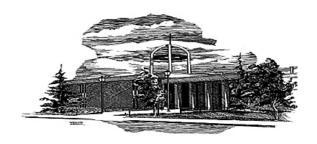
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UCWLC President – Iryna Baran UCBC President - Mark Woitas

Ultimate A&B Youth - Lesia Lazurko

Knights of Columbus - Curtis Stechyshyn, Grand Knight

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

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

DIVINE LITURGY: Bilingual: Sunday - 9:30 a.m. for the faithful. (*livestreaming*) DIVINE LITURGY in Ukrainian – the first Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Liturgies – as scheduled

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

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

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

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Welcome to all visitors and parishioners who are celebrating the Liturgy with us today. You are invited to celebrate our Saint Nicholas Feast Day.

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.

We have completed the installation of our security system for the parish complex and rectory. Please be advised there is 24 hour video coverage of the church facility and rectory.

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

	DECEMBER GREETERS	DECEMBER TABULATORS
Dec. 4	Kevin Korchinski/Len Markewich	Kevin Korchinski & John Dmyterko
Dec. 11	Carl & Linda Korchynski	Linda Korchynski & Art Wytrykush
Dec. 18	Maggie Stephen & Bernice Bzdell	Carl Korchynski & Cliff Rakochy
Dec. 24	Terry & Rosanne Miller	(Ushers) Walter Brigidear & Art Wytrykush
Dec. 25	Volunteers	(Ushers) Volunteers

DECEMBER ROSARY		DECEMBER READERS
Dec. 4	Glorious: Marianne Stadnyk	Marianne Stadnyk
Dec. 11	Luminous: John Makuch	John Makuch
Dec. 18	Byzantine Joyful: Karen Woitas	Karen Woitas
Dec. 24	Christmas Compline	Peter Federko
Dec. 25	Christmas Compline	Phyllis Lukey (Eng) Alla Tymishak (Ukr)

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

TWENTY - SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TROPAR (Tone 1): Though the stone was sealed by the Jews and soldiers guarded Your most pure body, You arose, O Savior, 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.

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

KONDAK (Tone 1): You arose in glory from the tomb and with Yourself You raised the world. All humanity acclaims You as God, and death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master, and Eve, redeemed now from bondage, cries out for joy: "You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all."

PROKIMEN (Tone 1): Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You. VERSE: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous.

EPISTLE: A reading from the letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians. (5: 8-19) Brothers and Sisters! Live as children of light. Light produces every kind of goodness and justice and truth. Be correct in your judgment of what pleases the Lord. Take no part in vain deeds done in darkness; rather, condemn them. It is shameful even to mention the things these people do in secret; but when such deeds are condemned they are seen in the light of day, and all that then appears is light. That is why we read: "Awake, O sleeper, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." Keep careful watch over your conduct. Do not act like fools, but like thoughtful men. Make the most of the present opportunity, for these are evil days. Do not continue in ignorance, but try to discern the will of the Lord. Avoid getting drunk on wine; That leads to debauchery. Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and inspired songs. Sing praise to the Lord with all your hearts.

ALLELUIA VERSES: God gives me vindication, and has subdued peoples under me.

Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His posterity for ever.

GOSPEL: Luke: 12: 16-21

At that time the Lord told this parable: "There was a rich man who had a good harvest. 'What shall I do?' he asked himself. 'I have no place to store my harvest. I know!' he said, 'I will pull down my grain bins and build larger ones. All my grain and my goods will go there. Then I will say to myself: You have blessings in reserve for years to come. Relax! Eat heartily, drink well. Enjoy yourself.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life shall be required of you. To whom will all this piled-up wealth of yours go?' That is the way it works with the man who grows rich for himself instead of growing rich in the sight of God."

