



# 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**

## December 20, 2020 – Sunday before Christmas

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

Glory to Jesus Christ!

On this Sunday before Christmas, the Church commemorates all those who were well pleasing to God from all ages - from Adam to St. Joseph the Betrothed of the Most Holy Theotokos. The holy prophets and prophetesses are also remembered today, especially the Prophet Daniel and the three holy youths. It's a good opportunity for us to remember and give thanks for our faithful ancestors, especially those who helped plant the seeds of faith in our life.

Each week we are celebrating a Liturgy intention for individual or family members of our parish community (in alphabetical order). It's another way we can pray for each other during these days of being distanced. This week (Saturday, 26 December @ 9:00AM) we pray for **Maybelle Boyenko & Elden Gibson**.

Because of restrictions to the number of people attending Divine Liturgy in-person, a greater number of parishioners in our pastoral district will be participating in Christmas Liturgies via our livestream options: on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#). I would encourage you to participate in the Liturgy as if you were actually in church: dressed for success; setting aside distractions; following along with the Divine Liturgy [text](#); sitting and standing in the appropriate places; and most importantly, PRAYING. If you are unable to register for in-person attendance at our Christmas Liturgies, you might want to consider attending a weekday Liturgy this week or in the days after Christmas, making that your Christmas Liturgy!

That said, it's still highly likely that I won't see many of you in person before Christmas – blessings to you and your family for a great celebration of the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord and a Happy New Year.

Peace be with you,  
Fr. André

## UPCOMING LITURGIES & EVENTS: Dec 20-27, 2020

Date	Time	Location	Event
Sun, 20 Dec Sunday before Christmas	9:30AM	Dormition-Church <a href="#">Livestreamed</a>	Divine Liturgy: For our Parishioners
	5:00PM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: God's Blessings – Chris, Robin, Ben & Jonathan
Mon, 21 Dec	6:30PM	Online via Zoom	Parish Council Meeting
Tues, 22 Dec	5:00PM	Dormition-Church <a href="#">Livestreamed</a>	Divine Liturgy: +Ray Moroz (Larry/Helen Koturbash)
Wed, 23 Dec	9:00AM	Dormition-Church <a href="#">Livestreamed</a>	Divine Liturgy: God's Blessings – Marianne Greer (SSMI Saskatoon)
Thurs, 24 Dec Christmas Eve	5:30PM	Dormition-Church <a href="#">Livestreamed</a>	Nativity Compline & Divine Liturgy
	9:00PM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: For our Parishioners
Fri, 25 Dec Christmas Day	11:00AM	Dormition-Church <a href="#">Livestreamed</a>	Divine Liturgy: For the Needs of the Eparchy
Sat, 26 Dec Synaxis of Mary	9:00AM	Dormition-Church <a href="#">Livestreamed</a>	Divine Liturgy: God's Blessings – Maybelle Boyenko & Elden Gibson
Sun, 27 Dec Sunday after Christmas	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.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Alex Skakun, Steph Cooley, Jules Chrusch, Rose Chrusch, Tina Wesolowski, Nikolas Stefanyshyn, Albert/Genevieve Zaiachkowski, Olga Kondra, Bill Muzyka, Johanna Bidulka, Roman Hyshka.

Please remember in your prayers those who are in hospitals, care homes and those who are not able to join us actively in our community. If you would like to have your name or a loved one added to the "PLEASE PRAY FOR" list, please call the Rectory (306-652-4837 or send an email to [admin.ducc@sasktel.net](mailto:admin.ducc@sasktel.net)).

### Quick Links:

- [Sunday Divine Liturgy Registration \(9:30AM or 5:00PM\)](#)  
(Registration Deadline: 6PM Saturdays. Registration for children 2 & under not required)
- [Livestreamed Liturgy on YouTube](#)
- [Livestreamed Liturgy on Facebook](#)
- Support your parish using [Pre-Authorized Debit \(PAD\)](#)
- Support your parish via E-Transfer: [treasurerdormitionucc@gmail.com](mailto:treasurerdormitionucc@gmail.com).

