



Sunday, January 2, 2022

**ST. ATHANASIUS UKRAINIAN
CATHOLIC CHURCH
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ROSARY: Sunday – 9:10 a.m. (livestreaming)

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

Weekday Liturgies – as scheduled

Confessions before every Divine Liturgy & Week Day Liturgies – As per the schedule

MEMBERSHIP AT ST. ATHANASIUS 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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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 1ST, Saskatchewan government has implemented a proof of vaccination requirement in public places. Places of worship **DO NOT** require proof of vaccination.

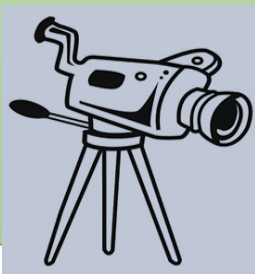
Welcome to all visitors and parishioners who are celebrating the Liturgy with us today. All are invited to the auditorium for coffee, juice, cookies and socializing.

CHRIST IS BORN! LET US GLORIFY HIM!

ХРИСТОС РОЖДАЄТЬСЯ! СЛАВІМО ЙОГО!

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>

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

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 forever 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 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 Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy (4: 5-8)

Timothy my son! Be steady and self-possessed; put up with hardship, perform your work as an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. I for my part am already being poured out like a libation. The time of my dissolution is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race. I have kept the faith. From now on a merited crown awaits me, on that Day the Lord, just judge that he is, will award it to me -- and not only to me, but to all who have looked for his appearing with eager longing.

ALLELUIA VERSE: May God have pity on us and bless us.

May he let his face shine upon us.

GOSPEL: Mark 1: 1-8

Here begins the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In Isaiah the prophet it is written: "I send my messenger before you to prepare your way; a herald's voice in the desert, crying, 'Make ready the way of the Lord, clear him a straight path.' Thus, it was that John the Baptizer appeared in the desert, proclaiming a baptism of repentance which led to the forgiveness of sins. All the Judean countryside and the people of Jerusalem went out to him in great numbers. They were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, and wore a leather belt around his waist. His food was grasshoppers and wild honey. The theme of his preaching was: "One more powerful than I, is to come after me. I am not fit to stoop and untie his sandal straps. I have baptized you in water; he will baptize you in the Holy Spirit."

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

Instead of "*Blessed is He who comes...*", "*We have seen the true light...*", and "*Blessed be the name...*", #130 *Vyflejemi Dnes' Marija / In Bethlehem This Day*

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE January 3 – January 9, 2022

Monday, January 3, 2022 - Pre-feast of Theophany; the Holy Prophet Malachi (5th c. BC); the Holy Martyr Gordius (313-24). [Hebrews 3:5-11](#), [17-19](#); [Luke 20:27-44](#)

No catechism. No service scheduled

Tuesday, January 4, 2022 - Pre-feast of Theophany; Synaxis of the Seventy Holy Apostles; Our Venerable Father Theoctistus, Hegumen of the Cucomo Monastery in Sicily. [Hebrews 4:1-13](#); [Luke 21:12-19](#)

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for the repose of the soul of Sylvester Michaluk, 40 days memorial, requested by John & Louise Makuch - **livestreaming**

Wednesday, January 5, 2022 - Theophany Eve; It is a day of fast and abstention from meat and foods that contain meat.

7:00 p.m. – The Great Blessing of the Water, distribution of Holy Water - **livestreaming**

Thursday, January 6, 2022 - The Holy Theophany of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ Feast of our Lord. Holy Day of Obligation. [Titus 2:11-15](#); [3:4-7](#); [Matthew 3:13-17](#)

10:00 a.m. Theophany Divine Liturgy, distribution of holy water at St. Athanasius – **livestreaming**
4:30 p.m. Theophany Divine Liturgy and blessing of Water in Moose Jaw

Friday January 7, 2022 - The Nativity in the Flesh of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ – Christmas by Julian Calendar; [Galatians 4:4-7](#); [Matthew 2:1-12](#)

7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy in Ukrainian - **livestreaming**

Saturday, January 8, 2022 - Saturday after Theophany; Our Venerable Father George the Chosebite (610-41); Our Venerable Mother Dominica (474-91); and Emilian the Confessor [Ephesians 6:10-17](#); [Matthew 4:1-11](#)

