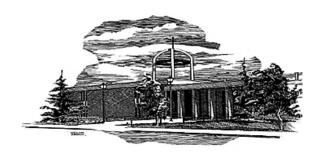
### Sunday, November 7, 2021



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

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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

E-mail: kevin@osac.ca

Seniors' Club President – Angie Lawryk

Ultimate A&B Youth - Lesia Lazurko

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

ROSARY: Sunday – 9:10 a.m. (livestreaming)

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

Weekday Liturgies - as scheduled

**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.

St. John Paul II Syro-Malabar Parish – Fr. Daris Cherian E-mail: daris.cherian@gmail.com

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Parish Council Trustee – Arun Raj Phone: (306-515-1987) E-mail: <a href="mailto:rajarunpaul@gmail.com">rajarunpaul@gmail.com</a>

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Effective Friday, September 17, The Government of Saskatchewan announced Mandatory Masking for all indoor Public Spaces.

- **❖** Mask is mandatory in church
- **❖** Self-Screen using the COVID-19 Health Screening Questionnaire prior to entering facilities.
- Practice good hand hygiene.
- Stay home when sick and return when you are healthy.

OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, Saskatchewan government has implemented a proof of vaccination requirement in public places. Places of worship **DO NOT** require proof of vaccination.

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

#### TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TROPAR (Tone 7): By Your cross You destroyed death; You opened Paradise to the thief; You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy, and charged the apostles to proclaim that You are risen, O Christ, our God, offering great mercy to the world.

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

Amen!

KONDAK (Tone 7): No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold humanity, for Christ went down shattering and destroying its powers. Hades is bound. The prophets exult with one voice. The Savior has come for those with faith, saying: "Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!"

PROKIMEN (Tone 7): The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

VERSE: Bring to the Lord, O you sons of God; bring to the Lord young rams.

EPISTLE: A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians (2:14-22)

Brothers and Sisters: It is Christ who is our peace, and who made the two of us one by breaking down the barrier of hostility that kept us apart. In his own flesh he abolished the law with its commands and precepts, to create in himself one new man from us who had been two and to make peace, reconciling both of us to God in one body through his cross, which put that enmity to death. He came and "announced the good news of peace to you who were far off, and to those who were near"; through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. This means that you are strangers and aliens no longer. No, you are fellow citizens of the saints and members of the household of God. You form a building which rises on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone. Through him the whole structure is fitted together and takes shape as a holy temple in the Lord; in him you are being built into this temple, to become a dwelling place for God in the Spirit.

ALLELUIA VERSE: It is good to give praise to the Lord; and to sing in Your name, O Most High.

To announce Your mercy in the morning and Your truth every night.

#### **GOSPEL:** (Luke 8:41-56)

At that time, a man named Jairus, who was chief of the synagogue, came up and fell at Jesus' feet, begging that he come to his home because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying. As Jesus went, the crowds almost crushed him. A woman with a hemorrhage of twelve years' duration, incurable at any doctor's hands, came up behind him and touched the tassel on his cloak. Immediately her bleeding stopped. Jesus asked, "Who touched me?" Everyone disclaimed doing it, while Peter said, "Lord, the crowds are milling and pressing around you!" Jesus insisted, "Someone touched me, I know that power has gone forth from me." When the woman saw that her act had not gone unnoticed, she came forward trembling. Falling at his feet, she related before the whole assemblage why she had touched him and how she had been

instantly cured. Jesus said to her, "Daughter, it is your faith that has cured you. Now go in peace." He was still speaking when a man came from the ruler's house with the announcement, "Your daughter is dead; do not bother the Teacher further." Jesus heard this, and his response was: "Fear is useless, what is needed is trust and her life will be spared." Once he had arrived at the house, he permitted no one to enter with him except Peter, John, James and the child's parents. While everyone wept and lamented her, he said, "Stop crying for she is not dead but asleep." They laughed at him, being certain she was dead. He took her by the hand and spoke these words: "Get up, child." The breath of life returned to her and she got up immediately; whereupon he told them to give her something to eat. Her parents were astounded, but he ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.

