

UPCOMING LITURGIES & EVENTS: April 23-30, 2017

Date	Time	Location	Event
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
Tues, 25 April	7:00PM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: +Raymond Stefanyshyn (St. Volodymyr Villa)
	7:30PM	Dormition-Auditorium	UCWL Monthly Meeting
Wed, 26 April	9:00AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: God's Blessings – Karain Family
	5:30PM	Dormition-Auditorium	ALPHA: “How Does God Guide Us?”
	7:00PM	St. George Cathedral	Annual Eparchial Appeal Training Session
Thurs, 27 April	9:00AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: +Petrunella +Dan Pantella (40 th Day Memorials)
	7:00PM	Dormition-Auditorium	Parish Executive Meeting
Fri, 28 April	5:00PM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: Birthday Blessings – Ruth Serack (Prayer Partner)
	8:00PM	Bishop Pocock School	Jr. Youth Event
Sat, 29 April	9:00AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: +Allan Rudyk (5 Year Memorial)
	11:00AM	Dormition-Church	First Reconciliation
Sun, 30 April Ointment-Bearing Women	9:30AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: For Our Parishioners
	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>
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	-----
7 May	9:30AM	Therese & Victor Skomar	Brad Marceniuk	Andrea Bamberger
	5:00PM	Volunteers	Volunteer	-----
<u>Date</u>	<u>Rosary</u>	<u>Sunday Collection Counters</u>	<u>Church Cleaners</u>	
23 April	Elizabeth Stefanyshyn	Donna Gosselin & Tim Lalach	April 23-May 6	David & Amy Rybinski
30 April	Knights of Columbus	Rose Worona & Dodie Abrametz		
7 May	Emily Woytowich	Judith Kurulok & Tim Lalach	May 7-20	Mykhaylo & Iryna Dzyuba

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

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.

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. Lack of communication, resentment, fighting, and living separate lives while married are just some of the common factors responsible for the breakdown of many marriages. The reasons are as varied as the couples that take part in Retrouvaille. **Retrouvaille** has Catholic roots but the program is for everyone who wants a stronger marriage, regardless of religious affiliation. It is based on an intensive weekend-long experience followed by six follow-up sessions. The main emphasis of the program is on communication and rebuilding relationships. The next Retrouvaille weekend takes place on April 28-30 in Saskatoon and is followed by six weeks of post sessions on May 6, 13, 27, June 3, 17 and 24. For more information, call (306) 652-7155 or e-mail: retrouvaille@sasktel.net.

3. **BIRTHDAY PARTY** at ST. JOSEPH'S HOME Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. (33 Valens Drive, Saskatoon). Celebrating the birthdays of the residents for the month of April. Sponsored by St. George's Cathedral Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada (UCWLC). Come join the Sisters of St. Joseph, the celebrants, their families, residents and sponsoring group for an afternoon birthday party celebration, with a snack and entertainment.

4. **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 available 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.

5. **Thrice Blest**, a novel by M. L. Greer. In a village on a tributary of the Dniester River, Ukrainian people have struggled against poverty, oppression, and persistent efforts to obliterate their identity, language, culture, and religion. A fictional Ukrainian Catholic family is scattered; two brothers remain in Galicia, one immigrates to Argentina, and the rest of the family, to Saskatchewan. Their lives are followed throughout the twentieth century. Hard work, perseverance, and faith reward the family. The novel is available from Amazon.ca.

Saskatoon Marriage Network presents

A Weekend of Impact April 27-29

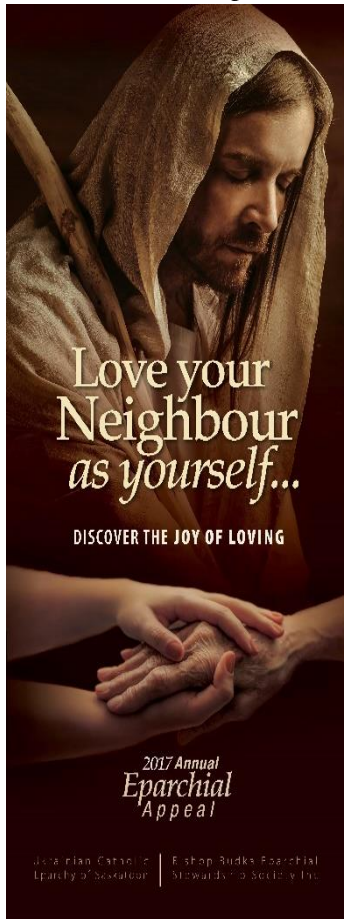
Circle Drive Alliance, 3035 Preston Ave, Saskatoon

