

*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 22, 2019 – Sunday before the Nativity**

**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 **3 & 39**.      **Anthology:** Propers for today are on page **337 & 744**.

Today's **Epistle** reading is to the **Hebrews**

**Christmas Eve Tropars** are on page **40**.

**Christmas Eve Propers** are on page **755**.

**Epistle** reading for **Christmas Eve** is from the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians

**PRINCE ALBERT LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

Sun. Dec. 22    10:00 Divine Liturgy

Tues. Dec. 24    9:00 PM Complines, pageant, Divine Liturgy/"Gift of Love" collection

Wed. Dec. 25    **CHRISTMAS DAY-- NO DIVINE LITURGY**

Thur. Dec.26    9:00 Divine Liturgy for our Parish requested by Fr. Vasyl

Fri. Dec.27    9:00 Divine Liturgy for our Parish requested by Fr. Vasyl

Sun. Dec. 29    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 your parish priest'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 the parish priest, you, or someone you trust, must contact him directly. All parishioners' spiritual needs are very important and deserve to be met.



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](mailto:covenantofcare@skeparchy.org). More information is available on the Eparchial Website, [www.skeparchy.org](http://www.skeparchy.org).

**NIPAWIN SCHEDULE**

Dec. 24 1:30 Divine Liturgy  
Jan. 12 1:30 Typica  
Jan. 19 1:30 Typica

**MELFORT SCHEDULE**

Jan. 5 1:00 Typica

**PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK**

**Tuesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Eve/Nativity of our Lord  
Greeters/Ushers: Vicki Chuhaniuk & Gail Smith  
Reader: Joe Olesko  
Extraordinary Communion Minister: Gary Tenaschuk

**Sunday, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>** - Sunday after Nativity  
Greeters/Ushers: Rosalee Chubak & Cindy Tenaschuk  
Reader: Iris Kiryk  
Extraordinary Communion Minister: Joe Olesko

**PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK**

- 1. **On Christmas Eve** a “Gift of Love” collection will take place. The **proceeds are divided equally** amongst Fr. Vasyl, Dcn Harrold, and Bishop Bryan. This is an opportunity to give a **personal gift**.
- 2. **Next Sunday** we will say good-bye to **Fr. Vasyl** as our pastor with a **potluck lunch** that will take place right after Divine Liturgy.



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

**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  
Jan. 19 11:15 Potluck lunch  
Mar. 8 Tentative date for the AGM



**It is that time of year again. Parish council is inviting anyone wishing to share their time and talent to think about being a part of the St. George parish council. Many of the present councillors have served for many years. There are a number of seats that need to be filled for the upcoming year. Please consider serving your parish. If parish council isn't for you, consider sitting on one of the committees. If you are interested or have questions, please contact either Joe Olesko 306 764-8037, Bert Provost 306 763-4094, or Don Blocka 306 922-6544.**

**All reports from committees and organizations for the AGM must be submitted to Iris Cannon, at [cannon\\_iris@hotmail.com](mailto:cannon_iris@hotmail.com) by February 15, 2020.**

**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](http://www.skeparchy.org) and on posters on the church bulletin board.

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



*As we celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord, may the deep joy and peace of His birth be celebrated in your homes this Christmas. May the Blessing of Emmanuel fill your heart and the hearts of those in your family with joy and gladness this Christmas and strengthen you to witness for Christ in the New Year.*



**Schedule of Christmas & Theophany Services in our parishes throughout our Eparchy are posted on our Eparchial website! [www.skeparchy.org](http://www.skeparchy.org)**

Please view the [Schedule](#) and come celebrate Christmas with us, as we celebrate the Birth of Our Saviour!

1.



