

Dormition & District Ukrainian Catholic Parishes

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Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God – **Saskatoon**Sacred Heart – **Hawruliuke** Sacred Heart – **Vonda** St. John the Baptist – **Smuts** St. John the Evangelist – **Prud'homme**St. Volodymyr the Great – **Laniwci** Ss. Peter & Paul – **Bodnari** Ss. Peter & Paul - **Borschiw**

December 13, 2020 - Holy Ancestors

NOTE: Previous weekly bulletins and correspondence can be found at https://dormitionsaskatoon.ca/2020-bulletins/#

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Clothing is a common New Testament metaphor for spiritual change. Paul wrote in Romans, "Clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature" (Rom 13:14). And in today's epistle from Colossians, we read, "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience" (Colossians 3:12). The old clothes must come off and new ones put on. Today's Gospel confronts us with the paradox of God's free invitation to the banquet with no strings attached, but also the requirement of "putting on" something appropriate to that calling. The theological point is that we are warned of the dire consequences of accepting the invitation and doing nothing except showing up. Wearing the garments indicates one's participation in the joy of the feast. It seems to me that what the Gospel reveals to us is that even those who show up still have some work to do, especially if they show up for the banquet but don't make any effort to change their hearts!

Each week we are celebrating a Liturgy intention for individual or family members of our parish community (in alphabetical order). It's another way we can pray for each other during these days of being distanced. This week (Sunday, 20 December @ 5:00PM) we pray for the Miller-Bowman Family: Chris, Robin, Ben & Jonathan.

Peace be with you, Fr. André

UPCOMING LITURGIES & EVENTS: Dec 13-20, 2020

Date	Time	Location	Event
Sunday of the	9:30AM	Dormition-Church <u>Livestreamed</u>	Divine Liturgy: For our Parishioners
	5:00PM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: For the Needs of the Eparchy
Tues, 15 Dec	9:00AM	Dormition-Church <u>Livestreamed</u>	Divine Liturgy: +Rosalind Oleksuik (Family)
Wed, 16 Dec	6:30PM	Dormition-Church <u>Livestreamed</u>	Divine Liturgy: +Gene Pantella (Marianne Greer)
	7:00PM	Online via Zoom	ALPHA
Thurs, 17 Dec	15:00PM	Dormition-Church <u>Livestreamed</u>	Divine Liturgy: 50 th Birthday Blessings – Kimball Lischynski
Fri, 18 Dec	9:00AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: +Mary Kurulok (SSMI Saskatoon)
Sat, 19 Dec Saturday before Christmas	19:00AW	Dormition-Church <u>Livestreamed</u>	Divine Liturgy: God's Blessings – Waverly Stechyshyn (Fr. Andre)
	10:00-3:00	Dormition-Church	Pre-Christmas Confessions (Register <u>online</u> for a 10-minute appointment)
	7:00PM	Online via Zoom	St. Nicholas Virtual Family Bingo (see ad below)
Sun, 20 Dec Sunday before Christmas	9:30AM	Dormition-Church <u>Livestreamed</u>	Divine Liturgy: For our Parishioners
	5:00PM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: God's Blessings – Chris, Robin, Ben & Jonathan

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in these Holy Gifts! I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot receive You now, I place before You my whole life and hope, O loving Master; and I ask, pray, and entreat You: Make me worthy to partake in a mystical way and with a pure conscience of Your awesome and heavenly Mysteries: for forgiveness of sins, for the pardon of offenses, for communion of the Holy Spirit, for the inheritance of the kingdom of heaven, for confidence before You, and not for judgment or condemnation. I embrace You as You enter and abide in me, and I unite myself completely to You. Permeate my soul and body, and never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Alex Skakun, Steph Cooley, Jules Chrusch, Rose Chrusch, Tina Wesolowski, Nikolas Stefanyshyn, Albert/Genevieve Zaiachkowski, Olga Kondra, Bill Muzyka, Johanna Bidulka, Roman Hyshka.