Dave and Donalyn Currie of Doing Family Right Ministries

- **Marriage 2.0** for couples married 20-plus years, or those over age 45 in a second marriage, will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on **Friday, April 28**
- **i-Parent** from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on **Friday, April 28** (\$10/person) will tackle the topics of leaving a spiritual impact on your kids and raising confident children.
- **Marriage Fusion 2:1**, a powerful marriage-building experience for all married couples, with a special focus on those married less than 20 years, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Saturday, April 29** (\$99 per couple before April 7). *Register online at:* www.SaskatoonMarriageNetwork.ca or call (306) 373-5445 for more information.

2017 ANNUAL EPARCHIAL APPEAL

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



Today marks the Kick-Off for the 2017 Annual Eparchial 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 Ukrainian Catholic Church and faith. These funds raised not only helped to defray the costs of offering existing Eparchial Ministries Programs, but these funds allowed the Eparchy to begin establishing new programs that will significantly benefit the faithful throughout our Eparchy. Next week the 2017 Annual Eparchial Appeal Video will show how the Eparchial Ministries programs have made a significant difference in the lives of many people throughout our Eparchy. 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. Please review this information and prayerfully please consider what you can offer to the Appeal. Your contribution will make a significant difference.

The 2017 goal is to raise \$220,000 to support the Eparchial ministry programs. Hopefully and prayerfully you will find it in your heart to support the 2017 Annual Eparchial Appeal. More information is available on our website at: www.bbessi.org
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.**

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. **UCWL News** - Our monthly meeting is this Tuesday, April 25th, immediately following the 7:00PM Divine Liturgy.

3. Our Parish Alpha Program continues! Come and share a meal, a video and reflection **Wednesday, April 26th @ 5:30PM in the Church Auditorium:** How Does God Guide Us? For more information, contact Judith Kurulok @ j.kurulok@sasktel.net.

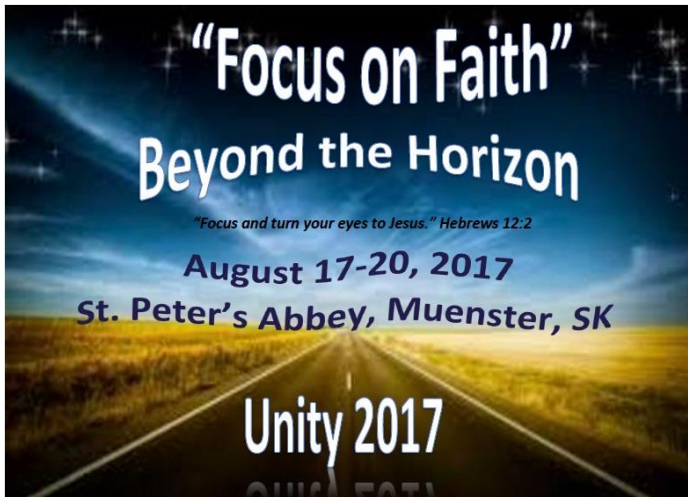
Regular Giving by Pre-Authorized Debit – Making monthly contributions by preauthorized debit is a valuable way to help our parish reduce administration and allows us to plan for the future. Giving monthly by direct debit is a confidential agreement between you and Dormition Parish. Simply complete the 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! Christ Is Risen! Христос Воскрес!

Many, many thanks to those who participated in our Holy Week and Easter Services last weekend! I'm very grateful to our choir members (especially my mom, Marcie Lalach) for their efforts in leading us through the beautiful and challenging music for Holy Week and Easter; to our sacristans, altar servers and volunteers who carried liturgical items during processions or participated in the Holy Thursday foot washing; to our welcomers and readers; those who kept vigil at the tomb on Good Friday evening; and to the holy women (and men) who decorated the tomb and holy tables with new linens. Special thanks to Don Gabruch & Travis Hutsal for helping cut willows for Palm Sunday, and to Bishop Bryan who celebrated Good Friday with us. And many thanks to from our family to those who gave an Easter 'Gift of Love'! Your kindness and generosity is much appreciated.

Fr. Andre

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.



- *Are you a person seeking to find God and meaning in your life?*
- *Are you a Catholic or Orthodox Christian?*
- *Are you looking to continue your faith journey from World Youth Day or perhaps were not able to attend WYD?*
- *Or are you simply a person open to God but of no particular faith, denomination or tradition?*

Whatever your background, we invite you to explore the youth page under the Eparchial website and join us for Unity 2017!

