



**Sunday, December 22, 2025**

**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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**TODAY:** The Knight's of Columbus Bishop Budka #5914 Council will be hosting their Pancake Brunch at St. Athanasius Ukrainian Catholic Parish Auditorium, 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"

**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 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 21	Christine Hladky & Iryna Baran <i>Byzantine – Joyful Mysteries</i>	Christine Hladky
<u>December 24</u>	<i>Compline</i>	Peter Federko & Alla Tymishak
December 25	<i>Christ Is Born!</i>	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. 21 – Sunday (9:30am)	Ihor Zelenyi 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chalice	Tyler Woloshyn 3 <sup>rd</sup> Chalice	
Dec. 28 – Sunday (9:30am)	Walter Wilchoway 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chalice	Mark Woitas 3 <sup>rd</sup> Chalice	

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

**SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY**  
 - Sunday Of The Holy Fathers

**TROPAR (Tone 3):** Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm. He trampled death by death; He became the first born of the dead; He saved us from the abyss of Hades and granted great mercy to the world.

**TROPAR OF 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 (11: 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 22 – DECEMBER 28, 2025

**Monday, December 22, 2025** - The Holy Great-Martyr Anastasia. Nativity Fast. Hebrews 3:5-11, 17-19; Luke 20:27-44.

**No catechism – No service scheduled**

**Tuesday, December 23, 2025** - The Ten Holy Martyrs of Crete. Nativity Fast. Hebrews 4:1-13; Luke 21:12-19.

**No service scheduled – Clergy Day Off**

**Wednesday, December 24, 2025** - *Eve of the Nativity of Christ*. By tradition - Strict Fast.

**4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Great Compline and Divine Liturgy in Moose Jaw (bilingual)**

**9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Great Compline and Divine Liturgy at St. Athanasius (bilingual) livestreaming**

**Thursday, December 25, 2025** - *The Nativity in the Flesh of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ Christmas Feast of our Lord*.

**10:00 a.m. The Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at St. Athanasius Church, celebrated by**

**Most. Rev. Bishop Michael Smolinski (bilingual), followed by the traditional Vertep. livestreaming**

**Friday, December 26, 2025** - *Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God*.

**10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy at St. Athanasius (bilingual)**

**3:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy in Glentworth**

**Saturday, December 27, 2025** - *First Martyr and Archdeacon Stephen*.

**10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy at St. Athanasius (bilingual)**

**Sunday, December 28, 2025** - *Sunday after the Nativity of Christ*. Galatians 1:11-19; Matthew 2:13-23.

**9:10 a.m. Rosary livestreaming**

**9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy at St. Athanasius (bilingual) livestreaming**

**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](mailto: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*

**CHOIR PRACTISES** - *In preparation for Christmas and the Christmas Season - Sunday, Dec. 21 @ 11:45 a.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.

### 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.

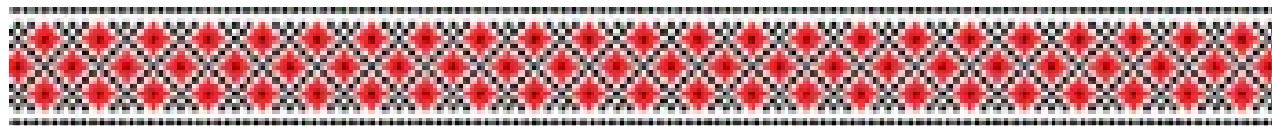
Tickets will be available after each liturgy beginning December 7, 2025 or from the Parish Office Tuesday to Thursday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm or can be reserved by calling Peter Federko at 306-536-9057 or the office at 306-543-8008. Tickets must be paid for at the time of purchase or reservation by etransfer ([stathandeposit@sasktel.net](mailto: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

**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 **Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**, in order to be included on the 2025 tax receipt. Any donations received after that date will be included on the 2026 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. Vasyl Tymishak.



# 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](mailto:basilkuzyk@gmail.com)

to order.





**2026 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 unable to attend church but would like a calendar, please do not hesitate to take a calendar for them.**

### UCWLC Notes!



**2026 UCWLC Membership forms** will be distributed by Connie B. starting in January 2026. Membership fees will also be collected with the completed forms.

**St. Athanasius UCWLC** invites and encourages female members of St. Athanasius Parish 18+ years to consider joining the organization.

Belonging to the UCWLC is a great way to support the spiritual, cultural, social and charitable endeavors for personal and collective growth.

Contact Connie B., Holly P., Marie B, Iryna Br., or Lorraine W. or any UCWLC member for more information.

**Or**

Come to the next UCWLC meeting that will be held on **Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 6:00 pm** as a guest. The meeting is held in the Church boardroom.

### **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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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, Bushwackers, 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

# Колядки

## Christmas Caroling



Sat. Dec. 27  
Sun., Dec. 28

Caroling is one of the most prized Ukrainian Christmas customs: a blessing to both give and receive

Carolers from St. Athanasius Ukrainian Catholic Parish are planning to carol Dec. 27 & possibly Dec. 28 in Regina.

