

UPCOMING LITURGIES & EVENTS: April 16-23, 2017

Date	Time	Location	Event
Sun, 16 April EASTER	8:00AM	Dormition-Church	Resurrection Matins, Divine Liturgy & Easter Basket Blessing
Mon, 17 April Bright Monday	10:00AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: For Our Parishioners
Tues, 18 April Bright Tuesday	10:00AM	Dormition-Church	Funeral Divine Liturgy: +Nick Chrusch
Wed, 19 April Bright Wednesday	9:00AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: God's Blessings – Nowosad Family
	5:30PM	Dormition-Auditorium	ALPHA: “Why and How Should I Read the Bible?”
Thurs, 20 April Bright Thursday	9:00AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: +Raymond Stefanyshyn (St. Volodymyr Villa)
Fri, 21 April Bright Friday	11:30AM	STM College Chapel	Divine Liturgy: Health – Marianne & Jim (Ollie Komarnicki)
Sat, 22 April Bright Saturday	9:00AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: +Corinne Wasylenko
Sun, 23 April Thomas Sunday	9:30AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: For Our Parishioners, followed by Easter Pot-Luck Dinner
	5:00PM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: For the Needs of the Eparchy

Liturgical Ministry Schedule				
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Welcomers</u>	<u>Epistle Reader</u>	<u>Children's Liturgy Leaders</u>
16 April	9:30AM	Rose Hrycuik & Ruth Serack	Monica Rhinas	NO CHILDRENS' LITURGY TODAY
	NO 5:00PM DIVINE LITURGY TODAY...			
23 April	9:30AM	Loran Chrusch & James Bidulka	Elizabeth Stefanyshyn	David & Amy Rybinski
	5:00PM	Volunteers	Volunteer	-----
30 April	9:30AM	Marg Nowosad & Kathy Skomar	Chris Sherban	Amanda Hudye & Ian Baranesky
	5:00PM	Volunteers	Volunteer	-----
<u>Date</u>	<u>Rosary</u>	<u>Sunday Collection Counters</u>	<u>Church Cleaners</u>	
16 April	Mitchell Smith	Lucas Olenick & Danika Shoffner	April 9-22	Jana Danielson & Amanda Hudye
23 April	Elizabeth Stefanyshyn	Donna Gosselin & Tim Lalach	April 23-May 6	David & Amy Rybinski
30 April	Knights of Columbus	Rose Worona & Dodie Abrametz		

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS, GUESTS AND VISITORS!
Christ Is Risen! Христос Воскрес!

Please Note: If you have an Easter Basket to be blessed this Easter Sunday morning, please leave your basket on one of the tables in the parish auditorium, where it will be blessed after the Divine Liturgy.



COMMUNITY NEWS

1. The Shrine of the Venerable Nun Martyrs Olympia and Laurentia (215 Avenue M South) celebrates a **Weekly Moleben Service** every Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m., followed by fellowship. Please come and join the Sisters of St. Joseph in prayer!

2. **Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Feast Day Procession** will be held Easter Monday, April 17 beginning at 4 p.m. from Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish at 426-Avenue J South with smudging and prayer. A procession with the statue of Saint Kateri will include praying of the rosary and singing of Immaculate Mary from Guadalupe to St. Mary's Parish and back. The procession will conclude with the song “Kateri” followed by soup and bannock. Everyone is welcome!

3. Saskatoon **Prayer Breakfast** will be held at 7 a.m. Saturday, April 29 at Prairieland Park in Saskatoon, featuring a message of hope from guest speaker Jason Caldwell, and musical guests Brad Johner and the Johner Boys. Tickets: \$40 each. Tables of eight are available. Find more information at www.saskatoonprayerbreakfast.ca or call (306) 370-9870.

4. Thinking about Separation or Divorce? **Retrouvaille** is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health and reawaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought a couple together. For confidential information about the April 28-30 Retrouvaille weekend in Saskatoon, call Joanne or Ben at (306) 652-7155 or email retrouvaille@sasktel.net.