Sponsored by the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada, Unity is held every few years as a celebration for young adults (ages 18-35) from across Canada in order to better understand, embrace and celebrate who we are as Byzantine Catholics through fellowship, prayer and education.

Unity 2017 "Into the Horizon: Focus on Faith" is being held at St. Peter's Abbey from August 17 to 20, 2017. St. Peter's Abbey is in Muenster, SK and provides a tranquil retreat from hectic city life. Step outside our doors and take in the stunning lakes and prairie views. Find yourself in awe of the many deer and wildlife that wander their property, especially the chickadees!

We hope to see you there.

Hosted and sponsored by the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon.

Join the Unity 2017 Facebook group

Register online at: <http://skeparchy.org/ucya/unity/>

Christians, Jews and Muslims call for palliative care strategy for Canada

Canada is overdue for a well-funded, national initiative to improve palliative care access and quality. An important first step is for parliamentarians to vote for Bill C-277, introduced by MP Marilyn Gladu, which calls for the development of a pan-Canadian palliative care strategy. How a country cares for its most vulnerable reflects our national values and priorities. Those approaching the final stage of life are, unquestionably, among our most vulnerable.

While much of the conversation around end-of-life issues in Canada has focused on what is often referred to as “Medical Assistance in Dying”, far too little attention has been paid to palliative care. As a comprehensive approach to end-of-life challenges, palliative care combines pain management with efforts to attend to a patient’s psychological, emotional, social and spiritual needs, as well as caregiver support. There is a broad consensus across the political spectrum that palliative care is an indispensable part of our health care system and should be available to every patient who desires it. We affirm the World Health Organization’s definition of palliative care, as well as the official

positions of the Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians, the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association, and the Canadian Medical Association that the practice of palliative care does not include interventions which intentionally cause the death of the patient. This has been central to the philosophy of palliative care and is a fundamental distinction that must be maintained.

Indeed, the proportion of Canadians likely to seek palliative care far exceeds those who would request “Medical Assistance in Dying”. Unfortunately, the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association (CHPCA) has estimated that a mere 15% to 30% of patients nearing end of life have access to palliative care. For those who have access to palliative care, the CHPCA observes that patients currently pay around one-quarter of associated costs. According to the CHPCA, “compared to usual acute care, hospital-based hospice palliative care may save the health care system approximately \$7,000 to \$8,000 per patient.” They further cite a 2013 Ontario study that estimated expanding in-home palliative care could save \$191 million to \$385 million in health care costs annually. It notes that residential hospices are far more cost-effective than acute care settings, with daily costs of approximately \$400 versus \$1,000, respectively. While economic figures reveal the significant cost-savings associated with palliative care, our interest in this issue is rooted not in dollars and cents, but in the incalculable worth of every person.

Therefore, we and other faith community leaders came together in June of last year to call on the Government of Canada to develop a pan-Canadian palliative and end of-life care strategy. Our faith traditions instruct that there is meaning in supporting people at the end of life. Visiting those who are sick, and caring for those who are dying, are core tenets of our respective faiths and reflect our shared values as Canadians. Compassion is a foundational element of Canadian identity, and it is therefore incumbent on elected officials at all levels of government to support a robust, well-resourced, national palliative care strategy. This requires increasing the availability of hospice and palliative care in all settings and improving the quality and consistency of services provided. The government should also explore ways to expand support for family caregivers, such as through flexible financial and tax benefits. A comprehensive approach to palliative care must include measures to empower those at the centre of supporting loved ones reaching life’s end, and who in turn play an indispensable role in the system. It is encouraging that the 2017 federal budget allocates \$6 billion over a decade for home care, from which – the government notes – Canadians can expect improved access to home, community and palliative care. It is vital that Ottawa coordinate with the provinces to deliver these funds efficiently, with particular attention to ensuring that all Canadians, regardless of their place of residence, can access palliative care. As Health Minister Jane Philpott observed: “As a physician, I’ve witnessed the vital role palliative care plays in our health care system, providing much needed support to patients and their families at one of the most difficult times of their lives. Whether it is provided at home, in a hospice or medical institution, palliative care is critical to an effective health care system.” We couldn’t agree more. We hope that all Members of Parliament will vote for Bill C-277 when it comes before the House, as a critical first step toward addressing the need for palliative care for all Canadians.

Bruce Clemenger, President, Evangelical Fellowship of Canada; Shimon Koffler Fogel, CEO, The Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs; (Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops; Imam Sikander Hashmi, Canadian Council of Imams