

UPCOMING LITURGIES & EVENTS: Dec 17-24, 2017

Date	Time	Location	Event
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
Tues, 19 Dec	9:00AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: +Stella Chilliak (St. John the Evangelist Parish)
	6:30PM	Dormition-Church	Bible Study: The Book of Revelation, continued...
Wed, 20 Dec	7:00PM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: +James Kurulok (Judith)
	7:30PM	Dormition-Auditorium	Parish Council Meeting
Thurs, 21 Dec	7:00PM	Dormition-Church	Pre-Christmas Reconciliation Service
Fri, 22 Dec	5:00PM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: +Nick Chrusch (Rose & Family)
Sat, 23 Dec	9:00AM	Dormition-Church	Christmas Decorating
	10:30AM	Dormition-Church	Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal
Sun, 24 Dec Christmas Eve	9:30AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: For Our Parishioners
	5:00PM	Dormition-Church	Nativity Play & Christmas Eve Divine Liturgy
	8:30PM	Vonda-Church	Compline & Christmas Eve Divine Liturgy

Liturgical Ministry Schedule				
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Welcomers</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Children’s Liturgy Leaders</u>
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	-----
31 Dec	9:30AM	Ruth Serack & Diana Chomitzky	Linden Predy	-----
	5:00PM	NO 5:00PM DIVINE LITURGY TODAY!		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Rosary</u>	<u>Sunday Collection Counters</u>	<u>Church Cleaners</u>	
17 Dec	Kalyn Smith	Donna Gosselin & Tim Lalach	Dec 17-30	Linden & Kyla Predy
24 Dec	Rose Worona	Jean Alonso & Rose Worona		
31 Dec	Knights of Columbus	Danika Shoffner & Victor Skomar	Dec 31-Jan 13	TBA
Snow Cleaning	Dec 16-22 Tim Lalach	Dec 23-29 Myron Glova	Dec 30-Jan 5 Matthew Yunik	

2017 Christmas Liturgies in our Pastoral District

December 24th (Christmas Eve)	5:00PM @ Dormition Parish
December 25th (Christmas Day)	8:30PM @ Vonda Parish
December 26th (Synaxis of the Theotokos)	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. **A Festival of Christmas Lessons and Carols** – Tuesday December 19, 7pm at St. John’s Cathedral, 816 Spadina Crescent East. This service includes choirs and soloists from across the city, and civic leaders reading one of the nine “Lessons” or readings from Scripture. Our readers are leaders in the community, and represent different segments of our city and beyond. This year our readers include our Mayor, our Fire Chief, Shirley Isbister (representing the Metis community), Doug Porteous (Meewasin Valley Authority), Harry Lafond (Office of the Treaty Commissioner), Sherri Benson (MP), Sandra Stack (Ex. Dir. – Saskatoon Friendship Inn – the charity we are supporting this year), Zofia Gehl (HMCS Unicorn), and Rev. Lorne Calvert (St. Andrew’s College, representing education). Bluejay Linklater will be drumming and singing as well. It promises to be a beautiful service. If you do plan on attending please arrive early, to ensure you have a seat. Last year, the first year we offered this service, was attended by close to 500 people, and it was standing room only. Prelude music will be offered 6:30-6:50pm.
3. **Christmas Programs at Musée Ukraina Museum and the Khram (Shrine) of the Nun Martyrs Olympia and Laurentia.** The Sisters of St. Josephs and Musée Ukraina Museum invite you to three special evenings of Christmas programming that will be happening at the Khram of the Nun Martyrs Olympia and Laurentia, and the Museum on December 25, 26 & 27. Each evening will feature special programming and refreshments. Included will be public viewing of the Sr. Theodosia Nativity scenes from different parts of the world.
- December 25 at 7 p.m. - Religious service at Shrine followed by a Christmas program at the Museum at 7:30 pm and refreshments.
 - December 26 & 27 at 7 p.m. - Christmas program and refreshments at Musée Ukraina Museum. The Shrine will be opened for those wishing to view the Nativity scenes.
4. **Award-Winning Internment Documentary to Premiere in Saskatoon** - The University of Saskatchewan Ukrainian Students Association and the Ukrainian Canadian Professional & Business Association of Saskatoon are pleased to bring you the documentary, "That Never Happened: Canada's First National Internment Operations," by Ryan Boyko of Armistice Films. Tuesday, January 9, 2018 @ The Roxy Theatre (320 20th St W). Doors open at 6 PM Screening at 6:30 PM. A live Q&A session with the Producer and Director will follow. Tickets are available online at Eventbrite or call Adrian 306-220-8967 or Nykola 306-514-3143.
5. “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.
6. **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.

