



# 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**

**26 December 2021**

***Christ is Born! Let Us Glorify Him!***

Dear

Our God calls us to love. Christmas is truly a celebration of the living presence of Christ-like love. In a world where there is hopelessness, we are to hold out hope. In a world where there is sadness, we are to live acts of joy. In a world where truth is sorrowfully lacking, we are to live the promise that was spoken long ago – but alive in us. We pray for the courage and wisdom to be living signs of God's presence and promise. On behalf of our Parish Council, and my family, may you experience all the joy of Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Once again, we won't have the opportunity to go carolling from house to house during this Christmas season. However, we have made it possible to continue this tradition and for you to enjoy some caroling with this **Caroling Video:** <https://youtu.be/Ua7WAqfFQp4>. Special thanks to Myron Glova and all our carolers for their contribution to this effort!

**A note from our Treasurer:** Thank you to all parishioners for your generous financial support throughout the year. Be reminded that ALL donations you want included on your 2021 tax receipt must be received no later than December 30, 2021. Donations can be mailed in, dropped off at Church, or submitted by E-transfer [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 these off at church or send them directly to him via E-transfer at [alalach@sasktel.net](mailto:alalach@sasktel.net).

Have a great week -- Fr. André

## UPCOMING LITURGIES & EVENTS: December 26 -January 2, 2021

Date	Time	Location	Event
<b>Sunday, Dec 26</b> Sunday after Christmas	9:30AM	Dormition-Church <a href="#">Livestreamed</a>	Divine Liturgy: For our Parishioners
Friday, Dec 31	9:00AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: +Allan Rudyk (Annette & Family)
Saturday, Jan 1 Circumcision of our Lord	11:00AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: New Year's Blessings – All Parishioners (Fr. Andre)
<b>Sunday, Jan 2</b> Sunday before Theophany	9:30AM	Dormition-Church <a href="#">Livestreamed</a>	Divine Liturgy: For our Parishioners
	3:00PM	Dormition-Church	Baptism: Leena Kaci Buchinski
	5:00PM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: For the needs of the Eparchy

### Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Date	Time	Welcomers	Epistle Reader
26 December	9:30AM	Vic & Therese Skomar	Elizabeth Stefanyshyn-Alonso
2 January	9:30AM	Knights of Columbus	Annette Rudyk
	5:00PM	Loran Chrusch	Volunteer

The **Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon Eparchial Safeguarding Policy: Covenant of Care, Electronic Communication and Technology & Abuse and Misconduct Policy** is a code of conduct which is designed to create safe and respectful church communities and healthy ministerial relationships, and to protect people from abuse and the harm that results. To speak to someone about a concern please contact Fr. Andre, Parish Coordinator of Care (PCC) **Jonathan Abrametz** at (306-652-8833 ext.1) or Deborah Larmour, Eparchial Coordinator of Care at 306-222-1475 or email: [covenantofcare@skeparchy.org](mailto:covenantofcare@skeparchy.org).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR...** Alex Skakun; Jules Chrusch; Rose Chrusch; Bill & Lil Muzyka; Johanna Bidulka; Albert Zaiachkowski; Al Pobran; Steph Cooley; Nikolas Stefanyshyn; Carlie, Chance and Caitlyn Rothwell; Jim Smith; Morgan Miller; Kyrell Sopotyck.

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 parish office at 306-652-4837 or send an email to [admin.ducc@sasktel.net](mailto:admin.ducc@sasktel.net).

### Quick Links:

- [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).

### Attention UCWLC MEMBERS

Please note that memberships for the year 2022 are now due. Please drop off your membership fee of \$20.00 at the entrance of the church in the slot designated for UCWL or mail it to the church. We encourage and invite new members to join the UCWL. For this year only our **annual meeting** will be held, January 12, 2022. Please plan to attend. Anyone still wanting to participate in the prayer partner exchange can do so at this time or call me at (306) 290-7969. KNOW that participating as a prayer partner is doing just that. It's heartwarming to know that there is someone praying for you throughout the year. How you choose to be a prayer partner is entirely up to you. Some offer a liturgy; some send cards or some bring a gift at the end of the year. Our Christmas celebration will also be held on January 12. NOTE: we will need numbers if you are planning to attend in so we can order sufficient food

Peace and prayers 🙏

Marcie



Our Eparchial young people are inviting you for their first performance on stilts - **The Nativity Play "Glory in the Highest"**. It is a 10-minute Nativity skit that will be performed after Divine Liturgies in our three Saskatoon churches:

**December 26th** - at St. George's Cathedral after 9:30 am Divine Liturgy.

**January 9th** - at Ss. Peter & Paul Church after 9:00 and 11:00 am Divine Liturgies.

**January 16th** - at the Dormition of the Mother of God Church during 5:00 PM Divine Liturgy.

The performance will be also held in the Bishop Filevich School at the end of January.

