



## Dormition & District Ukrainian Catholic Parishes

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### June 28, 2020 – All Saints of Rus-Ukraine

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Glory to Jesus Christ!

Brothers and sisters, sometimes life pushes us to the limits of our own resources! It might come about from great tragedy, sorrow, and loss. It could be sheer exhaustion or the tedium that leaves us feeling dry, lifeless, and without options. Regardless, we are at our wit's end. We come to the end of our rope. Will power and self-determination are not enough. They've met their match and we can no longer do life the way we used to. Our words carry no meaning and our actions are ineffective. There is, strangely enough, grace in that, because mystically, the limit of our resources is the beginning of faith.

This is the story of the centurion in our Gospel today. The centurion has nothing left to say or do. He cannot order his slave to get well or be healed. He needs a greater authority than what has been given him, not one that commands actions but one that commands life. He needs divine authority not human authority. He recognizes and seeks that authority and power in Jesus.

Often when we come to the limits of our own words and abilities, we try harder, we try smarter, we try again and again. The centurion knows this will not work. Instead he yields his power and authority to Jesus, the embodiment of God's power and authority. The centurion no longer seeks to command but awaits a command. "Only speak the word; and let my servant be healed," he says to Jesus. This is the faith that amazed Jesus. What about us? Are we willing to yield our power and authority, and allow God to speak the word that we need to hear?

**Be advised that during the months of July and August, Sunday Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at Dormition Parish at 9:30AM & 11:30AM.** Simply register [online](#) or by calling 306-652-4837 and leaving a message indicating your name, the number of persons from your immediate household planning to attend, and the date and time you would like to attend. Remember that there is still no obligation for anyone to attend services in church, especially if you are medically vulnerable. Our 9:30AM Sunday Liturgy and some weekday services (consult the Upcoming Liturgies & Events schedule on the next page) continues to be [Livestreamed](#).

As we commemorate all the saints of Rus-Ukraine, please remember in your prayers those in western Ukraine affected by terrible flooding. See Patriarch Sviatoslav's appeal at the end of this bulletin.

Peace be with you,  
Fr. André

#### 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.

## UPCOMING LITURGIES & EVENTS: June 28-July 5, 2020

Date	Time	Location	Event
Sun, 28 June 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	9:30AM	Dormition-Church <a href="#">Livestreamed</a>	Divine Liturgy: For Our Parishioners
	5:00PM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: God's Blessings – Ethan Chrusch
Mon, 29 June Ss Peter & Paul	9:00AM	Dormition-Church <a href="#">Livestreamed</a>	Divine Liturgy: Health of all our parishioners (Dormition UCWL)
Tues, 30 June	9:00AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: Anniversary Blessings – Mitchell & Kalyn
	6:30PM	Zoom	Parish Executive Meeting
Thurs, 2 July	9:00AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: Deceased Charney Family Members (Nick & Eileen)
Fri, 3 July	9:00AM	Dormition-Church <a href="#">Livestreamed</a>	Divine Liturgy: Anniversary Blessings – Bill & Koni (Jana Lalach & Family)
Sat, 4 July	9:00AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: +Oleksander Schavii (SSMI Saskatoon)
	10:00AM	Dormition-Church	Confessions
Sun, 5 July 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	9:30AM	Dormition-Church <a href="#">Livestreamed</a>	Divine Liturgy: For Our Parishioners
	11:30AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: For the Needs of the Eparchy
	2:00PM	Smuts-Cemetery	Cemetery Blessings

Queen's House presents... **A Retreat with Fr. Ron Rolheiser OMI on Zoom - Faith, Doubt & Darkness: Understanding the Dynamics of Belief and Doubt Beyond the Fervor of Youth.** Public evening lecture - Monday July 6, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. *Naming the Present Moment of our Faith: Searching for Nurturing Metaphors in a Time of Receding Transcendence.* Tuesday July 7, 9:15 a.m. - Thursday July 9, 11:30 a.m. Register online at [www.queenshouse.org](http://www.queenshouse.org), calling 306-242-1916 or [receptionist@queenshouse.org](mailto:receptionist@queenshouse.org).

**Camp St. Basil - Edmonton is going ... ONLINE! July 6-11 for Ages 7-14. ZOOM** sessions will take place from 10-11 a.m. MST for campers to be guided through activities such as: crafts, games and religion lessons inspired by this year's theme - miracles! **NO CHARGE! Campers from all across Canada are welcome! Registration deadline is June 30th! Register at: <https://eeparchy.com/2020/06/17/camp-st-basil-online/> For more information contact them at: [CampSaintBasil@gmail.com](mailto:CampSaintBasil@gmail.com) or call them at 1- 780-434-8010.**

A wonderful opportunity exists for our Ukrainian young people at the university level. The **Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada National Executive** offers two scholarships to post secondary students enrolled in Ukrainian Studies and Religious Studies.