No service scheduled

January 9, 2022 - Sunday after Theophany; Octoechos Tone 8; the Holy Martyr Polyeuctus (249-51) Matins Resurrectional Gospel 11. [Ephesians 4:7-13](#); [Matthew 4:12-17](#)

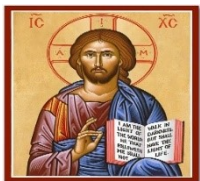
9:10 a.m. Rosary **livestreaming**

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy for the faithful and UCWLC Service Awards – **livestreaming**

2:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy in Chaplin, Theophany Blessing of the Water and homes

POPE's PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY: For true human fraternity – We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

JANUARY FOOD BANK ITEM – Rice



2022 Julian and Gregorian Calendars are available at the parish. We have a limited amount of calendars therefore we encourage one calendar per family. If you know of someone who is in a care home or is not comfortable to attend church but would like a calendar, please do not hesitate to take a calendar for them.



BLESSING OF HOMES: The blessing of homes begins in January after the Feast of Holy Theophany and is carried out until February 2nd. By His Baptism in the river Jordan, Christ sanctified the waters. It is at this time of year that sanctification is brought to our homes, to us and to our loved ones. We keep this tradition of having our homes blessed by our Parish Priest every year in faith that God blesses all of us during this New Year with health and salvation.

Please call Fr. Vasyl at [306-519- 9030](tel:306-519-9030) to schedule your home blessing.



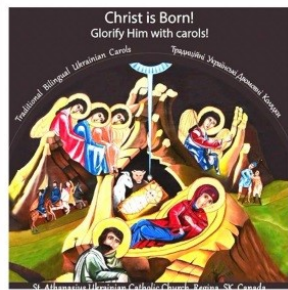
2022 SUNDAY DONATION ENVELOPES are available for pick up during scheduled Divine Liturgy services or during office hours, Tuesday – Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please phone 306-543-8008 during office hours to arrange for pick up of your donation envelopes. If there is an error or if you did not receive a set of envelopes, please contact the office. Also, we would appreciate if you could include your e-mail address and any changes to your current address on your first donation envelope.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL TREE: Once again the memorial tree is set up in the front foyer. Christmas is a time to spend with loved ones, family and friends, and to remember those who are no longer with us in person but are with us in spirit. If you wish to donate, you may do so by placing your money and family names in the marked envelopes at the back of the church and then placed in the Sunday collection basket. E-Transfers are accepted, please indicate in the message field the names of the deceased member/members for whom you are donating. Fr. Vasyl will have the Panakhyda for all those departed family and friends on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. **(All funds received will be deposited into the St. Athanasius Building Fund).**



<div>  <div>JANUARY GREETERS</div>  </div>	
January 2, 2022	Len Markewich & Maggie Stephen
January 9	Mark & Karen Woitas
January 16	Carl & Linda Korchynski
January 23	Len Markewich & Kevin Korchinski
January 30	Maggie Stephen & Bernice Bzdell

Christmas CD “Christ is Born! Glorify Him with Carols” by St. Athanasius Choir,



Regina: Our Choir Christmas CD recorded in 2020 by the St. Athanasius Choir are available at our parish. Enjoy traditional Ukrainian Christmas Carols sung in both Ukrainian and English! Join with us in your own homes in the carolling! Let's be together in Spirit this Holy Season! Please, contact us at <mailto:stathanasius@sasktel.net>

Here is an example of Carols: <https://st-athanasius.ca/nl/carols-cd-2020/>



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.

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Now that the Christmas rush is over, the Monday night catechism classes would just like to say a big thank you to all who donated their cans, bottles and any Sarcan returnable items, and to those who gave so generously monetarily. We raised \$1055.00 to send to our friends at the Child Jesus Orphanage. Sr. Georgia, SSMI, sent the gifts we purchased and with the left over monies she bought vitamins for the children, as she said it is hard to find good quality vitamins in Ukraine. Also thank you to all who stayed and watched our Saint Nicholas concert, we hope you enjoyed. Thank you to Saint Nicholas for the visit, to the UCBC for the treats and to all who helped make the concert a special day for our children.