Please remember in your prayers those who are in hospitals, care homes and those who are not able to join us actively in our community. If you would like to have your name or a loved one added to the "PLEASE PRAY FOR" list, please call the Rectory (306-652-4837 or send an email to admin.ducc@sasktel.net).

Quick Links:

- <u>Sunday Divine Liturgy Registration (9:30AM or 5:00PM)</u> (Registration Deadline: 6PM Saturdays. Registration for children 2 & under not required)
- <u>Livestreamed Liturgy on YouTube</u>
- Livestreamed Liturgy on Facebook
- Support your parish using Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)
- Support your parish via E-Transfer: <u>treasurerdormitionucc@gmail.com</u>.

Pre-Christmas Confessions: Saturday, December 19 – 10AM-3:00PM

Get ready for Christmas by going to confession! Sign-up for a 10-minute appointment with Fr. Andre at the church, online at https://dormitionsaskatoon.eventsmart.com/special-events/ or calling 306-652-4837.

Only one person will be allowed in the church at a time to ensure confidentiality. Confessions will be celebrated at the front of the church, in front of the iconostasis, standing or sitting at least 6 feet apart. Please wait in your car outside until it's time for your scheduled confession.

Masks must be worn at all times.

Christmas Liturgies in our Pastoral District

(Online <u>registration</u> starts on December 17 @ 6:00PM. First priority will be given to Dormition & District Parishioners)

Thursday, December 24th (Christmas Eve)

5:30PM @ Dormition Parish (livestreamed)

9:00PM @ Dormition Parish

Friday, December 25th (Christmas Day)

II:00AM @ Dormition Parish (livestreamed)

Saturday, December 26th (Synaxis of the Theotokos)

9:00AM @ Dormition Parish

December 27th (Sunday after Christmas)

9:30AM @ Dormition Parish (livestreamed)

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* NOTE: NO 5:00PM Liturgy today *

Friday, January Ist (New Year's Day)

II:00AM @ Dormition Parish

A note from our Treasurer, Mildred Nicol: Thank you to all parishioners for your generous financial support throughout the year. Be reminded that ALL donations you want included on your 2020 tax receipt must be received no later than December 30, 2020. Donations can be mailed in, dropped off at the Church, or submitted by E-transfer (email: treasurerdormitionucc@gmail.com). If you want to extend a 'gift of love' to Fr. Andre for Christmas (not tax-deductible), you can drop them off at church or send them directly to him via E-transfer at alalach@sasktel.net.

Pylypivka 2020 Giving Tree

This is the **LAST WEEK** for donating – deadline: **Friday, December 18**!

Cash donations update: \$1545 plus gifts under the tree



- ▲ Cash can be left in the box of JOY under the tree in the church **or mailed** to Dormition Ukrainian Catholic Church at:
 - 120 105 St W, Saskatoon, SK S7N 1N2 attention ~ Giving Tree
- ▲ e-transfer: <u>treasurerdormitionucc@gmail.com</u>. Indicate donation is for the Giving Tree.
- Bring a purchased gift and place it under the tree when you attend a Divine Liturgy before December 18.

*Please DO NOT wrap the gifts; place in a gift bag (a used one works).

Spread JOY to the residents at St. Joseph's Home:

- ▲ Deodorant, Lotion, Body wash, Mouthwash
- ▲ Chocolates/candies (regular and sugar-free)



Special thank you to the current Dormition **Alpha Class** who has offered to help write Christmas cards to be included with the gifts for the residents of St. Joseph's Home.

The Generation Love Project:

Gift requests:

- Anime books, Nintendo *Animal Crossing*, Roblox, drawing and painting supplies, wooden learning toys, <u>Choose your Own Adventure</u> books
- make-up, Barbies, monster trucks, Fortnite games, Harry Potter books, Disney's Descendants DVD's
- ▲ <u>L.O.L. Surprise</u>! dolls, slime, *Frozen 2*, *Aladdin* (Jasmine), boardgames, puzzles, PS4 game, Lego, action figurines (Marvel), arts and craft supplies, computer accessories
- ▲ *Clothes:* size 8/10 clothes (boys and girls), size 7 women black shoes, ladies' small clothes, men's medium clothes, clothing accessories



Looking for talent to share!