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

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE November 8 - November 14, 2021

Monday, November 8 - Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the Other Bodiless Powers of Heaven; <u>Hebrews 2:2-10</u>; <u>Luke 10:16-21</u>

6:30p.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Catechism

**Tuesday, November 9 -** The Holy Martyrs Onisiphorus and Porphyry (456-474); Our Venerable Mother Matrona (456-74); the Venerable Theoctista of Lesbos; <u>2 Thessalonians 1:10-2:2</u>; <u>Luke 12:42-48</u> **10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy** for the repose of the soul of Anne Turta, requested by Doris Gordon, *livestreaming* 

Wednesday, November 10 - The Holy Apostles Erastus, Olympus, Rodion and those with them; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12; Luke 12:48-59

**10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy and Panakhyda** for +Bill, +David & +Cornell Lukey, requested by Phyllis Lukey, *livestreaming* 

**Thursday, November 11** - The Holy Martyrs Menas, Victor and Vincent (138-61); Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theodore the Studite (826); <u>2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5</u>; <u>Luke 13:1-9</u> **10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy** for repose of the soul of Josephine Mackow, requested by Harry Mackow, followed by **PANAKHYDA for the "fallen soldier" –** *livestreaming* 

Friday, November 12 - The Holy Priest-Martyr Josaphat, Archbishop of Polotsk (1623); Passing into Eternal Life (1950) of Blessed Hryhoriy (Gregory) Lakota, Auxiliary Bishop of Peremyshl and Confessor; Hebrews 4:14-5:10; John 10:9-16

No service scheduled

**Saturday, November 13** - Our Holy Father John Chrysostom (the Golden-Mouthed), Archbishop of Constantinople (407); Hebrews 7:26-8:2; John 10:9-16 **No service scheduled** 

Sunday, November 14 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 8; The Holy and All-Praiseworthy Apostle Philip; Polyeleos Feast. Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 10:25-37;

9:10 a.m. Rosary livestreaming

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

POPE's PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER: Universal Intention – People who suffer from depression. We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them to life.

#### **NOVEMBER FOOD BANK ITEM - CANNED VEGETABLES**

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November 7	Mark & Karen Woitas
November 14	Carl & Linda Korchynski
November 21	Kevin Korchinski & Len Markewich
November 28	Maggie Stephen & Bernice Bzdell



SUNDAY COFFEE: Do you enjoy socializing after Sunday Liturgy? There is a need to have people volunteer each Sunday. Please, help when you can. Also, there is still the need for someone to chair the Sunday coffee duties. If you have questions about what is involved, please speak to Linda Korchynski.

#### **COATS FOR KIDS**



Help keep kids warm this winter by donating gently used winter items or contact a K of C Brother to give a monetary donation for new coats.





Catholic men are invited to join the Knights of Columbus, with a free 12-month membership available for those who join online at <a href="https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html">https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html</a> Service and charity are at the heart of the Knights of Columbus. Founded to meet the needs of immigrants, refugees and families suffering from the death of a breadwinner, the Knights began as a small service organization and has grown into a worldwide

financial and charitable organization. The Knights of Columbus is a "Catholic, Family, Fraternal Service Organization" that includes charitable service and financial aid to communities, parishes, families and

members. Contact the Knights of Columbus council in your local parish for more information or see: <a href="https://kofcsask.com">https://kofcsask.com</a>

The Marian Centre continues to serve it's lunch meals as a carry out and to respond to requests for clothing, personal hygeine and other items at the door. Sadly, our hoped for re-opening of our dining room is once again delayed for the foreseeable future because of the Covid pandemic. We continue to be very grateful for muffins, cookies, snacks and other items required for our bagged lunches. Presently, we are making 130 lunches which are much appreciated by those who come to us, many on a daily basis. Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers for our work!