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

POPE's PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER: For Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations. We pray that volunteer no-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

DECEMBER FOOD BANK ITEM – Baby Food

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE December 5 – December 11, 2022

Monday, **December 5 -** Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Sabbas the Sanctified (532) **Galatians 5:22-6:2; Matthew 11:27-30**

6:30 p.m. Emanuel Moleben and Children's Catechism

7:30 p.m. Benefit Messiah Concerts at Knox-Metropolitan United Church: 2340 Victoria Ave Regina to support orphanages in Ukraine

Tuesday, December 6 - Our Holy Father Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia [A day when the faithful are highly encouraged to participate in the Divine Liturgy]. Hebrews 13:17-21; Luke 6:17-23

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

7:30 p.m. Benefit Messiah Concerts at Knox-Metropolitan United Church: 2340 Victoria Ave Regina to support orphanages in Ukraine

Wednesday, December 7 - Our Holy Father Ambrose, Bishop of Milan (397) 1 Timothy 5:22-6:11; Luke 18:15-17, 26-30

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Thursday, December 8 - Our Venerable Father Patapius Nativity Fast. <u>1 Timothy 6:17-21;</u> Luke 18:31-34

No service scheduled - clergy day off

Friday, December 9 - The Conception of Saint Anna when she conceived the Most Holy Mother of God [A day when the faithful are highly encouraged to participate in the Divine Liturgy]. Galatians 4:22-31; Luke 8:16-21

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Christmas Youth Gathering at St. Athanasius

Saturday, December 10 - The Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes and Eugraphus. <u>Galatians</u> 5:22-6:2; Luke 10:19-21

No service scheduled

9 a.m. Pre-Christmas Church cleaning9 a.m. Covenant of Care training at St.BasilQuartet "Oremus "Practice

Sunday, December 11 - Sunday of the Holy Forefathers. <u>Colossians 3:4-11; Luke 14:16-</u>24

Confessions 8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. 9:10 a.m. Rosary – *livestreaming* 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy – *livestreaming* 11:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy in Ukrainian 12:45 p.m. Vertep practice 2 p.m. Choir practice

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.

November 27 Donations: 41 Regular Sunday envelopes - \$1225; 1 Building Fund envelope - \$20; 2 Christmas Flower envelopes - \$50; 2 Visitor envelopes - \$30; 1 Special Eparchy Aid to Ukraine envelope - \$100; 1 Aid to Ukraine envelope - \$20; Loose Change - \$51.

E-Transfer Donations: 2 donations - \$50.

PROPOSED PEROGY BEE DATES: It was confirmed at the last Parish Council Meeting that the parish would again undertake the making of perogies as a fund raiser for the parish. Order forms will be provided at a later date. Please come out to help if and when you can.

Monday, December 12: 6:00-7:30pm to peel potatoes, make some dough, and perhaps cook more onions

Tuesday, December 13: 9:00-1:00pm to cook potatoes, make dough, and make perogies Wednesday, December 14: 11:00am to bag perogies

Wednesday, December 21: 6:30-9:00pm pick up of perogies

Thank You!



DONATIONS FOR PONSEITTAS to decorate our church for Christmas are now being accepted. Please use either the specifically marked envelopes provided at the back of the church, etransfers, or include with your regular donations and indicate "Christmas flower donation".



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 Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. All funds received will be directed to purchase icons for the church.

General church cleaning will take place on Saturday, December 10, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Anyone that can come to help will be greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work. Sign up sheets are provided on the front foyer table. Thank you.

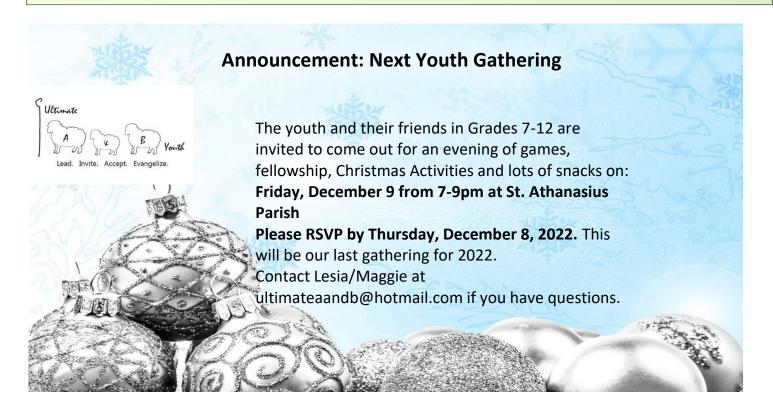
THEOPHANY SUPPER: Plans are now underway to have our annual Theophany supper. It will be held on Thursday, January 5, 2023, following the blessing of holy water at 5:00pm. Tickets will be on sale starting December 11, 2022, and MUST BE purchased or reserved by January 2, 2023. Ticket costs are \$20/adult, \$15/youth (6-12 years), and free for children under 6 years. To purchase or reserve your tickets, please see Rosanne after Liturgy or contact her at 306-543-5773.