It is a great opportunity to experience this custom (whether joining or inviting carolers), share the joy of this season, and have some Christmas fun while raising charitable proceeds

**For more information, please refer to the poster at St. Athanasius Church, foyer, which has the contact information.**



*Christ is Born !  
Let Us Glorify Him !*

*Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood  
Bishop A. Roborecki Branch  
Wishes you and your family a Merry  
Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

*Бажаємо Вам щастя й  
здоров'я у новому році!*

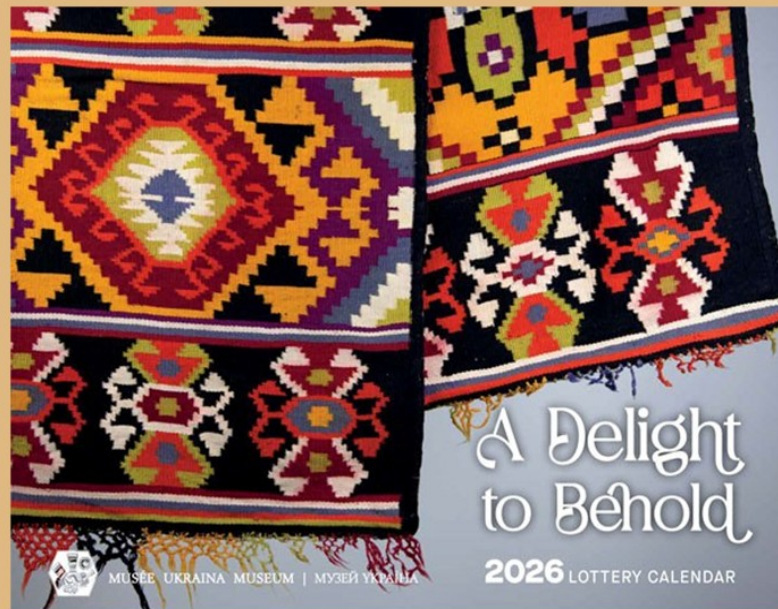
*Христос Раждається !  
Славімо Його !*



**Musée Ukraina Museum  
is proud to announce  
that our 2026 Lottery Calendars  
are now available for purchase!**

**A Delight to Behold!**

**Featuring specially selected artifacts recently transferred to MUM from  
the Toronto Eparchial UCWLC Museum collection.**



**Calendars are \$25 each, and make wonderful gifts.**

**The calendars can be purchased from the Museum on Sundays  
(11:30 - 3:30), MUM board members, UCWLC branches throughout the  
province and UCBC branches in Regina, and parish representatives.**

**365 daily draws totalling \$11,850 in cash prizes.**

**Lottery License # RR25-0323.**

**We thank you for your support and good luck!**

**A Delight to Behold - on display now in our Feature Gallery.**

**CHRIST IS BORN! LET US GLORIFY HIM!  
ХРИСТОС РОЖДАЄТЬСЯ! СЛАВІМО ЙОГО!**



*«Слава на висотах Богу, і на землі мир, між людьми благовоління!» (Лк 2,14)*

Щирі вітання усім парафіянам із Найсвітлішим Празником Різдва Христового! Нехай Новонароджений Спаситель, який приходить у світ як «Світло істинне, що просвічує кожну людину», наповнить ваші серця миром, духовною втіхою та непохитною вірою. Нехай радісна благодать Різдва зміцнює вас у кожному доброму ділі та супроводжує протягом кожного дня прийдешнього року!

*“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among people of good will!” (Lk 2:14)*

Sincere greetings to all parishioners on the Most Radiant Feast of the Nativity of Christ! May the Newborn Saviour, Who comes into the world as “the true Light which enlightens everyone,” fill your hearts with peace, spiritual consolation, and steadfast faith. May the joyful grace of Christmas strengthen you in every good work and accompany you throughout each day of the coming year!

*Fr. Vasyl and Parish Council*

## SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY



*Icon of the Nativity of Our Lord*

### *Heaven, Earth and Nature Sing*

***I behold a new and wondrous mystery!  
My ears resound to the Shepherd's song,  
piping no soft melody, but chanting full  
forth a heavenly hymn.***

***The Angels sing! The Archangels blend  
their voices in harmony! The Cherubim  
hymn their joyful praise! The Seraphim  
exalt His glory! All join to praise this  
holy feast, beholding the Godhead here  
on earth, and man in heaven. He who is  
above, now for our redemption dwells  
here below; and he that was lowly is by  
divine mercy raised.***

***This day He Who Is, is Born; and He Who  
Is becomes what He was not. For when  
He was God, He became man; yet not  
departing from the Godhead that is His.  
Nor yet by any loss of divinity became  
He man, nor through increase became  
He God from man, but being the Word He  
became flesh, His nature, because of  
impassibility, remaining unchanged.***

***Since therefore all rejoice, I too desire  
to rejoice. I too wish to share the choral dance, to celebrate the festival. But I  
take my part, not plucking the harp, not shaking the Thyrsian staff, not with the  
music of pipes, nor holding a torch, but holding in my arms the cradle of Christ.  
For this is all my hope, this my life, this my salvation, this my pipe, my harp. And  
bearing it I come, and having from its power received the gift of speech, I too,  
with the angels, sing: Glory to God in the Highest; and with the shepherds: and  
on earth peace to men of good will.***

***St. John Chrysotom***