



Sunday, December 17, 2023

**ST. ATHANASIUS UKRAINIAN
CATHOLIC CHURCH
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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 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. If you would like to become a registered member, please contact Fr. Vasyl or parish office.

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

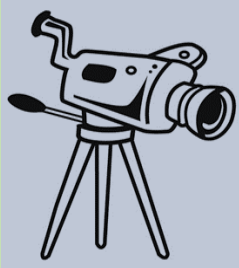
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Welcome to all visitors and parishioners who are celebrating the Liturgy with us today. Everyone is welcome to the auditorium for coffee, juice, cookies and socializing.



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 the 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>

December Greeters		December Ushers & Tabulators
Dec. 17	Carl & Linda Korchynski	Cliff Rakochy & Carl Korchynski
Dec. 24 9:30 a.m.	Maggie Stephen & Bernice Bzdell	Volunteers
Dec. 24 9:00 p.m.	Terry & Rosanne Miller	Walter Brigidear & Art Wytrykush
Dec. 25 10:00 a.m.	Carl & Linda Korchynski	Carl & Linda Korchynski
Dec. 31	Kevin Korchynski & Len Markewich	Walter Brigidear & Rosanne Miller

DECEMBER ROSARY		DECEMBER READERS
Dec. 17	Louise Makuch & Svitlana Zelenyi – <i>Byzantine Joyful Mysteries</i>	Louise Makuch
Dec. 24 9:30 a.m.	-----	Christine Hladky
Dec. 24 9:00 p.m.	Christmas Compline	Peter Federko
Dec. 25 10:00 a.m.	-----	Phyllis Lukey & Alla Goff
Dec. 31	Art Wytrykush & Mykola Perun – <i>Joyful Mysteries</i>	Art Wytrykush

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

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FOREFATHERS

TROPAR (Tone 4): When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection and cast off the ancestral condemnation, they proudly told the apostles: "Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen granting to the world great mercy."

TROPAR OF THE FOREFATHERS (Tone 2): O Christ, You have justified the forefathers by faith, thus forming through them the Church of the gentiles. These saints are glorified because the Virgin who bore You descends from them. O Christ God, through their prayers have mercy on us.

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

KONDAK OF THE FOREFATHERS (Tone 6): Armed with invisible power, you did not adore the idols made by human hands, O thrice-holy youths; strengthened by a power beyond words, you stood in the midst of a devouring fire and called upon God, saying, "Hasten, O merciful One, and speed to our help, for You are good and have power to do whatever you desire."

PROKIMEN (Tone 4): Blessed are you, and praiseworthy, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and glorious forever is your name.

VERSE: *For you are just in all you have done.*

EPISTLE: A reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Colossians (3: 4 - 11)

Brothers and Sisters! When Christ our life appears, then you shall appear with him in glory. Put to death whatever in your nature is rooted in earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desires, and that lust which is idolatry. These are the sins which provoke God's wrath. Your own conduct was once of this sort, when these sins were your very life. You must put that aside now: all the anger and quick temper, the malice, the insults, the foul language. Stop lying to one another. What you have done is put aside your old self with its past deeds and put on a new man, one who grows in knowledge as he is formed anew in the image of his Creator. There is no Greek or Jew here, circumcised or uncircumcised, foreigner Scythian, slave, or freeman. Rather, Christ is everything in all of you.

ALLELUIA VERSES: Moses and Aaron were among his priests, and Samuel, among those who called upon his name.

They called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

GOSPEL: Luke (17: 11-19)

At that time the the disciples had asked Jesus, Master "Increase our faith". Then, On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests."

And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan.

Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

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

Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE December 18 – December 24, 2023

Monday, December 18, 2023 - *The Holy Martyr Sebastian and His Companions.* [Hebrews 8:7-13; Mark 8:11-21.](#)

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 40-day memorial for Bronie Huska, requested by the family

Tuesday, December 19, 2023 - *The Holy Martyr Boniface (230)* [Hebrews 9:8-10,15-23; Mark 8:22-26.](#)

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for Ella & Ted Dusyk for their 65 wedding Anniversary, requested by UCWLC

Wednesday, December 20, 2023 - *Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ; the Holy Priest-Martyr Ignatius the Godbearer (110)* [Hebrews 10:1-18; Mark 8:30-34.](#)

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for Sonia Pillipow for her health, requested by UCWLC

