



Sunday, December 24, 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.

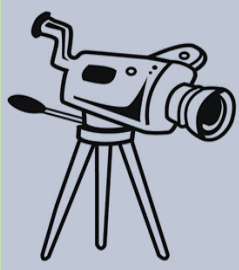
Please contact Fr. Vasyl if you know of any parishioner who is sick and wants to be visited.

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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. 24 9:30 a.m.	Maggie Stephen & Bernice Bzdell	Kevin Korchinski
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 Korchinski & Len Markewich	Walter Brigidear & Rosanne Miller

DECEMBER ROSARY		DECEMBER READERS
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!

EVE OF THE NATIVITY

- Sunday Before The Nativity -The Holy Fathers

TROPAR (Tone 5): Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, and born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

TROPAR OF THE HOLY FATHERS (Tone 2): The three young men who are the great guides of the faith, rejoiced in the pit of flame as if they were in a water of rest; and the prophet Daniel appeared as a shepherd to the lions. O Christ God, save our souls for their sake.

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

NATIVITY PRE-FESTIVE KONDAK (Tone 3): Today the Virgin is on her way to the cave where she will give birth in a manner beyond understanding to the Word Who is in all eternity. Rejoice, therefore, universe, when you hear it heralded. With the angels and the shepherds, glorify Him Who chose to be seen as a newborn babe while remaining God in all eternity.

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 Epistle to the Hebrews (11: 9-10; 17-23; 32-40)

Brothers and Sisters! By faith Abraham sojourned in the promised land as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs of the same promise; for he was looking forward to the city with foundations whose designer and maker is God. By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac; he who had received the promises was ready to sacrifice his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your descendants be called." He reasoned that God was able to raise from the dead, and so he received Isaac back as a symbol. By faith Isaac invoked for Jacob and Esau blessings that were still to be. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshipped God, leaning on the head of his staff. By faith Joseph, near the end of his life spoke of the Exodus of the Israelites, and gave instructions about his burial. By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after his birth, thereby disregarding the king's edict because they saw that he was a beautiful child. What more shall I recount? I have no time to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who by faith conquered kingdoms, did what was just, obtained the promises; they broke the jaws of lions, put out raging fires, escaped the devouring sword; though weak they were made powerful, became strong in battle, and turned back foreign

invaders. Women received back their dead through resurrection. Others were tortured and would not receive deliverance, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Still others endured mockery, scourging, even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, sawed in two, put to death at sword's point; they went about garbed in the skins of sheep or goats, needy, afflicted, tormented. The world was not worthy of them. They wandered about in deserts and on mountains, they dwelt in caves and in holes of the earth. Yet despite the fact that all of these were approved because of their faith, they did not obtain what had been promised. God had made a better plan, a plan which included us. Without us, they were not to be made perfect.

ALLELUIA VERSES: O God, our ears have heard, our fathers have declared to us.

But you have saved us from our foes, and those who hated us you put to shame.

GOSPEL: Matthew (1: 1-25)

A family record of Jesus Christ, Son of David, son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac. Isaac the father of Jacob. Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar. Perez was the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram. Ram was the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon. Salmon was the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz was the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth. Obed was the father of Jesse, Jesse the father of King David, David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon was the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asa. Asa was the father of Jehosaphat, Jehosaphat the father of Joram, Joram the father of Uzziah. Uzziah was the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah. Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amos, Amos the father of Josiah. Josiah became the father of Jechoniah and his brothers at the time of the Babylonian exile. After the Babylonian exile Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel was the father of Abiud, Abiud the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor. Azor was the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Achim, Achim the father of Eliud. Eliud was the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob. Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary. It was of her that Jesus who is called the Messiah was born. Thus the total number of generations is: from Abraham to David, fourteen generations; from David to the Babylonian captivity, fourteen generations; from the Babylonian captivity to the Messiah, fourteen generations. Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, an upright man unwilling to expose her to the law, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when suddenly the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream and said to him: "Joseph, son of David, have no fear about taking Mary as your wife. It is by the Holy Spirit that she has conceived this child. She is to have a son and you are to name him Jesus because he will save his people from their sins." All this happened to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin shall be with child and give birth to a son, and they shall call him Emmanuel," a name which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord had directed him and received her into his home as his wife. He had no relations with her at any time before she bore a son, whom he named Jesus.

