

UPCOMING LITURGIES & EVENTS: Dec 10-17, 2017

Date	Time	Location	Event
Sun, 10 Dec 27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	9:30AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: For Our Parishioners, followed by St. Nicholas Celebration
	3:30PM	Dormition-Church	Rite of Christian Initiation
	5:00PM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: For the Needs of the Eparchy
Mon, 11 Dec	5:30PM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: God’s Blessings – UCWL Members, followed by Christmas Social
Tues, 12 Dec	9:00AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: Health – Ruth Serack (Diana Chomitzky)
	12:45PM	Dormition-Church	Bishop Filevich School Reconciliation Service
	6:30PM	Dormition-Church	Bible Study: The Book of Revelation
Wed, 13 Dec	9:00AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: +Tracy Pobran (Spelay Family)
Fri, 15 Dec	7:00PM	Bishop Pocock School	Jr. Youth Night
Sat, 16 Dec	10:30AM	Dormition-Church	Baptisms: Kenyan, Skylar, Sawyer & Ryker
Sun, 17 Dec Sunday of the Forefathers	9:30AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: For Our Parishioners
	11:30AM	Laniwci-Church	Divine Liturgy: Needs of the Eparchy (followed by Confessions)
	5:00PM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: Health – Helen Hryniuk

Liturgical Ministry Schedule				
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Welcomers</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Children’s Liturgy Leaders</u>
10 Dec	9:30AM	Vic & Therese Skomar	Jennifer Clerke	Iryna & Mykhaylo Dzyuba
	5:00PM	Volunteers	Volunteer	-----
17 Dec	9:30AM	Marceniuk Family	Brad Marceniuk	Emma & Olivia Fisher
	5:00PM	Volunteers	Volunteer	-----
24 Dec	9:30AM	Terry & Norma Zinkowski	Darryl Adamko	-----
	5:00PM	Stefanyshyn-Alonso Family	Patti Fisher	-----
<u>Date</u>	<u>Rosary</u>	<u>Sunday Collection Counters</u>	<u>Church Cleaners</u>	
10 Dec	Jana Lalach	Chris Sherban & Danika Shoffner	Dec 3-16	Don & Lydia Gabruch
17 Dec	Judith Kurulok	Donna Gosselin & Tim Lalach	Dec 17-30	Linden & Kyla Predy
24 Dec	Rose Worona	Jean Alonso & Rose Worona		
<b>Snow Cleaning</b>	Dec 9-15 Randy Zenkewich	Dec 16-22 Tim Lalach	Dec 23-29 Myron Glova	

2017 Christmas Liturgies in our Pastoral District

- December 24th (Christmas Eve)
- December 25th (Christmas Day)
- December 26th (Synaxis of the Theotokos)
- 5:00PM @ Dormition Parish
- 8:30PM @ Vonda Parish
- 10:00AM @ Dormition Parish
- 9:00AM @ Dormition Parish

A WARM WELCOME TO PARISHIONERS, GUESTS & VISITORS!

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.
2. All are welcome to the 46th Noon Festival of Carols held at TCU Place (22nd Street), from Dec. 11 to Dec. 14. Bring your own lunch or purchase on site. Free Admission.
3. “Iconography in our Time: The Power of Visual Prayer,” exhibit will at the Musée Ukraina Museum, located at 222 Avenue M South in Saskatoon, will run until Jan. 30, 2018. The exhibit will be open during regular museum hours: Sundays, 11:30am to 4:30pm or by appointment.
4. **St. George’s Cathedral Malanka** will be on Saturday January 13, 2018 at the St. George’s Senior Citizen Centre (1235 20th Street West). Advance tickets only! Deadline to reserve your ticket is January 10th by calling (306) 664-3459, 249-0493, 382-1647, 382-6572, or 382-2715.

**St. Michael’s at Madge Lake . . . Winter Camp Experience.** Christmas is around the corner and if you are looking for something different to give a child for Christmas, please consider giving some memories that will last forever! Give the gift of a Winter Camp Experience located at St. Michael’s at Madge. The Camp dates are February 19-24, 2018 and will be filled with downhill skiing, tobogganing, skating and a whole lot more. It is for youth aged 10-15 (co-ed) and will be a fantastic way to spend time with friends during the February break. For more information and to register please go to [www.stmichaelscamp.com](http://www.stmichaelscamp.com) or contact Tracie Bugera at 306-533-8229 or email [info@stmichaelscamp.com](mailto:info@stmichaelscamp.com).