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 stathandeposit@sasktel.net. PLEASE COMPLETE THE MESSAGE FIELD and DO NOT USE ALIAS NAMES WHEN SENDING AN E-TRANSFER DONATION.

DECEMBER 24: 9 Sunday donation envelopes - \$600; 2; 18 Christmas Offering envelopes - \$2335; 3 Building Fund envelopes - \$500; 3 Memorial Tree envelopes - \$270; 2 Christmas Flowers envelope - \$20; 5 Visitor envelopes - \$590; Loose Change - \$20; 1 CD donation - \$15.

DECEMBER 25 – 1 Sunday donation envelope - \$10; 4 Christmas Offering envelopes - \$110; Loose change - \$20.

DECEMBER 26 – 11 Regular Sunday envelopes - \$340; 3 Christmas Offering envelopes - \$80; 1 Building Fund envelope - \$20; 3 Visitor envelopes - \$420; 2 Memorial Tree envelopes - \$60; Loose Change - \$30.

E-Transfers – 4 Regular donations - \$680; 2 Christmas Offerings - \$70; 1 CD donation - \$100.



Ultimate A & B Youth Presents. . . A Youth “Lock-In” Retreat!

Are you in grades 7-12 and are looking to attend a 24-hour Lock-in Retreat?

Well now's your chance!

This year's lock-in takes place **Friday, January 28, 2022 @7pm to Saturday, January 29, 2022 @ 6pm** at **St. Basil's Parish Centre (1717 Toronto Street, Regina).**

This year's theme will be “Awaken”. Activities for the two days include: group activities, spiritual sessions, guest speaker, and so much more. Our guest speaker for this year is: Deacon Lamont Dyck.

The cost for the event will be \$10. This will cover all the meals and activities.

The registration deadline is **Sunday, January 23, 2022.** Upon registration, participants will receive a registration package that will include the following documents: registration form, waiver, media release, COVID-19 procedures, and a detailed schedule.

Note: We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and inform the participants registered of any changes. During the retreat, all participants and volunteers must follow the COVID-19 procedures set out. If there is a change in the current public health orders, we will re-consider our decision of a two-day event and maybe change to a one day event.

If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Lesia Lazurko (Ultimate A & B Youth Coordinator) at ultimateaandb@hotmail.com.



New Year Divine Liturgy “Entering the New Year with Christ, Our Lord”.

The Eparchial Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office is inviting young people, their families and everyone who wants to enter the New Year with Christ, Our Lord, to join in the New Year Divine Liturgy. It will be held on the Friday, December 31st at 11.00 pm at St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral. The service will also be livestreamed on Liturgy Live: <https://www.skeparchy.org/wordpress/livestream-ukrainian-catholic-cathedral-of-st-george/>

Come and join us in prayer!



We are very excited to hear that St. Michael's Camp at Madge Lake is having their Winter Camp this year for ages 9-15 from Feb 21-26th, 2022 at cost of \$300.

This camp has limited spots, therefore hurry up to register your children so they could spend fruitfully their February break with friends and God growing in faith and having fun. You will receive a confirmation email with a packing list and activity sheet once your registration is received. To register please email us at stmichaelscamp@sasktel.net. Activities include downhill skiing, cross-country skiing, skating, Madge Lake snow maze, snowshoeing, toboggining and much more winter fun!!

The camp is also looking for camp counsellors right now and a camp director. If you feel you would like to serve in this ministry, please let us know.



Christ is Born! Bishop Bryan, the clergy, and staff along with all the members of the Eparchy of Saskatoon wish to welcome Linden Predy as our new Communications/Social Media Coordinator effective January 4, 2022. We pray for health and success in his professional and personal endeavours. You will be in our prayers.