Thursday, December 21, 2023 - Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ; the Holy Martyr Juliana of Nicomedia (284-305) [Hebrews 10:35-11:7; Mark 9:10-16.](#)

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for God's blessing upon Olha Lahoida, requested by Prayer Partner

Friday, December 22, 2023 - Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ; The Holy Great-Martyr Anastasia (305) [Hebrews 11:8,11-16; Mark 9:33-41.](#)

No service scheduled

Saturday, December 23, 2023 - Saturday before the Nativity of Christ; The Ten Holy Martyrs of Crete (249-51) [Galatians 3:8-12; Luke 13:18-29.](#)

11:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy in Glentworth

Sunday, December 24, 2023 - Sunday before the Nativity of Christ - Sunday of the Holy Fathers, Eve of the Nativity of Christ; [Hebrews 11:9-10,17-23,32-40; Matthew 1:1-25.](#)

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday before Christmas livestreaming

1:30pm Christmas Eve Service in Moose Jaw

9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Great Compline and Divine Liturgy at St. Athanasius

Monday, December 25, 2023 - *The Nativity in the Flesh of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ Christmas Feast of our Lord.*

10:00 a.m. Christmas Divine Liturgy at St. Athanasius followed by Vertep

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 envelopes at the back of the church where it is stated "Specify Donation" and print "**Memorial Tree**" and then place 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 25, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. All funds received will be directed to "St. Athanasius Aide to Ukraine Fund" to help our new families enjoy their first Christmas in Regina.

ANNUAL THEOPHANY SUPPER – will be held on [Friday, January 5, 2024](#), following the blessing of water. Tickets are now on sale. The ticket price will be \$20/adult, \$15/child (ages 7-12), and free for children under 7 years of age. Tickets **MUST BE** purchased or reserved by seeing/calling Rosanne at 306-543-5773, by Wednesday, January 3rd.



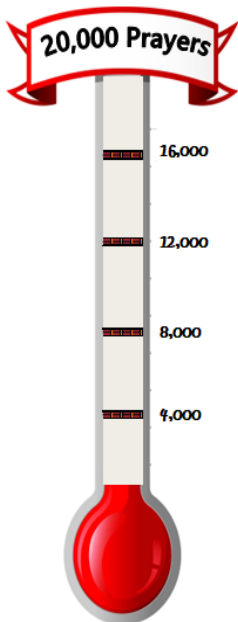
December 11, 2023 St. Athanasius choir members in joint Ukrainian Choir of Carolers performed beautifully at the Knights of Columbus Carol Festival. That was a great event to lift up the Christmas spirit and to support some of the local charities!

Here is the link to the video recordings of the Knights of Columbus Carol Festival: <https://www.myaccess.ca/koccarolfestival>
Thank you to the Choir for the fantastic performances and Knights of Columbus for hosting this event!

Fr. Vasyl and Alla Tymishak

Prayer Thermometer:

St. Athanasius Parish
PRAYER THERMOMETER



CIX! Our Catechism class would like to challenge us all to pray together as a church family. From now until Christmas when pray Our Father, Hail Mary and the Rosary at home, work or church etc. please keep a tally of how many prayers you recite. Tally sheets are available at the entrance. Each Our Father and Hail Mary count as one point and each Rosary counts as 59 points. For example you may count your daily prayers, prayers before meals, opening prayers at meetings, rosary at church or even the our Father during liturgy. All these prayers can be recorded. You can keep track individually or as a family on the tally sheets. The tally sheets should be turned in each week so that we can mark the totals on the thermometer located at the entrance of the church. There will be a container to drop off your tally sheets. Remember that a family that prays together stays together. May God Bless you all as we pray and prepare for the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

NOTICE: Our parish expenses continue, so please continue to support the parish. Your donations are very much appreciated. There are a few options available to you: drop off your envelope at 54 McMurphy Avenue, mail in your cheque to 55 McMurphy 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 10: 46 Regular Envelopes - \$1240; 4 Visitor Envelopes - \$115; 1 Building Fund Envelope - \$100; 2 Christmas Flowers Envelopes - \$85; 8 Memorial Tree Envelopes - \$420; 1 Seminary Fund Envelope - \$20; 1 Aide to Ukraine - \$60; Loose Change - \$140.

E-Transfers: 7 general donations - \$205; 1 Memorial Tree donation - \$100; 1 Christmas Flower donation - \$20.



