



Sunday, December 31, 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.

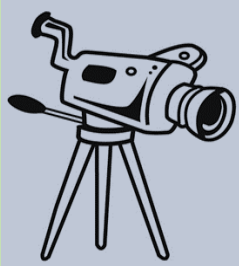
Please contact Fr. Vasyl if you know of any parishioner who is sick and wants to be visited.

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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/January Greeters		December/January Ushers & Tabulators
Dec. 31	Kevin Korchinski & Len Markewich	Walter Brigidear & Rosanne Miller
Jan. 07	Terry & Rosanne Miller	Cliff Rakochy & Carl Korchynski
Jan. 14	Carl & Linda Korchynski	Linda Korchynski & John Dmyterko
Jan. 21	Kevin Korchinski & Len Markewich	Kevin Korchinski & Walter Brigidear
Jan. 28	Bernice Bzdell & Maggie Stephen	Art Wytrykush & Walter Brigidear

DECEMBER/JANUARY ROSARY		DECEMBER/JANUARY READERS
Dec. 31	Art Wytrykush & Mykola Perun – <i>Joyful Mysteries</i>	Art Wytrykush
Jan. 07	UCWLC – <i>Glorious Mysteries</i>	UCWLC
Jan. 14	Benice Bzdell & Iryna Baran – <i>Joyful Mysteries</i>	Terelyne Vadeboncoeur
Jan. 21	Louise Makuch & Natalia Osoba – <i>Byzantine Glorious Mysteries</i>	Louise Makuch
Jan. 28	John Makuch & Svitlana Zelenyi – <i>Glorious Mysteries</i>	John Makuch

CHRIST IS BORN!
ХРИСТОС РОЖДАЄТЬСЯ!

LET US GLORIFY HIM!
СЛАВИМО ЙОГО!

SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

FIRST ANTIPHON: I will confess You with all my heart, O Lord, I will tell all your marvels.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

In the counsels of rightful men and in the assemblies, great are the works of the Lord.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

They are sought in order to accomplish his will.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Glory be . . . now and forever . . . : Only Begotten Son

THIRD ANTIPHON: *Regular 3rd Antiphon but with the following response:*

Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

TROPAR (Tone 6): Angelic powers were upon Your tomb and the guards became like dead men; Mary stood before Your tomb seeking Your most pure body. You captured Hades without being overcome by it. You met the Virgin and granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory be to You.

TROPAR Of The Nativity (Tone 4): Your birth, O Christ our God, has shed upon the world the light of knowledge; for through it, those who worshipped the stars have learned from a star to worship You, the Sun of Justice, and to recognize You as the Orient from on high. Glory be to You, O Lord!

TROPAR OF ST. JOSEPH (Tone 2): O Joseph, announce to David, ancestor of Christ, the good news of these wonders you have seen: a Virgin giving birth to a Child; with the

shepherds you have glorified Him; with the wise men you have worshipped Him; and an angel appeared to you. Ask Christ to save our souls.

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

KONDAK OF THE NATIVITY (Tone 3): Today the Virgin gives birth to Perfect Essence, and the earth offers a cave to the Inaccessible. The angels sing his glory with the shepherds, the wise men journey with the star, for there is born for us an infant child, God Eternal.

PROKIMEN (Tone 4): God is wonderful in His saints; the God of Israel.

VERSE: Bless God in your choirs, bless the Lord, you who spring from Israel!

EPISTLE: A reading from the Letter Of The Holy Apostle Paul to The Galatians (1: 11 -19)

Brothers and Sisters! I assure you, the gospel I proclaimed to you is no mere human invention. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I schooled in it. It came by revelation from Jesus Christ. You have heard, I know, the story of my former way of life in Judaism. You know that I went to extremes in persecuting the Church of God and tried to destroy it; I made progress in Jewish observance far beyond most of my contemporaries, in my excess of zeal to live out all the traditions of my ancestors. But the time came when he who had set me apart before I was born and called me by his favor chose to reveal his Son to me, that I might spread among the Gentiles the good tidings concerning him. Immediately, without seeking human advisers or even going to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before me, I went off to Arabia; later I returned to Damascus. Three years after that I went up to Jerusalem to get to know Cephas, with whom I stayed fifteen days. I did not meet any other apostles except James, the brother of the Lord.

ALLELUIA VERSES: Remember, O Lord, for David all his anxious care.

How he swore to the Lord, vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob.

GOSPEL: Matthew (2: 13 -23)

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph with the command: "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you otherwise. Herod is searching for the child to destroy him." Joseph got up and took the child and his mother and left that night for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I have called my son." Once Herod realized that he had been deceived by the wise men, he became furious. He ordered the massacre of all the boys two years old and under in Bethlehem and its environs, making his calculations on the basis of the date he had learned from the wise men. What was said through Jeremiah the prophet was then fulfilled: "A cry was heard at Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentations: Rachel bewailing her children; no comfort for her, since they are no more." But after Herod's death, the

angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt with the command: “Get up, take the child and his mother, and set out for the land of Israel. Those who had designs on the life of the child are dead.” He got up, took the child and his mother, and returned to the land of Israel. He heard however, that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as king of Judea, and he was afraid to go back there. Instead, because of a warning received in a dream, Joseph went to the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way what was said through the prophet was fulfilled: “He shall be called a Nazorean.”