PEROGY SALES: The perogies being made by the parish will be available for sale on Wednesday, December 21, from 6:30-9:00pm. The cost is \$12/2 dozen bag. Considering we have not had perogies for sale for quite some time, it would be appreciated if parishioners would purchase for themselves. After parishioners have had their orders filled, then the remaining perogies can be made available for outsiders. Order forms are available at the front entrance and can be returned to Rosanne Miller.

2023 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. Although you make your donations through e-transfers or are set up on pre authorized givings, the designated box of envelopes belong to you and we would like them picked up at your earliest convenience. Also, we would appreciate if you could include your e-mail address and any changes to your current address on your first donation envelope

Congratulations to the following winners of the 2022 St. Athanasius UCBC Grey Cup Pool.

1st Quarter prize of \$200.00 goes to Gordon Michayluk of Balcarres Sk. 2nd Quarter prize of \$200.00 goes to Suzanne Quesnel of Regina Sk 3rd Quarter prize of \$200.00 goes to Rob Baker of Regina Sk. Final Score prize of \$1,000.00 goes to Maggie Stephen of Regina Sk.





HELP TO UKRAINIANS ARRIVING IN REGINA: St. Athanasius Social Justice Committee want to hear from the Ukrainian Refugees who have arrived in Regina. The front desk at the church has envelopes addressed to Ukrainian Refugees. Inside of the envelope is a form to be completed with the items you may need such as clothing, household items, food etc. Once you have completed the form, please place your sealed envelope in the basket or give to Father Vasyl and the Social Justice Committee will be in contact with you. All forms completed will remain confidential.

DOPOMOHA: Donation Centre is located at 1660 Park Street for furniture, bedding and clothing, across the street clothing items at 1629 Park Street open from 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M., SATURDAY ONLY. Miscellaneous items at 3303 Grant Road, open from 3:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M., SATURDAY ONLY. Displaced Ukrainian refugees may shop at these locations, however, you need to register with UCC at 1860 Lorne Street, Office 106, Regina Sk. to get tickets for entry access.

To Donate Items such as new bedding, excellent condition furniture and winter outer wear clothing can be taken to at 1660 Park Street, SUNDAYS BETWEEN 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. Items such as new toiletries, cleaning supplies, tools, household items will be accepted at 3303 Grant Road, SUNDAYS BETWEEN 3:30 P.M. – 5:3



THIS CONTEST IS OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN AGES 5-14 ENTRY FORMS AND RULES LOCATED AT ST. BASIL'S AND ST. ATHANASIUS PARISHES THIS DATE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO DECEMBER 31, 2022



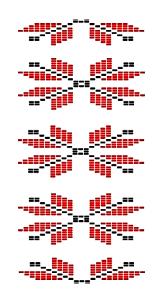
Christmas Sign-a-Long with Free Spirit

ST. PETER'S PARISH – 100 Argyle St. Sunday, December 11th, 2022 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. AND



Bake Sale sponsored by CWL

For more information regarding this event, please refer to the bulletin board in the auditorium.





Sunday December 4th Doors open at 1:30 performances at 2pm

Regina Performing Arts Centre 1077 Angus Street \$10 admission at the door Kids under 12 free

COATS FOR KIDS

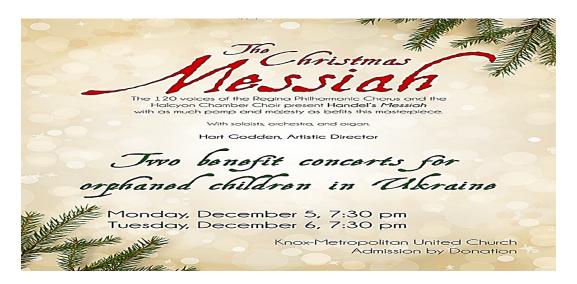


HELP KEEP KIDS AND THEIR FAMILIES WARM THIS WINTER. THIS YEARS CLOTHING WILL BE SPLIT BETWEEN THE NEW UKRAINIAN FAMILIES AS WELL AS LOCAL AND RURAL SCHOOL AGED KIDS.



