#### **UPCOMING LITURGIES & EVENTS: Nov 12-19, 2017**

| Date  | Time      | Location               | Event   |  |  |
|---|-----------|------------------------|---|--|--|
|   | 9:30AM    | Dormition-Church       | Divine Liturgy: For Our Parishioners, followed by Coffee Talk!                      |  |  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after<br>Pentecost                | 5:00PM    | Dormition-Church       | Divine Liturgy: God's Blessings – St. Josaphat KofC Council                         |  |  |
| Tues, 14 Nov  | 6:30PM    | Dormition-Church       | Bible Study: The Book of Revelation   |  |  |
|   | 7:30PM    | Dormition-Auditorium   | UCWL Monthly Meeting  |  |  |
| Thurs, 16 Nov<br>St. Matthew                              | 7:00PM    | Dormition-Church       | Divine Liturgy: +Marvin Kurulok (Judith)  |  |  |
| Fri, 17 Nov   | 7:00PM    | Dormition-Church       | Divine Liturgy: +Frances Bidulka (1-Year Memorial)                                  |  |  |
|   | 8:00PM    | Bishop Filevich School | Jr. Youth Night   |  |  |
| Sat, 18 Nov   | 8:30-5:00 | Bethlehem High School  | Eparchial Stewardship Forum (Please Pray for its Success)                           |  |  |
|   | 7:00PM    | Dormition-Church       | Baptism: Kaitlyn Karcha   |  |  |
| Sun, 19 Nov<br>24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after<br>Pentecost | 9:30AM    | Dormition-Church       | Divine Liturgy: For the Needs of the Eparchy  |  |  |
|   | 11:30AM   | Vonda-Church           | Divine Liturgy: +Pauline Starosta (1-Year Memorial) & Baptism:<br>Nathanael Shwydky |  |  |
|   | 4:00PM    | Dormition-Auditorium   | 1st Solemn Holy Communion Preparation   |  |  |
|   | 5:00PM    | Dormition-Church       | Divine Liturgy: +John Shutiak (2-Year Memorial)                                     |  |  |
|   | 6:30PM    | Dormition-Church       | Lutheran Confirmation Students Visitation   |  |  |

| Liturgical Ministry Schedule |                       |             |                              |                    |                              |                               |  |  |  |
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| <u>Date</u>                  | <u>Time</u>           | Welcomer    | <u>s</u>                     | <u>Epistle</u>     |                              | Children's Liturgy Leaders    |  |  |  |
| 12 Nov                       | 9:30AM                | Bamberger I | Family                       | Kimball Lischynski |                              | Jennifer Clerke               |  |  |  |
|                              | 5:00PM                | Volunteers  |                              | Volunteer          |                              |                               |  |  |  |
| 19 Nov                       | 9:30AM                | Rose Woror  | na & Tanya Lalach            | Chris Sherban      |                              | Andrea Abrametz               |  |  |  |
| 19 Nov                       | 5:00PM                | Volunteers  |                              | Volunteer          |                              |                               |  |  |  |
| 26 Nov                       | 9:30AM                | Amy & Davi  | id Rybinski                  | Reg Lalach         |                              | Natalia Bidulka & Erin Lalach |  |  |  |
|                              | 5:00PM                | Volunteers  |                              | Volunteer          |                              |                               |  |  |  |
| <u>Date</u>                  | Rosary                |             | Sunday Collection Counters   |                    | Church Cleaners              |                               |  |  |  |
| 12 Nov                       | Mitchell Smith        |             | Jean Alonso & Dodie Abrametz |                    | Nov 5-18                     | Mary Shewaga & Jenn Clerke    |  |  |  |
| 19 Nov                       | Rose Worona           |             | Judith Kurulok & Don Gabruch |                    | Nov 19-Dec 2 Abrametz Family |                               |  |  |  |
| 26 Nov                       | Elizabeth Stefanyshyn |             | Bernie Stadnyk & Gord Worona |                    |                              |                               |  |  |  |

 Snow Cleaning
 Nov 11-17 Jean Alonso
 Nov 18-24 Bernie Pidskalny
 Nov 25-Dec 1 Travis Hutsal

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 <a href="mailto:covenantofcare@skeparchy.org">covenantofcare@skeparchy.org</a> or 306-653-0138 ext. 228.