### Christmas Liturgies in our Pastoral District

*(First priority will be given to Dormition & District Parishioners)*

Thursday, December 24th (Christmas Eve)	5:30PM @ Dormition Parish ( <a href="#">livestreamed</a> ) 9:00PM @ Dormition Parish
Friday, December 25th (Christmas Day)	11:00AM @ Dormition Parish ( <a href="#">livestreamed</a> )
Saturday, December 26th (Synaxis of the Theotokos)	9:00AM @ Dormition Parish
December 27 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday after Christmas)	9:30AM @ Dormition Parish ( <a href="#">livestreamed</a> ) * NOTE: NO 5:00PM Liturgy today *
Friday, January 1 <sup>st</sup> (New Year's Day)	11:00AM @ Dormition Parish

**A note from our Treasurer, Mildred Nicol:** *Thank you to all parishioners for your generous financial support throughout the year. Be reminded that ALL donations you want included on your 2020 tax receipt must be received no later than December 30, 2020. Donations can be mailed in, dropped off at the Church, or submitted by E-transfer (email: [treasurerdormitionucc@gmail.com](mailto:treasurerdormitionucc@gmail.com)). If you want to extend a 'gift of love' to Fr. Andre for Christmas (not tax-deductible), you can drop them off at church or send them directly to him via E-transfer at [alalach@sasktel.net](mailto:alalach@sasktel.net).*

**Prison Outreach at Christmas-** The diocesan Restorative Ministry Office is seeking donations to purchase small, identical gifts for some 475 men at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre, as a way to share our Christmas joy, and let them know they are not forgotten by God or the community. Donations can be dropped off or sent "Attention Dianne" at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, second floor, Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, S7S 1H1 (please make cheques out to "Restorative Ministry"). Donations can also be made online at [dscf.ca/designated-ministry-support](https://dscf.ca/designated-ministry-support) and identified as "Christmas prison outreach."



Thank you for helping to spread JOY to the residents at:

**The Generation Love Project** \$927.50 (Giving Tree) + \$315 (share of St. Nicholas Bingo) = \$1242.50 Cheque issued plus 3 boxes of gifts delivered December 17.

**St. Joseph's Home** \$897.50 (Giving Tree) + \$315 (share of St. Nicholas Bingo) = \$1212.50 Cheque of approximately \$300 to be issued after receipts for shopping by the Committee processed plus 2 boxes of gifts to be delivered December 20.

**Total raised:** \$1825.00 (Giving Tree donations) + \$630.00 (St. Nicholas Celebration) = **\$2455.00**

Special thank you to the St. Nicholas Bingo Committee: Myron, Samantha, Carla, and Fr. Andre; the Alpha Group, Tasha, and Judith for the extra time and service you dedicated to this year's Giving Tree.



Look what Love can do!

With gratitude and peace,

Maureen Chrusch, Mildred Nicol, Fr. Andre, Jana Lalach



CHRIST  
IS BORN!  
GLORIFY  
HIM!

Come  
Celebrate  
Christmas  
with us!



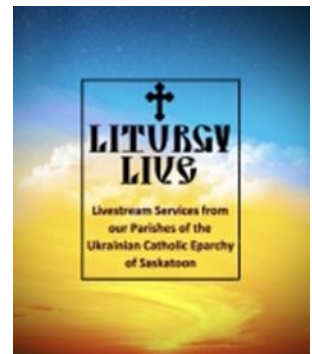
**Schedule of Christmas & Theophany Services  
in our parishes throughout our Eparchy  
will be posted on our Eparchial website!**

[www.skeparchy.org](http://www.skeparchy.org)

**PLEASE NOTE: THAT AS OF NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> PLACE OF WORSHIP CAPACITY IS 30 PEOPLE  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Take part via our Livestreaming option through the parishes listed below:

- Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of St. George, Saskatoon, SK | [Website»»](#)
- Ukrainian Catholic Church of Dormition of the Mother of God, Saskatoon, SK | [Website»](#) | [Facebook»»](#)
- Ss. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, Saskatoon, SK | [YouTube Channel»»](#)
- St. Athanasius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Regina, SK | [Website»»](#) | [Facebook»»](#)
- Sacred Heart Ukrainian Catholic Church, Ituna, SK | [Facebook»»](#)
- St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, Kamsack, SK | [Facebook»»](#) | [Website»](#)
- Live Streaming Services of Ukrainian Catholic Churches in Canada and the World | [Royal Doors»»](#)



Thank-you for reading the bulletin this week. Congratulations to last week's Bulletin Contest winner – Annette Rudyk – who correctly answered that the CWL Clothing Depot is CLOSED, so not accepting any donations! This concludes our bulletin reading contest until after Christmas – but please continue to read the bulletin!

