

## May 24, 2020 – Holy Fathers of Nicaea

NOTE: Weekly bulletins are posted on our parish website: <https://dormitionaskatoon.ca/2020-bulletins/#>

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Next Sunday, we will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost – 50 days after Easter. In the epistle reading for the Feast from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2.1-11), we read that the Holy Spirit manifests itself as a ‘strong driving wind’, ‘tongues of fire’, and a ‘variety of languages’. In our Byzantine Tradition, the colour green is also significant because Pentecost commemorates the new life that the Holy Spirit gives to us as Church, and the corresponding new life we see around us in these days of spring (hence why green vestments are worn at Liturgy for the Feast).

With that in mind, I’m inviting you and/or your family to participate in our **Parish Pentecost Activity**. Please take a picture or video of yourself and/or your family which incorporates one or all of the four Pentecost themes: **wind, fire, multiple languages** and the **colour green**, and send it to [dormitionparishsaskatoon@gmail.com](mailto:dormitionparishsaskatoon@gmail.com) so it can be included in our parish Pentecost Video. For example, in your video you may be wearing green, holding a candle, saying ‘Glory to Jesus Christ!’ and/or “Слава Ісусу Христу!” (our liturgical greeting for the Season of Pentecost), with the wind blowing through your hair! Or it might be as simple as taking a photo of yourself in front of a tree in your backyard. Don’t be afraid to participate and be creative! Deadline for submitting your photo or video to [dormitionparishsaskatoon@gmail.com](mailto:dormitionparishsaskatoon@gmail.com) is this **Friday, May 29**. Don’t forget to include your name(s) with your photo or video.

This Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM, on the Eve of Pentecost, our children will have an opportunity to attend a special **Zoom Children’s Liturgy**, where they will learn more about the Feast of Pentecost and have a chance to share their Pentecost ‘wind-catcher’. Please email [andrea.abrametz@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.abrametz@gmail.com) for details about the wind-catcher activity AND to register for the Zoom Children’s Liturgy on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

This past week, the Government of Saskatchewan announced that on June 8<sup>th</sup>, indoor public gatherings may increase up to 15 people. With that in mind, the Eparchy of Saskatoon will soon be announcing directives for gradually re-opening our churches in concert with these Provincial guidelines, including strict restrictions on numbers attending, requirements for physical distancing, and a modified process for receiving Holy Communion. Know that our parish is developing a system so you and your family can sign-up to come to church.

Mark Your Calendars! Cemetery services (grave blessings) in Saskatoon will be held this year as follows: **Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM at Woodlawn Cemetery** (1502 2nd Ave North) and **Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM at Hillcrest Cemetery** (210 Wess Road). Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no gathered Panakhyda service before the blessings - families are asked to wait for the priest at the grave of their loved one or in their car, limit attendees to no more than 10 persons, and maintain physical distancing of two metres from other parties. If you would prefer to schedule a cemetery blessing at another time, please call me at 306-280-2941.

Peace be with you,  
Fr. André

## UPCOMING LITURGIES & EVENTS: 24-31 May 2020

Date	Time	Location	Event
Sun, 24 May Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council	9:30AM	Dormition-Church <a href="#">Livestreamed</a>	Divine Liturgy: For our Parishioners
Mon, 25 May	5:00PM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: Health – Kaylee Hyshka (Roman & Jane)
	6:30PM	Online	Parish Council Meeting
Tues, 26 May	9:00AM	Dormition-Church <a href="#">Livestreamed</a>	Divine Liturgy: +Anastasia Konderewicz (SSMI Saskatoon)
Wed, 27 May	9:00AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: +Olga Kondra (Rose & Maureen Chrusch)
	6:30PM	Dormition-Church <a href="#">Livestreamed</a>	Akathist to the Mother of God
Thur, 28 May	9:00AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: +Shelley Perepeluk (40 <sup>th</sup> Day Memorial)
Fri, 29 May	9:00AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: Health – Greg Vibert (Mike & Hope Bilinski)
Sat, 30 May All Souls Saturday	9:00AM	Dormition-Church <a href="#">Livestreamed</a>	Divine Liturgy: For all Souls
	10:00AM	Dormition-Church Front Steps	Confessions
	11:00AM	Online	Children's Liturgy for Pentecost
Sun, 31 May Pentecost	9:30AM	Dormition-Church <a href="#">Livestreamed</a>	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 Zaparaniuk, 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](mailto:treasurerdormitionucc@gmail.com).
- Devotional Services to Blessed Vasyl Velychkovsky** - Every Wednesday at 7:00 pm (CST) Livestreamed on the [Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine YouTube Channel](#).
- Catholic Hospital Chaplaincy:** During the COVID-19 crisis, patients can still receive pastoral visits from designated denominational chaplains under some circumstances. To request a visit for

yourself or a loved one at Saskatoon hospitals, contact Jackie Saretsky at 306-292-5531 or Fr. Rhéal Bussière at 306-371-7125.

**6. 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.

**7. The Lighthouse** has opened a few more houses in the community as a part of their Home Again program. With this, they are in need of several items to turn these houses into homes. Please go to <https://www.lighthousesaskatoon.org/donate/household-items/> to donate!