\*Listen at: <https://www.therock985.ca> Sasktel Max Channel 839 radio player Canada app (free): CJCJ FM Yorkton & area: 98.5 FM DECEMBER PROGRAMMING LISTING: December 22/23: Christmas Eve. JANUARY PROGRAMMING INCLUDES Liturgical Music and Carols: Jan. 5/6: Theophany; Jan. 12/13; Jan. 19/20: Gregory; Jan. 26/27: Three Holy Hierarchs; Zaccheus

2. \***To the Youth (13+) and Young Adults of the Eparchy of Saskatoon:** In this season of Pylipiwka, while we anticipate the birth of Christ, we are also reminded of how dark the world is without Him. This both heightens our anticipation while being a sobering reminder of what it means to follow Christ! For those seeking to grow closer to Jesus, **we are planning to put on a Passion Play in the Spring of 2020.** Watch for further announcements of **dates** and times!!! **To register please contact Viktoriia at [uwitness2youth@gmail.com/306-914-0355](mailto:uwitness2youth@gmail.com/306-914-0355).**



3. \***The Western Canadian Association of Catholic Youth Ministers (WCACYM) Annual Gathering, "Better Together"**, for Young Adults (18+), that is taking place **January 16-19, 2020 in Edmonton**. This gathering is co-hosted by the Eparchy of Edmonton and the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton.
4. \*New programming for **Queen's House** is available. Queen's House is committed to serving the **ecumenical Christian** community in **Saskatchewan** by offering a quiet, nourishing space where people can come to be renewed. ***Nourish your Mind – Nurture your Spirit!***

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Family and Life Office: [www.skeparchy.org/flo](http://www.skeparchy.org/flo)  
Youth and Young Adult: [www.skeparchy.org/ucya/](http://www.skeparchy.org/ucya/)  
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Items for the bulletin must be submitted by Thursday midnight to: [cannon\\_iris@hotmail.com](mailto:cannon_iris@hotmail.com)

## Eparchy of Saskatoon Family and Life Office Bulletin:

December/January 2019-2020



**“The future of the world passes through the family”**

St. John Paul II, *Familiaris Consortio*, 79

**PEACE** : “Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” “Amen” “In peace let us pray to the Lord” “Lord have mercy”. Sound familiar? It is the way every Divine Liturgy begins. And, if our Liturgy is something that we live every day, not just attend on Sundays or Holidays, then it is also the starting point for living the Christian life. But, what is this ‘blessed kingdom’ and how do we gain this elusive ‘peace’?

After, hearing all this about “peace on earth” at Christmas and as we prepare ourselves for the New Year, some of us are wondering how we gain peace in our hearts, minds and families let alone peace in the whole world.

1. We ask for peace at the Divine Liturgy over a dozen times—we begin with asking for peace as we pray and also ask to depart with peace. Finding peace is important as anxiety and worry can overcome our lives, especially with all the busyness of family life today.
2. We begin by acknowledging God, and directing our minds to His power and overwhelming love for us. He is in charge of every situation in our lives that makes us anxious. He cannot give us the blessings of peace when we choose to hold on to our anxiety. Change can occur if we direct our will to acknowledging Him as King of our minds and hearts. When we do this, blessings will flow, as His Kingdom is where all blessings come from. We ask in the “Our Father” that His Kingdom “come”. He is asking us to let “His will be done” in our lives. How do we do this? Philippians 4:6-7 says: *Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (RSVCE)*
3. A wise priest once told me that we cannot receive God’s blessings when our hands are clenched tightly around our worries and even our cherished desires, we must open them and let go—giving them to God in prayer.
4. Cultivating an attitude of gratitude and praise is hard work. I have tried and failed many times over! However, I know that when I can praise and thank God for all things, I do experience peace that is super-natural, beyond my understanding. The Divine Liturgy says that to attain “the mercy of peace” we must exercise the “sacrifice of praise”. This is a discipline and a sacrifice to thank God in every circumstance, especially when we are not feeling it. If we are honest with ourselves we often do not even feel like coming to church each week let alone work on thanking God when we are facing challenges. An important thing to remember is that as we do this we will grow in faith. As we “lift up our hearts” and “commend our whole life” to God He will bless us with peace. Weekly Divine Liturgy is a great place to start—New Year’s Resolution anyone?

**PEACE in our hearts is possible! Blessings to you and your family as we continue to celebrate God is with us! ☺ DPL**