# A WARM WELCOME TO PARISHIONERS, GUESTS & VISITORS! COMMUNITY NEWS

- I. 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. The Uncomfortable Pew Ecumenical Sensitivity at Weddings and Funerals A relaxed, evening gathering where you can share your stories and reflect on experiences of ecumenical etiquette and sensitivity. Tuesday, Nov. 14th from 7:30 9:00pm at St. Matthew's Anglican Church (135-109th St. E. Saskatoon). For additional information please contact the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism at 306-653-1633 or admin@pcecumenism.ca.
- 3. ONLY 3 SPOTS LEFT!!! Our Lady of Guadalupe Pilgrimage & Tour 2018 "Spiritual Trek" with Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSsR. February 15 24, 2018 Double/Triple occupancy \$2900/person. Grab a friend for a great adventure! Registration of \$100 (nonrefundable) to hold your spot. \$1400 required ASAP; \$1400 balance required by Nov. 25, 2017. Info/itinerary contact Marlene @ 306-262-1647 or bandmbodnar@shaw.ca. Information also available on www.skeparchy.org. Note: Pilgrims must be capable of vigorous walking and up to 10 km+ per day, including inclines.
- 4. The **Catholic Women's League Clothing Depot** is again holding a Christmas Sale Nov14 to Dec 23. Along with your regular donations, they are asking for new items suitable for Christmas presents. Drop off @ 619-20th Street, Tuesday to Saturday from 9:00-11:30am OR phone for pickup 306-242-5042. Thank you for your generosity and support throughout the year!
- 5. CHRISTMAS TEA & BAKE SALE Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 3:00 p.m. at Ss Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church Auditorium (10th Street & Munroe Avenue). Kolachi breads, cabbage rolls, perogies, wheat, home baking & raffles. Adults \$3; 6-12 years: \$2; Pre-school: FREE Sponsored by Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada

**NOVEMBER EPARCHIAL COLLECTION** – The special collection for the month of November is for the "Needs of the Eparchial Pastoral Centre". To contribute, use our regular collection envelopes and check off "Special Collection" on the front of the envelope and "November – Eparchial Pastoral Centre" on the back.

## **Did you know:**

- When organic material ends up in the landfill, it is mixed in with garbage and is quickly flattened and buried in an airless environment. Some organic materials sent to the landfill can still be identified years after disposal because they need air to decompose properly.
- The average household sets out 16 kg of garbage each week and about 58% of that is yard and food waste.
- Instead of turning into compost, organics in the landfill release methane gas and contribute to the creation of a fluid called leachate or 'garbage juice'. Methane is a greenhouse gas much more potent than carbon dioxide and leachate needs to be managed under strict environmental regulations.

Help extend the life of the landfill and work towards a 70% waste diversion goal: reduce, recycle + compost before trash. Learn more at <a href="https://www.saskatoon.ca/wastediversion">www.saskatoon.ca/wastediversion</a>.

#### **PARISH NEWS**

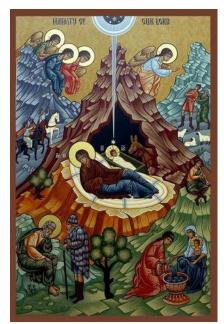
- I. PLEASE PRAY FOR: Orest Chernesky, Alex & Phyllis Skakun, Anne Iwanicha, Hailey Woytowich, Ethan Smolinski, Steph Cooley, Jules Chrusch, Walter Moshinski, Mike Okrainetz, John Kurysh, Rose Chrusch, Bernie Storzuk.
- 2. **UCWL News**: Our next meeting is this Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM (right after Bible Study). The beautiful Museum calendars are in and you can purchase one after Divine Liturgy. These make great Christmas gifts; they are still \$20.00 each, featuring draws for everyday of the month. The latest issue of Nasha Doroha has arrived please pick up on the back table.
- 3. Junior UCY for Friday, November 17th Change of Location: We will meeting for this Friday from 8:00 10:00 pm at Bishop Filevich School (125 105th Street West). Bring your creativity, curiosity, friends, and non-marking indoor shoes (for gym time!). For more information, please contact: Olena Simko at 306-370-2395 or <a href="mailto:olenasimko@gmail.com">olenasimko@gmail.com</a> or Sarah Sawchuk at 306-380-5765 or <a href="mailto:uwitness2youth@gmail.com">uwitness2youth@gmail.com</a>.
- 4. **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 or contact Tracie Bugera at 306-533-8229 or email info@stmichaelscamp.com.