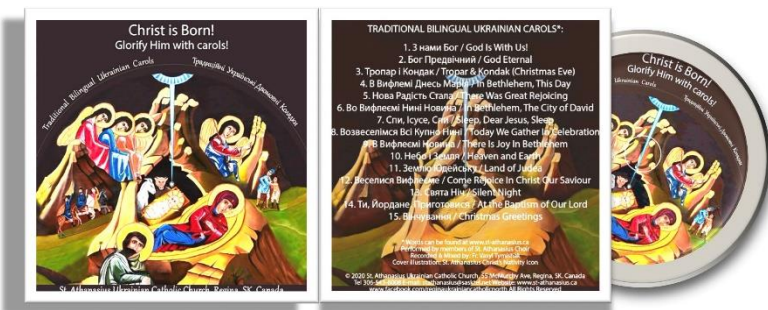


**2020 CHRISTMAS VIDEO GREETING  
FROM HIS EXCELLENCY BISHOP BRYAN BAYDA, CSsR**



**Message in English:**

<https://vimeo.com/490932375>



**CHRIST IS BORN! LET US  
GLORIFY HIM WITH CAROLS!**

This is the title of the **2020 Christmas Carol CD from St. Athanasius Parish, Regina, SK.** – from deep in our hearts, to your homes!

Enjoy traditional Ukrainian Christmas Carols sung in both Ukrainian and English! Join with us in your own homes in the

carolling! Let's be together in Spirit this Holy Season!

We felt compelled in this pandemic year to try to pursue something uplifting for the hearts of our faithful of the Eparchy of Saskatoon. We wish you Christmas Blessings, and a 2021 that is Safe & Peaceful for you and all your loved ones!

Physical CD's are in limited supply at this time. For a digital download, please contact us at [vasyltymishak@gmail.com](mailto:vasyltymishak@gmail.com) and a link will be sent to you for a download. In addition, words to these carols are on St. Athanasius website: <https://st-athanasius.ca/nl/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Lyrics-for-St.-Athanasius-Traditional-Bilingual-Ukrainian-Carols-Cd---2020.pdf>

Here is a sample: <https://st-athanasius.ca/nl/carols-cd-2020/>

Enjoy!

With Joy of Christmas,  
Singers & Fr. Vasy!

**PASTORAL LETTER**  
**FROM THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF CANADA**  
**ON THE OCCASION OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD 2020-2021**

To the Reverend Clergy, Monastics, Seminarians and Laity of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada:  
**Christ is Born! Let Us Glorify Him!** Dearly Beloved in Christ!

*“Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” Lk 1:28*

With what mixed emotions did the Mother of God experience the Annunciation when the Archangel Gabriel greeted Her? On one hand, She experienced fear and confusion about what was taking place in Her life: physically – bearing Jesus in her womb while not yet married; and spiritually - being filled with the Holy Spirit and overwhelmed with peace and joy! Nine months later, at the birth of Her Son Jesus, She continued to treasure and ponder all these words in Her heart. And now, as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ we might ask ourselves what we are pondering in our hearts? For the past nine months, how have we been pondering the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and the presence of Jesus, indeed, the Trinity dwelling in us?

Understandably, it was painful for Mary, when some ridiculed Her as a maiden with child. Meanwhile, others rejoiced with Her, such as her cousin Elizabeth. How important it must have been for Mary to have faith in God’s presence so that she was able to face all storms in life with a deep conviction of His love. Similarly, be mindful of how important it is for all of us today to be certain of God’s presence for He walks with us through the tragedies in life and is ever ready to celebrate times of joy with us. Either way, He accompanies us doing the will of the Father.

We must pray for the same assurance the Mother of God had at that time. Let us draw strength from Her example of faith and trust in God. She gave birth to Jesus and raised Him, sharing His Sacred Heart with others through Her Heart. We strive to do the same and pray for those in our families who long for a deep confidence in knowing they are loved and not alone during these difficult times. The challenges we face as individuals, as families and communities are numerous, and we need to be reminded that God is with us in our challenges. Jesus is the true vine, and “every branch that bears fruit, he prunes to make it bear more fruit” (Jn15:2 NRSV).

