & Len Markewich
September 26	Terry & Rosanne Miller
October 3	Mark & Karen Woitas
October 10	Carl & Linda Korchynski
October 17	Maggie Stephen & Bernice Bzdell
October 24	Kevin Korchinski & Len Markewich
October 31	Terry & Rosanne Miller

Catechism registration for the 2021/2022 season will be taking place, in person, on Monday September 13th at 7:00 pm. Classes are for children from grades 1-7. If you have a student or know of a child who is in this age range and would like to learn more about our religion, please plan to attend. If you know of a student who wishes to receive First Solemn Communion, which takes place in grade 2, then grade 1 classes, are recommended. If you have any questions or cannot come to the registration in person please call/text Karen Woitas at 306-775-0667 or e-mail mwoitas@sasktel.net



COFFEE SCHEDULE: Coffee schedules are available for you to sign up. This will continue unless new guidelines come from the province because of increased COVID cases. Also, the parish is looking for someone to be in charge of purchasing supplies for this weekly event. If you have questions, Carl and Linda Korchinski would be able to answer them. Please, help out

when you can.

SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES are extended to Shirley Oleskiw and family on the death of her husband, Leo Oleskiw, who passed away on Sunday, August 29th, 2021. Funeral service were held on Saturday, September 4th, at St. Basil Parish, Regina SK.

Вічна Пам'ять – Vichnaya Pamyat! Eternal Memory!

Please note: Recommended Schedule of Offerings (Stipends) for services in the Eparchy of Saskatoon – Divine Liturgy (Regularly schedule weekday)....\$20.00

- Divine Liturgy (Special requested time).....\$50.00

- Panakhyda.....\$10.00

The fees are allocated to the priest and no income tax receipt will be issued.

The full fee schedule of services is posted in the back of the church and the bulletin board in the auditorium for you to review.

ATTENTION ALL SENIORS: 55 YEARS AND OVER

Hoping everyone stayed healthy during the last year and a half. Now is the time to start getting together again. Come and join us for a short meeting and socializing on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Athanasius Parish Hall. You can contact Angie at 306-591-3702 if you would like more information.

Angie Lawryk - President



ANNOUNCING:

Covenant of Care/Safeguarding 2020 Training Update
Who needs to complete safeguarding training?

All persons including clergy, religious, staff or volunteers who work in Eparchial ministries organizations, or affiliated organizations or parishes/parish organizations, who are in positions of trust. The

Safeguarding policy p. 8-9 (<https://www.skeparchy.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Eparchial-Safeguarding-Policy-Final-Version-06-October-01-2020.pdf>)

defines positions of trust as follows:

A 'trust' position will include those:

- *working in an unsupervised setting where ministry, food, transportation or other necessities could be provided to minors and/or vulnerable adults,*

- *having access to confidential information, and/or*

- *being entrusted with control of keys, church property and money.*

Trust positions also include, but are not limited to, Children's or Youth Ministry (including all camps, volunteer driving, Altar Server or Children of Mary Programs, Children's/Youth Choirs, Catechism and Sacramental Prep), and Eucharistic/Pastoral Care Ministry to the sick and shut-ins.

Registration Forms & FAQ (if you are unsure about whether you need to be trained, what type of training it is and how it can be accomplished) can be found on our Eparchial website at:

<https://www.skeparchy.org/wordpress/about-us/policies-and-procedures/eparchial-safeguarding-policy-covenant-of-care-electronic-communication-and-technology-abuse-and-misconduct-policy/>

Send your completed training Registration Form to Deborah Larmour at:
covenantofcare@skeparchy.org



Sadochok Ukrainian Preschool - For children ages 3 to 5 years old

Children learn preschool skills with a focus on the Ukrainian language. Children will be introduced to the Ukrainian culture through song, dance, stories, crafts, and games. No prior knowledge of Ukrainian is necessary.

Classes are Wednesday and Friday mornings. Children welcome to attend one or both days.

Located at 1106 McNiven Avenue (Selo Gardens)

To register or for more information please go to our website

www.sadochokregina.ca or email us at regsadochok@yahoo.ca

(Note: Registration forms are also available in the parish office.)

REGINA CATHOLIC SCHOOL UKRAINIAN PROGRAM – On-line Component – Wednesday 4:30-6:30pm and Thursday 6:00-8:00pm at 4710 Castle Road (St. Matthew School). The program includes the Byzantine Rite, language acquisition, culture. If interested contact Susan Kohuch by phone at 306-530-5786, or by e-mail at s.kohuch@rcsd.ca. Come and find out what the Ukrainian Byzantine Program has to offer. Everyone Welcome!

