



## 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**

### August 2-16, 2020

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

### Glory to Jesus Christ!

It's good to be back after a few weeks away. Thanks to Fr. Gregory for substituting in my absence. In the spirit of summer, this bulletin includes a schedule of Liturgies and events in our pastoral district for the next 2 weeks. Our next 'bulletin' will be published on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.

There is a story of a monk who left the monastery to live as a monk in the big city. When he arrived at his new apartment, he took the mirror in the living room down and replaced it with an icon of Christ. He did the same with the mirror in the bathroom. All the pictures that were on the wall he took down and also replaced with icons of Christ. Every day he would get up and shave, brush his teeth, comb his hair in front of the image of Christ in the icon. And before he left the apartment, he would make one last check of his appearance in the icon in the living room. For years he followed this ritual every day. The townspeople remarked, "Have you seen that monk? The more and more disheveled he looks...the more and more holy he becomes."

This story illustrates how the Sacraments (Baptism, Chrismation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Anointing of the sick, Marriage and Holy orders) and a sacramental worldview work. The more and more we try to model ourselves on the Son of God, the more and more we "look like Him." If we know what the sacraments offer us, let's realize why we want to be ready to receive the graces from the sacraments. The sacraments make us grow in holiness. We become more and more like the One we worship. Every time we go to participate in a Sacrament, we go to meet the living God. We go to meet Jesus Christ. Every sacrament is a chance to encounter our loving God who constantly comes to meet His people, to calm the storms of our lives, and ultimately, to save our souls.

Speaking of sacraments, today we celebrate the First Solemn Holy Communion of **Delen Harasymchuk** and **Noah Mosterd!** Next Sunday, **Emily Sapieha** will celebrate hers! We also celebrate the Baptism of **Vera Mary Harasymchuk**, daughter of Stephen & Heather, and sister to Delen, Lusia, Eric and Ivan. May God bless them and their families.

If you have been waiting to give others the chance to attend Liturgy in-person, **now is a good time to come back to church.** 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.

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: July 12-Aug 2, 2020

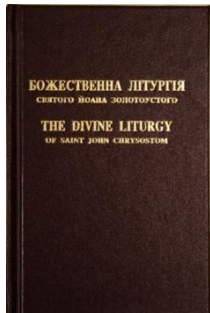
| Date  | Time    | Location   | Event   |
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| <b>Sun, 2 Aug</b><br>9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost   | 9:30AM  | Dormition-Church<br><a href="#">Livestreamed</a> | Divine Liturgy: For our Parishioners                                      |
|   | 11:30AM | Dormition-Church                                 | Divine Liturgy & First Solemn Holy Communion: Delen & Noah                |
|   | 3:00PM  | Borschiw-Cemetery                                | Panakhya & Grave Blessings  |
| Tues, 4 Aug   | 9:00AM  | Dormition-Church<br><a href="#">Livestreamed</a> | Divine Liturgy: +David Yaskowich (Barb Logan)                             |
| Wed, 5 Aug  | 9:00AM  | Dormition-Church<br><a href="#">Livestreamed</a> | Divine Liturgy: 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Blessings – Kimball & Kendra |
| Thurs, 6 Aug<br>Transfiguration                               | 6:30PM  | Dormition-Church<br><a href="#">Livestreamed</a> | Feast Day Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Fruit                              |
| Fri, 7 Aug  | 9:00AM  | Dormition-Church                                 | Divine Liturgy: Healing – Caedyn (Andrea, Kurtiss, Georgia & June)        |
| Sat, 8 Aug  | 9:00AM  | Dormition-Church                                 | Divine Liturgy: +John Chickoski (Komarnicki Family)                       |
|   | 10:00AM | Dormition-Church                                 | Confessions   |
|   | 1:00PM  | Dormition-Church                                 | Marriage: Kaesha Wenzel & Rory  |
| <b>Sun, 9 Aug</b><br>10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  | 9:30AM  | Dormition-Church<br><a href="#">Livestreamed</a> | Divine Liturgy: For our Parishioners                                      |
|   | 11:30AM | Dormition-Church                                 | Divine Liturgy & First Solemn Communion: Emily                            |
| Mon, 10 Aug   | 9:00AM  | Dormition-Church                                 | Divine Liturgy: Thanksgiving – Fr. André & Luba                           |
| Tues, 11 Aug  | 9:00AM  | Dormition-Church                                 | Divine Liturgy: +Ed Broda (Mike & Maryanne)                               |
| Wed, 12 Aug   | 9:00AM  | Dormition-Church                                 | Divine Liturgy: +Lydia Shchavii (SSMI Saskatoon)                          |
| Sat, 15 Aug<br>Dormition of the Theotokos                     | 9:00AM  | Dormition-Church<br><a href="#">Livestreamed</a> | Feast Day Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Flowers                            |
|   | 10:00AM | Dormition-Church                                 | Confessions   |
| <b>Sun, 16 Aug</b><br>11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost | 9:30AM  | Dormition-Church<br><a href="#">Livestreamed</a> | Divine Liturgy: For Our Parishioners                                      |
|   | 11:30AM | Dormition-Church                                 | Divine Liturgy & First Solemn Holy Communion: Daysha & Olivia             |