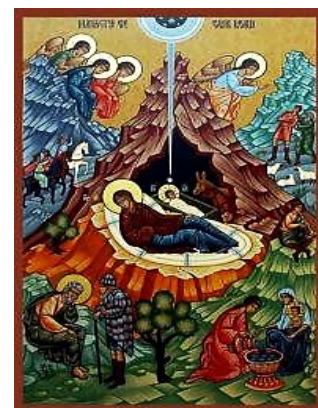
Chancery Office Hours over the Christmas Season



**Our Chancery Offices, Ukrainian Catholic Foundation Office and
Ukrainian Religious Education Centre (UCREC)
Hours during this Christmas Season:**

**Friday, December 24th: CLOSED Monday, December 27th: CLOSED Friday, December 31st: 9
am-12 noon Monday, January 3, 2022:
CLOSED**

Please visit our Eparchial website www.skeparchy.org for Christmas services throughout our parishes in our Eparchy



As we celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord, may the deep joy and peace of His birth be celebrated in your homes this Christmas. May the Blessing of Emmanuel fill your heart and the hearts of those in your family with joy and gladness this Christmas and strengthen you to witness for Christ in the New Year.

Eparchial Chancery Staff: Bishop Bryan Bayda CSsR,
Very. Rev. Janko Kolosnjaji - Vicar General, Chancellor,
Rev. Ivan Nahachewsky, Vicar of Eparchial Properties
Cornelia Kyba - Office Administrator, Joan Matlock - Archives,
Adrian Olenick - Finance Officer, Chris Pidwerbeski - Communications,
Deborah Larmour - Family & Life Office/Safeguarding Policy-Covenant of Care,,
Dr. Lesya Sabada - Human & Environmental Development Program
Nestor Halaitso - AGEMI Executive Secretary,
Morris Smysnuik - Foundation Office (UCFSASK), Executive Director,
Iris Owchar - Foundation Office (UCFSASK), Office Administrator, Sr.
Marijka Konderwicz, Sr. Bonnie Kormarnicki, Sr. Georgia Shchavil
Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate (SSMI)
- Ukrainian Catholic Religious Education Centre (UCREC)

Christ is Born!



Today, Bishop Bryan, the clergy, and staff along with all the members of the Eparchy of Saskatoon wish to thank and bid farewell to two wonderful ladies, who are leaving Eparchial employment on Dec 31, 2021, long time employees, Chris Pidwerbeski, Communications Coordinator and Laurie Friesen Social Media Coordinator, and formerly Eparchial Youth Minister. We wish the best of health and success to both of them as they move into new adventures. You will be in our prayers.



UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF SASKATCHEWAN GRANT FUND PROGRAM – 2021 DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

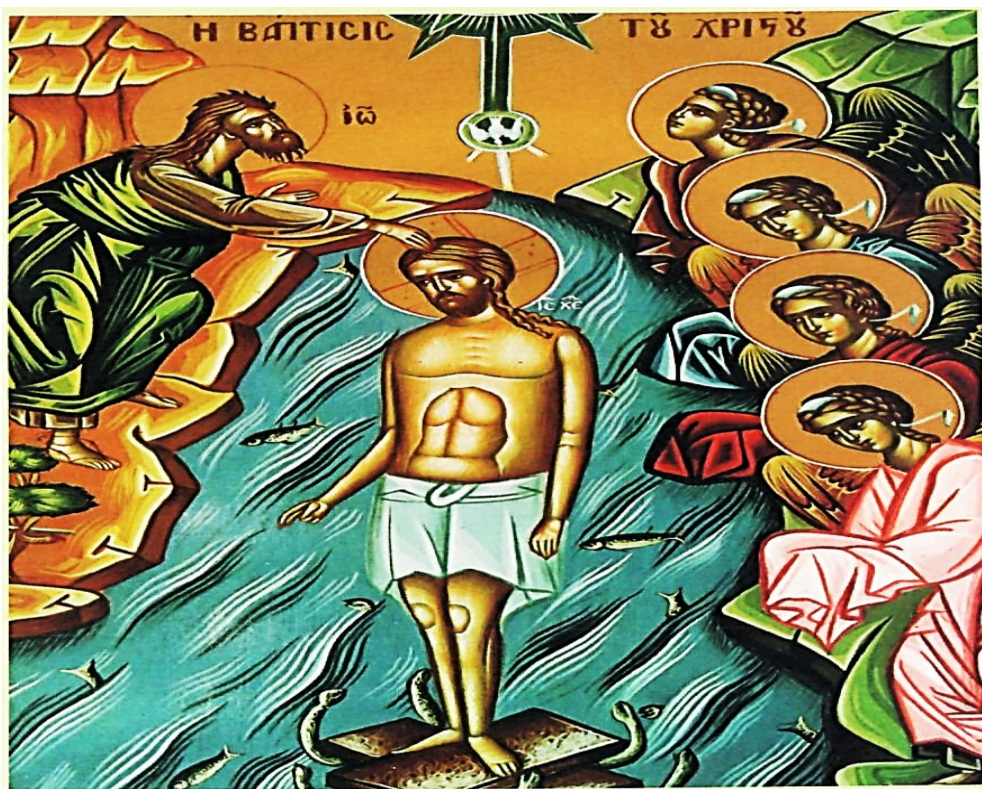
The Ukrainian Catholic Foundation Grant Fund was established from the proceeds of sale of the Sheptytsky Institute building. The investment income earned on this fund is distributed to Parishes/Missions or Eparchial Organizations for various initiatives to assist them in becoming “Vibrant Parishes/Missions/Organizations” within the Eparchy.

