

Sunday, December 7, 2025

**ST. ATHANASIOS 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. ATHANASIOS 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 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 30 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
December 7	Gerry & Valerie Syrota	Walter Brigidear & Kevin Korchinski
December 14	Mark & Karen Woitas	John Dmyterko & Karen Woitas
December 21	Carl & Linda Korchynski	Carl Korchynski & Kevin Korchinski
December 24	Terry & Rosanne Miller	Walter Brigidear & Art Wytrykush
December 25	Volunteers	Volunteers
December 28	Kevin Korchinski & Len Markewich	Kevin Korchinski & Walter Brigidear

December Rosary		December Readers
December 7	UCLWLC – Glorious Mysteries	UCWLC
December 14	Joe Hladky & Natalia Osoba Luminous Mysteries	Joe Hladky
December 21	Christine Hladky & Iryna Baran Byzantine – Joyful Mysteries	Christine Hladky
<u>December 24</u>	Compline	Peter Federko & Alla Tymishak
December 25	Christ Is Born!	Phyllis Lukey & Alla Tymishak
December 28	Kare Woitas & Svitlana Zelenyi Luminous Mysteries	Karen Woitas

ALTAR SERVER/ COMMUNION MINISTER		ALTAR SERVER/ COMMUNION MINISTER	COMMUNION MINISTER
Dec. 07 - Sunday (11:00am)	Mark Woitas 2 nd Chalice	Walter Wilchow 3 rd Chalice	
Dec. 14 – Sunday (9:00am)	Mark Woitas	Walter Wilchow 3 rd Chalice	Peter Federko 2 nd Chalice
Dec. 21 – Sunday (9:30am)	Ihor Zelenyi 2 nd Chalice	Tyler Woloshyn 3 rd Chalice	
Dec. 28 – Sunday (9:30am)	Walter Wilchow 2 nd Chalice	Mark Woitas 3 rd Chalice	

СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ! СЛАВА НА ВІКИ!
Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

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!**

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 8 – DECEMBER 14, 2025

Monday, December 8, 2025 - Our Venerable Father Patapius. Nativity Fast. [1 Timothy 5:1-10; Luke 17:20-25.](#)

No catechism or service scheduled

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 - 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 for +Walter Zack, requested by Len and Anna Markewich

11:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. UCWLC home and sick visits

Wednesday, December 10, 2025 - The Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Euphrasius. [1 Timothy 5:22-6:11; Luke 18:15-17, 26-30.](#)

No service scheduled

Thursday, December 11, 2025 - Our Venerable Father Daniel the Stylite. [1 Timothy 6:17-21; Luke 18:31-34.](#)

10:00 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. UCWLC home and sick visits

Friday, December 12, 2025 - Our Venerable Father Spiridon the Wonderworker, Bishop of Tremithus.

Our Lady of Guadalupe. [2 Timothy 1:1-2, 8-18; Luke 19:12-28.](#)

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for health requested by Dobrodiyka

11:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. UCWLC home and sick visits

Saturday, December 13, 2025 - The Holy Martyrs Eustratios and other martyrs. [Ephesians 6:10-17; Luke 21:12-19.](#)

4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy in Moose Jaw, followed by St. Nicholas Social

Sunday, December 14, 2025 - Sunday of the Holy Forefathers. [Colossians 3:4-11; Luke 14:16-24.](#)

8:40 a.m. Rosary – livestreaming

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy at St. Athanasius – livestreaming

Temporary Time Change for Sunday Liturgies

Dear Parishioners of St. Athanasius,

Please note that our usual service time of 9:30 a.m. will be temporarily adjusted on the following Sundays, as Father Vasyl will be covering for Father Warren at St. Basils':

- December 14 – Rosary at 8:40 a.m., Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. at St. Athanasius

We appreciate your understanding and flexibility with these scheduled changes.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER. *FOR CHRISTIANS IN AREAS OF CONFLICT.* *Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.*

DECEMBER FOOD BANK ITEM – BABY FOOD

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. Non-parishioner sending an e-transfer must complete the message field with your name, and mailing address for income tax receipts. **WHEN MAKING AN E-TRANSFER DONATION, PLEASE COMPLETE THE MESSAGE FIELD INCLUDING YOUR ENVELOPE NUMBER and DO NOT USE ALIAS NAMES WHEN SENDING AN E-TRANSFER DONATION.** *When using*

Notice: Beware of Fake Emails

Please be aware that someone is using **St. Athanasius** name to create a fake email address and send messages that appear to be coming from the parish. The actual email has not been hacked, but it seems that another person's email has been compromised, allowing the hacker to access their contacts and send deceptive emails.

If you receive an unexpected email that looks like it's from **St. Athanasius**, please check the sender's email address carefully. Do not click on any suspicious links or open attachments. If in doubt, reach out to St. Athanasius and Fr. Vasyl directly to verify. Stay cautious and protect your personal information!