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.

17th Annual King of Kovbasa - Thursday, February 8, 2018, 7 PM (doors open 6:30 PM) Prairieland Park (503 Ruth St W). Our community partner this year is the new PotashCorp Children's Discovery Museum. They will be moving into the old Mendel Art Gallery building on Spadina in late 2018. Come out and support a great cause! Single tickets are \$40 and reserved tables of 8 are \$350 plus service charges. Credit card purchases can be made online from our UCPBA Saskatoon website at ucpbaskatoon.ca/events.html. Reserved tables may also be purchased with cash or cheque by emailing UCPBA President David Lalach at david.lalach@richardsongmp.com.



The Bishops' Levee will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. **Monday, Jan. 1, 2018** in the Bishop LeGat Hall of the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Drive, Saskatoon.

Everyone is welcome to meet and greet **Bishop Mark Hagemoen** of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, and **Bishop Bryan Bayda** of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon during this come-and-go reception.

No RSVP required. This event is organized by the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Assemblies (D'Arcy McGee 1065; Justice Emmett Hall 2700 and Bishop Nykta 2755). For information, contact Ron Frehlich, Faithful Navigator, D'Arcy McGee Assembly at (306) 229-0090.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2018 will feature a number of Saskatoon events from Sunday, Jan. 21 to Sunday Jan. 28, beginning with an Opening Service at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21 at St. John's Anglican Cathedral, and events every day of the week. For more information visit the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism website at www.pcecumenism.ca or call (306) 653-1633.

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:** Thank-you to the ladies, including Eparchial President Marlene Bodnar, that came out on Monday to our Christmas social and AGM. Special thanks to Loran Chrusch, Andy Praksas, Tim Lalach, Jean Alonso and Darryl Adamko for their attendance as well as doing the dishes! Thank you to Gord Worona for attending and completing the audit. A huge thank you to Therese Skomar for all her work and Touch of Ukraine for the delicious supper. Welcome to our new members: Cindy Lalach and Sarah Farthing-Dykstra. Thank you to Fr. Andre and Deacon Vasyly for celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Ladies, we are always looking for new members so please contact Dian Chomitzky at 221-1513 or Monica Rhinas 306 260-4710. New members bring fresh ideas! We still have a few perogies left and some cabbage rolls please get them this week not to be disappointed. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, January 9th. Our Executive and Committee Blessing (and photo) has been changed to January 21st. St. Joseph Nursing Home Birthday Party is also on January 21st. If you or your children have a special talent please talk to Elizabeth Stefanyshyn or Luba Lalach as they are the entertainment committee for the party.

3. All gifts need to be under the **Giving Tree** by December 22 so that the delivery can be made in time for Christmas. Thank you again for your generosity of gifts and prayers for the Saskatoon Crisis Nursery. May blessings be abundant as you continue to wait in joyful hope of the Nativity of Christ. The Justice and Peace Committee is meeting TODAY (Dec. 17) at 4 pm in the church basement - all are welcome to join our team as we collaborate about ideas for 2018.