DONATIONS FOR POINSETTIAS to decorate our church for Christmas are now being accepted. Please use the envelopes at the back of church, and where it is stated "Specify Donation" print "flowers", e-transfers stating flowers in the message field, or include with your regular donations and indicate "Christmas flower donation". Thank You!



NEW COFFEE SIGN UP SCHEDULE: Please, if you can sign up for a Sunday to serve coffee, juice and cookies. This would be very much appreciated. Coffee schedule sign up sheets are located in the front foyer desk and on the kitchen table. If no one signs up for serving this would be an indicator no one is interested in having coffee after Sunday Divine Liturgy and will be discontinued. Please, help out when you can.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER: *For Persons with Disabilities* – we pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

DECEMBER FOOD BANK ITEM – Baby Food



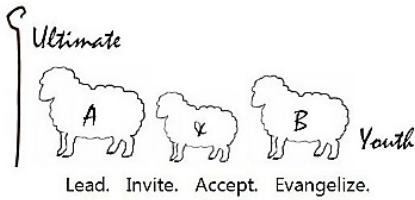
CHOIR PRATICE REMINDER @ 2:00 PM TODAY

The time will be spent re-grouping and preparing for Christmas and Theophany services.

Do you have an interest in joining the choir? Please contact me (call or text) and plan to attend practises *if possible*. Thanks. ----- Phyllis Lukey 306-529-8152.

The Marian Centre would like to extend our thanks to all who have contributed toward their need of men's clothing in the past months. Our clothing room is now well supplied with men's winter clothing, which we share with those who come to us in need. We request at this time that further donations of clothing be suspended until April 1st. Again, thank you!

NEXT YOUTH GATHERING!



SAVE THE DATE!

The 2024 Lock-in Retreat will be on Friday, January 26 and Saturday, January 27, 2024. More details to come!

Please contact Lesia (ultimateaandb@hotmail.com) or your parish priest for more information on either of the above gatherings.

St. Michael's Winter Camp is BACK!



When: February 19-25, 2024

Where: Madge Lake, SK - Duck Mountain Provincial Park

Who: Co-ed, ages 8-14

What: downhill skiing, cross country skiing, sledding, skating, crafts, spiritual activities, campfire singing and MORE!

Cost: \$300 (before January 1st \$250)

Limited spots! Visit our website to register <https://www.stmichaelscamp.com/> or email us at camp@stmichaelscamp.com for more details! Want to donate to St. Michael's Winter Camp? Let us know by emailing Maria at camp@stmichaelcamp.com for details.

UCWLC Notes



Примітки ЛУКЖК

1. Thank you to.....:

.....all Branch members, friends, supporters, and visitors of our Christmas Market held on Dec. 9 – it was our first public event in a long time, and it was very well received! Many hands made for light work - we appreciate your support greatly!

Congratulations to Project Chair, Lorraine W., and Committee members Holly P., Marie B., and Karen W, for coordinating a successful event, and the incredible support of so many Branch members who faithfully volunteered and donated their time, talent, and treasure over many months so we could have such an event - and don't forget the men who helped or were scheduled to help last weekend: John D., Mark W., Walter B., Peter F., Henry S., John M., Tony M., Terry M., and Len M., !!! May you all be blessed as you have been a blessing to us!! Slava Boh!

2. Christmas Market Raffle Winners were:

- a) 50/50: Louise Lavallee
- b) \$20 Walmart Gift Cards: Christine Linsey, Laura Stročen, & Cheryl Ponto

3. Upcoming Branch Activities – Mark Your Calendars!

January Branch Meeting Date Change

Due to the installment of Bishop-Elect Smolinski on the weekend of Jan. 19- 21, *our Jan. 20/24 Branch meeting is moved to January 27 following 9:30 liturgy! This is the last Branch meeting before our Feb. 17 AGM!*

* Our next Soup Sunday Luncheon is January 28/24!

Bishop-Elect Michael Smolinski, C.Ss.R.

Save the Dates

January

Friday - Dormition Parish
Nomination

19

-6:30pm, followed by daintiness fellowship

Saturday - Ss. Peter & Paul
Cheirotonia (Consecration)

20

-10:00am, followed by ticketed luncheon

Sunday - St. George Cathedral
Installation

21

-10:00am, followed by light lunch

2024

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2024 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 may 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 greatly appreciate them picked up at your earliest convenience.** Also, we would appreciate it, if you could include your e-mail address and any changes to your current address on your first donation envelope.