Thank you, Fr. Vasyl & St. Athanasius Parish

CHOIR PRACTISES - In preparation for Christmas and the Christmas Season -



Sunday, Dec. 14 @ 10:45 a.m.(NOTE time change)

Sunday, Dec. 21 @ 2:00 p.m.

If you are interested in joining the choir, please make your interest known, and attend the practises if possible. Thanks!

..... Phyllis Lukey 306-529-8152



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



Thank You!



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 and in the foyer 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 Friday, January 30th, 2026 at 10:00am. All funds received will be directed to "St. Athanasius Building Fund.

2026 SUNDAY DONATION ENVELOPES are available for pick up during scheduled Divine Liturgy services or during office hours, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please, phone (306) 543-8008 during office hours to arrange for pick up of your box of 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 for pre authorized givings, the designated box of envelopes belongs to you and we would greatly appreciate if your box of envelopes were picked up at your earliest convenience.** Also, it would be appreciated, if you could include your e-mail address and any changes to your current address on your first donation envelope.



The winners of the U.C.B.C. Grey Cup Pool raffle are:

1st quarter - \$100.00 to Janelle Woloshyn

2nd quarter - \$100.00 to John Dmyterko

3rd quarter - \$100.00 to Walter Stechyshyn

Final score - \$200.00 to John Dmyterko

Congratulations to the winners

and thank you to all who purchased tickets.

St. Athanasius U.C.B.C.

THEOPHANY SUPPER

The Parish will once again be holding its annual Theophany Supper with all the Ukrainian foods typical of the Christmas Eve supper. Blessing of the water will take place at 5:00 pm on January 5, 2026 followed by the Theophany Supper.

Tickets will be available after each liturgy beginning December 7, 2025 or from the Parish Office Tuesday to Thursday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm or can be reserved by calling Peter Federko at 306-536-9057 or the office at 306-543-8008. Tickets must be paid for at the time of purchase or reservation by e-transfer (stathandeposit@sasktel.net), cash, debit or credit. Failure to pay for tickets at time of reservation will cancel the reserved tickets. No tickets will be sold after January 2, 2026 and there will not be any tickets available at the door.

Prices for tickets remain the same as last year:

Children under 7 – free, Children 7 – 12 - \$15, Adults and Children over 12 - \$20

UCWLC Notes!



Thank you to Holly P. for organizing and leading the Christmas Folk Icon Reverse Painting on Glass workshop. 26 participants created beautiful works of art to treasure.

Thank you to everyone for attending the UCWLC Soup Sundays. The next one is scheduled for Sunday, January 25, 2026, with the net proceeds going to St. Athanasius Parish Building Fund.



"The Knight's of Columbus Bishop Budka #5914 Council Pancake Brunch at St. Athanasius Ukrainian Catholic Parish Hall on [Sunday December 21, 2025](#) at 11am after the 9:30am Divine Liturgy.



Brunch menu: Pancakes and Toppings, Eggs, Sausage, Fruit Cocktail, Coffee and Juice.

Cost for brunch meal: Silver plate donation."

**BISHOP BUDKA KofC COUNCIL #5914
& ST. BASIL'S PARISH
RESTAURANT EXTRAVAGANZA RAFFLE**

Consisting of 20 x \$100 restaurant
Gift card/certificates as prizes.

Each ticket costs \$5.00

with only 2,000 tickets to be sold.

5 different prize levels will be awarded with
a variety of \$100 gift certificates to be won.

Final draw will be made on Dec 24th, 2025,
at St. Basil's Christmas Eve Liturgy.

Bishop Budka Council #5914
Raffle Chair - Terry Shalley (306) 570-9131

Knights of Columbus Bishop Budka Council 5914
and St. Basil's Ukrainian Catholic Church

RESTAURANT EXTRAVAGANZA

1st Prize: 8 gift cards (total value \$800)

2nd Prize: 5 gift cards (total value \$500)

3rd Prize: 3 gift cards (total value \$300)

4th & 5th Prize: 2 gift cards (total value \$200)

2,000 TICKETS SOLD AT \$5.00 EACH

DRAW DATE: DECEMBER 24, 2025

Winners will be contacted by phone. Contact: 306-570-9131

Lottery Licence No. SR 25-2777

Ticket # XXX

Gift Cards Prizes are from the following restaurants:
Barley Mill, Olive Garden, Birmingham's Vodka & Ale
House, Original Joes, Bushwakkers, TAP House, Canadian
Brewhouse, Tumbler's Pizza, Chop.ca, Viet Thai, Co-op,
Western Pizza, The Diplomat, Earl's, Family Pizza, Greko's,
Houston Pizza, Joey's, The Keg, Lakeshore, Leopold's
Tavern, Nicky's Café



COATS FOR KIDS

**HELP KEEP KIDS/FAMILIES WARM THIS WINTER
PLEASE DONATE GENTLY USED WINTER ITEMS OR CONTACT A K OF C BROTHER
TO GIVE A
MONETARY DONATION FOR NEW
COATS**



CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER CONCERT

SUPPORT UKRAINE

December 20, 2025

Get into the holiday spirit while making a difference! Join us for an afternoon of Christmas and popular music, featuring vocal performances by the talented children and adult students of the **Orpheus Group**. Adding to the festive cheer, enjoy the **Hotsulochka dance group**, presenting energetic and vibrant variety dances that will captivate the whole family.