PLEASE DONATE GENTLY USED WINTER ITEMS OR CONTACT A K OF C BROTHER TO GIVE A MONETARY DONATION FOR NEW COATS.





Benefit Concerts at Knox-Metropolitan United Church 2340 Victoria Ave Regina SK. to support orphanages in Ukraine through the Ukrainian Sisters of St. Joseph of Saskatoon. Proudly Supported by the Knights of Columbus Bishop Budka Council #5914

E-TRANSFER can be done to the following with a foot note of Orphanage <u>treasurer@stbmd.ca</u>
Cheques should be made out to "St. Basil's" with a foot note on the cheque of "ORPHANAGE". Cash donations are also welcome in a sealed envelope

Please make sure your full name and address is included with your donation Mailing address:

St. Basil's Ukrainian Catholic Parish 1747 Toronto Street Regina SK S4P 1M5

Tax receipts will be mailed out for your donations of \$20.00 or more. Corporate donations are also, most welcome. For more information please, contact Andrij Lazurko 306-533-2750 or email to andrijl@semc.ca.



"SHARE THE SPIRIT" 50/50 LOTTERY DRAW (Lottery License - #LR22-0081)

THANK YOU very much to all who have already purchased tickets in the "Share the Spirit" 50/50 Lottery Draw. The response to date has been great and at the time of this posting, the 50/50 WINNER'S SHARE was already at \$24,100 and growing daily. The winner of the 2021 "Share the Spirit" Lottery Draw received \$32,720 (2020-\$32,900; 2019 -\$29,220.00; 2018 -\$29,400.00).

There are only A FEW DAYS LEFT before the close of "Share the Spirit" 50/50 Lottery Draw. Do not hesitate, get your tickets now to ensure that you are included in the draw on <u>December 9th</u>, <u>2022.</u> You still have a great opportunity for a chance to win some extra cash for Christmas – AND, also financially help your Parish/Mission or designated Eparchial Organization.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE DRAW, PURCHASED TICKETS MUST BE AT OUR OFFICE BY DECEMBER 5^{TH} , 2022, 5:00PM

It is important to remember that under the Lottery License rules ALL tickets, SOLD OR UNSOLD, must be returned to the UCFSASK Office by December 5, 2022, 5:00pm. An enclosed postage paid envelope has been included with the package.

"Share the Spirit" 50/50 Lottery Draw Information

- Draw date: Friday, December 9th, 2022, 2:00pm at 214 Avenue M South, Saskatoon SK.
- Ticket Price: \$20.00 per ticket
- Total number of tickets available for sale: 13,750
- Total maximum prize value: \$137,500.
- Make cheques payable to UCFSask
- The Draw will be livestreamed with the link on our website at www.ucfsqsk.org

For more detailed information on the "Share the Spirit" 50/50 Lottery, please visit the UCFSASK Website at www.ucfsask.org.call the UCFSASK Office at 306-653-0138, ext 223.

Ivan's Inklings

Since I have started my internship, I have been asked various questions regarding various aspects of our faith, worship, etc. I will do my best to provide answers and information to these topics a section I will call Ivan's Inklings. To kick off, I will start with Baptism.

Baptism and immersion are the same word in two different languages, Greek and English. We are immersed in the mystery of Christ, who being the sinless one, washes away our sins. Therefore, the primary aspect of baptism is that we become part of the Church, a divine body with Christ at its head. The secondary aspect is the forgiveness of sins. By becoming part of a sinless body, our sins are then washed away.

But why did Christ get baptized?

Christ's baptism, to put it simply, prefigured His mission. His entrance into the water signifies His death. His exit from the water signifies His resurrection. Everything Christ does points to the renewal of all people and all creation. This is true for His parables, teachings, miracles, and any significant event in Christ's life such as baptism.

How do we get baptised?

