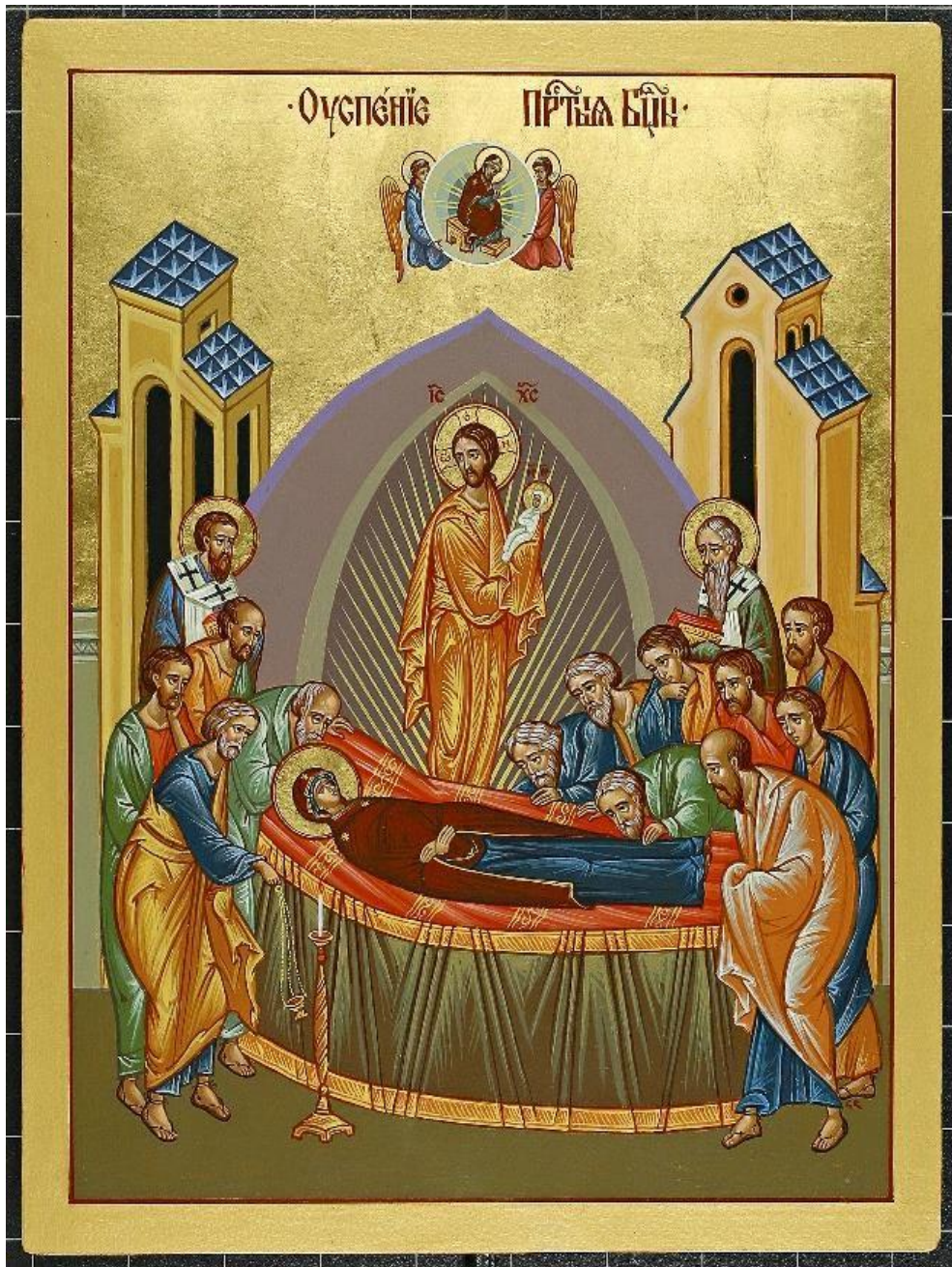


THE THEOTOKOS (Mother of God)



A WARM WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS, GUESTS AND VISITORS!

Dear friends,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Summer is a season known for cultivating and bearing good fruit. There is just nothing like a sweet, sun-ripened summer strawberry or new garden potatoes with dill (and heavy cream). Could we say these are like a taste of heaven? This month, farmers will be busy, reaping and bringing in the fruits of their labours. Our liturgical calendar includes two significant feasts in August that highlight the “first fruits” of harvest: the Transfiguration on August 6th (when we bring fruit to bless) and the Dormition of the Mother of God on August 15th (when we bless flowers). By the way, Dormition Parish will celebrate its feast day on Sunday, August 27th at 9:30AM followed by a potluck lunch.