Once again, our Monday night catechism children will be collecting bottles, cans, milk/juice cartons during the month of October and the first two weeks in November. Proceeds will go to our friends at the Baby Jesus Orphanage in Ukraine to help them have a Merry Christmas. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. Sr. Georgia SSMI has been asked to get an update on the number of children at the orphanage and hopefully that will follow soon. Please call Karen Woitas at 306.775.0667 for pick up. Thank you so much for your continued support of our catechism children.



## Speaking Grief

Speers Funeral Chapel, along with community partners Caring Hearts and Fox Valley Counselling

Are pleased to present a screening of the documentary Speaking Grief

This one-hour documentary touches on the many aspects of grief and addresses how we can more meaningfully talk about grief and support those in our lives walking a path of grief; essentially all of us!

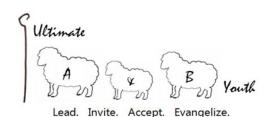
Discussion panel and refreshments to follow.

Please join us on Tuesday Nov. 16, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

At the Speers Family Centre, 2333 Cornwall St.Regina, Saskatchewan Please call 306-522-3232 to register your attendance

## ATTENTION YOUTH (GRADES 7-12)!

Here's what you need to know about our next event!



Who: You and your friends

**What:** In keeping with our theme of Awaken, we will be awakening our competitive spirits with some football inspired activities (i.e., Bible Bowl).

You are encouraged to wear your favorite football jersey!

**When/Where**: Friday, November 19, 2021 from 7:15-9:15pm at St. Basil's Parish Centre

Why: To gather, have fun and get to know each other!

Have questions? Want to RSVP? Email Lesia at ultimateaandb@hotmail.com.



**Charity Event "Package of Kindness"** 

It is never too early or too late to do charity and good things. With all of our open hearts and kind souls, Regina Ridna Shkola students would like to collect some clothes, shoes, school supplies, candies or chocolates, and toys for the Ukrainian children that lost their fathers in the war in Ukraine (those kids are 2-14 years old). We also will be in need of some cash donations to send all the packages to Ukraine to all those children to have a wonderful St. Nicholas day.

The charity will last for almost one and a half months. We already set up 5 boxes at UNF hall in Regina, ad-

dress: 1737 St. John St. You can bring your donations every Saturday, starting on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 10:00am till 1:00pm (things do not need to be expensive, but need to be new).

#### **Food Bank Donation**



Along with the donations for Ukrainian children we also would like to do charity in Canada. Dedicated to Holodomor Memory Day that is in the end of November we would like to make donations for Regina Food Bank to help people that are in need of food in memory of Ukrainians who were starving and struggling with hunger in 1932-1933. The bin for the food from Regina Food Bank would be set up in UNF hall as well.

For more information, please, contact Svitlana Kenyuk – (639) 571-

3447 or Father Vasyl Tymishak - (306) 519-9030.

NOTICE: Although though there are no restrictions on numbers who can attend church services, some people are not comfortable in group settings, therefore we continue our livestreaming of services. Our parish expenses continue and it would be very much appreciated if you could continue to support 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.

October 31: 26 Sunday donation envelopes - \$870;1 Building Fund envelope- \$100; 1 World Mission envelope - \$20; 3 Visitor envelopes - \$60; Loose change - \$30.

E-Transfers: 6 Sunday donations - \$1025.



## "SHARE THE SPIRIT" 50/50 LOTTERY DRAW (Lottery License - #LR21-0081)

The Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan (UCFSASK) will again be conducting a "Share the Spirit" 50/50 Lottery Draw. The draw date will be made on Friday, December 3, 2021, 2:00 pm at 214 Avenue M S, Saskatoon SK.

The ticket price will be \$20.00 per ticket. The ticket distribution will be as follows:

- 50% or \$10.00 of each ticket sold will go to the winner of the lottery draw
- 25% or \$5.00 of each ticket sold will go to a Parish/Mission or designated Eparchial Organization named on each ticket by the ticket purchaser as the "Parish/Mission or Eparchial Organization Designation".
- 25% or \$5.00 of each ticket sold will go to UCFSASK
- Total number of tickets available for sale: 13,750
- Total maximum prize value: \$137,500.00

This "Share the Spirit" Lottery will provide the Faithful of the Eparchy an opportunity to participate in a 50/50 Lottery Draw; to support their favorite Ukrainian Catholic Parish/Mission or the designated Eparchial Organization in the Eparchy of Saskatoon; and, to assist UCFSASK in promoting the cultural, social, educational, and spiritual initiatives, policies, and objectives of the Eparchy of Saskatoon among Ukrainian Catholics in the Province of Saskatchewan.