**PASTORAL LETTER**  
**FROM THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF CANADA**  
**ON THE OCCASION OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD 2021-2022**

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!

*“The earth offers a cave to the Inaccessible.” Kondak of the Nativity*

The *Kondak* of December 25 heralds a true paradox. It reminds us of the sharp contrasts we find in the human condition. Regarding the Incarnation of Jesus, the Indescribable, Eternal and Inaccessible God, is humbly born in a cave. This is truly a low place on earth, perhaps barely fit for animals at times and yet it is where Jesus was born. Today, we find it hard to believe that any person could be born outside of a hospital or a home. Of course, there are survival accounts of people enduring unimaginable challenges, but who could allow such intentional inhospitable human indignity?

Well, we don't have to look far to find human indignity today. Human tragedy is all around us. Physical, medical, emotional and spiritual injustice is the content of many news stories. And in the midst of these stories often there is a ray of light in the darkness, a person who shines and restores our hope in human dignity. Globally, in Ukraine, or in our own homes, the Holy Spirit is waiting to break through to others with good news and each of us would do well to ask God that question, “Lord, how do you want to use me in sharing this news?”

The good news is that despite our hearts being similar in some ways to the inhospitable cave, Jesus wants to dwell there. Our reflection on this profound mystery takes quiet time for prayer, away from the numerous demands requesting our attention as well as celebration of the Sacraments, particularly Eucharist and Reconciliation. In the stillness of our hearts, God will speak, God will give each of us grace and we have an opportunity to say “yes” like members of the Holy Family. Our hearts are manglers of humility, human dignity and love. Every thought and action that honours God or another human being is born there. Jesus is born in the manger of our hearts. This is good news. Likewise, prayer together as families and parishes uplifts and confirms that “God is with us!”

Therefore, let us intercede in prayer and perhaps take positive steps toward solutions to the many inhumane things we encounter in life. Let us learn from St. Joseph who, in his obedience to God through several dreams, became the person to ignite in Jesus a sense of obedience to the Father. Let us learn from Mary, the Mother of God, who trusted in God's plan for salvation as she gave birth to Christ and played a significant role in forming the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Let us allow the Christ in us to be a light to those in our families and parishes. This is so important in an atmosphere that finds many people and numerous opinions at odds about how to deal with the COVID epidemic.

May our celebration of this profound truth this Christmas, that God is born in us, 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, 2022, 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

+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

**Eparchial Marriage Preparation Program:** If you are planning to get married anytime over the next year ... Congratulations! Please be advised that Marriage Sacramental Preparation is required for marriage in all our parishes and registration for the next Marriage Prep Course “**Crown them with Honour and Glory**” put on by the Family and Life Office Marriage Prep team, has begun. There are both online and face to face (in person/zoom) components this course with the teaching portion being held **Saturday Feb. 5 and 12 from 9 am to 12 pm both days**. For more information and registration contact Deborah Larmour, [uwitness2family@skeparchy.org](mailto:uwitness2family@skeparchy.org) as soon as possible as spaces are limited.

**Annual Knights of Columbus Carol Festival** is now on video. After a year's absence due to the pandemic, the annual Knights of Columbus Carol Festival has returned in a new format as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of Christ. The video featuring choirs from 17 Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools is available at [www.gscs.ca](http://www.gscs.ca) and on YouTube: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=JftuT1CeVTU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JftuT1CeVTU) as well as on participating school websites. It will also be broadcast on Shaw Cable throughout the holiday season.

**Staff and students at E.D. Feehan school in Saskatoon are working to raise funds to sponsor a refugee family** who are running for their lives after an extremist organization took power in their home country. Read about the project at: [news.rcdos.ca](http://news.rcdos.ca) or to donate to the E.D. Feehan effort go to the Go Fund Me online giving page at: [www.gofundme.com/f/refugeeYXE](http://www.gofundme.com/f/refugeeYXE). For more information about refugee sponsorship, please e-mail the diocesan Office of Migration: [migration@rcdos.ca](mailto:migration@rcdos.ca)

**Catholic TRC Healing Response:** The Catholic Bishops of Saskatchewan recently sent an update about fund-raising efforts to support healing and reconciliation initiatives in consultation with Indigenous people, especially in relation to TRC Call to Action #61. Funds raised will be part of a national \$30-million fund-raising pledge announced Sept. 27 by the Catholic bishops of Canada, following their apology to the Indigenous Peoples of this land. Read both the Saskatchewan bishops' message and the statement by the Catholic bishops of Canada at [rcdos.ca](http://rcdos.ca). To make a gift or learn more about the fundraising initiative launched by the bishops of Saskatchewan see: <https://dscf.ca/catholic-trc-healing-response/>

### **Online Bible Study Sessions with Hieromonk Gregory Hrynkiw, ASTH Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:15 pm**

