

UPCOMING LITURGIES & EVENTS: Dec 17-24, 2017

Date	Time	Location	Event
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
Mon, 25 Dec Christmas Day	10:00AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: For Our Parishioners
Tues, 26 Dec Synaxis of the Mother of God	9:00AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: For the Sick and Suffering
Wed, 27 Dec	9:00AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: Healing – Janet Loiselle (Fr. André)
Thurs, 28 Dec	9:00AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: Deceased Family (Olga Kondra)
Sun, 31 Dec Sunday after Christmas	9:30AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: For Our Parishioners
	5:00PM	NO 5:00PM DIVINE LITURGY TODAY!	

Liturgical Ministry Schedule				
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Welcomers</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Children’s Liturgy Leaders</u>
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!		
7 Jan	9:30AM	Dodie Abrametz & Barbara Bodnarchuk	Patti Fisher	Jennifer Clerke
	5:00PM	Volunteers	Volunteer	-----
<u>Date</u>	<u>Rosary</u>	<u>Sunday Collection Counters</u>	<u>Church Cleaners</u>	
24 Dec	Rose Worona	Jean Alonso & Rose Worona	Dec 17-30	Linden & Kyla Predy
31 Dec	Knights of Columbus	Danika Shoffner & Victor Skomar	Dec 31-Jan 13	Maureen Chrusch
7 Jan	Judith Kurulok	Mildred Nicol & Judith Kurulok		Loran Chrusch

Snow Cleaning	Dec 23-29 Myron Glova	Dec 30-Jan5 Matthew Yunik	Jan 6-12 Linden Predy
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2017 Christmas Liturgies in our Pastoral District

December 24th (Christmas Eve)

5:00PM @ Dormition Parish
8:30PM @ Vonda Parish

December 25th (Christmas Day)

10:00AM @ Dormition Parish

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.

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. **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.



Visit the **Cantors' Corner** on our Eparchial Website: www.skeparchy.org . . . If you have not already discovered this on our website, please click on the icon on our homepage and discover the Propers for the Liturgical Year on a monthly basis as taken from the translation and music of Father John Sianchuk, CSsR, which is more widely used in our Eparchy. The new project, late December

through March, is a "work in progress". We are again asking for your feedback. Please email me throughout this trial period at ivannaha@sasktel.net with your feedback and comments.

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 ucpbasaskatoon.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 LeGatt 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.



St. Michael's Camp would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing you at camp in 2018. Go to <http://www.stmichaelscamp.com/> or call Tracie Bugera @ 306-533-8229.

Winter Camp Dates

- Little Mikes Family Camp Feb. 16-19
- Youth Camp Feb. 19-24

Summer Camp Dates

- Teen July 1-6
- Youth July 8-14 & 15-21
- Day Camp July 23-26
- Little Mikes Family Camp July 26-29

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:** On this joyous occasion of the Birth of the Christ Child, on behalf of the UCWL Members, Executive and myself, we thank everyone for your support and help this year. Wishing you all a safe and Blessed Christmas, and may 2018 bring you joy, peace and happiness.

3. **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.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Theophany Eve
Meatless Pot-Luck Supper
(Kutia will be provided!)

Friday, January 5th @ 5:30PM
Divine Liturgy & Water Blessing @ 7:00PM

It was a few days before Christmas. A woman woke up one morning and told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a pearl necklace for Christmas. What do you think this dream means?" "Oh," her husband replied, "you'll know the day after tomorrow." The next morning, she turned to her husband again and said the same thing, "I just dreamed that you gave me a pearl necklace for Christmas. What do you think this dream means?" And her husband said, "You'll know tomorrow."

On Christmas Eve, the woman woke up and smiled at her husband, "I just dreamed again that you gave me a pearl necklace for Christmas. What do you think this dream means?" And he smiled back, "You'll know tonight." That evening, the man came home with a small package and presented it to his wife. She was delighted. She opened it gently. And when she did, she found-a book! And the book's title was "The Meaning of Dreams."

CHRISTMAS PASTORAL LETTER OF HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV

**Most Reverend Archbishops and Metropolitans, God-loving Bishops, Very Reverend Clergy,
Venerable Monastics, Dearly Beloved Brothers and Sisters, in Ukraine and throughout the world**

Christ is born! Glorify Him!

Today once again we share the unspeakable joy of the Holy Nativity, which fills the heart of each believer. The Son of God became one of us, having taken as His mother a Virgin from Nazareth. The Son of the Pre-eternal and Almighty God, the Creator of all that is visible and invisible, was born in a poor stable cave and personally experienced all human misery. This is not merely some historical event from long ago, this is our reality as well. In this event that took place in Bethlehem more than two thousand years ago we recognize God’s infinite love for the human race, for all time: “For God so loved the world, that he gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life” (Jn 3:16).