5. It's time to celebrate spring and Ukrainian culture with an evening of dance and song. Join us as we celebrate **50 years of Boyan Ukrainian Dance** in Saskatoon on April 29, 2017! The evening will consist of a performance by Boyan dancers, including Boyan on Tour and special guests Pavlychenko Folklorique Ensemble, Yevshan Ukrainian Folk Ballet Ensemble, and Lastiwka Ukrainian Orthodox Choir and Orchestra. A dance and midnight lunch will follow featuring Half Na Piv. Semi-Formal Attire. No Jeans. Tickets are on sale now! The Grand Circle and Main Floor Front are SOLD OUT. Adults: \$29.00 Children (12 and under): \$12.00 For more information please visit our website: www.boyandance.com/about/50years.

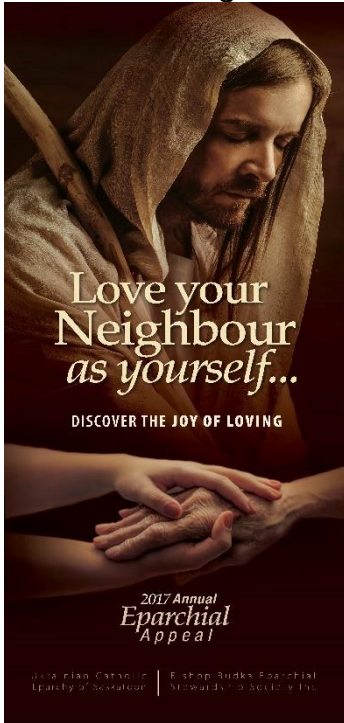
6. Lastiwka Ukrainian Orthodox Choir and Orchestra presents...**The Music of Maestro Anatoliy T. Avdievs'ky**, A tribute concert on the first anniversary of his death. Sunday April 30, 2017, 7:00 PM at Third Avenue United Church. Ticket Information: Adults: \$20. Under 12: \$10; available at McNally Robinson, Werezak's Pharmacy, from Lastiwka Choir members, get them at the door on the night of the concert. or send us a Message: www.lastiwka.ca.

7. **Vesna Festival 2017** - Saturday, May 13th at Prairieland Park, Saskatoon - 5:00 - 1:00 p.m. - Featuring "Half Na Piv" of Saskatoon and "Budmo" of Winnipeg, as well as Ukrainian Cuisine, Artisan Market, Art Showcase, Cafe Kyiv, Children's Sadok and Cultural Room. Tickets avable at www.vesnafestival.com or call the Box Office at 306-652-4700. Early Bird pricing until April 15th: \$40 Adults; \$20 Children (6-16); 5 & Under Free.

APRIL EPARCHIAL COLLECTION – Aid to the Holy Land. The special collection for the month of April is for Aid to the Holy Land. To contribute, use our parish collection envelopes and check off “Special Collection” on the front of the envelope, and “April – Holy Land” on the back.

2017 ANNUAL EPARCHIAL APPEAL

"Love your neighbour as yourself.....Discover the Joy of Loving"



The 2017 Annual Eparchial Appeal will kick off on April 22nd/23rd when detailed information, including the Appeal Video, will be presented. Over the next week or so you will be receiving your Eparchial Appeal letter package which will contain detailed information on the various Eparchial ministries and programs supported by the 2017 Appeal.

Thanks to your generosity, prayers and kind support in the last two years, the Appeal has raised over \$416,000 to fund Eparchial Ministries which are crucial to the growth and preservation of our Ukrainian Catholic Church and faith.

The 2017 goal is to raise \$220,000 to support the Eparchial ministry programs and needs as identified through the Sobor document. Hopefully and prayerfully you will find it in your heart to support the 2017 Annual Eparchial Appeal.

Bishop Budka Eparchial Stewardship Society Inc (BBESSI)



Delivering essential and effective Eparchial Ministries to keep our Ukrainian Catholic Faith alive and flourishing requires monetary resources.

The 2017 Annual Eparchial Appeal will be conducted from April 22 to May 28, 2017. BBESSI Office staff will be coming to share the goals & objectives of the 2017 campaign at **Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of St. George** for all parishioners in the **Saskatoon and district area**.