Calling all musicians, dancers, singers...all performers.

Dormition parish is embarking on a Virtual Variety Show this Christmas. We are inviting parishioners to book a time slot to come and record their talent in the parish hall. Physical distancing will be in effect as well as all other COVID protocols to ensure safety, however we can arrange other options for recording for those who don't feel comfortable coming to the church. We will make it work.

We will make this video available to residents in senior care homes near and far via YouTube. We are hoping to help lift the spirits of those who are isolated from friends and family during this time of pandemic. Many people are struggling in some way and we thought creating a virtual concert, might make things better in some small way. Consider sharing your talents with those who are in need in our community. Children and adults welcome to perform. Email Carla at lillyanna@sasktel.net or text/call 306-715-1828 to register your gift of talent ASAP. **Recording sessions will happen between December 19 and 23.** Exact times TBD. Thank you for considering helping this project and those in our community.

Dormition Parish UCWL has Cabbage Rolls & Perogies available for sale: Cabbage Rolls \$6.00/dozen; Perogies \$25.00 for five dozen.

Call Marcie @306-290-7969 to purchase and arrange for pickup.

Prison Outreach at Christmas- The diocesan Restorative Ministry Office is seeking donations to purchase small, identical gifts for some 475 men at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre, as a way to share our Christmas joy, and let them know they are not forgotten by God or the community. Donations can be dropped off or sent "Attention Dianne" at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, second floor, Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, S7S 1H1 (please make cheques out to "Restorative Ministry"). Donations can also be made online at dscf.ca/designated-ministry-support and identified as "Christmas prison outreach."



THE CONVERSATION - A Weekly ZOOM Conversation with the Ukrainian Catholic Church. Join us every Thursday evening from 6:00 – 8:00 pm (CST) [7-9pm EST], with Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSsR, Ukrainian Catholic clergy from across Canada, and a number of the faithful, as we gather on ZOOM Meeting to discuss many topics and field questions from people. Email ucconversation@gmail.com with your questions and receive the ZOOM Link. Watch Livestream on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/stdemetrius/





Thank you for your donations towards the Western Ukraine Relief Fund

On behalf of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon, the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan thanks all those who contributed to the "Western Ukraine Relief Fund". **A cheque in the**

amount of \$16, 268.00 was sent to the CNEWA Canada Office in Ottawa to direct the donation to the aid of Western Ukraine. Thank you for your generosity! – Morris Smysnuik, Executive Director, UCFSASK.

DAN'S COOKIES!!! Eparchial Youth and Young Adult Ministry supporting "one of our own Eparchial Youth"!

TRY THESE INCREDIBLE COOKIES MADE BY DANIEL OLENICK!

Let's support our incredible Daniel Olenick by buying and promoting his delicious creations! Thank you, Daniel, for making our hearts sweet! We are so proud of you! Did you know that a portion of Down 2 Cookie profits are donated to fund Down Syndrome research and other organizations helping people with different abilities. Our Eparchial Youth and Young Ministry is encouraging our parishioners to support people with Down Syndrome by buying Dan's cookies at at "Joyne" (249-2nd Ave. South, Saskatoon) and "Hobnobber" (417-33rd Street West). For more information, please go to Down 2 Cookie Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/Down2Cookie/



Only one thing will remain yours – that which you have given to the poor"

Pastoral Letter of the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC to the clergy, religious, and laity, 2020

Encounter Baby Jesus in the most needed!

The Eparchial Youth Ministry Office is inviting young people to become a part of a **Volunteer Team** in reaching out to the homeless people and poor families with the joy and love of their hearts and

supssupporting them with people's generous donations.

If you would like to help as a volunteer, or to donate items, or if you have any questions, pleacontact Viktoriia Marko, Eparchial Youth Minister, at 306-914-0355; uwitness2youth@gmail.com. Acceptable donations are provided below.