**Support SCSBA’s Schools You Can Believe In fundraising campaign**  
Help ensure Catholic education is available to all who choose it, no matter the reason, for future generations. Donate to support the legal appeal of the Theodore court-case ruling and keep resources in our classrooms. A permanent reversal through the appeals process (which will likely go to the Supreme Court of Canada) is needed to maintain funding for all who choose Catholic faith-based education. Donate online at <https://foundation.gscs.ca>, or make your cheque payable to Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation (write “Theodore” in the memo) and drop it off at your local Catholic school or deliver it to 420 22nd St E; Saskatoon, SK S7K 1X3.  
**“Just as you did it to the least of these...”**  
St. Joseph High School students collected over 21,000 lbs of food for the Saskatoon Food Bank and Learning Centre this past Halloween—the most among the many schools that are helping feed the hungry. Catholic education makes a difference in your community.

**International Student Program Host Families Wanted** The Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools International Student Program is in need of host families. The students come from Japan, Korea, Germany, Mexico, Brazil and Colombia. They come mainly in grades 9 through 12 and usually stay for one or two semesters; some may stay longer. The students will reimburse the host family \$800 per month to cover expenses. For more information, please call the International Student Program office at 659-7688.

## MAKE HER KNOWN – Jubilee Pilgrim Icon Visits Ss Peter & Paul Parish

In 1866, Pope Pius IX entrusted the icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help to the Redemptorists with the mission to “make her known” throughout the world.

Last year, twelve specially prepared icons of Our Mother of Perpetual Help were blessed by Pope Francis and are now traveling the world. One of these twelve icons is visiting Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church this month. This icon is a sign that Mary is visiting her pilgrim people. The icon is also an instrument of evangelization, and it speaks of the Incarnation, Crucifixion, and Resurrection of Christ, our Redeemer.



To mark the visit of the icon, we will gather as a parish community to pray with and honour Our Mother of Perpetual Help. We will have a Moleben service and a short homily at the following times:

- Thursday, December 14 at 7:00pm
- Wednesday, December 20 at 7:00pm (followed by confessions).



**Christmas Giving Tree** – You’ll notice that there are gift tags hanging on our giving tree! All gifts this year will be delivered to the Saskatoon Crisis Nursery. Thank you for your generosity in giving a gift or two to the children and families experiencing stress during the Nativity season. More information about Crisis Nursery will be shared TODAY during the Knights of Columbus Breakfast.

Please be advised that St. George Cathedral will continue to build their relationship with Guadalupe Parish and take over our commitment of foodstuffs and Christmas gifts so that we can refocus and manage some new smaller initiatives. We will continue to receive donations for the CWL clothing depot throughout the year and direct our gift giving at Christmas to our long-time partner: Saskatoon Crisis Nursery. Look for the new donation bin near the East Entrance coming soon!

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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 [covenantofcare@skeparchy.org](mailto:covenantofcare@skeparchy.org) or 306-653-0138 ext. 228.

## PARISH NEWS

1. **PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Orest Chernesky, Alex & Phyllis Skakun, Anne Iwanicha, Hailey Woytowich, Ethan Smolinski, Steph Cooley, Jules Chrusch, Walter Moshinski, Mike Okrainetz, John Kurysh, Rose Chrusch, Bernie Storzuk.