Date: Saturday, December 20, 2025

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: St. Athanasius Parish Hall, 55 McMurchy Ave, Regina, SK

Fundraiser Goal: Proceeds will support humanitarian aid for people in need on the front lines in Ukraine, through the St. Michael's Mission for Ukraine nonprofit.

Tickets:

- Adults: \$30
- Kids: \$20

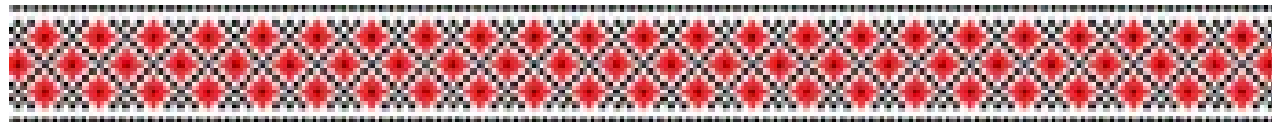
To purchase tickets: Please contact Vlad at (306) 570-6067.

Alternatively, tickets can be purchased after the Divine Liturgy (Dec 7th & Dec 14th).

Come for the music, stay for the joy, and help bring hope to those in Ukraine this holiday season.

Celebrate, Give Back, and Make a Difference!





St. Athanasius Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood



Christmas Sausage Fundraiser



Garlic or Ham Flavors

To purchase sausage, see Mark Woitas or Basil Kuzyk in the hall after Liturgy.

OR

Contact Basil Kuzyk at

306-570-6618

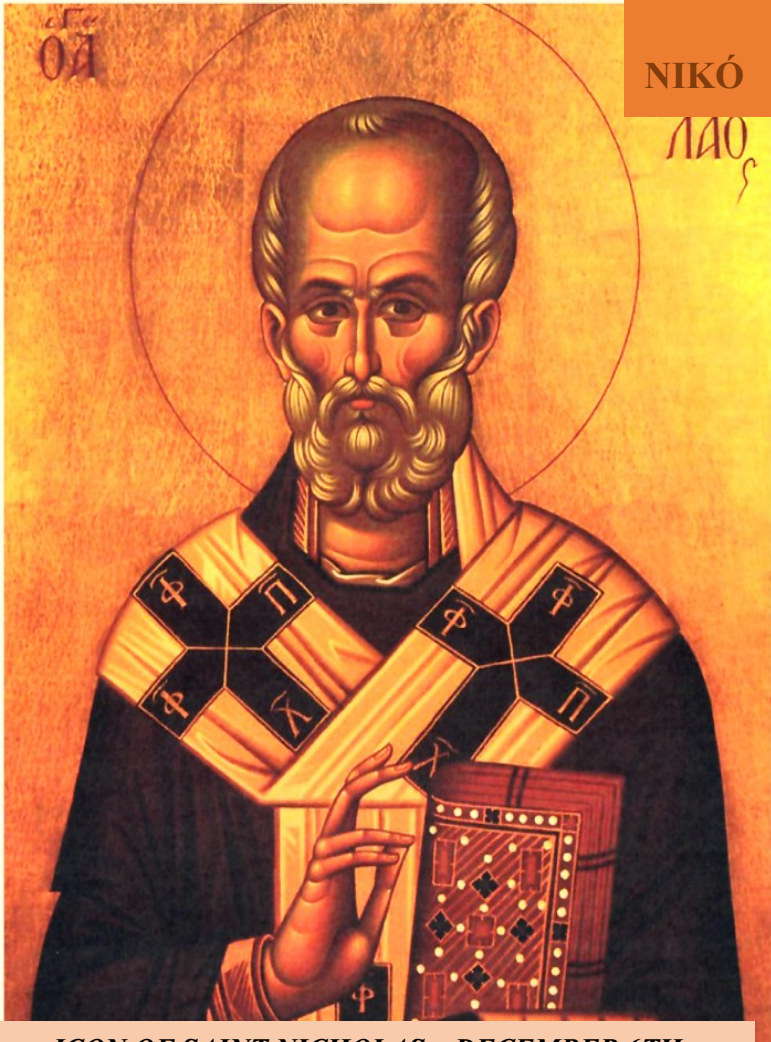
or

basilkuzyk@gmail.com

to order.



The Legendary Saint Nicholas



ICON OF SAINT NICHOLAS – DECEMBER 6TH

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.