<https://www.rcsd.ca/Programs/Ukrainian> Program.

U of R LLC Beginner and Intermediate Ukrainian Language Courses

The University of Regina, through the Lifelong Learning Center, is offering a Ukrainian Language courses on-line using Zoom.

These courses are 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.

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

<https://anc.ca.apm.activecommunities.com/uregina/activity/search/detail/7794>

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

<https://anc.ca.apm.activecommunities.com/uregina/activity/search/detail/7744>

The Marian Centre is resuming its lunch program and is once again grateful for donations of muffins, cookies or other baked goods. We will continue to serve our meals at the door until the 18th of October, when it is our hope to return indoor hospitality and meals. Many thanks to all who have provided us support in this work!

LIFE CHAIN: Please join us as we prayerfully witness to the dignity and importance of all life on Sunday, Oct 3, 2:00 to 3:00pm. This year, we will be meeting on the west side of Albert St in the green space by the Large Grasshopper just off Leopold Cr. We will maintain protocols (if any), grab signs and distance out along Albert St for our hour of prayerful witness to LIFE. Please bring your own hand sanitizer and masks, if you wish to wear them. Due to restrictions, we are unable to offer food or drinks. Please park on the west side of Albert St on or around Leopold Cr and not in the Museum parking lot.

NOTICE: Our parish expenses continue, even though there are no restrictions on numbers who can attend church services and we continue our livestreaming of all 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.

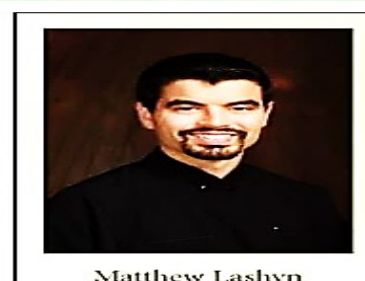
August 29: 27 Sunday donation envelopes - \$1270; 2 Building Fund envelopes - \$50; Loose Change - \$20.

E-Transfers: 2 donations - \$430.

Please Continue to Pray for Our Seminarians and for Vocations

Please continue to for our seminarians and for vocations to the priesthood and all religious communities of men and women. We are truly blessed to have three young men from our Eparchy of Saskatoon who are studying in preparation for priesthood. All three of our seminarians continue their studies at Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Edmonton, AB. Please pray for Ivan, Jonathan and Matthew, and all the seminarians, as they continue with their studies for the priesthood.

Pray for Our Seminarians



LORD of the Harvest,

BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

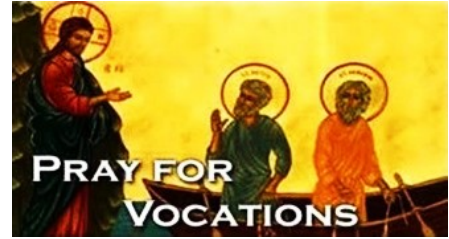
INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving— for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.

— Pope Francis

Adapted from the Message on the 51st World Day of Prayer for Vocations.



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PILGRIMAGE & TOUR to Mexico City "Enculturated 2022"— February 10 – 19, 2022 with Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSSR.

Journey with San Juan Diego to meet Our Lady on the Hill of Tepeyac! Meditate on the mystery of the miraculous tilma in the Basilica! Be uplifted by thousands of people on a Sunday morning! Experience enculturated evangelization! Come home understanding how powerful Our Lady's appearance truly was and is today! **Land Package & Registration: **Double/triple occupancy \$2100/person; *Single occupancy \$2400. Land package includes** hotel accommodation, breakfasts & dinners at the Hotel Villa Quijotes near the Shrine. Also includes English speaking tour guide with group van trans-

portation (includes group to/from airport). **Pilgrim's expenses include** travel/health insurance, lunches, tips for maids & waiters, mass offerings & donations, shopping, personal needs, personal requests to tour guide, free time expenses, museum & pyramid admission (\$10 approx.). **Group Airfare & Insurance:** Michael Bayda, Lobstick Travel 1-800-665-0171; mike@lobsticktravel.com

Registration: \$100.00 (nonrefundable deposit) to hold your spot; **\$1,000.00 (\$1150 single)** required by **October 31, 2021**. Balance of **\$1,000.00 (\$1150 single)** required by **November 30, 2021**. **Contact:** Teresa Bodnar-Hiebert all5hieberts@gmail.com





ЛІГА УКРАЇНСЬКИХ КАТОЛИЦЬКИХ ЖІНОК КАНАДИ
Крайова Управа



UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE of CANADA
National Executive

Dear Young People of the Eparchy of Saskatoon,

A wonderful opportunity exists for our Ukrainian young people at the university level. The **Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada National Executive** offers two scholarships to post-secondary students enrolled in Ukrainian Studies and Religious Studies.