**NEW! Coffee Talk Series** hosted by our Justice and Peace Outreach Committee. Part I: TODAY following 9:30am Divine Liturgy- coffee and pastries will be served. Come on down for a few minutes of fellowship. Silver collection - Proceeds to the Interval House (which you can learn more about during the Coffee Talk!)

# **Prepare for Christmas by Reaching Out!**

Throughout the Philippian Fast our parish will once again be partnering with **Saskatoon Crisis Nursery**. We will have gift tags on our Christmas Giving Tree that will indicate a gift suggestion for a specific age. Thank you in advance for your generosity for those families experiencing stress during this festive season. The clients are very appreciative. Further details about gifts and the deadline for final collection of gifts will follow in a later bulletin.

In Memoriam – +Fr. Peter Pidskalny, C.Ss.R. - The Pidskalny family and the Redemptorists invite parishioners of Saints Peter and Paul and friends of the late +Fr. Peter Pidskalny, C.Ss.R. to come together and pray on Saturday, November 25 at 10:30am. Both the Divine Liturgy and Panakhyda service will be celebrated to mark 40 days since the death of +Fr. Peter. The family will host a reception with refreshments following the services in the church auditorium.



## The Philippian Fast: November 15-December 24

The Holiday Shopping Season is at hand! Some people will spend it jostling for bargains; others will pass the time lamenting the commercialization of Christmas. The Eastern Churches, on the other hand, encourage their faithful to prepare for this feast by increasing their involvement with the things of God.

The Nativity or Philippian Fast is a joyous one, celebrating the immanent coming of Christ. Since at least the fifteenth century the Byzantine Churches have observed the Nativity Fast for forty days. As St Simeon of Thessalonika explained, "The Nativity Forty-day Fast represents the fast undertaken by Moses, who—having fasted for forty days and forty nights—received the Commandments of God." As Moses received the Law after his forty-day fast, we will welcome the living Word incarnate at the end of this Fast.

How Eastern Christians keep this season varies. People in Greece and the Middle East, for example, divide the season in two parts. In November and early December, they focus on a number of feast days

of the Theotokos and the saints. During the second part, they emphasizes fasting and the liturgical preparation for the feast of the Nativity. In the Byzantine-Ukrainian Catholic Church, we celebrate the Fast for 40 days, from November 15-December 24.

Many contemporary Eastern Christian writers have encouraged the observance of the Nativity Fast in contrast to the popular Western pre-celebration of Christmas, which focuses on decorating, spending, and partying, and distracts us from celebrating the coming of our Savior. They emphasize preparation for the feast in quietness and a simplified way of life. Instead of a harried pursuit of gifts and cards for people who will likely "re-gift" them for the next Christmas party, the Fast enables believers to focus on the mystery of the Incarnation, the "reason for the season."

Many see this Fast as essential for us at this time of the year, to shift our focus from ourselves to others, spending less time worrying about our appearance, our cuisine and our home decor in order to use our time in increased communion with God through prayer and caring for the poor.

As with all the Church's Fasts we are called during these days to make a concerted effort to put God first in our lives through increased prayer. We seek to serve our neighbor through more intense almsgiving, sharing our time as well as our resources. Through fasting we try to distance ourselves from self-indulgence and open more of ourselves to God and to others.