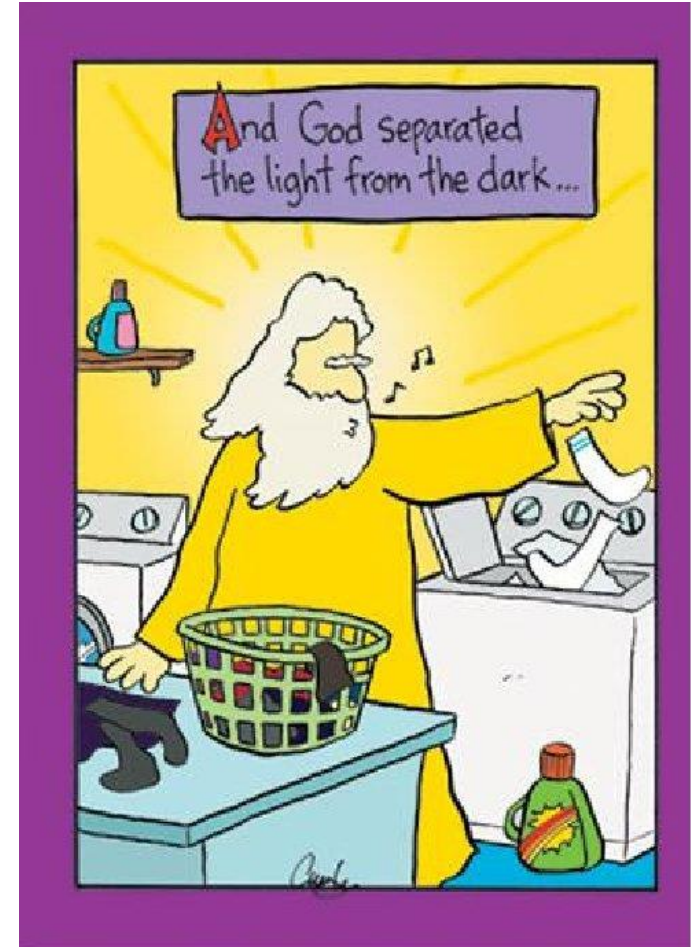
2. **UCWL News:** The next UCWLC meeting is on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, which will be our Christmas social. Divine Liturgy at 5:30, followed by catered supper and AGM. Prayer Partners will be revealed and new prayer partners will be chosen that day. Perogies and cabbage rolls for sale: 5 dozen Potato and Cheese - \$25.00; 5 dozen Potato and Onion - \$22.00; and cabbage rolls are 2 dozen packages for \$12.00.

3. St. Thomas More College presents **A Christmas Musical Evening**, December 14<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm - STM Chapel, 1437 College Drive, Saskatoon. This beautiful evening will feature soloists and musical groups from the community to celebrate the season! Special guest is **Alla Gof** (Deacon Vasyli’s wife); a reception to follow.

4. **Pre-Christmas Reconciliation Services** – Make time to go to Confession before Christmas!

- St. Volodymyr Villa – Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30PM
- Ss. Peter & Paul Parish – Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM
- Ss Peter & Paul Parish – Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM
- Dormition Parish – Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00PM

5. The **Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church** “Christ – Our Pascha”, is now available online in English! As we prepare ourselves to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas), read the Catechism as a family and learn more about the Annunciation to the Virgin Mary, the Birth of our Lord and His Baptism in the Jordan. Learn more about the Christian vocation and why God created us and how much He loves us! Learn more about prayer and the Holy Mysteries (Sacraments). It’s all found in the Catechism—online starting December 1, 2017 at the Royal Doors website - [www.royaldoors.net](http://www.royaldoors.net) - where you can find many Ukrainian Catholic resources!



Brothers and sisters in Christ!

We know very little about the woman who was healed in our Gospel today. The text is silent on the question of why was she healed and others weren't. We don't know why she bore the pain and humiliation of a bent back. Perhaps the source of her crippled physique was chiropractic in nature, perhaps a lack of calcium. Medically there's only conjecture on our side of the 2,000 years that separate us from her.

None of us may have ever experienced the spinal reality of such a thing but the infirmity of the woman who was healed in our Gospel today seems *spiritually familiar* doesn't it? Her collapsed posture is the physical representation of 'the self turned in on the self', myopically unconcerned for anything but the self and having no thought for God or neighbour. In other words, bent in a manner in which we see nothing but our own feet. We can come by it naturally – embodying the messages we receive from society and our families and ourselves – that we are not thin enough, smart enough, rich enough, like our sister enough, or quite simply...enough. This can just bend us in. Then add to it our cultural obsession with the self and the notion that we are our own gods and the result is a deformity of our true identity as children of God.

