

May 3, 2020 – Sunday of the Paralytic

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

Христос Воскрес! Воістину Воскрес!

Our Catholic tradition of dedicating the month of May to Mary came about in the 13th century. Some say because it was created to replace various pagan cults. The actual reason is the fact that this month is the time when spring is at the height of its beauty. Spring is also connected with nature renewing itself. In her way, Mary gave new life to the world when she gave birth to our saviour Jesus Christ.

Devotion to Mary is an important part of our Catholic identity. As our mother she is an example of a committed “Yes” to the will of God. Because of the devotion to her many people ask her for help in the most difficult moments of their life as any child does with his mother. This past Friday, Bishop Bryan and all bishops of Canada consecrated our country to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, in time of pandemic. Click [here](#) for the text of the prayer that you can pray at home.

Another way we can offer devotion to Mary this month is by praying the rosary. The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton has developed a helpful [Rosary Prayer](#) booklet that reflects our Byzantine Christian Tradition that I would encourage you to use in your prayer at home either individually or with your family. In addition, on Wednesdays during the month of May at 6:30PM, we'll be praying the Akathist to the Mother of God at the church and broadcasting it on [Liturgy Live](#). Consider printing off this [Akathist Prayer](#) and joining me on Wednesday evenings.

A longstanding custom in the Church is to celebrate Divine Liturgy for a special intention. As you know, during every Divine Liturgy we offer petitions for all sorts of things, but special intentions are those requested specifically for someone who is sick or has died, in thanksgiving for God's blessings, or to celebrate a birthday or anniversary of a family member. These special intentions are typically celebrated on weekdays, while the intention of all parishioners is celebrated on Sundays. Despite our church being 'closed to the public', I continue to celebrate Divine Liturgy on weekdays and am running out of special intentions! If you would like to request a Divine Liturgy intention, please email me at alalach@sasktel.net with the name of the person(s) for whom you would like to pray, as well as a proposed date when the Liturgy would be celebrated. Suggested offering is \$20.

Peace be with you!

Fr. André

UPCOMING LITURGIES & EVENTS: May 3-10, 2020

Date	Time	Location	Event
Sun, 3 May Sunday of the Paralytic	9:30AM	Dormition-Church Livestreamed	Divine Liturgy: For our Parishioners
Mon, 4 May	10:00AM	St. George Cathedral Livestreamed	Funeral Liturgy: +Fr. Walter Kostiuik
Tues, 5 May	9:00AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: God's Blessings – Robert & Lydia Sliva
	7:30PM	Zoom Conference	Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wed, 6 May	6:30PM	Dormition-Church Livestreamed	Akathist to the Mother of God
Thurs, 7 May	9:00AM	Dormition-Church Livestreamed	Divine Liturgy: +William Worona (Rose & Family)
Fri, 8 May	9:00AM	Dormition-Church Livestreamed	Divine Liturgy: Birthday Blessings – John Chrusch (Loran & Family)
Sun, 10 May Samaritan Woman	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

- 1. 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, Olga Kondra, Bill Muzyka.
2. 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.
- 3. Devotional Services to Blessed Vasyi Velychkovsky** - Every Wednesday at 7:00 pm (CST) Livestreamed on the [Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine YouTube Channel](#).
- 4. 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.
- 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.
- 6. Theology of the Body Virtual Conference** - Join Christopher West, Leah Darrow and 50+ other speakers, artists, and clergy for the Free online Theology of the Body (TOB) Virtual Conference on May 8-10. Hosted by Theology of the Body Institute, the TOB Virtual Conference will explore how St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body applies to everyday life, how it will transform your prayer life, and how it will bring your Catholic faith alive in new ways. Register for the free Virtual Conference at: www.tobvirtualconference.com.