

*Byzantine Ukrainian Catholic Parishes of St. George, Prince Albert, All Saints, Nipawin,
and Holy Spirit, Melfort*



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All are welcome here today. We hope that your “**God experience**” will be personal and that you will come again.

December 15, 2019 – Sunday of the Holy Forefathers

Honoring our Past

Pope's Monthly Intentions: The Future of the Very Young: That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

Please note page numbers below and take the time to have your Propers/Anthology books ready before Liturgy begins.

Propers book: Tropars for today are on page **2 & 36**. **Anthology:** Propers for today are on page **333 & 741**.
Today's **Epistle** reading is from the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians

PRINCE ALBERT LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sun. Dec. 15 10:00 Divine Liturgy/Catechetical Sunday/Nativity
Tues. Dec. 17 9:00 Divine Liturgy for our Parish requested by Fr. Vasyl
Wed. Dec. 18 9:00 Divine Liturgy for our Parish requested by Fr. Vasyl
Thur. Dec. 19 9:00 Divine Liturgy for our Parish requested by Fr. Vasyl
Fri. Dec.20 9:00 Divine Liturgy for our Parish requested by Fr. Vasyl
Sun. Sec. 22 10:00 Divine Liturgy

If you want to offer Liturgy intentions, please contact Fr. Vasyl at 306-763-3645 or 306-940-9785.

Fr. Vasyl will be hearing confessions every Sunday at 9:30 before Divine Liturgy as well as by appointment.

Fr. Vasyl will be taking Mondays as his day off.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: If you or a family member are admitted to the hospital, your patient file **will not** include Fr. Vasyl's name as your spiritual contact person. If you or your loved one would like to have spiritual services, such as visiting, praying, bringing the Holy Eucharist, hearing confession, anointing or blessing of the sick, last rites, baptisms, provided by Fr. Vasyl, you, or someone you trust, must contact him directly. Fr. Vasyl would like to do his very best to meet the spiritual needs of the parish.

The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon Covenant of Care Abuse and Misconduct Protocol is designed to ensure that all allegations of physical and sexual abuse and other misconduct are handled responsibly, transparently and with all due care and attention. To speak to someone about a concern please contact your Pastor, Parish Coordinator of Care (PCC) **Monica Bayda at (306)-764-4828 or (306)-940-7423** or Deb Larmour, Eparchial Coordinator of Care at (306)-653-0138 ext. 228 or email: covenantofcare@skeparchy.org. More information is available on the Eparchial Website, www.skeparchy.org.



PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, Dec. 22nd - Sunday before Nativity

Greeters/Ushers: Jan Olesko & Olga Thoms

Reader: Judy Painter

Extraordinary Communion Minister: Larry Danylyshen

NIPAWIN SCHEDULE

- Dec. 15 1:30 Divine Liturgy for health of Peter Cherepuschak requested by Ukrainian Catholic Ladies of All Saints, Nipawin
Dec. 24 1:30 Divine Liturgy

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

1. Today is **Catechetical Sunday** and Father will give a presentation on the **Nativity**.
2. **Help** is needed today after Divine Liturgy to put up the **decorations for Christmas**. Please stay and help if you can.

Approved minutes from the Nov.14 parish council meeting and current Balance and Income Sheets and the approved 2020 budget are posted on the back bulletin board for everyone to read. Please take time to see what is going on with parish council.



UCWLC has perogies and cabbage rolls for sale. Prices as follows:

Perogies:	5 doz.-\$25.00	10 doz.-\$50.00
Cabbage rolls:	2 doz.-\$12.00	4 doz.-\$24.00

Stock up for the Christmas season. Call: Gail at 306 764-8435 or 306 960-5709
Olga at 306 763-2935



UCWLC wishes to thank everyone for their support with the sale of the Musee Ukraina Museum calendars. Good luck to everyone.

PARISH EVENTS BEYOND THIS WEEK – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Jan. 4 11:30 Parish bingo
Jan. 8 11:30 Parish bingo
Jan. 9 7:00 Parish council meeting

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

1. **The Salvation Army** has asked for help with their **kettle drive** this year. They are looking for people (team of two) to be at the kettles in various locations around the city. Shifts are two hours from November 25 to Christmas, with the exception of Sundays. If anyone is interested in volunteering for a shift, please call **Major Compton at 306-703-0225**.
- 2.



Veselka Choir Christmas Concert, Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2019, 7 pm at John M. Cuelenaere Public Library. Admission by donation.

EPARCHIAL EVENTS OUTSIDE OUR PARISH (listed in chronological order)

* indicates new entry this week



Detailed information about the following items can be found on the Eparchial website, www.skeparchy.org and on posters on the church bulletin board.