Very shortly each Parish Family in the Eparchy will receive a package containing information concerning this lottery draw and tickets for purchase. Please check your mailbox for your package.

Please consider the purchase of the 50/50 Lottery Ticket, and help support a Parish/Mission, or a designated Eparchial Organization and UCFSASK. We thank you graciously and humbly ask for your support. The winner of the 2020 "Share the Spirit – 50/50 Lottery draw won \$32,900. (2019 - \$29,220; 2018 - \$29,440).

For more information on the Lottery, please contact the Foundation office at (306) 653-0138, ext. 223 (collect).

If you want more detailed information on the "Share the Spirt" 50/50 Lottery, please visit the USCFSASK Website at <a href="https://www.ucfsask.org">www.ucfsask.org</a>.

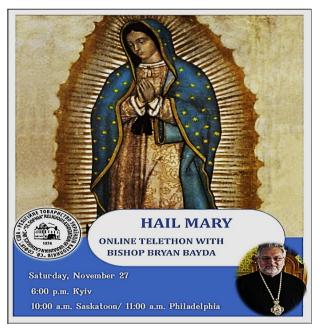
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#### HAIL MARY

Online Telethon with Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSsR Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am –

(Saskatchewan Time)

Join us in veneration of the Mother of God on the 490th Anniversary of her apparitions on Tepeyac Hill in Mexico, which took place between December 9-12, 1531. Today she is known as "Our Lady of Guadalupe".

The telethon brings together members of the ESL Youth Ministry and Courses of Christian Animators in Ukraine, and Youth & Young Adults of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of

Saskatoon. To register please contact: Viktoria Marko @ <u>uwitness2youth@skepar</u> chy.org by November 20<sup>th</sup>



## UKRAINIAN STILTS THEATRE

We are the Youth and Young Adults of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon and our goal is:

- to promote Ukrainian culture and dance on stilts;
- to build a unique Catholic youth community;
- to gain physical & spiritual balance;
- to inspire you to join us!

Are you intrigued? Learn more about us & join us!

Instragram"@blossoming\_in\_christ; e-mail: <u>uwitness2youth@skeparchy.org</u> Generously supported by:











Hromada Legacy Fund of Saskatchewan; St. George's Senior Citizen's Centre; Les Lang – stilt construction;

Viktor Taran – Ательє-Салон "Вишиванка" (Ukraine) – costume creator popelushka78@gmail.com / www.facebook.com/viktor.taran.733

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## UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF SASKATCHEWAN GRANT FUND PROGRAM

Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan (UCFSask) is now considering applications for grants from the Grant Fund Program. The Foundation is looking for applications from Parishes/Missions and approved Eparchial Organizations for projects/initiatives that align with the Foundation's mission and purpose. In addition, grant allocations will also be guided by the recommendations for action from the Eparchial 2014 SOBOR Document – The Vibrant Parish.

To receive this grant money, Parishes/Missions or Eparchial Organizations will be required to complete a grant application form. The application form is available under the "**Grants**" tab on the Foundation's website at <a href="https://www.ucfsask.org">www.ucfsask.org</a>. More detailed information concerning the grant fund, and the guidelines under which grants will be considered is also available under the "**Grants**" tab on the website.

Parishes/Missions or Eparchial Organizations wishing to apply for a grant should complete and submit their "grant application form", to the Foundation Office by 5:00pm **November 15, 2021** 

If more information or clarification is required, please contact the UCFSask office at:

(306) 653-0138, ext 223 or email at <a href="mailto:admin@ucfsask.org">admin@ucfsask.org</a>, or go to our website at <a href="mailto:www.ucfsask.org">www.ucfsask.org</a> where the criteria for grant funding and the grant application form is located under the "GRANTS" caption.