**The Vera Buczynsky
Ukrainian Studies Scholarship**

for **\$1000** is offered to any person, male or female, who is a member of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada and enrolled in Ukrainian Studies at the post-secondary level. Criteria and applications are available online at www.ucwlc.ca and can be submitted electronically to:

The Vera Buczynsky Ukrainian Studies Scholarship Committee

Barbara Olynyk, chair

ucwlcnationalscholarships@gmail.com

*Deadline for receipt of completed applications is
September 30.*

**The Mary Dyma
Religious Studies Scholarship**

for **\$1000** is offered to a lay woman who is a member of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada. Secondly the applicant must be enrolled in courses of Religious Studies in an accredited program. Criteria and applications are available online at www.ucwlc.ca and can be submitted electronically to:

The Mary Dyma Religious Studies
Scholarship Committee

Barbara Olynyk, chair

ucwlcnationalscholarships@gmail.com

*Deadline for receipt of completed applications is
September 30.*

I encourage to take this opportunity to apply for these scholarships.

Yours in Christ,

Oristeen Kulyk

Eparchy of Saskatoon Representative

UCWLC National Scholarship Committee



Online Bible Study Sessions

with Hieromonk Gregory Hrynkiw
On the Book of the Prophet Isaiah
– Continues on Tuesdays, September 7th, 14th & 21st
6:30 – 7:15 pm

The Online sessions are available virtually via WebEx App. To receive a link for the sessions, please contact the Sisters 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 them to join in the sessions. **Login will be from 6:15 pm.**

NOTE: New series of Online Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, October 5th on the “Acts of the Apostles”. More details coming out soon!

**Catholic TRC Healing
Response
for Residential School
Survivors**

Catholic Bishops of Saskatchewan Launch “Catholic TRC Healing Response” Fundraising Appeal

On July 13, 2021 the five Catholic Bishops of Saskatchewan released more details about a planned fundraising appeal entitled “**Catholic TRC Healing Response**”. The Saskatchewan bishops stated that the appeal’s goal is “to support Residential School survivors and their communities and to engage more deeply in our own ongoing commitment and response to the Truth and Reconciliation process” with funds going to the priorities of healing and reconciliation; cemeteries on the sites of former residential schools; and education and cultural support. To donate immediately or make a long-term pledge, see the online giving options at: dscf.ca/catholic-trc-healing-response. More information is also available on our Eparchial website: [Catholic Bishops of Saskatchewan Launch “Catholic TRC Healing Response” Fundraising Appeal](#)





Eparchial Stewardship Conference

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Dear Parish Presidents

Save the date.

October 23 Saturday Eparchial Stewardship Conference

This Eparchial Stewardship Conference will bring parish representatives of all the parishes to learn and ask questions on the Eparchy's strategies to preserve the presence of the Church in the future, to ensure the availability of sacraments and catechesis for the faithful and to evangelize. The day will consist of districts reporting on their current demographic and financial realities compared to their 2018 forecasts.

This is an in-person, all day event, but there will be ability of participating electronically. One representative from each parish is invited to attend. This event will be held in Saskatoon but the exact location is yet to be determined. Registration and conference schedule will be shared later.

The report may address questions like the following: Was your 2018 forecast accurate? If not, in what ways was it surprising? What are the challenges facing your district? Perhaps you can share some of your success stories.

These reports will be the responsibility of the priest and he can assign delegates to present with him. It is strongly suggested that each district should have a district meeting where they compare the 2018 P-forms and D-forms with their current situation. In this way you can update your 15-year forecast to reflect a more accurate reality. This report should be no longer than 10 minutes per district and a one-page summary should be submitted to the AGEMI office, agemi@skeparchy.org, no later than Oct 23.