Our Chancery Offices and Ukrainian Religious Education Centre (UCREC) hours during this Christmas Season: December 24th: 9 am-12 noon, December 25th & 26th: CLOSED, December 31st: 9 am-12 noon, January 1, 2020: CLOSED

1. **Listen to the Ukrainian Hour on Yorkton's Christian Radio Station**
- The Rock 98.5 FM on Sundays 3:00 pm and again on Mondays at 10:00 pm
Listen at <https://www.therock985.ca/listen-live>
December 15/16: Sunday before Nativity December 22/23: Christmas Eve

2. **New exhibition at the Musée Ukraina Museum: "Sonja in the Sunlight" - featuring Mosaics, Paintings and Feltwork by Sonja Pawliw of Yorkton, SK.** This exhibition will run at the Museum, 222 Avenue M South (Sr. Theodosia Lane), Saskatoon until December 31, 2019.
3. **St. Michael's Camp at Madge Lake is doing a virtual bottle drive!** In the winter we still have utilities to pay for with less income so please help us out this winter. **Please donate recyclable drink containers at SARCAN for St. Michael's Camp.** Instructions for how to donate your proceeds are on the poster on the bulletin board.
4. **WINTER CAMP 2020 – ST. MICHAEL'S AT MADGE LAKE – FEBRUARY 17-22 – AGES 9 – 15!!!** Tobogganing, Downhill skiing, Cross-Country Skiing, Skating, Snow Shoeing and Ice Fishing all in one week! St. Michael's Winter Camp is the place for you. Check the poster for all details and information.
5. **COUNSELLORS WANTED!!! ST. MICHAEL'S WINTER CAMP 2020 AT MADGE LAKE – FEB. 17-22!** If you are looking for an opportunity where you will give a lot and get even more in return, then St. Michael's Winter Camp is the place for you.
6. **Eparchial Youth & Young Adult Ministry Presents: New Escape Room December 2019 – April 2020 . Find the key to your future: Unlock your Divine Destiny! Theme: "Servants of the Lord".** A project of the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon

Eparchial Website: www.skeparchy.org
 Family and Life Office: www.skeparchy.org/flo
 Youth and Young Adult: www.skeparchy.org/ucya/
 UCFSASK: www.ucfsask.org/ UCREC: www.ucrec.ca



Items for the bulletin must be submitted by Thursday midnight to: cannon_iris@hotmail.com

**UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF SASKATCHEWAN (UCFSASK)
 "SHARE THE SPIRIT" 50/50 LOTTERY DRAW (Lottery License - #LR19-0056)**

The "Share the Spirit" 50/50 Lottery Draw concluded on December 6, 2019 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.

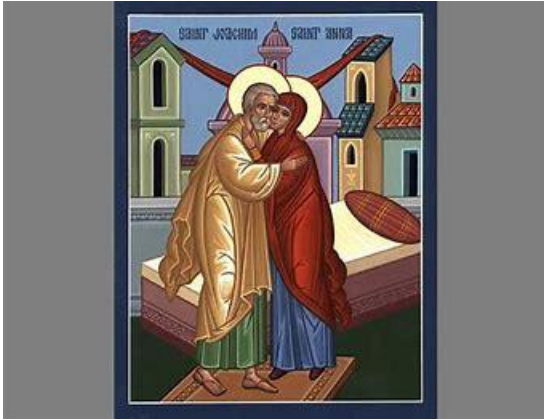
The response to this Lottery was again exceptional this year. There were 2,922 tickets sold which means that the gross ticket sales amounted to \$58,440. The winning portion of the 50/50 draw was half of the \$58,440 gross ticket sales, or **\$29,220.**

The winner of this amount was Gary Sereda from Saskatoon 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 will receive \$5.00 for each time they were named as the designated beneficiary on the ticket purchased. The total amount that will be apportioned among 64 Parish/Mission and 4 Eparchial Organizations will be \$14,610. 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. Cheques to these organizations will be going out next week.

In closing, we would like to extend a very 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 in 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.



The Feast of the Conception of Anne December 9th

In the fullness of time God sent His Son, born of a virgin in a miraculous way. But long before the birth of Jesus, God prepared the way by making the Mother of God's birth miraculous as well. Anne, Mary's mother, was barren and advanced in years.

The Feast of the Conception of Anne is the day in the Church calendar when we remember how God intervened in the course of human relationships to create the perfect vessel to contain the Word of God — the New Ark of the Covenant, if you will.

God had sanctified Mary at the moment of her conception in His foreknowledge that the Blessed Virgin would consent to bear Christ. In other words, she too had been redeemed—her redemption had simply been accomplished at the moment of her conception, rather than (as with all other Christians) in baptism.

According to Tradition, the names of Mary's parents were Joachim and Anne. They were a devout, childless couple. Both these facts did not escape the attention of those around them, since infertility at that time was regarded as divine judgment. Most especially, they did not escape the attention of the Almighty.

When St. Anne conceived an infant, Joachim and Anne's joy was so great that they immediately dedicated the child to the service of God in the Temple. The child they had prayed and longed for all those years, with great spiritual courage they returned to God.

St. Anne had a remarkable job to do. It was her task to raise the woman who would become the Theotokos, the God-bearer. And hers was the task of relinquishing, little by little, all mothers hold most dear. At the age of three, Mary was brought to live in the Temple. A few years later, she returned home to prepare for her adult life ... and was soon found to be pregnant. No doubt this caused many a sleepless night for Mary's parents, just as it did for Mary's betrothed. And yet, ultimately they held on to the fact that they had offered Mary to God when she was young; whatever happened, she belonged to Him just as she belonged to them.

The Virgin Mary was always filled with every blessing and gift of the Holy Spirit in whose grace she certainly grew throughout her life. Though born without original sin, according to the view of the Eastern Fathers, she was not made exempt from the temporal penalties of Adam -- from sorrow, bodily infirmities, and death.

And so, on this day when we remember Mary's beginnings, we offer a prayer for our own children as well. No matter how our children came to us — through birth or adoption, or through simple association — they are not ours to possess. We are to take care of them and guide them as best we can for as long as they are with us. Ultimately they belong to God.