The amount of funds available for distribution in 2021 was **\$57,700**. The following is a list of Parishes receiving funding from the Grant Fund:

St. George’s Parish – Prince Albert (Hall Roof Repair)	\$7,500
Dormition of Blessed Mother of God – Saskatoon (Church Window Replacement)	\$5,000
Holy Spirit Parish – Orlow (Church Structure Repair)	\$2,100
St. George’s Cathedral – Saskatoon (Building Fire Code Repair)	\$3,000
SS. Peter & Paul - Bodnari (Church Building Repair)	\$3,500
Sacred Heart Parish – Vonda (Church Window Repair & Replacement)	\$2,500
Sacred Hear Parish – Wynyard (Office Equipment)	\$ 500
St. Demetrius Parish – Holar (Church Restoration Project)	\$5,000
St. John, the Baptist Parish – Arran Vesna (Cemetery Identification Plaque)	\$1,750
SS. Peter & Paul Parish Rama (Church Windows)	\$2,000
St. Athanasius Parish – Regina (Livestreaming Project)	\$1,800
St. Basil’s Parish – Regina (Security System)	\$7,000
St. Mary’s Parish – Yorkton (Post Monastery Demolition Project)	<u>\$16,050</u>
Total 2021 Grant Fund Distributed	<u>\$57,700</u>

For a complete and detailed information, please visit our website www.ucfsask.org. The list will be found under the “**Grants**” Tab, with caption of “2021 Grant Fund Program Distribution.”

Icon of Epiphany - January 6th



For You Too Everything Begins with this Water

Water makes the body clean, the Spirit makes the soul holy. It is in this way that we are able to draw near to God, since, while our body is being washed in the clean water, our heart is being purified by means of the Spirit. You who are about to go down into the baptismal water must not stop to consider the weakness of this visible element, since you will receive the strength of the Holy Spirit to enter into a new life. Without the two, the water and the Spirit, you would not be able to reach perfection. It is not I who am telling you this, but the Lord Jesus Christ who has power over these things. He says, in fact:

"No one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit (John 3:51). Look closely: "Of water and the Spirit." Those who wash in the water but do not receive the Spirit do not have the grace that can make them holy. On the other hand they cannot enter the kingdom unless they receive the water, the visible sign, made rich also in good works. This assurance will appear daring, however it is not mine: it was Jesus who spoke in that way. Let me give you an illustration from Holy Scripture.

Cornelius was a just man, proved so by his vision of angels, and he had won favor with God through his prayers and his alms. Peter came to him, and the Holy Spirit was poured out on the believers and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. After the gift of the Holy Spirit, according to the Scripture, Peter commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ so that while the soul was being born again through faith, the body might have its share of the gift through water (cf. Acts

10). If you want to know why it is by water and not by any other element that grace is given, consult the Scripture. Before the creation of the world "the Spirit of God moved upon the water" (Genesis 1 :2). Thus at the beginning of the world we have water: at the beginning of the Gospels, the River Jordon.