What's interesting, then, is that the purpose of her healing is not fulfilled when she stands up straight and it's not fulfilled when she is named and it's not fulfilled when she praises God. The healing is completed when the community witnesses new life in their midst and rejoices. In other words, her healing from God had less to do with her and more to do with God's love for the whole world. Having seen God's mercy in the upright body of this daughter of Abraham, the community rejoices for having God in their midst. Right there in the mess of their broken lives and fractured hopes and crippled bodies. Right there in the midst of the hypocrites and religious legalists. There is where God shows up.

It's the same for you and me. Our own personal encounter with God's grace and love and mercy has a purpose. Our being freed from the domination of self has a purpose. Our being acted upon by God...being made whole has a purpose: and it's not so that we can collect higher self-esteem and a sense of well-being. God does all of this for the good of our neighbour!

Pope Francis tells us so beautifully, that "If I can help at least one person to have a better life, that already justifies the offering of my life. We achieve fulfillment when we break down walls and open our hearts to others! We are called to live as missionaries who feel genuine happiness in seeking the food of others, in desiring their happiness. It is who we are!" Jesus is born on Christmas day for us; may we, in turn, be born again this Christmas to bring joy and love and peace to everyone this wonderful Christ-mas season!

Our parish community has been blessed in so many ways this year. We give thanks and welcome in particular for our new member families: **Tracie Stus; Wade, Melissa & Wyatt Stus; Maureen Chrusch; Tom & Peggy Kondra, Gregg, Jessica and Payton Winacott; Rose Chrusch; Ernie, Brigid & Nathaniel Shwytky; Iuliia & Mariya Zelenska; and Michelle Serby!**

Have great week – Fr. André

## 2017 National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples in Canada

Since 1980, over 1000 Indigenous women and girls have been murdered in Canada. While Indigenous women make up only 4% of Canada's female population, 16% of all women murdered in Canada between 1980 and 2012 were Indigenous. In June 2015, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission issued 94 Calls to Action designed to redress the legacy left by the Indian Residential Schools. In Call to Action no. 41, the federal government is invited to launch a public inquiry into the causes of, and remedies for, the disproportionate victimization of Indigenous women and girls; "The inquiry's mandate would include: i) investigation into missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls; ii) links to the intergenerational legacy of residential schools." In December 2015, the federal government of Canada announced the launch of the first phase of a public inquiry into murdered and missing Indigenous women and girls.

The overwhelming grief caused by these violent crimes can be felt throughout the community. Families of victims are looking for answers to understand what happened to their loved one, a demonstration that the public cares, and to be treated fairly. Justice and hope need to come together for each and every one of the victims and their families.

Many are coming together to share in ceremonies, uniting the families of victims, the community and the spirit of the departed to deal with their grief. One such ceremony encourages people to "leave it on the cross", offering tissues with their tears into a fire and in turn releasing their grief to the Creator. The Native Women's Association of Canada has developed a useful guide on how to hold a "**Sisters in Spirit**" walk in communities. These ceremonies can often provide a sense of closure for the victims and their families.

On this **day of prayer** (12 December 2017), we the members of the **Canadian Catholic Aboriginal Council**, wish to bring awareness to this important issue. We call on all Catholics to pray to the Creator for hope and justice for the victims and their families. We call on communities, parishes, and individuals to support the national inquiry in any way they can, by participating in ceremonies and truly experiencing them, participating in search and rescue operations, and providing spaces for people to meet. We call on individuals to pray for the victims and their families and to share any information they may have with the proper authorities.

Today we come together in prayer for the victims and their loved ones.

**Let us pray. *Creator God, we acknowledge all of the gifts we have been given. We especially acknowledge the gifts of the women in our lives, our mothers, grandmothers, wives, aunties, sisters and nieces. We express our sorrow and hurt for those of our Indigenous sisters who have gone missing or have been murdered. At this time, we ask for blessings for all women, and especially for those who have experienced inexplicable violation and suffering. We ask for comfort, care, and consolation, for those family members left behind. We again acknowledge the gifts of the Spirit we have been given and we ask for these blessings in Christ. Amen.***