We extend an invitation to all parishioners at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of St. George, Ss. Peter & Paul Parish, and Dormition of the Mother of God Parish to attend an information sharing presentation by BBESSI following a **Moleben service @ 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at the Ukrainian Cathedral of St. George – 210 Avenue M South.**

The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon **Covenant of Care Abuse and Misconduct Protocol** is designed to ensure that all allegations of physical and sexual abuse and other misconduct are handled responsibly, transparently and with all due care and attention. If you have a concern please contact Fr. Andre, Parish Coordinator of Care **Jon Abrametz** at (306-652-8833 ext.1) or Deb Larmour, Eparchial Coordinator of Care at (306)-653-0138 ext. 228.

PARISH NEWS

1. PLEASE PRAY FOR: Orest Chernesky, Alex & Phyllis Skakun, Patsy Galbraith, Anne Iwanicha, Mary Bayda, Hailey Woytowich, Shawn Hyshka, Nick Chrusch, Ethan Smolinski, Steph Cooley, Jules Chrusch, Walter Moshinski, Mike Okrainetz, John Kurysh, David Kurysh.

2. Our Parish Alpha Program continues after Easter! **Wednesday, April 19th @ 5:30PM in the Church Auditorium.** Come and share a meal, a video and reflection. Upcoming topics include: Why and How Should I Read the Bible? How Does God Guide Us? Who is the Holy Spirit? What does The Holy Spirit Do? How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life? For more information, contact Judith Kurulok @ j.kurulok@sasktel.net.

Parish Pot-Luck Easter Dinner

NEXT Sunday, April 23rd after the 9:30AM Divine Liturgy

Boiled eggs and fresh horseradish will be provided – bring your favourite dish!

Regular Giving by Pre-Authorized Debit – Making monthly contributions by preauthorized debit is a valuable way to help our parish reduce administration and allows us to plan for the future. Giving monthly by direct debit is a confidential agreement between you and Dormition Parish. Simply complete the pre-authorized debit form (available at the entrance of the church) and drop it in the collection basket. A year-end donation receipt will be issued for all pre-authorized and other donations you make during the tax year. Many thanks for your continued generosity and support!

Brothers and sisters in Christ!

One of my favourite moments in the Resurrection Matins is when we sing: "Today is the day of Resurrection. Let us then make ourselves glorious for the festival and embrace one another." Each year we hear these words - Christ is Risen - and we hear them with joy and wonder, but perhaps also with sadness sometime, for there are times when we as Christian people, as fellow parishioners, as family members, are not at peace with one another. As we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus today, let us pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to embrace us with comfort and support, and strengthen us with power and confidence in our Lord. Let us also pray that we can let go of all fear, anger and hatred and once again embrace our brothers and sisters in love and in peace.

On behalf of Luba, Roman and Annika, I wish you and your families a joyful Easter season. May God bless you abundantly and bring you peace!

Fr. Andre



April 14, 2017 marks the 2nd Anniversary of the passing of Sister Theodosia into Eternal Life. The Sisters of St. Joseph invite you the faithful to join them for **Panakhida Service** in the prayer remembrance of the faithful handmaid of God, Sister Theodosia **on Easter Monday, April 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the Shrine (Khram) of the Venerable Nun Martyrs Olympia and Laurentia - 215 Sister Theodosia Lane, Avenue M South, Saskatoon.**

**2017 PASTORAL LETTER OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF CANADA
ON THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

**To the Very Reverend Clergy, Monastics and Religious Sisters and Brothers,
Seminarians and Laity of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada:**

“Pascha is approaching - the defeat of sin and the end of death, Easter is coming, and with it a new life and rebirth. Therefore St. Paul says: ‘...the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.’ (Rom. 13: 11-12). May that light of Easter embrace our souls, not as a fleeting moment of happiness, but as rebirth and life granted by the power of God.”
(Confessor of Faith Patriarch Joseph)

Christ is Risen!

Indeed He is Risen!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We greet you all in the joy that is Easter, a joy that is so profound and existential, that it permeates our very being as Christians. For we, the community of children of God, through the mystery of Baptism have been indelibly signed by the death and resurrection of our Lord. And even though we live this life here on earth for as many days and years as is granted us by the grace of God, we are already reborn to eternal life through our Lord Jesus.