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: SPECIAL LIMITED TIME MEMBERSHIP PROMOTIONAL OFFER

For a 2-week period commencing Wednesday, July 22 and continuing through 11:59 p.m. ET on August 5<sup>th</sup>, new members are being offered **FREE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP** for their first year. The Supreme Council will pay the first-year dues for every man who joins online between now and August 5. Prospects simply need to visit [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus) and enter the code **MCGIVNEY2020** to take advantage of this special offer.

Father McGivney was faced with a pandemic in the 1880s, as we are today. And in the face of that pandemic, he persevered in his efforts to evangelize those in his community, to form his parishioners in their Catholic faith, and to grow the Knights of Columbus. As his spiritual heirs, we can do nothing less. Our pastors need the Knights of Columbus. Our fellow parishioners need the Knights of Columbus. Those impacted by COVID-19 need the Knights of Columbus.

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**THE TRANSFIGURATION - Celebrated on August 6**, The Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is documented in all three synoptic Gospels. Accompanied by Peter, John and James, Jesus went up a mountain to pray. Then, as we read in Luke 9, "...the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus." Luke records that the apostles were very sleepy but awoke and "saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, 'Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.'" A cloud then appeared and enveloped them. At that moment a voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him."

The Transfiguration was clearly intended to reveal the divinity of Christ to Peter, James, and John so they would understand who it was that would be crucified for them and that his Passion was voluntary. Transfiguration comes forty days before the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The two feasts are thus connected to remind us of Christ's voluntary suffering. Eastern theology also tells us that the Transfiguration shows the possibility of our own *theosis*, or transformative process whose goal is likeness to or union with God. We accomplish this through the effects of *katharsis*, the purification of mind and body. Moreover, we are taught that *theosis* is the purpose of human life.

Interestingly, the Transfiguration was witnessed by three disciples and three heavenly witnesses, Moses, Elijah, and the voice of God from heaven. This was in keeping with the Old Testament law of three witnesses required to attest to any fact. "A single witness shall not suffice against a person for any crime or for any wrong in connection with any offense that he has committed. Only on the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses shall a charge be established" (Deuteronomy 19:15). Thus, Jesus' divinity was authenticated both in earth and in heaven.

At the Transfiguration, the three apostles experienced the uncreated light of God as Jesus revealed his true divine nature. It was an experience so powerful Peter wanted to set up camp and never leave the spot. The theology of *theosis* calls us all to transform ourselves and seek to be god-like. Ultimately, according Gregory Palamas, it is possible to see that same uncreated light of God with the help of repentance, spiritual discipline and contemplative prayer, and according to God's will.  
(Brent Kostiniuk)

**Blessing of Flowers on the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos – Thursday, August 15th.** This feast, which is also sometimes called the Assumption, commemorates the death, resurrection, and glorification of Christ's mother. It proclaims that Mary has been "assumed" by God into the heavenly kingdom of Christ in the fullness of her spiritual and bodily existence. It is the custom in our Ukrainian Catholic Church to bless flowers on this Feast. We will celebrate this significant feast with the celebration of **Divine Liturgy at 9:00AM**, followed by blessing of flowers.

Children's Activities to celebrate the Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God:

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