With longer days and warmer weather, I hope you have been able to spend more time outdoors. There are weekends at the lake, dinners on the grill, bonfires, sticky smores, and much more. Summertime is a time for bearing fruit and embracing the abundant life that surrounds us. Yes, the days are now getting shorter, fall and winter will come, but don't let thoughts of the unknown rob you of the joys of the moment. Seize the joy of the season. Sign-up for the Dormition Parish golf tournament on August 27th!

Remember that Jesus is the light of the world. Though we may not see Him, He is still there, a constant in a changing world. His love never ceases, through all the seasons of life. You may believe that there's a lot of darkness in the world even during our daylight hours: violence, conflict, prejudice, apathy, loneliness, sadness, and so on. Jesus is the light of the world and calls us to light as well. How can we shine as lights, reflecting this light of Jesus, on those who suffer in darkness?

At the end of time, the world will have no darkness at all—God's light will shine forever among us and there will be no more night, no more curse, no more tears, death, or suffering. The “longest day of the year” can't hold a candle to this light that will last forever. So, enjoy today's sunlight. Step out, take advantage of these daylight hours, and also, put your trust in the light of Christ: overcome darkness where you see it, and live in hope for the endless light of eternity.

Have a great summer,

Fr. Andre

UPCOMING LITURGIES & EVENTS: AUGUST 1 - 19

Date	Time	Location	Event
Thursday, Aug. 3	9:00 AM	Dormition - Church	Divine Liturgy: Health - Nadia (Sliva Family)
Friday, Aug. 4	9:00 AM	Dormition - Church	Divine Liturgy: +Fr. Yurij Lazaruko (Fr. Andre)
Saturday, Aug. 5	9:00 AM	Dormition-Church	Divine Liturgy: +Bill Muzyka (KofC Council 13129)
Sunday, Aug. 6 Transfiguration	9:30 AM	Dormition - Church	Divine Liturgy: For our Parishioners
	11:30 AM	Laniwci - Church	Divine Liturgy: For the Needs of the Eparchy
Thursday, Aug. 10	9:00 AM	Dormition - Church	Divine Liturgy: Thanksgiving - Luba (Fr. Andre)
Friday, Aug. 11	9:00 AM	Dormition - Church	Divine Liturgy: +Mary Rebryna (Morris & Ina)
Saturday, Aug. 12	9:00 AM	Dormition - Church	Divine Liturgy: +Julianna Lucyshyn (Dan L.)
	9:45 AM	Dormition - Church	Confessions
Sunday, Aug. 13 11th Sunday after Pentecost	9:30 AM	Dormition - Church	Divine Liturgy: For our Parishioners
	11:30 AM	Hawryliuke - Church	Divine Liturgy, followed by grave blessings
Tuesday, Aug. 15 Dormition of the Theotokos	5:00 PM	Dormition - Church	Feast Day Divine Liturgy: For our Parishioners
Wednesday, Aug. 16	9:00 AM	Dormition - Church	Divine Liturgy: +Leonard Prokopchuk (Bodnar Family)
Saturday, Aug. 19	9:00 AM	Dormition - Church	Divine Liturgy: +Albina Olynyk (40th Day Memorial)

Volunteers needed to clean the church (July - December) as well as people to cut the grass at the church. Sign up at:

Church Cleaners: <https://form.jotform.com/dormitionparishsaskatoon/churchcleaning-fall2023>

Lawn Care: <https://form.jotform.com/dormitionparishsaskatoon/2023-dormition-lawn-care-schedule>

UPCOMING LITURGIES & EVENTS: AUGUST 20 - 31

Date	Time	Location	Event
Sunday, Aug. 20 12th Sunday after Pentecost	9:30 AM	Dormition - Church	Divine Liturgy: For our Parishioners
	11:30 AM	Bodnari - Church	Divine Liturgy: For the Needs of the Eparchy
Thursday, Aug. 24	5:00 PM	Dormition - Church	Divine Liturgy: God's Blessings - Tim, Nadia, Lukian
Saturday, Aug. 26	9:00 AM	Dormition - Church	Divine Liturgy: +Mary Shabatowski (Patrick)
Sunday, Aug. 27 13th Sunday after Pentecost	9:30 AM	Dormition - Church	Parish Feast Day Liturgy & Pot-Luck Lunch
	12:30 PM	Holiday Park Golf Course	Parish Golf Tournament
Tuesday, Aug. 29 Beheading of John the Baptist	6:30 PM	Dormition - Church	Divine Liturgy: For our Parishioners
	7:15 PM	Dormition - Auditorium	Parish Council Meeting
Thursday, Aug. 31	5:00 PM	Dormition - Church	Divine Liturgy: +Gaylene Popovitch (Dan L.)



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Date: Thursday 28 September 2023 – Sunday 1 October 2023

Location: Saint Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church
411 Harriet St, Welland, ON L3B 2H9

Canada Registration fee: \$200 CAD (includes all meals, photocopies, etc.)