INSTEAD OF “It Is Truly Right...”: *Rejoice, O my soul, for in a cave was born Christ the King.*

A strange and incredible mystery, I behold the cave becomes heaven, The Virgin becomes the throne of the cherubim. The manger becomes the place where lies the unplaceable Christ God. To Him we sing praises.

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!

INSTEAD OF “Blessed is He who comes..., “We have seen the true light...”, and “Blessed be the name...”: *The whole universe is today filled with joy, for Christ is born of a Virgin!*

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE January 1 – January 7, 2024

Monday, January 1, 2024 - The Circumcision of our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ. Our Father Among the Saints Basil the Great.

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, January 2, 2024 - *Pre-feast of Theophany.*

Funeral in Moose Jaw – No service scheduled at St. Athanasius

Wednesday, January 3, 2024 - *Pre-feast of Theophany.*

No service scheduled

Thursday, January 4, 2024 - *Pre-feast of Theophany. Synaxis of the Seventy Holy Apostles.*

No service scheduled

Friday, January 5, 2024 - Theophany Eve.

5:00 p.m. - Blessing of Water followed by Theophany Supper - *Livestreaming*

Saturday, January 6, 2024 - *The Holy Theophany of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ Feast of our Lord.*

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy for faithful

1:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy in Moose Jaw and Blessing of Water followed by Wedding

Sunday, January 7, 2024 - Sunday after Theophany.

9:10 a.m. – Rosary - Livestreaming

9:30 a.m. - Divine Liturgy - Livestreaming

11:30 a.m. - Divine Liturgy in Ukrainian

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.



2024 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.



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.

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 24: 47 Regular Envelopes - \$2445; 3 Building Fund Envelopes - \$620; 19 Christmas Offering Envelopes - \$1030; 5 Memorial Tree Envelopes - \$215; 3 Building Fund Envelopes - \$620; 2 Christmas Flowers Envelopes - \$65; 7 Visitor Envelopes - \$180; 1 Calendar Envelope - \$25; Loose Change - \$330.

December 25: 3 Regular Envelopes - \$55; 11 Christmas Offering Envelopes - \$200; 1 Visitor Envelope - \$20; Loose Change - \$213.

E-Transfers: 8 general donations - \$715; 2 Christmas Offering donations - \$40; 1 Aid to Ukraine donation - \$100.



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 **TODAY, 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 JANUARY: *For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church* –We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

JANUARY FOOD BANK ITEM – RICE

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 26, 2024 @7pm to Saturday, January 27, 2024 @ 6pm** at St. Basil's Parish Centre (1717 Toronto Street, Regina).

This year's theme will be “Journey”. Activities for the two days include: team building activities, bowling, spiritual sessions, and so much more. More information will be available in January 2024.

The cost for the event will be \$40. This will cover all the meals and activities.

The registration deadline is **Sunday, January 21, 2024.**

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





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!





THE VICTORIA CLUB (1300 Victoria Ave)

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

A poster for Bishop-Elect Michael Smolinski, C.Ss.R. The background is a golden mosaic with religious figures. The text is in white and gold. It says "Bishop-Elect Michael Smolinski, C.Ss.R." at the top. Below that, in a large script font, is "Save the Dates". The dates are listed in a table-like format with large numbers for the day and month. The location "Saskatoon, SK" is at the bottom.

	January
Friday - Dormition Parish <i>Nomination</i> -6:30pm, followed by dainties & fellowship	19
Saturday - Ss. Peter & Paul <i>Cheirotonia (Consecration)</i> -10:00am, followed by ticketed luncheon	20
Sunday - St. George Cathedral <i>Installation</i> -10:00am, followed by light lunch	21

2024

Saskatoon, SK

***“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!»
(Стихира Різдва)***

**Христос Рождається!
Славимо Його!**

**Щирі вітання та найкращі побажання зі Святom 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***



THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST



Icon of the Circumcision and Saint Basil the Great –January 1st

The Commemoration of the Circumcision Of Our Lord Jesus Christ

On this day, the church celebrates the commemoration of the circumcision of the Lord Christ, to Whom is the glory. God had ordained the law of circumcision as a sign that His people would become a particular people over all others. This was that every male of the seed of Abraham be circumcised on the eighth day of his birth. God put every soul that did not obey this law under judgment.

As our Lord Jesus was born from the posterity of Abraham, according to the flesh, He willed to be circumcised on the eighth day, to fulfill the law of and to relieve us from the heavy burden of this commandment, as St. Paul says, "Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers" (Romans 15:8). He also gave us the sign of the new covenant through baptism, as St. Paul says, "In Him you were also circumcised with circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, buried with Him in Baptism in which you also were raised with Him, through faith in the working of God, Who raised Him from the dead. And you, being dead in your trespasses and the un-circumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses" (Colossians 2: 11-13).

Therefore, He demands from us to keep the spiritual circumcision, that is to say the circumcision of the heart, so that we may live for Him in righteousness and in holiness, for He says, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God" (John 3:5). Glory be to our God forever. Amen.