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 25 – December 31, 2023

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

Tuesday, December 26, 2023 - *Post-feast of the Nativity of Christ*; Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God; [Hebrews 2:11-18; Matthew 2:13-23.](#)

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (intention for health of Eleanor Hadubiak, requested by UCWLC)

Wednesday, December 27, 2023 - *Post-feast of the Nativity of Christ*; the Holy Apostle, First Martyr and Archdeacon Stephen; [Acts 6:8-7:5,47-60; Matthew 21:33-42.](#)

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy one-year Memorial service for +Robert Wuschenny, requested by Adeline Wuschenny

Thursday, December 28, 2023 - *Post-feast of the Nativity of Christ*; the Two Thousand Martyrs Who Were Burned in Nicomedia (303); Passing into eternal life (1945) of Blessed Hryhoriy (Gregory) Khomyshyn, Bishop of Stanyslaviv (Ivano-Frankivsk) and martyr [James 1:19-27; Mark 10:17-27.](#)

No service scheduled – clergy meeting

Friday, December 29, 2023 - The Holy Children who were murdered by Herod in Bethlehem; Our Venerable Father Marcellus, Hegumen of the Monastery of the Sleepless Ones (c. 470) [James 2:1-13; Mark 10:23-32.](#)

7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy for health of Eleanor Hadubiak, requested by Natalia and Sergiy Grishni

Saturday, December 30, 2023 - *Saturday after the Nativity of Christ*; [1 Timothy 6:11-16; Matthew 12:15-21.](#)

No service scheduled

Sunday, December 31, 2023 - *Sunday after the Nativity of Christ*

9:10 a.m. - Rosary

9:30 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

1:30 pm Divine Liturgy in Moose Jaw

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



UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC
FOUNDATION OF SASKATCHEWAN CORPORATION

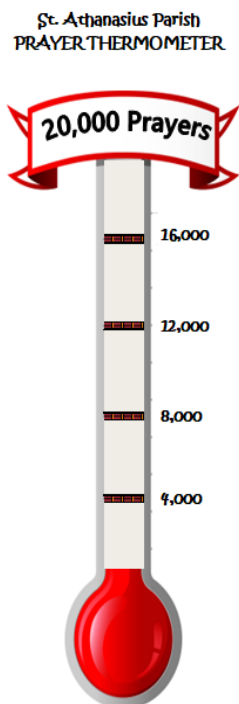
"SHARE THE SPIRIT" 50/50 LOTTERY DRAW

Designated Beneficiary Disbursements.

As Of December 8th, 2023 amount disbursed

per ticket sold – total disbursement to St. Athanasius number of tickets 132 - \$660.00.

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 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 17: 52 Regular Envelopes - \$2440; 5 Visitor Envelopes - \$160; 1 Building Fund Envelope - \$600; 1 Christmas Flowers Envelope - \$20; 5 Memorial Tree Envelopes - \$190; 1 World Mission Envelope - \$20; 1 Aid to Ukraine Envelope - \$20; 1 Beatifications – Canonizations Envelope - \$20; 1 Pope’s Pastoral Works Envelope - \$50; 1 Christmas Ukrainian CD - \$25; Loose Change - \$140.

E-Transfers: 5 general donations - \$605; 2 Memorial Tree donation - \$80.



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!



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.



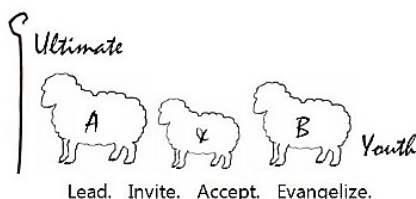
NEW COFFEE SIGN UP SCHEDULE: Please, if you can sign up for a **Sunday to serve coffee, juice and cookies. This would be very much appreciated.** Coffee schedule sign up sheets are located in the front foyer desk and on the kitchen table. If no one signs up for serving this would be an indicator no one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

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@stmichaelscamp.com for details.

**The Bishop Budka #5914
Knights of Columbus
present a:**

**Ukrainian New Year's
FAMILY
FUN DAY**

**Sunday, Jan 14th, 2024
1-5pm (come and go)**

There will be snacks and refreshments.
Bowling, billiards, board games & music.
The club bar will be open for beverage purchases.
Bring your family and celebrate with us.

THE VICTORIA CLUB (1300 Victoria Ave)

There is a large parking lot behind the club.
(ENTER THRU REAR OF BUILDING, USE BUZZER)



Christ is Born! Glorify Him!



Христос Рождается!
Славите Його!

May the joy of the Feast of the Nativity
fill our hearts and homes
today and throughout the year ahead!

Merry Christmas!

From

St. Athanasius Branch, UCWLC





Christmas Carolling




One of the most prized spiritual customs we have is to proclaim the Good News of Our Saviour's birth with family and friends during the Christmas season: a blessing to both give and receive!