**Bible Study** – Weekly sessions with Hieromonk Gregory Hrynkiw, ASTH will begin **Tuesday, October 5, 2021 and run through to May 31, 2022** [No sessions Dec-28; Jan-04, Feb-15, Apr-19 and May -03], meeting on-line via **WebEx with Login from 6:15 pm and the sessions will run from 6:30 – 7:30 pm**. Fr. Gregory will lead the scripture study on the **Acts of the Apostles**. To register, please contact the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate (SSMI) at the **Ukrainian Catholic Religious Education Centre (UCREC)**, by emailing them at [rel.ed@sasktel.net](mailto:rel.ed@sasktel.net) or calling them at **306-652-1718, 306-653-1897 or 306-380-8509**. Once you have received the link and downloaded the WebEx App, you will get weekly invitation notices from the Sisters to join in the sessions.

A “goodwill offering” towards the sessions can be made by: (1). Cheque made out to Father Gregory Hrynkiw, mailed to the **Ukrainian Catholic Religious Education Centre (UCREC)** 214 Avenue M South, Saskatoon, SK S7M 2K4; (2). Via eTransfer from your bank mobile app or website to [asketerion@gmail.com](mailto:asketerion@gmail.com) [We are Auto Deposit registered, so no need for a security question or password. In the Message, simply type in your name], or (3). PayPal: [https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=\\_s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=SRTQSAADRCRWCL&source=url](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=SRTQSAADRCRWCL&source=url)

### **2021 UCBC- Bishop Roborecki Branch /William & Elsie Hnatiuk Scholarship**

The three recipients of the Scholarships (along with the nominating organizations) are Nazar Fayfruk (St. George's Cathedral), Maria Miller (Ss. Peter & Paul Parish), and Aislynne Olenick (Bishop Filevich School).

The Scholarship was established January 09, 2001. Twenty-one years later, 61 worthy recipients from Saskatoon have been recognized and rewarded for their parish, cultural, and community participation and endeavors. Bishop Roborecki Branch acknowledges Bro. William and his late wife Elsie's vision, dedication, and commitment for initiating and helping to maintain this endeavor for twenty-one years. We are thankful for and appreciative of this wonderful legacy.



Age 9-15

February 21-26, 2022



Cost: \$300

Come & Join Us!

# WINTER CAMP 2022

We are very excited to hear that St. Michael's Camp at Madge Lake is having their Winter Camp this year for ages 9-15 from Feb 21-26th, 2022 at cost of \$300.

This camp has limited spots, therefore hurry up to register your children so they could spend fruitfully their February break with friends and God growing in faith and having fun. You will receive a confirmation email with a packing list and activity sheet once your registration is received. **To register please email us at [stmichaelscamp@sasktel.net](mailto:stmichaelscamp@sasktel.net).** Activities include downhill skiing, cross-country skiing, skating, Madge Lake snow maze, snowshoeing, tobogganing and much more winter fun!!

The camp is also looking for **camp counsellors** right now and a **camp director**. If you feel you would like to serve in this ministry, please let us know.



**UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC**  
FOUNDATION OF SASKATCHEWAN CORPORATION

**"SHARE THE SPIRIT" 50/50 LOTTERY DRAW** (Lottery License - #LR21-0081)

**THANK YOU** so very much to all who supported the "Share the Spirit" 50/50 Lottery Draw. The response to the lottery has been outstanding this year as well. The total number of tickets sold was **3,272** for a total amount of **\$65,440**. This means that the winner of the 2021 "Share the Spirit" Lottery Draw, **Lawrence & Ursula Popovitch of Bruno SK**, received **\$32,720**.

In addition, the amount allocated to the Designated Beneficiaries from the 2021 "Share the Spirit" Lottery Draw will be **\$16,360**. The total amount that has been allocated to the Designated Beneficiaries since the inception of the "Share the Spirit" 50/50 Lottery Draw, including the amount for this year, is **\$62,140**. The Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan, as a member of the Eparchial family, is delighted and proud to be able to share the proceeds of the lottery with the Designated Beneficiaries.

**It is important to remember that under the Lottery License rules UNSOLD** lottery ticket books *must be returned to the UCFSASK Office. If you have not already done so, please return the unsold tickets books in the postage paid self-addressed envelope provided in your package. You can also return your unsold tickets to your Parish Office or place them in the Sunday Collection Basket.*

Again, **THANK YOU**, for your support of the "Share the Spirit" 50/50 Lottery Draw where the proceeds will not only go towards assisting the Eparchy with offering of the Eparchial Ministries, but also in helping Parishes/Missions and Eparchial Organizations through the Designated Beneficiaries program. For more detailed information, please visit the UCFSASK Website at [www.ucfsask.org](http://www.ucfsask.org) or call the UCFSASK Office at 306-653-0138, ext 223.