Gazing upon the newborn Saviour, lying in a simple stable cave, on hay in a manger, we sense how Divine wisdom exceeds human wisdom. In the light of the Christmas star, human power, glory, and wealth seem empty, fleeting, and insignificant. Christ, the Son of God, became poor and helpless for us. He abandoned heavenly glory in order to be born among humans—deprived, having no place to lay His head, as we sing in our traditional carol: “not in a royal palace, but among cattle....” For us He becomes poor, having been rich, so that we might become rich in his poverty (see 2 Cor 8:9). Taking human misery and frailty upon Himself, the Son of God raises us poor humans to our Lord’s grandeur. Indeed, the poor shepherds of the Bethlehem and its surroundings are the first to receive this good news of salvation, proclaimed to us today by the Angel of the Lord: “‘And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.’ 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!’” (Lk 2:12-14). Christmas, it would seem, brings about an exchange of gifts: God descends from heaven to earth, so that mankind might ascend into heaven; the Son of God becomes poor, so that we might all be enriched.

Today we live in a world where, in the words of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, the pursuit of material enrichment frequently grows into a “new idolatry of money,” and “the economy lays bare... a lack of real concern for human beings; man being reduced to one of his needs alone: consumption” (*Evangelii gaudium*, 55). And yet, the angel of the Nativity directs his message to the poor and calls upon them, and us as well, to praise God, in Whom we find hidden the true and eternal wealth of humankind. In being united with Christ, “in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (Col 2:3). Christians appear before the world “as poor, yet making many rich, as having nothing, yet possessing everything” (2 Cor 6:10)! And thus, in the Nativity, this wealth—a life with God and in God—comes to us and becomes a source of our joy and hope, which we exchange with one another..

In the midst of the misery and challenges of the present day, we should recognize that there are many forms of poverty—spiritual, cultural, educational, civilizational, and only then—material. The

poverty of the present world is frequently not material, but spiritual. Thus, in a certain sense, today’s “new rich” in Ukraine may, in fact, be spiritually and culturally poorer than beggars. On the other hand, this spiritual poverty, that is, this distance of the powerful of this world from God, frequently creates social injustice, disastrous abuse of authority, corruption and misuse of resources, given for the common good.

In this situation, it is not enough for the rich to share a portion of the crumbs from their table as a form of help for the poor. What is needed is a change of the human heart, an opening which will allow Divine light and grace to enter. For the one who claims to be a saviour of the poor, but does not have God in his or her heart—such a person carries empty ideologies which only exploit human suffering for political gain, but in reality, are unable to end it. In such circumstances, the poor become poorer while the rich continue to prosper. Only those who have become rich in God can transform their own lives and contribute to the creation of a just society, having the human being at its centre rather than profit, the common good rather than egotistical interests of particular groups or clans.

In His Nativity Christ makes us all rich, fills us and raises us out of all forms of poverty, for Christ is born in Bethlehem in order to make every person His brother, His sister—a child of God and sharer of eternal divine blessings. That is why Christmas is the feast of solidarity for all humankind, even for those who cannot bear the gifts of gold of this world, for it enriches all with “a gift more precious than myrrh: the faith of the heart and sincere love,” as we sing in our Ukrainian carol.

Beloved in Christ! In order that we may worthily celebrate Christmas, with those who suffer from all forms of poverty let us share of the riches that are ours—our spiritual gifts above all, and then material gifts. May our ancient carol-koliada, which greets the king in a poor stable cave, be a Divine covenant for us, to approach the poor and share with them the riches of our holy faith. Let us lean down before Christ, present in our impoverished brothers and sisters, allowing them to experience the closeness of God, Who embraces all with His endless mercy and unconditional love. Let us greet with carols our soldiers, wherever they may be—in their homes, having fulfilled their sacred duty to defend their country, in their military units, at the front. Let us visit those who were wounded in battle, let us receive into our hearts the pain of the poor and the needy, for in doing so we will receive Christ with the Most Holy Family, enriching our own homes, our families, and the society we live in with endless divine treasures, “where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal” (Mt 6:20). This is what the Holy Church encourages us to do in singing: “Let us meet Him with pure hearts and with good works. Let us prepare ourselves now through the Holy Spirit to greet Him who is coming to His own people as He himself had willed. He is being born in Bethlehem, so that through His compassion He might bring back all of those who were exiled from life in Paradise” (Sunday before the Nativity, Stikhera from Vespers).

Dear Brothers and Sisters, with a sincere heart I wish each of you, from the youngest to the oldest, from the richest in Divine gifts to the poorest, in Ukraine and abroad—the true joy of children of God, a tasty kutia, a Christmas full of cheer, and a happy, peaceful, and blessed New Year!

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† SVIATOSLAV

Given in Kyiv at the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