<p><b>The Vera Buczynsky Ukrainian Studies Scholarship</b> for \$1000 is offered to a person of Ukrainian Catholic descent who is enrolled in Ukrainian Studies at the post-secondary level. Criteria and applications are available online at <a href="http://www.ucwlc.ca">www.ucwlc.ca</a> and can be submitted electronically to: The Vera Buczynsky Ukrainian Studies Scholarship Committee Barbara Olynyk, chair <a href="mailto:ucwlcnationalscholarships@gmail.com">ucwlcnationalscholarships@gmail.com</a></p> <p><i>Deadline for receipt of completed applications is September 30.</i></p>	<p><b>The Mary Dyma Religious Studies Scholarship</b> for \$1000 is offered to a lay woman of Ukrainian Catholic descent who is enrolled in Religious Studies at the post-secondary level. Criteria and applications are available online at <a href="http://www.ucwlc.ca">www.ucwlc.ca</a> and can be submitted electronically to: The Mary Dyma Religious Studies Scholarship Committee Barbara Olynyk, chair <a href="mailto:ucwlcnationalscholarships@gmail.com">ucwlcnationalscholarships@gmail.com</a></p> <p><i>Deadline for receipt of completed applications is September 30.</i></p>
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# **APPEAL OF HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV To the faithful of the UGCC and people of good will in Ukraine and throughout the world in response to the flooding in Western Ukraine**

**Your Graces and Excellencies, Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers, Venerable Brothers and Sisters in monastic and religious life Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

One of the elements which gives us and all that surrounds us life, and provides comfort in our homes, in these past days in areas of Western Ukraine has been transformed into a veritable disaster that is being characterized as the worst flood over the past century. Over 300 inhabited towns and villages are under water. Key transportation arteries have been ruined, railways and bridges have been damaged, thousands of buildings are without power. But the greatest disaster – human casualties. And so, at the opening of this appeal I express my sincere condolences and assurances of my prayers for those who lost their loved ones. If the coronavirus pandemic restricted us to our own residences, this flooding has deprived thousands of people of that protection. Inclement weather has devastated harvests, destroyed planted fields and private gardens. People have lost their means for existence. Tens of thousands of hectares of land are covered with water and mud. People are being evacuated from their residences in large numbers in an effort to safeguard their lives. Hospitals have been inundated including facilities providing treatment to those infected by the coronavirus.

The effects of this flood in the present economic crisis, compounded by the pandemic, carry the threat of real social trouble on a national scale. If quick and decisive action is not taken, then before the winter we may find ourselves facing a humanitarian catastrophe.

In this pastoral appeal I reach out to all who have suffered from the flood, who experienced fear for their lives, pain and a sense of helplessness, especially to those who even now find themselves in the midst of this turbulent event, with the words of Jesus Christ: "Fear not!" Your Church, which constantly prays to the merciful God, is with you in this difficult time, and seeks to embrace you with her warmth, concern, and care. I wish to assure you, that she is and will be your voice and protector before the mighty of this world, and will carry the truth about your distress and despair to the global public and to the world Christian community. Every calamity that people experience in their lives is an opportunity to show Christian solidarity and social service, so that those who are suffering might receive assistance as soon as possible. Therefore, I call upon our church institutions: eparchies, religious communities, and especially our network of the charitable foundation "Caritas," to organize rescue for those who cry for help. I appeal to all communities of our Church in Ukraine and throughout the world, in the spirit of the Good Samaritan in the Gospel, to support those who are now deprived of their home and have come face-to-face with misfortune.

I direct my request to the world community and to international humanitarian organizations be open to respond to the needs of those who have become victims of the disaster that has afflicted regions in Western Ukraine.

As we look at the consequences of this catastrophe, we must at the same time reflect on what brought it about. Pope Francis says: "God always forgives, we men forgive sometimes, but nature never forgives." The cause of this disaster that we are experiencing is this predatory attitude of humans towards the environment. Climate change on a global scale and uncontrolled destruction of Carpathian forests forced nature to raise its menacing voice, before which we cannot remain silent.

In this period of Peter's fast, taking into account the present dramatic situation, I call on you to rethink your attitude towards your surrounding environment, a rethinking which should include being conscious of the danger of ecological sin, and repentance before the fact of God the Creator, in order that we may learn to care responsibly for our common God-given home and increase nature's inheritance.

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ! Those who have suffered from this calamity need our prayers and sympathy. I sincerely ask that this Sunday at Divine Liturgy we pray for all the victims of the flood and for those rescue workers who are dealing with its consequences.

May our Lord, who is with us always, in the joys and hardships of our life, help us overcome this trial with the dignity of God's children. May the protection of the His Most Pure Mother, glorified in so many churches of our hospitable Carpathians, cover all who have become hostage to this aquatic calamity. Appealing to the Lord to send generous gifts upon those, who will help the victims, I pray that He might be merciful to all of us.

**+ SVIATOSLAV**