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PRINCE ALBERT LITURGICAL SCHEDULE: No services until further notice

Christ is Risen! Христос Воскрес!

Click on the following link to watch the Divine Liturgy

<https://www.skeparchy.org/wordpress/liturgy-live-in-our-parishes-of-the-eparchy-of-saskatoon/>

Parish Donations

If you are able to continue your weekly or monthly donations to the parish, to help offset the costs it would be greatly appreciated! Please send your donation to:

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Happy Mother's Day (oops, a week late)

Even though this is a week late, let us continue to remember how special our mother is for us. If she is living or in eternal life, she will continue to care for and love us. So, don't think of this Mother's Day wish as a week late, rather think of it as 51 weeks early for next year!

(Image accessed from <https://www.realsimple.com/holidays-entertaining/holidays/mothers-day/mothers-day-poems>)



Ascension: Thursday, May 21st is Ascension Day!

- For 40 days after his Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples and many other people. The Apostle Paul tells us that about 500 people would have seen the risen Lord!
- After 40 days, Jesus ascended back into heaven, a day we call Ascension.
- Here is the account from the Book of Acts: (Acts 1: 9-11)
 - After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!”



Image accessed from: <https://sites.google.com/site/stnicholasbishop/home/the-ascension-of-the-lord-from-the-acts-of-the-apostles>

Catholic Education Week – May 17-24

Each year, Catholic schools in Saskatchewan participate in a week-long celebration to remember and share the gift of Catholic Education. This year the theme of Catholic Education Week, which will be held from May 17-24, is “Igniting Hope”. This theme is very fitting as during these uncertain times hope is extremely important.

So, during this week, let us give thanks to God for the gift of Catholic Education. Let us not forget how important it is for our children and grandchildren to go to a school where our Faith and the words of Jesus Christ are shared.



Support and pray for Catholic Schools

In addition to your public support for Catholic Schools, here is a prayer you may wish to say.

Loving God, we praise and thank you for the many blessings you have given to us, and for the ones that are yet to come. We know that our future is full of hope, because you will always be our guide and support when we face challenges and change. We live knowing that each day is a new day, and that because of your life, death, and resurrection, the future offers us endless opportunities. Bless all of the students, staff, and families of our Catholic schools. Open our hearts to Jesus’ call to go and make disciples. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Who are the Saints that our Catholic Schools are named after?

As a way to celebrate Catholic Education we will explore the question, “Who are the Saints that have a school named after them in our Catholic School Division?” A different school will be highlighted in the coming week. Remember, as a Catholic community, these are our schools, let’s celebrate them!

This Week: **St. Francis School**

Who was the saint this school is named for?

- St. Francis was born into a rich family in 1181 in Assisi, Italy. Francis’ father was a cloth merchant and wanted Francis to take over the business. Francis was not interested and instead became a soldier.
- In battle he was seriously wounded and began to think more about God and how he could spread the message of the Gospel to others. He decided to change his life.
- Francis lived a simple life and wanted everyone to know of God’s message of love. He also spread the message that animals are God’s creatures and they deserve our respect.
- Francis reminded everyone that we are all the children of God. To further spread God’s message, Francis started a religious community called the Franciscans.
- Often we hear a quote attributed to St. Francis: “preach the gospel, and when necessary use words”. There is also a beautiful St. Francis prayer that is quite meaningful.
- St. Francis’ feast day is October 4th



Announcements:

- If you are interested, please send Sister Bonnie or Sister Marijka an email rel.ed@sasktel.net

*Join us
for a five week session on*

**Prophecy and the
Prophet Isaiah**

with Fr. Gregory Hrynkiw

Every Thursday starting
April 30, 2020
at 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
connecting on WebEx by
Internet and
Landline(Audio only)

Registration by: April 27, 2020
Email: rel.ed@sasktel.net

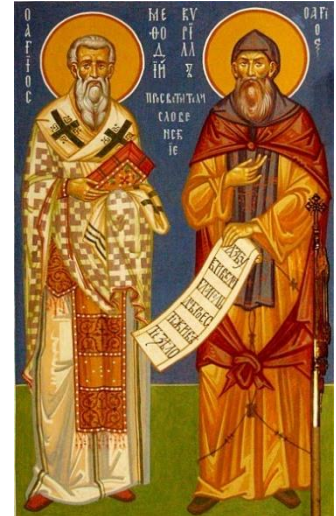
A religious painting of a bearded man with long, wavy hair and a full beard, wearing a blue robe. He is set against a golden circular background with a red border. This is likely a depiction of the Prophet Isaiah mentioned in the text.

Feast days:

May 11: The Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles First-Teachers and Enlighteners of the Slavic Peoples, the Brothers Cyril and Methodius