Just me, Fr. Ivan

Fr. Ivan Nahachewsky

Vice Chancellor and Vicar of Properties

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Theme: The Mystery of Confession

– Our Encounter with the Merciful Father



The Third Annual Walking Pilgrimage

Saturday, September 18th

9:00 am – 8:00 pm

From: Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of St. George (210 Avenue M South)

To: St. Volodymyr Chapel (25 km) Ukrainian Catholic Eparchial Park, Pike Lake

- Participation fee: \$15

Supported by the Annual Eparchial Appeal

Registration by September 16th to

uwitness2youth@skeparchy.org (Viktoriia Marko)

9:00 am – Divine Liturgy at St. George's Cathedral
9:45 am – Talk 1: Holy Mystery of Confession – the Gift of God's Mercy
10:15 am – Snack / Instructions
10:45 am – Walking
12:30 pm – Lunch / Talk 2: Our Preparation for the Mystery of Confession & Reconciliation
1:30 pm – Walking
3:30 pm – Snack / Talk 3: Exam of Conscience in the Light of Ten Commandments and the Seven Deadly Sins
4:15 pm – Walking
6:00 pm – Arrival at St. Volodymyr Chapel / Moleben
6:30 pm – Barbeque & Sharing
8:00 pm – Return to the Cathedral of St. George

Confessions will be available on our stops and during the Moleben.

Bring: good shoes, appropriate clothes, rosary, hand sanitizer, snack, lunch

Supper & water will be provided.



SEASON OF CREATION

From the Office of Human and Environmental Development Program

- Dr. Lesya Sabada, Coordinator

An Eastern Christian Point of View on the Season of Creation

"Where there is no vision, the people will perish" Proverbs 29:18

The ecological vision of the Eastern Church is grounded in the Biblical and Patristic understanding of the interrelation and reciprocity outlined in the five main points below:

- 1) Creation is an ecological order involving unity, diversity, interdependence, hierarchy, and harmony.
- 2) Human nature is both integrally part of the order of creation, and at the same time, there is something in our nature - our Divine image – that transcends the created order, making us both responsible for creation as priests and stewards and dependent upon it in our kinship with all life.
- 3) The nature of the relationship of human nature with the order of nature is one of dynamic reciprocity; that is, what humans are and what humans do is central to sustaining or the destruction of order and harmony in nature.
- 4) Metanoia – change of heart followed by a change of life is key to all earth keeping and care for creation. If human nature is integral to the order of nature, then disorder in nature can be restored only by order in human beings.
- 5) The human energy that creates, sustains, and restores order in nature is the energy of sacrificial love, grounded in *ascesis* – self-discipline.

Links:

- [Season of Creation 2021 Calendar & Info>>](#)
- [Season of Creation Prayer Guide>>](#)
- [Season of Creation Educational Kit>>](#)
- [Season of Creation Action Guide>>](#)

**SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
FEAST OF THE BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS**



Icon of the Nativity of the Theotokos----September 8th

Hail Theotokos!

We shall never cease to hymn to you as one
should, O Theotokos, and say: Hail, O Bride
and Maiden ever-pure!
Hail, O you, through whom Joy will shine forth!
Hail, O you, through whom the curse will
disappear!
Hail, O Restoration of the Fallen Adam!
Hail, O Redemption of the Tears of Eve!
Hail, O Peak above the reach of human thought!
Hail, O Depth even beyond the sight of angels.
Hail, O you who have become a Kingly Throne!
Hail, O you who carry Him Who Carries All!
Hail, O Star who manifest the Sun!
Hail, O Womb of the Divine Incarnation!
Hail, O you through whom creation is renewed!
Hail, O you through whom the Creator becomes
a Babe!
Hail, O Bride and Maiden ever-pure!

And why do we cry, "Alleluia"
Hail, O hidden Sense of the Ineffable Plan!
Hail, O Belief in Silence That Must Be!
Hail, O Forecast of the Marvels of Christ!
Hail, O Fountainhead of truths concerning Him!
Hail, Celestial Ladder, by whom God came
down!
Hail, O Bridge leading earthly ones to heaven!
Hail, O Wonder, ever-thrilling to the angels!
Hail, O Wound, ever-hurting to the demons!
Hail, O you who gave birth to Light ineffably!
Hail, O you who told no one how it was done!
Hail, O you who surpass the wisdom of the wise!
Hail, O you who enlighten faithful minds!
Hail, O Bride and Maiden ever-pure!

From the Akathist to the Theotokos