Warm the hearts and bodies of our Brothers and Sisters and you will contribute to the building of Heaven on the Earth!

Food products: Dried goods, (e.g., sugar, flour,) (unopened) commercially packaged or canned goods

<u>Hygiene products:</u> Toothbrushes; Toothbrushes; Toothbrush boxes; Hand sanitizers; Masks; Wipes; Shampoo; Toilet paper; Soap bars; Pads for women; Facial tissue; Hand lotion; Dental floss; Shaving products.

Winter clothes: Gloves; Scarfs; Blankets; Winter jackets; Socks; Winter hats; Winter pants; Winter boot



Appeal for Donations for Catholic Missions in Canada

Catholic Missions in Canada help our Eparchy by supporting our programs such as the Ukrainian Catholic Religious Education Centre (UCREC) programs, Youth Camps, Youth Programs,

Campus Ministry, as well as financial assistance for several of our parishes with some of their major projects. The collection for Catholic Missions in Canada through our Eparchy is usually done during the month of October, but with the situation with the COVID-19 pandemic, this was not able to happen. Below is a letter to Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSsR from Rev. David Reilander, President of Catholic Missions in Canada, with an appeal for donations.

Dear Excellency,

As you unfortunately know, COVID-19 continues. I pray that you are safe and healthy. Our home missions are struggling, but I don't need to tell you that. I am concerned about the people in our missions, but also worried about our donors, as some have succumbed to the virus. The Lord bless them and let their good deeds go before them that they may see His face.

Fundraising for our missions is harder because of lockdowns and restrictions on gatherings for places of worship. We depend on Diocesan/Eparchial collections and my preaching in parishes and conventions, which isn't happening.

May I make a simple request? Only if it's possible, could you increase your donation by \$5 or \$10? My thinking is that our emergency needs must still be covered. If you can help, our bishops would appreciate it. But only if you can for these are hard times.

Yours in Christ,

(Rev.) David Reilander, President

Your support and donation would be greatly appreciated. You can make donation to Catholic Missions in Canada through your parish (if you are able to attend Divine Liturgies), by using the designated envelope that was with your church envelopes, or go directly to the website for Catholic Missions in Canada and make your online donation at https://cmic.info/donate/.

Thank you for your support for Catholic Missions in Canada

With prayers and blessings,

+Most Rev. Bryan J. Bayda, CSsR

Eparch, Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon



Duet Maryna -- We are preparing for the celebration of Christ's birth!

In light of COVID-19 restrictions, church services, catechism classes, choir practices and concerts have been sadly impacted.

NEW, YouTube videos of many favourite carols displaying Christmas images with all lyrics posted for the faithful to enjoy in their homes, prepared by Duet Maryna.

We invite you to enjoy and share bilingual carols at home in COVID times with images and lyrics included. A new series of videos created to bring joy to your hearts and homes in preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth! No songbooks required.

- 1. Колядка "Небо і Земля" зі словами. https://youtu.be/i0-AMe_Geal
- 2. "По Всьому Світу" зі словами. https://youtu.be/x1aBbJug6OY
- 3. "Ha Heбi Зірка" https://youtu.be/XtKcHNy0ml8
- 4. "Ой Дивна, Дивна" https://youtu.be/bmhvlBVzxoM

More music available at http://marykastreasures.com/

Please help share the joy of Christmas carols this year! Music downloads and CDs

at: https://chablukfamily.bandcamp.com/; Website: http://marykastreasures.com/

OUEEN'S HOUSE RETREAT & RENEWAL CENTRE PROGRAMMING INFORMATION FOR CHURCH BULLETINS

601 Taylor Street W, Saskatoon, SK S7M 0C9

Phone: 306-242-1916 • Email: receptionist@queenshouse.org • Website: www.queenshouse.org

QUEEN'S HOUSE RETREAT AND RENEWAL CENTRE welcomes you! Our programming combines in-person and online events using Zoom. Please visit our webpage for a list of all upcoming programs: http://www.queenshouse.org/?page_id=4399 Nourish Your Mind and Nurture Your Spirit at Queen's House! For inquiries/additional information contact Sarah Donnelly, Programming Director: 306-242-1916 x226.