Student rate: \$175 CAD

Online payment: <https://square.link/u/by6Oj2Hg>

Recommended hotel (to be arranged on your own): Travelodge by Wyndham Welland 870 Niagara St, Welland, ON L3C 1M3, Canada
Book by calling +1 (289) 820-7970 (ask for Lynn) or write to travelodgewelland3@gmail.com
Discount code: "St. Michael's Convention"

Fill out the registration form here:
<https://forms.gle/wQweXXpnGNpGAwyy6>



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

		Aug. 6	Aug. 13	Aug. 20	Aug. 27
Welcomers	9:30 AM	Nadia S. & Volunteer	Brighton S. Casey A.	Olson Family	Darci M. & Volunteer
Epistle Reader	9:30 AM	Tricia G.	Mary M.	Annettee R.	Malori K.
Sunday Rosary Leader	9:00 AM	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Sacristan		Mitchell S.	Eli O.	Roman L.	Mitchell S.
Lead Singing Schedule		Marcie, Elizabeth, Don Laniwci: Marcie	Marcie, Annika, Elizabeth, Don Hawruliuke: Marcie	Marcie, Annika, Elizabeth, Bodnari:	Stephen & Heather
Church Cleaning		Sharon & Kevin R.	Sharon & Kevin R.	Bowman Family	Bowman Family
Lawn Care		Aug. 4	Aug. 11	Aug. 18	Aug. 25
		Al B.	Tim S.	Al B.	Lonsberry

****If a change to the schedule is necessary, please send an email to dormitionparishsaskatoon@gmail.com as soon as possible****

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Jules Chrusch; Rose Chrusch; Lil Muzyka; Johanna Bidulka; Al Pobran; Steph Cooley; Nikolas Stefanyshyn; Janet Loiselle (Maroniuk); Shelia Hryniuk; Rose Hrycuik; Hazel Udchic; Eugene Slywka.

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 dormitionparishsaskatoon@gmail.com.

JOIN US FOR



**DORMITION PARISH
FEAST DAY POTLUCK**

Bring something to share!

Sunday, August 27th

following the 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

“WASYLENKO CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT”

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27th

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/3k8pf4vr>

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PRAYER FOR THE THIRD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 2023

Virgin Mary,
Mother of faith and hope,
an example for this humanity bent by indifference,
make me as willing as You
to accept the will of God,
to magnify and praise His Mercy.

Mary, Mother of fortitude,
you who knows my heart,
do not allow me to become discouraged.
I confidently surrender my life into your hands.
Heal my wounds.
May your tenderness accompany me on the way.

Your presence, Mother of love,
brings us to experience the joy
of seeing our families united.
Help me to transmit the tenderness and Love of God
to the grandchildren and youth
so that, in addition to praying for them,
we can pray with them.

Mary, may the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for me:
sustain my weakness;
breathe into my heart the consolation
that I may leave traces of faith among the young,
bearing witness to the beauty of life,
knowing that life has a limit
and that beyond it lies before us our Father's embrace.

Amen.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY?

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(Please note: all items may not be included in the weekly bulletin due to relevance or length)

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The Theotokos (Mother of God) is lying on her deathbed surrounded by the apostles who have come miraculously from around the globe to be with her. Christ is central to the icon along with His mother. Together their bodies form a cross reminding us of the ultimate victory over death which Christ has accomplished, and which was made possible by the freely given, unequivocal “yes” of Mary to be the Mother of God. Behind Our Lord is a Mandorla or nimbus, the tri-colour blue shape which represents the divine glory and majesty of God beyond that which can be physically witnessed. A heavenly reality bursts into the earthly reality. This moment of the Dormition of Mary is truly a meeting of heaven and earth.

As her body lies in peace, Jesus stands receiving her spotless soul. This is represented by the figure of a small child “wrapped in swaddling clothes” that He holds in His arms. This is reminiscent of when Mary accepted Jesus on earth. Jesus now accepts her into heaven. At the top of the icon we see her seated on a throne. She is the Queen of heaven and we see a Mandorla behind her as she is now in heaven with her beloved Son. The angels accompany her, carrying her to heaven.

Along with the apostles are two bishops usually identified as St. James, the first bishop of Jerusalem and Timothy a convert. The Icon for the Feast of the Dormition of the Holy Mother of God shows the reverence and sorrow (heads bent low) of the apostles that surround her, but more than that, it reveals eternal hope. Here, we witness the goal of the perfect life. We, as Christians who stumble through life are also destined to join our Saviour in heaven. We look to the Mother of God (Theotokos) and our mother to be a guide to us and we pray to her for her intercession. We are hopeful because she has shown us that our own death is but a transition; a passage to eternal life with Christ. It is significant that the Dormition of the Holy Mother of God is the final feast day of the liturgical year because this feast turns our focus towards our own final goal of this earthly life: eternal life in heaven.

<https://eeparchy.com/2021/08/10/dormition-of-the-holy-mother-of-god-icon/>