Therefore, while growing weary of COVID and all the adjustments to life we are making, let us remain connected to our parish family. Let us celebrate our faith by knowing the presence of God in Holy Scripture. You are part of the vine. Remain in God through the Eucharist either physically or through spiritual communion. Prepare to celebrate Reconciliation sacramentally as we forgive one another on a daily basis. Then, renewed in Christ, let us follow Him as Missionary Disciples to minister to those who feel isolated and alone: in Canada, Ukraine or wherever our loved ones struggle. Celebrate the birth of Christ by being Christ for others! God has given us the grace to make sure others don’t feel alone despite physical distancing and much more difficult circumstances. Jesus fulfills Scripture through us when we realize more deeply that He dwells within us, helping others believe, sing and proclaim, *“God is With Us, Understand This All You Nations! And Be Humbled, For God Is With Us!”*

May our celebration of this profound truth this Christmas be a time to encounter Jesus Christ in our spouse, in our family members and in our parish because we are an essential part of this profound truth. May we be aware of the presence of Jesus, Mary and Joseph that give us the gift of the Holy Family which is present in our personal and parish families. And may this awareness bear fruit in our lives throughout the new year, 2021, and beyond. God is with us! Christ is Born!

Sincerely in Christ,

+Lawrence Huculak, OSBM Metropolitan Archbishop of Winnipeg

+Michael Wiwchar, CSsR Eparch Emeritus of Saskatoon

+Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM Eparch Emeritus of New Westminster

+Stephen Chmilar, Eparch Emeritus of Toronto and Eastern Canada

+David Motiuk, Eparchial Bishop of Edmonton, Administrator of the Eparchy of New Westminster

+Bryan Bayda, CSsR, Eparchial Bishop of Saskatoon, Administrator of the Eparchy of Toronto & Eastern Canada



**Virtual Christmas With Camp St. Basil-Edmonton  
– December 28 to 31-2020  
11 am – 12:15 pm (CST) — 10:00 am – 11:15 am (MST)**

We are so excited to share that we will be hosting a Christmas camp from Dec. 28-31! Join our Christmas themed games, crafts, and a lesson on the Christmas story!

**Details:** December 28-31 2020, 10:00 to 11:15 A.M. MST (11:00 am to 12:15 pm CST)

**Cost:** FREE OF CHARGE

**Ages:** Attendees are *required* to be between the ages of 7 and 14

**Register Now:** <https://sites.google.com/view/campsaintbasil/register?authuser=0>

**Further questions? Contact:** [campsaintbasils@gmail.com](mailto:campsaintbasils@gmail.com) or call 1-780-434-8010



**UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC**  
FOUNDATION OF SASKATCHEWAN CORPORATION

The “Share the Spirit” 50/50 Lottery Draw concluded on December 4, 2020 with the drawing of the winning 50/50 Lottery Ticket. The draw was supervised and conducted by

Willie Birss of Baker Tilly Chartered Professional Accountants.

The response to this Lottery was exceptional again this year. There were 3,290 tickets sold which means that the gross ticket sales amounted to \$65,800. The winning portion of the 50/50 draw was half of the \$65,800 gross ticket sales, or **\$32,900**. The winners of this amount were **Greg & Lori Hudye, Kamsack, SK**.

In addition to the winner’s portion of the 50/50 draw, purchasers of the lottery ticket were able to designate a Parish/Mission or a designated Eparchial Organization to receive 25% of the ticket price, or \$5.00 from each ticket sold. Therefore, a Parish/Mission or the designated Eparchial Organization received \$5.00 for each time they were named as the designated beneficiary on the ticket purchased. The total amount that will be apportioned among 69 Parish/Mission and 4 Eparchial Organizations will be \$16,450. For a complete list of the Parishes/Missions or designated Eparchial Organizations who received these funds please go to our website at [www.ucfsask.org](http://www.ucfsask.org). Cheques to these organizations will be going out next week.

In closing, we would like to extend a huge and heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone who purchased these lottery tickets. Your support of this lottery is very gratefully appreciated, and we look forward to your participation and support next year.

**PS:** *If you have not yet returned your UNSOLD ticket book, please mail it to the Foundation Office, or bring it your Parish Office. It is important to remember that under the Lottery License rules ALL tickets, SOLD OR UNSOLD must be returned to the Foundation Office.*

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