- Saint Methodius and Saint Cyril were brothers (Methodius was the oldest of seven brothers while Cyril was the youngest) who lived during the 8th century in the Greek city of Thessalonica.
- Saint Methodius was appointed governor in one of the Slavic areas found in the Byzantine empire, which meant that he had to learn the language of the people. After about 10 years of living in the Slavic area, Methodius decided to become a religious monk.
- Saint Cyril was a very good student who studied with some of the finest teachers in Constantinople. Upon completion of his education, Saint Cyril became a priest and was a skilled speaker.
- Both brothers were moved to go teach the gospel to others. Their journey brought them to the Slavic city of Korsun where St. Cyril learned to speak Slavonic.
- In the year 863, there was a request by the Moravian prince to the Byzantine empire to send someone who could preach in Slavonic (this is the presentday area of Poland, Hungary, and Slovakia).
- With the help of his brother Saint Methodius, St Cyril composed a Slavonic alphabet (that developed into the Cyrillic of which our Ukrainian language is written) and translated into the Slavonic language books needed for worship (i.e.: Gospels, Psalms, etc.)
- However some German bishops opposed St. Methodius and St. Cyril saying that divine services must only be celebrated in Hebrew, Greek, or Latin and sent a complaint to Rome (remember this was the time when Roman Catholic and Orthodox were not yet separated). Pope Adrian met with the brothers and gave them permission to continue to use, and produce, Slavonic Divine service books and even offered help to make more of the books.
- While in Rome, St. Cyril became ill and died on Feb 14th, 869 at the age of 42.
- St Methodius returned to Slavic lands and continued to use and produce Slavic language books. Again, German Bishops tried to stop St. Methodius. The Bishops had him arrested and it took 2 years to get an order from the Pope to the German Bishops to release him.
- A third time the German Bishops decided to cause trouble for St. Methodius and sent a complaint to Rome. Again St. Methodius went to Rome and justified his teaching before the Pope. With the Pope's blessing, St. Methodius returned to the Slavic lands. There he continued his work and even began translating the Old Testament into Slavonic.
- St. Methodius died on April 6, 885 at an age of about 60 years. The burial service of the saint was done in three languages -- Slavonic, Greek and Latin.

Image accessed from <http://orthodoxchristian.blogspot.com/2011/05/holy-equals-to-apostles-methodius-885.html>



Epistle reading for May 17th: Acts 16:16–34

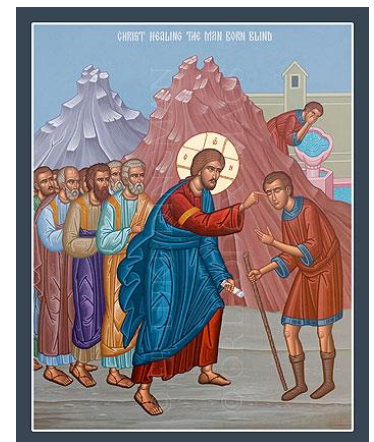
- In the Epistle we hear of Paul casting out the demon from a fortune teller.
- The people who employed the fortune teller were angry with Paul as the fortune teller can no longer make them any money.
- Paul and his companion Silas were brought before the court and were accused of disturbance. A crowd joined in to beat Paul and Silas with rods.
- Afterward, Paul and Silas were put into prison.
- In the wee hours of the morning, Paul and Silas were praying when an earthquake shook the foundations of the prison and the doors were opened. The jailer saw this must be an act from God and began to believe in Jesus Christ and was baptized.
- This is an inspirational account of how our faith can change people!

(Image accessed from: <https://newlifennarrabri.wordpress.com/2016/05/03/reflection-on-acts-1616-34/>)



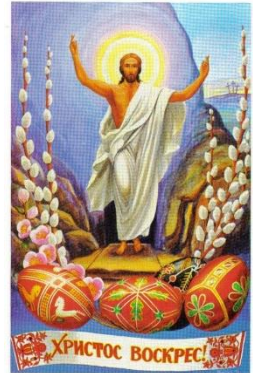
Gospel reading for May 17th: John 9: 1-38 (Man born blind)

- In the Gospel we hear about Jesus and his disciples encountering a man who was born blind. The disciples asked who sinned to cause the blindness; the man or his parents.
- Jesus answered neither, as he was born blind so that God’s work might be revealed in him. With that, Jesus spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Jesus then put the mud on the man’s eyes and told him to go wash in the pool of Siloam (which means ‘sent’)
- After washing, the man was healed!
- His neighbours began to question if this was the same man who used to be blind and beg along the road. He told them, “yes I am”. They asked the man who opened his eyes, and he told them it was a man named Jesus.
- Jesus healed on a Sabbath so the Pharisees decided to investigate. They interviewed the man but did not believe he was born blind. His parents were called before the Pharisees, who told the group that the man was old enough to speak for himself, however he was born blind.
- The man was called a second time to come before the Pharisees and questioned about who healed him. The man said it was Jesus and asked if they wanted to become Jesus’ disciples. The Pharisees dismissed the man by saying he was a sinner.
- Jesus found him later and asked him, “Do you believe in the Son of Man”? The man asked who is he, and Jesus said, it is the one who is speaking to you. The man believed and worshiped Jesus.



Reflection

- We know that in the Gospel of John there are only seven miracles listed, of which one is the man born blind that we heard today. After each miracle, the writer of the Gospel of John gives a message for us based on the teachings of Jesus.
- After the healing of the blind man, we hear the message that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep and we are told the reason that Jesus is willingly going to the Cross - out of love for us.
- The message also talks about spiritual blindness for sometimes we do not see Jesus in each situation.
- Our goal in life is not just to look, but to see. In other words, see each situation through spiritual eyes.
- How different our world could be if we use spiritual eyes to show love to those in need.



And some humor for the week:



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Prayer for this Community

For all the people of our community,
we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, have mercy.

For peace and harmony,
we pray to the Lord. *R.*

For our families and friends,
we pray to the Lord. *R.*

For our civic and religious leaders,
we pray to the Lord. *R.*

For all who work for the good of others,
we pray to the Lord. *R.*

For all who suffer pain, loss and sorrow,
we pray to the Lord. *R.*

For all who believe in God,
we pray to the Lord. *R.*

Lord,
listen to our prayers
for the men, women and children of our community.
Bless us and guide all our actions.
Be with us at all times,
for we place our lives in your hands
now and for ever.

Amen.

(Excerpt from *Blessings and Prayers for Home and Family*,
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