In the early church baptism occurred by immersion because baptism means immersion. The physical immersion into the baptismal water helped point to the immersion into the mystery of Christ by visualizing it. Over time, the pouring of water became more popular, but it had to be water (not sand, sugar, ice, etc.). Some say that we lose the beautiful imagery of baptism as immersion when we opt to pour water.

What is with the oil?

There are two times we have oil put onto us. The first is called the oil of gladness, which is the oil of healing. Its best allusion is with the Ancient Roman wrestlers who were doused in oil to make it harder for the wrestlers to grasp each other. This is applied to the spiritual warfare. making it harder for the demons to grasp us, that is to loosen the grasp of the devil (hence the exorcism prayers at the beginning too). Applying this symbolism to the spiritual life it is akin to allowing us to slip away from the grasp of sin.

The second anointing is Chrismation (a.k.a. Confirmation in the West). Like at Christ's baptism, the Holy Spirit descended as a dove, so we too have the Holy Spirit descend on us, but rather than as a dove it is as oil. Chrismation then, marks us with citizenship in Christ's kingdom. In this action we receive the Holy Spirit Himself as a gift and become partakers of the Divine Life in its fullness through the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. What is with the white clothes and candles?

White is a colour of purity and light, symbolizing how Christ is our light. The candle points to keeping the faith alive in our hearts, in our families, and in the world. These elements also point to life and how life conquers death.

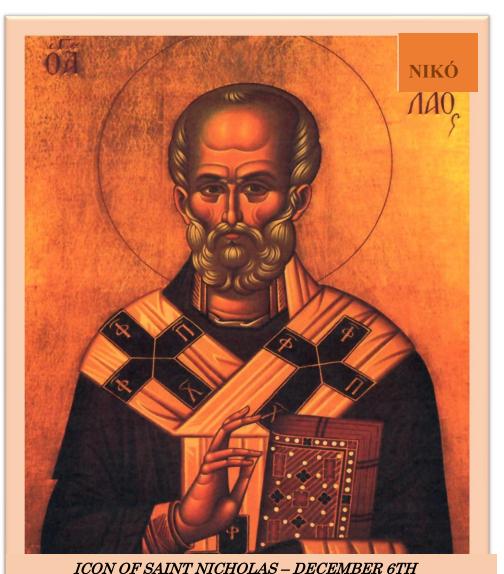
Why the Eucharist at baptism?

In the early church Baptism was done with adults at Pascha and encompassed three mysteries simultaneously. The first is baptism (the water part), the second is Chrismation (the 2nd oil anointing), and the third is the Eucharist (communion). As Baptism is often done outside the Divine Liturgy, baptism and Chrismation occur and the eucharist happens at the next Divine Liturgy.

Again, what does this all mean?

It means that we become immersed in Christ – His death & His resurrection – and that we are called to continue his mission in our little way by loving God and loving our neighbour.

Ivan Simko



The Legendary Saint Nicholas

The absence of the "hard facts" of history is not necessarily an obstacle to the popularity of saints, as the devotion to St. Nicholas shows. Both the Eastern and Western Churches honor him, and it is claimed that, after the Theotokos, he is the saint most pictured by Christian artists. And yet, historically, we can pinpoint only the fact that Nicholas was the fourth-century bishop of Myra, a city in Lycia, a province of Asia Minor.

As with many of the saints, however, we are able to capture the relationship which Nicholas had with God through the admiration which Christians have had for him - an admiration expressed in the colorful stories which have been told and retold through the centuries.

Perhaps the best-known story about Nicholas concerns his charity toward a poor man who was unable to provide dowries for his three

daughters of marriageable age. Rather than see them forced into prostitution, Nicholas secretly tossed a bag of gold through the poor man's window on three separate occasions, thus enabling the daughters to be married. Over the centuries, this particular legend evolved into the custom of gift-giving on the saint's feast. In the English-speaking countries, St. Nicholas became, by a twist of the tongue, Santa Claus - further expanding the example of generosity portrayed by this holy bishop.

The critical eye of modern history makes us take a deeper look at the legends surrounding St. Nicholas. But perhaps we can utilize the lesson taught by his legendary charity, look deeper at our approach to material goods in the Christmas season and seek ways to extend our sharing to those in real need.