- BEREAVED CAREGIVERS: LIVING THROUGH LOSS with Brenda Gibbs. Six Wednesday afternoons, 1:00 3:00 p.m. A support group held at Queen's House following all physical distancing protocols. Caregivers have often experienced years of anticipatory grief caused by the cumulative losses that occurs when a family is expecting a death. Now the vigil is over, and the final grief can be intense. No one grieves the same and there is no single recipe or formula to grief work. All that is needed is a commitment to do the work and grow in your grief. With grief in your heart, you will never be the same again; yet there is hope in finding meaning and reinvesting in your future. Cost: \$120/6 sessions. A minimum of 5 and maximum of 7 participants are needed to offer this support group. Call Brenda prior to registering: 306-227-7323. Registration deadline: January 18.
- THE STORY OF RUTH: TWELVE MOMENTS IN EVERY WOMAN'S LIFE A CREATIVE STUDY FOR WOMEN with Gisele Bauche. Offered on Zoom. Explore the book The Story of Ruth, written by Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB. Through readings, self-reflection, sharing and creative expression we will seek to better understand the ancient story of Ruth, and how as women today we are still able to connect to this story. We will journey from Loss through Independence to Fulfillment a spiritual coming home to our true self. Cost: \$90/6 sessions. A minimum of 10 and maximum of 12 participants are needed to offer this series. Registration deadline: January 25.
- FROM YESTERDAY TO TOMORROW IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC Facilitators: Nancy Phillips and Julien Fradette. Offered on Zoom. The past months have required us to live differently. For some, the adjustment to this journey has been slight, for others monumental. In whatever way we have experienced this time, we are all called to find new ways of living as we transition from yesterday to tomorrow. Using themes from the Paschal Mystery this retreat will provide an opportunity to reflect on the experience of yesterday's losses and its accompanying process of grieving. These insights will allow us to open space within ourselves to live tomorrow with a new richness in our daily lives. Saturday January 30, 9:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. Cost: \$75. A minimum of 9 participants are needed to offer this program registration deadline: January 27.



EPARCHY OF SASKATOON EPARCHIAL SAFEGUARDING POLICY: COVENANT OF CARE, ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY & ABUSE AND MISCONDUCT POLICY



This *Eparchial Safeguarding Policy: Covenant of Care, Electronic Communication and Technology & Abuse and Misconduct Policy* is a code of conduct which is designed to create safe and respectful church communities and healthy ministerial relationships, and to protect people from abuse and the harm that results.

In the Pastoral Letter of the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC on "Safeguarding from Various Incidents of Violence towards Children, Handicapped, and Vulnerable People" (Oct 14, 2019), Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk writes:

"With this synodal message, we affirm the desire of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church throughout the world to progress to the next stage of understanding, healing, and preventing all forms of violence against human dignity in the church environment and in the community at large, 'working not for the sake of appearances, to please men, but as Christ's servants, who fulfil the will of God from the heart.' (Eph. 6:6) [...] Let us make our parishes, monasteries, and seminaries places of shared responsibility and brotherhood, where bishops, priests, monastics, and lay people all grow together in faith, love, mercy, and service to one another. Let us follow the model of Jesus Christ, who 'did not come to be served but to serve and give his life for the redemption for many.' (Matthew 20:28) [...] Dear brothers and sisters! Remember that any form of violence directed against human dignity disrespects the image of God and His likeness that are present in every person (Genesis 1:27: Psalm 8). But worse in the eves of God is the sin of His servants, who violate their oaths and scandalize the hearts of those who trusted them. These evil deeds require lasting and patient healing that is not possible without God's grace, effective love, and mercy. Safeguarding from violence against children, minors and vulnerable persons, is the responsibility of every member of the Church - bishop, priest, consecrated person, layman and laywoman [...] Let our church communities be places where everyone, especially the most vulnerable, can fully feel their human dignity and feel protected."