YEAR END IS FAST APPROACHING: If you wish to give a donation to the parish, all donations must be received in the parish office by *Sunday, December 31st*, in order to be included on the 2023 tax receipt. Any donations received after that date will be included on the 2024 receipt.

PRIEST's CHRISTMAS GIFTS: Tax receipts cannot be issued for the *monetary gifts* given to a priest. This is a “gift of love” with no service rendered. If you are using a cheque, the cheque must be made payable to Fr. Vasyi Tymishak.



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UKRAINIAN NEW YEAR

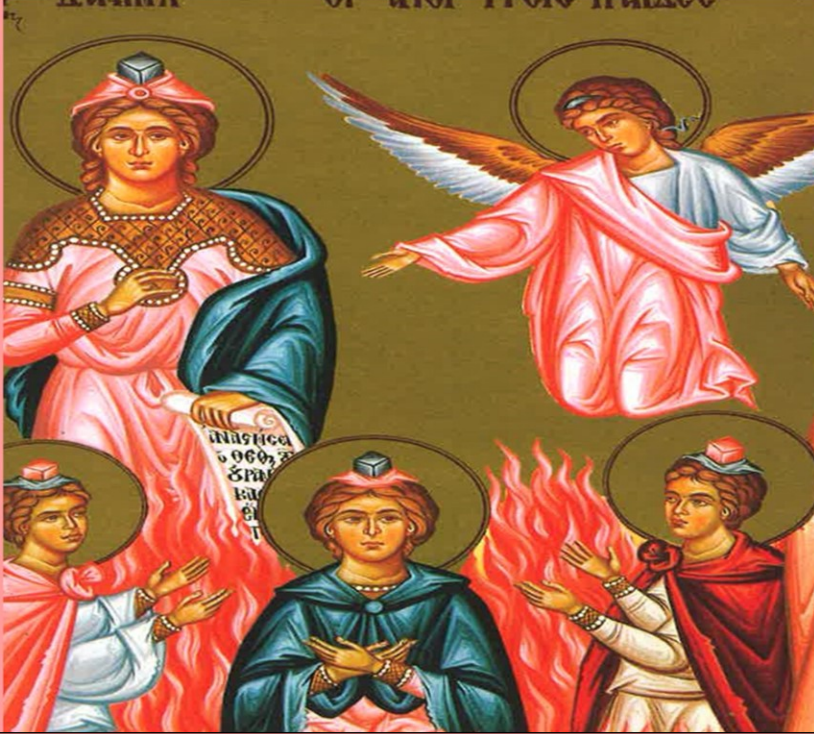
PERFORMANCE BY
**TAVRIA SCHOOL OF
UKRAINIAN DANCE**

JANUARY 27 2024
REGINA PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

\$70

LIVE MUSIC BY
**SCOTT HEATCOAT & THE
ENTERTAINERS**

SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS



Icon of Daniel and the Three Youths – December 17th

When Daniel the Prophet exercised his ministry in the Exile, his three young friends were also brought to the attention of the King. Upon refusing to comply with the ruler's ungodly orders, they were thrown into a furnace. The king, sitting nearby to witness the execution, saw a strange figure in the furnace with the three youths, and this figure was "like a son of man."

The Fathers of the Church were of the opinion that this figure in the furnace was the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, the Word of God, who

would be incarnated as Jesus of Nazareth.

What lessons are there for us on this third Sunday before Christmas? We open the Christmas cycle with a look at longing and expectation - with a look at patience and hope. As Christians we expect a future. We remember the words of the Son of Man – the long-awaited Savior – that on a day yet to come He will return to earth. "You will see the Son of Man," said Jesus, "coming on the clouds of heaven." We likewise refresh our belief that our Savior is as truly Man as He is God. He is – as the Son of Man – the very epitome of all that is noble, fine and good in a human being.

We also begin this Christmas cycle with a reminder that true love looks to the future, to provide something for the coming generation, for just as we stand on the shoulder of faith of our ancestors, the coming generation will stand on the platform of faith we construct. We are like a layer of bricks resting on previous layers, and upon which future layers will be cemented, until we constitute the walls of a temple which God will dwell. The cornerstone of this grand design is Jesus Christ, the Son of Man, the anniversary of whose birth we are shortly to celebrate.