A carolling group from St. Athanasius Parish is forming with the intent to carol on Saturday, Dec. 30. If you would like to join or receive the carollers, please contact Holly at 306-501-9700.

Should interest warrant, multiple carolling groups could be formed (possibly involving additional dates).

It is a great opportunity to provide families the experience of this custom, the use of our family Christmas Stars, have some fun, and gather donations for the needs of our parish!



РІЗДВЯНІ КОЛЯДКИ




Один із найцінніших наших духовних звичаїв – це проголошувати Добру Новину про народження нашого Спасителя з сім'єю та друзями під час Різдвяних свят: благословення, яке можна як давати, так і отримувати!

Група колядників із парафії церкви Св. Атанасія збирається з наміром колядувати в середу, 30 грудня. Якщо ви бажаєте приєднатися або прийняти колядників, зв'яжіться, будь-ласка, з Холлі за номером телефону 306-501-9700.

У разі потреби можна сформувати кілька колядних груп (можливо, із залученням додаткових дат).

Це чудова нагода подарувати родинам досвід цього звичаю, скористатися нашими сімейними Різдвяними зірками, повеселитися та зібрати пожертви на потреби нашої парафії!



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

Save the Dates

January 19
Friday - Dormition Parish
Nomination
 -6:30pm, followed by dainties & fellowship

January 20
Saturday - Ss. Peter & Paul
Cheirotonia (Consecration)
 -10:00am, followed by ticketed luncheon

January 21
Sunday - St. George Cathedral
Installation
 -10:00am, followed by light lunch

2024
Saskatoon, SK



“Everything God has created is Good” – (1 Tim. 4:4)
 Episcopal Motto of Bishop Michael Smolinski, C.Ss.R.
 Announcement Regarding Episcopal
 Nomination, Consecration, and Installation of Bishop-
 Elect Michael Smolinski, C.Ss.R.

**Please be advised that RESERVED SEATING is required
 to attend all events. Tickets for the Luncheon at
 Saskatoon Inn must be purchased in advance. Tickets
 available starting December 27, 2023.**

To reserve your seats and purchase tickets go
 to: <https://www.skeparchy.org/wordpress/bishopsmolinski/>
 or call
 Chancery Office at 306-653-0138, ex. 221, 222, 223

Schedule of Events:

January 19, 2024 - Dormition of the Blessed Mother of God Parish

Great Vespers & Nomination at 6:30pm, followed by Reception in auditorium.

January 20, 2024 - Saints Peter & Paul Parish

Cheirotonia (Consecration) at 10:00am.

Principal Consecrator His Beatitude, Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk, and Co-Consecrators His Grace, Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak, O.S.B.M. & His Excellency, Bishop Bryan Bayda, C.Ss.R.

1:30pm - Luncheon at Saskatoon Inn, 2002 Airport Drive.

January 21, 2024 – Cathedral of St. George

Installation at 10:00am, followed by Reception in auditorium.

***“The whole universe is today filled with joy, for Christ is born of a Virgin”.
(Christmas Stichera)***

**Christ Is Born!
Let us Glorify Him!**

**Sincere greetings and best wishes on the feast of Nativity of Our Saviour, Jesus Christ!
May the birth of Christ “*God with us*” bring you a true joy, love, peace, hope and good health at Christmas time and throughout the New Year!**

***Fr. Vasyl, Parish Council and Staff
At St. Athanasius Ukrainian Catholic Church***

***«Все нам сьогодні радістю наповнилося, Христос Родився від Діви!»
(Стихура Різдва)***

**Христос Рождається!
Славимо Його!**

Щирі вітання та найкращі побажання зі Святом Різдва Господа Бога Нашого і Спасителя Ісуса Христа!

Нехай народження Христа «*З нами Бог*» принесе вам справжню радість, любов, мир, надію і міцне здоров'я у Різдвяному Часі і протягом усього Нового року!

***о.Василь, парафіяльна рада та співробітники
при Українській Греко-Католицькій Церкві Святого Атаназія***





Христос раждається!
Славимо Його!
Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Merry Christmas from the Eparchy of Saskatoon

- +Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak, OSBM, Apostolic Administrator
- +Bishop-Elect Michael Smolinski, CSsR
- +Bishop-Emeritus Michael Wiwchar, CSsR





So Joseph and his wife, Mary, left Nazareth, a village in Galilee, and journeyed to their hometown in Judea, to the village of Bethlehem, King David's ancient home. They were required to register there, since they were both direct descendants of David. Mary was pregnant and nearly ready to give birth. When they arrived in Bethlehem, Mary went into labor, and there she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped the newborn baby in strips of cloth, and Mary and Joseph laid him in a feeding trough since there was no available space in any upper room in the village.