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

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

5. **Planning to get married in 2018?** Congratulations! The Eparchy of Saskatoon Marriage Preparation Program "Crown them with Honour and Glory" will take place in Saskatoon on Saturday March 24, 2018 - 8 am. to 7 pm. at the Eparchial Chancery Office, 214 Ave M South. At this one day intensive course you will be immersed in the beauty and richness of our unique wedding ceremony and learn within that context some of the keys to a happy lifelong marriage. Please speak immediately with Fr. Andre about your plans. For more information and to register for the course email Deborah Larmour at uwitness2family@skeparchy.org.

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 or 306-653-0138 ext. 228.

**PASTORAL LETTER
OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF CANADA
ON THE OCCASION OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD 2017**

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

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

For Canadians, it has been an extraordinary year of celebrations as we commemorated the 150th anniversary of Canadian Confederation. Throughout this great nation communities large and small found their own special way to celebrate. On Canada Day throughout the land there were parades, picnics, family and neighbourhood barbecues, and, of course, fireworks, bringing the day to a glorious close. In each of our families, no doubt, we also celebrated other events: a birthday, an anniversary, a wedding, or a graduation. Celebrations have great meaning as long as we understand what is being celebrated and why we celebrate it. And even if we don't completely understand a particular celebration, as is frequently the case in a multicultural and diverse country such as ours, we can at least tell a joyful celebration from a sorrowful one.

What does Christmas mean to us? Why do we celebrate it? How do we mark the feast? Our consumer society certainly gives us enough notice of the "holiday season" through endless commercials and advertising! We are urged to go to Christmas parties, to make our holiday plans well in advance, to purchase gifts, and to decorate our homes. On various radio and television talk shows we are told to not wait till the last moment to purchase Christmas presents, to make holiday plans early in order to avoid stress. We may even know people who begin their Christmas gift shopping for the next year almost as soon as Christmas is over, already thinking of the people to whom they will want to give a gift, and thus purchasing presents throughout the entire year. We probably also know people who wait till the very last minute to make plans and purchase gifts, only to find that their lives have become topsy-turvy. Then the Christmas celebrations come and go so quickly that all that seemingly remains is an inner emptiness, the so called post-Christmas doldrums, or the after-Christmas party blues. Is that the meaning of Christmas, a season of frenetic commercial activity? Shouldn't we at least question the motives of those who kick off each "holiday season" with a "Black Friday?"

In the Gospel of Luke, the Angel of the Lord announces:

"Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." (2: 10-12)

Then the narrative continues:

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" (2:13-14)

So, we are celebrating an event infinitely more important than Canadian Confederation, a family member's birthday or wedding anniversary. We are celebrating the kind of Good News that comes only once in human history: the birth of a Saviour, a Messiah. Christmas commemorates an event that continues to impact the lives of all men and women of faith: the co-Eternal Son of God became one of us, so that we might share in his Divinity.

Are we ready to celebrate the event, not materially, but spiritually? Did we take advantage of the Philip's Fast (Pylypivka-Advent) to spend extra time in prayer? Did we limit our food intake and make personal sacrifices? Did we especially think of the needy, both near and far, and engage in works of charity? Did we take advantage of the Holy Mystery (Sacrament) of Reconciliation so that we might be able to sing "God is with us—Emmanuel!" with a pure and open heart? If we have, we truly understand and can appreciate the real reason for the season. If we have not, it is never too late to receive the new-born Saviour in the stillness of a joyful heart, for his message of good news is offered to all men and women of good will. Let us ask for the grace needed to understand the incredible significance of the event. Let us pray, that we might have the courage to proclaim the truth about Christmas, boldly and with faith.

Our rich liturgical poetry for the Feast proclaims:

Today heaven and earth unite, for Christ is born. Today God came to earth in the flesh, and the human race was lifted up to the heavens. Today, for the sake of all, He is seen in the flesh, the One Who by nature is invisible. Let us glorify Him, singing: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace which Your coming has bestowed on us. O Saviour, glory to You!

May each and every one of you be blessed with a Christmas full of joyful and profound celebration.

+ 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
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