

April 26, 2020 – Sunday of the Ointment-Bearing Women

Brothers and sisters in Christ!

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

Христос Воскрес! Воістину Воскрес!

The announcement this past week of Saskatchewan's plan to 're-open' after COVID-19 restrictions are gradually lifted was met by many as a sign of hope, much like the warmer spring days we are now enjoying. But like the women who were greeted with the news that Jesus had been raised from the dead, we might be tempted to still see the road ahead with "trembling and bewilderment"! My hope is that we take to heart these words: "Do not be afraid!" There are still restrictions on larger public gatherings, which directly affects our ability to worship together as a community, but it cannot restrict our life of individual prayer, spiritual reading and reflection, and the time we set aside each day for praying with members of our immediate household. See these days as a great opportunity to grow in faith.

As you know, our parish [YouTube Channel](#) is home to recent homilies and as of this past Thursday, episodes of 'Father's Corner' catechetical videos. The first episode, [Entering the Church](#), might seem irrelevant given the restricted access to our church building these days, but I hope you'll see these offerings as one way for you to grow in faith. By extension, if you have a question about our church, worship or our spirituality, please send them to dormitionparishsaskatoon@gmail.com, and we'll make an effort to address the question in future episodes. Remember, no question is a bad question!

Speaking of announcements, we give thanks to God for the gift of new life: **Scarlett Lillian Sapieha** was born on April 17th. She is the daughter of Chris & Desiree, and little sister to Emily (and Ethan, Vincent and Bennet) who is in our First Solemn Holy Communion Program. Today, April 26th, was supposed to have been the date of our First Solemn Holy Communion, but like many other events, has been postponed until this fall.

Deepest sympathies to the family and friends of **+Shelley Perepeluk**, whose funeral was celebrated this past week. Shelley moved from Yorkton just a few years ago, so she was a newer member of our community. However, she remained spiritually connected with our parish via our livestreamed Liturgies particularly over the past six months as her health declined. Please remember her in your prayers, as well as her daughters Ashley and Meagan, and cousin Brenda Pasloski who is also a member of our parish community.

Speaking of memorials, our parish is grateful to the family of **+Evan Sorestad** who identified Dormition Parish as a recipient of donations in his memory. To date, \$3325 has been contributed to our parish! Thank-you and continued prayers for his wife Deb and children Andrew, Curtis and Nicholas. Their gesture is a reminder of how we all can leave a legacy to Dormition Parish by way of our Wills and 'planned-giving'. Remember that your Will is the last statement you will ever make – it specifies any intentions you may have for distributing your assets...including any plans you have of giving to your church and other charities that are important to you.

And while we are on the topic, there seems no better time than during these days of pandemic to remind all of you about the importance of planning your funeral! I've recently updated the text of our [Planning Your Funeral](#) document and encourage you to read it and then take some time to prepare a simple document which outlines your funeral wishes. I would also recommend placing the document, along with a copy of your will, in a file folder or envelope where your executor can find it. I am aware that COVID-19 could delay or modify many of our 'normal' funeral plans, but the exercise is worthwhile, nonetheless.

Peace be with you!

Fr. André

UPCOMING LITURGIES & EVENTS: April 26–May 3, 2020

Date	Time	Location	Event
Sun, 26 April Myrrh-Bearing Women	9:30AM	Dormition-Church Livestreamed	Divine Liturgy: For our Parishioners Liturgical Propers & Scripture Readings
Tues, 28 April	9:00AM	Dormition-Church Livestreamed	Divine Liturgy: Health & God's Blessings – Stefania Stefanyshyn
	7:00PM	Zoom Conference	Parish Finance Committee Meeting
Thurs, 30 April Apostle James	9:00AM	Dormition-Church Livestreamed	Divine Liturgy: Birthday Blessings – Jessi-Ann Rudyk
Fri, 1 May	6:30PM	Dormition-Church Livestreamed	Divine Liturgy: +Archdeacon Ray Lalach
Sun, 3 May Sunday of the Paralytic	9:30AM	Dormition-Church Livestreamed	Divine Liturgy: For our Parishioners

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.

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

- PLEASE PRAY FOR EACH OTHER!** Remember especially those who are sick, suffering or house-bound: Alex Skakun, Steph Cooley, Jules Chrusch, Rose Chrusch, Tina Wesolowski, Nikolas Stefanyshyn, Albert/Genevieve Zaiachkowski, Delvine Zapaniuk, Olga Kondra, Bill Muzyka.
- Our parish council is grateful to those of you who have left donations in the church mailbox or online via the parish website, or through our pre-authorized debit (PAD) program. THANK YOU! Please continue to use these donation methods or sending your gifts by mail directly to the church (120-105th Street West Saskatoon, SK S7N 1N2). You can also sign-up online to participate in our monthly [Pre-Authorized Debit](#) (PAD) program, or you can make a donation to the parish via e-transfer by sending it to treasurerdormitionucc@gmail.com.
- Devotional Services to Blessed Vasy! Velychkovsky** - Every Wednesday at 7:00 pm (CST) Livestreamed on the [Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine YouTube Channel](#).
- Hundreds of **Online Audio and Video Resources from the Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies** are available for FREE! Presentations from the Institute on theology, spirituality, liturgy, church history and canon law, including:
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5. Help to feed the hungry - Saskatoon Friendship Inn has been forced to change its regular operations in order to meet the requirements restricting public gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic. Friendship Inn's free meal service has shifted to take-away only, but it is still open for breakfast from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and for lunch from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. More than ever, our neighbours in need are relying on the Friendship Inn for food, while the Inn strives to keep all guests, staff and the community safe. Monetary donations are needed to purchase bulk and wholesale food resources. Please see <https://friendshipinn.ca> for more information about how to donate online.