An awareness of living in time and space, but already being part of eternity, is what distinguishes the martyrs, confessors, venerables and saints of every category and walk of life: already being “there” even as we are here, tasting the Kingdom of God in this life, while at the same time awaiting its fulfillment. And so today as we proclaim: “Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen” we are also proclaiming that Jesus is alive and we are alive in Him.

In this spirit of paschal celebration it is providential that this year we are celebrating the 125th anniversary of the birth of our noble Confessor of Faith Patriarch Joseph Slipyj, a priest and scholar, educator and Rector, Bishop and Metropolitan, prisoner and exile, Patriarch and symbol for the Ukrainian people. Father Joseph Slipyj accepted the call of the Church to serve as bishop in particularly difficult and challenging times, as war was breaking out in 1939. In his Memoirs he described his doubts and hesitation: “it is not an honor or merit but first of all a hard burden.” (Spomyny-Memoirs, page 136). But Father Slipyj was reassured by another man of profound faith, Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky, who had great confidence in his choice for successor. Arrested by the Soviets in 1945 only six months after becoming the Metropolitan-Primate of our Church, he never lost faith in the Risen Lord nor did he falter as chief shepherd of the Crucified Church in the underground, never doubting that her moment of resurrection would come. And even when he was released after 18 years of imprisonment, and exiled to the West at the age of 71, he never forgot his responsibilities towards his wounded and persecuted flock behind the Iron Curtain, while at the same time bringing new life and energy to the Church in the diaspora, calling for the creation of a Synod of Bishops of our entire Church, united in one Patriarchate. His broad vision and tireless work certainly bore fruit in his lifetime. But he would not witness the greatest fruit

of his labors, that is, the rebirth of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church in Ukraine, which would begin in earnest a mere five years after his death in Rome in 1984.

For the last 25 years, our Church in Ukraine has been able to proclaim freely and openly “Christ is Risen!” and in the present situation of invasion and war our proclamation must resound even louder. If Patriarch Joseph’s life has taught us anything, it is that we reach the stars through hardship, which was the message of his episcopal motto (“Per aspera ad astra”). Here in Canada we too have hardships, possibly of a different nature, though no less challenging. We live in a society where godlessness seems to be the norm and where the sanctity of human life seems to be under an even greater threat than in Ukraine. His Beatitude Sviatoslav recently stated that he worries more about our priests and laity here, than about those on the front line. The challenges and hardships we may have faced during our Lenten journey pale in comparison to the challenges our faith faces each day, as we and our children are bombarded by values that run counter to the teaching of the Gospel. Now is the time to surrender these challenges and hardships to the Risen Lord. We need not forget or deny them, but with trusting hearts let every part of our being be risen, revived and brought to life in Christ.

This year also marks 150th anniversary of the Confederation of Canada. As Canadians, we enjoy many blessings and freedoms not found elsewhere in the world, but as a society we seem to increasingly believe that we are the creators of our own good fortune. We continue to sing “God keep our land glorious and free,” but do we mean it? The Feast of the Resurrection is a wonderful time for us as Canadians and Christians to remember that our Heavenly Father is the “source of every perfect gift coming down from above,” the greatest of which is our life in the Risen Christ, and that we are called to bear witness to this before our fellow citizens in word and action. As Patriarch Josyf reminded us in the words of Saint Paul, we must “put on the armour of light” which protects us from the works of darkness and evil. By our own lives through the power of Resurrection we can make a difference in our world. By every thought, word, and deed let us witness to the Resurrection in the 21st century. For this is the calling we received from Jesus, “let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

“Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life!” May Christ who dwells in our hearts, our families and in our vibrant parishes, give life to all. On this Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord, we pray that God’s love fills your heart and, through you, the hearts of all.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+ Lawrence Huculak, OSBM, Metropolitan Archbishop of Winnipeg
+ Michael Wiwchar, CSsR, Bishop Emeritus of Saskatoon
+ Severian Yakymyshyn OSBM, Bishop Emeritus of New Westminster
+ David Motiuk, Eparchial Bishop of Edmonton
+ Stephen Chmilar, Eparchial Bishop of Toronto
+ Ken Nowakowski, Eparchial Bishop of New Westminster
+ Bryan Bayda, CSsR, Eparchial Bishop of Saskatoon