## Employment Opportunity Eparchy of Saskatoon – Communications Coordinator Full-time (40 hours per week)



The Eparchy of Saskatoon is accepting applications for a Permanent Full-time Communications Coordinator position, (40 hours per week, flex time). Safeguarding Protocols will be required, including Criminal Record Check, (prior to interview), and Covenant of Care Training for the successful applicant. Duties will commence on January 4, 2022. Please submit any inquiries and application with a cover letter and resume to admin.skeparchy@sasktel.net by 4:30 p.m., Monday, November 15, 2021. Summary and Accountability:

Under the direction of the Bishop, or his designate, the Communication Coordinator works in ensuring that our Eparchy, Ministries and Organizations are made more visible to our Ukrainian Catholic community, both locally, nationally and internationally, through the development and maintenance of our Eparchial websites, Social Media, communication of materials and resources to our clergy, parish offices, communication reps and organizations, ensuring that information is shared and accessible, and to continue to develop better communication networks throughout our Eparchy.

#### Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Providing support and assistance to and maintaining relationships with the Eparchial Communications Network –
  Eparchial ministries, staff, clergy, parishes, communication reps and organizations; focusing on community engagement
  and organizational communications
- Co-ordinate the flow of information to the faithful of the Eparchy through bulletin notices, inserts and e-mails
- Designing/Coordinating notices as required by the Bishop or his designate
- A ssisting in gathering, verifying, and distributing Eparchial policies/standards, communiqués, activities, and information
- Preparing and distributing Eparchial press and media releases
- Providing consultation, advice and guidance on media / public relations matters to the Bishop and to Eparchial staff
- Maintain familiarity with clergy and parishes in our Eparchy and networking contacts throughout the province (i.e., other Eparchies, RC Dioceses, Catholic School Boards, etc.)
- Development and growth of our Eparchial website (skeparchy.org), and the continual updating of information, news, and
  events and for the websites for Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan (ucfsask.org) and Youth and Young
  Adults (UCYA)
- · Prioritizing the items submitted for the Eparchial websites and responding to requests from outside parties for articles
- Maintaining regular back-up and updates of the Eparchial website and the websites for UCFSASK, UCYA and FLO
  (Family and Life Office)
- Reviewing and compiling statistical data of public usage of our websites
- · Overseeing the posting of relevant, original, high-quality content for the Eparchial social media channels
- Overseeing the graphics for the Eparchy's social media channels' cover, profile pic, etc.
- Analyzing the social media presence of similar organizations; creating a publishing schedule that maximized content impact
- · Monitoring and responding to online reviews
- Monitoring trends in social media tools, applications, channels, design, and strategy.
- Developing and expanding community outreach efforts through social media by providing social media support to the
  parishes and organizations of the Eparchy
- Acquire and maintain resources appropriate to the activities of the office
- · Implementing ongoing education to remain highly effective
- · Provide reports showing results as requested.
- · Maintain compliance with all Eparchy policies and procedures



## **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 (<a href="https://www.skeparchy.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Eparchial-Safeguarding-Policy-Final-Version-06-October-01-2020.pdf">https://www.skeparchy.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Eparchial-Safeguarding-Policy-Final-Version-06-October-01-2020.pdf</a>) defines positions of trust as follows:

A 'trust' position will include those:

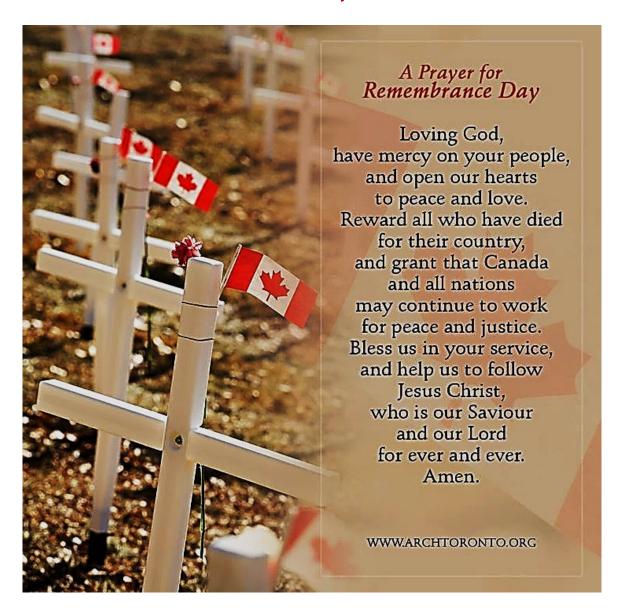
- working in an unsupervised setting where ministry, food, transportation or other necessities could be provided to minors and/or vulnerable adults,
- having access to confidential information, and/or
- being entrusted with control of keys, church property and money.

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 shutins.

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: <a href="https://www.skepar-chy.org/wordpress/about-us/policies-and-procedures/eparchial-safeguarding-policy-covenant-of-care-electronic-communication-and-technology-abuse-and-misconduct-policy/">https://www.skepar-chy.org/wordpress/about-us/policies-and-procedures/eparchial-safeguarding-policy-covenant-of-care-electronic-communication-and-technology-abuse-and-misconduct-policy/</a>

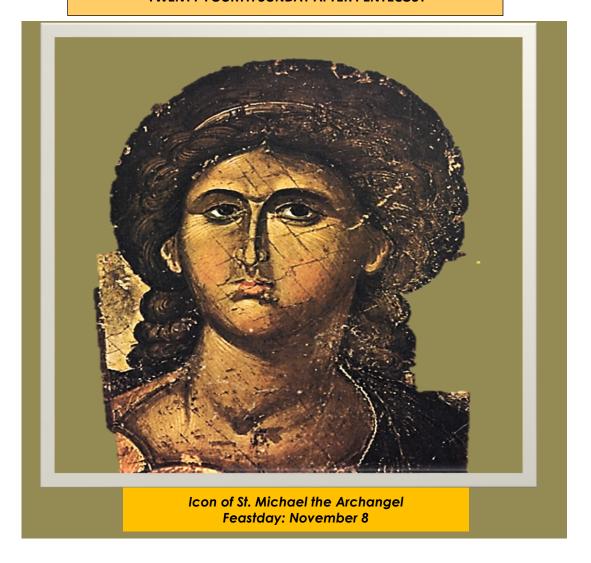
Send your completed training Registration Form to Deborah Larmour at: <a href="mailto:covenan-tofcare@skeparchy.org">covenan-tofcare@skeparchy.org</a>

# REMEMBERANCE DAY NOVEMBER 11, 2021





#### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



#### **OPEN THE GATES OF HOLINESS**

An artist painted a well known picture of Jesus which shows Him, lantern in hand, knocking on the door of a house, seeking admission. The artist pictured the house without a latch on the outside of the door. The house was symbolic. It represented the heart of a person and the door to it can be opened only from the inside. This leaves Jesus hopelessly outside in the elements if the occupant refuses Christ entry.

To shut the door of our hearts is to shut out Christ. "Lift up your heads, O gates, and be lined up eternal gates, and the King of Glory will enter." "Open for Me the gates of holiness." Jesus visits with love all those who hear and respond to His knock. He brings with Him the riches and joy of His grace. He brings a spiritual light that will shine and illumine the minds and souls of those who seek His presence.

St. Augustine tells us, "Awake, mankind! God has become man. Awake, you who sleep; rise up from the dead, and Christ will enlighten you. I tell you again; for your sake God became man. You would have suffered eternal death, had He not been born in time. Never would you have been freed from sinful flesh, had He not taken on Himself the likeness of sinful flesh. You would have suffered everlasting unhappiness, had it not been for His mercy. You would never have returned to life, had He not shared your death. You would have been lost, if He had not hastened to your aid. You would have perished had He not come." Therefore, open the doors of our hearts and welcome Christ.