In an effort to build and maintain church communities where every person feels safe and knows their full human dignity, we affirm the need for the people of God at every level of the Church to make it their responsibility to build these communities.

Part I: The **Covenant of Care** is a code of conduct which is designed to create safe and respectful church communities and responsible, healthy ministerial relationships, and to protect people from abuse and the trauma that results. In implementing this **Covenant of Care** the Eparchy strives to provide proactive protection for:

- minors and vulnerable adults, and
- those who minister, including clergy, employees and church volunteers.

Part II: The *Electronic Communication and Technology Policy* is a guide to the safer utilization of technology and the communication opportunities it affords to bring the message of the gospel. Technology does not replace the need for person-to-person interaction but assists us in our ability to communicate. It is not without challenges. It is hoped that this Policy will help to mitigate those challenges to make our online environment safer. In this regard the Policy and Code of Conduct contained therein, must be adhered to by all who utilize this form of communication in ministry in positions of trust as defined in the Eparchial Safeguarding Policy Implementation Procedure.

Part III: The Abuse and Misconduct Policy is designed to ensure that allegations of physical and sexual abuse and other misconduct are handled responsibly, transparently and with all due care and attention. Together these three parts form the *Eparchial Safeguarding Policy*, the present version of which is dated October 1, 2020, provides authoritative directives for all who minister within and on behalf of the Eparchy. This current document revokes and supersedes any previous policies and procedures regarding these matters. For training and re-certification or to speak to someone about a concern related to the *Eparchial Safeguarding Policy: Covenant of Care, Electronic Communication and Technology & Abuse and Misconduct Policy*, please contact:

Deborah Larmour, Eparchial Coordinator of Care

Tel.: 306-653-0138 ext. 228; Cell: 306-222-1475; E-mail: covenantofcare@skeparchy.org

38th Anniversary of the passing or our Late Bishop Andrew Roborecki

Sunday, October 25, 2020–UCBC- Bishop Roborecki Branch together with parishioners of the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of St. George and guests celebrated the 38th Anniversary of the passing of our Late Bishop Andrew Roborecki. 10AM Divine Liturgy, followed by the Panakhyda was completed by Initiation and bingo disbursements in the Cathedral .

Brothers Walter Wandzura, Rusty Zmud, Sean Wilson - initiated into the Brotherhood, Congratulations! Mnohaya Lita!

The Brotherhood has a rich history of support for our Ukrainian Catholic Church and involvement in education as a way of ensuring that our families, especially our youth will retain their rich culture and religious heritage.

Our goal is to promote and preserve our Ukrainian language, religion, culture and education. On this day as a token of appreciation for their hard work, efforts and dedication, the following organizations were given recognition. Keep up the good works!

St. Volodymyr Ukrainian Catholic Park	\$5,500.00
St. George Cathedral	\$3,500.00
Bishop Filevich Ukrainian Bilingual School	\$ 400.00
Bishop Roborecki Catholic School	\$ 400.00
Musee Ukraina Museum	\$ 800.00
Altar Servers/Children of Mary (3 Parishes)	\$ 600.00
Special Olympics-Zone 6	\$ 100.00
PFE Dance Showcase- Scholarship	\$ 50.00
Ukrainian Sisters of St. Joseph's Home	
(Shoe Box Project)	\$ 200.00
*Bishop Roborecki Branch	\$ 2000.00

Donations were made possible through the brotherhood endeavors at City Centre Bingo. Thank you- bingo committee, brothers & volunteers.

Yours in Christ! Brother B. Bodnar KSV



Bishop Andrew Roborecki December 12, 1910 - October 23, 1982

Thank-you for reading the bulletin this week. Congratulations to last week's Bulletin Contest winner – Mary McKinnon – who correctly answered that our Pre-Christmas Reconciliation Service will be from 10am-3pm on Saturday, December 19th! To participate in this week's bulletin-reading contest, please send an email to bulletin.ducc@sasktel.net and answer this skill-testing question in the subject line: Who do you need to contact to participate in our Virtual Variety Show?