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PRINCE ALBERT LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

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:

St. George's Parish,
710-Cuelenaere St.
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Church re-opening plans

After our parish council meeting, it was decided that our first service would be June 21st for ½ the church: To limit exposure, we will invite those who always sit on the right-hand side of the Church (the East side) to attend for the first service. Those usually sitting on the sitting left-hand (the West side) are invited to attend the following Sunday, June 28. The rest of the Sundays will alternate in this fashion.

Here are some government criteria, as well as Bishop approved criteria that we must follow for everyone's safety: (Sorry it is a long list, but each point is necessary to do our part to limit the pandemic.)

- **REMEMBER: Bishop has reminded us that there is still no obligation for anyone to attend service in a church as a group or to receive communion. This is in place until the**

end of the pandemic. The Divine Liturgy will continue to be shown online and one may continue to partake of spiritual communion. If you are high risk (elderly with healthy conditions), you are advised to delay your return to Church until a vaccine is available.

- We are limited to the number of people who can attend.
- The Church will be opened only 30 minutes before the service (9:30 am). This may limit exposure.
- ***We are asking everyone who comes to Church to be registered by putting your name, phone number and date you attend church on a piece of paper, bring it with you from home, and drop it in the box at the back of the Church, along with your donation. If you forget to bring that from home, there will be forms and a pen in the book rack on the back of the pews. These can be used and then left in the box as you leave the church. Please leave the pen in the pew.***
- When entering and exiting the Church, allow a minimum of six feet between yourself and others. Masks are strongly encouraged and will be required if you come up for communion. (More about communion later.)
- Cleanse your hands with your own hand sanitizer (some sanitizer will be available at Church) when you enter and when you leave.
- All books used are not to be re-handled for 72 hours to avoid possible contact with the virus. Therefore books will be placed in the pew before hand and are to be left there at the end of the service. Since we do not presently have weekly services, this method will meet the guidelines. If you wish to take a copy home, see an usher.
- Ushers will be present to ensure we do not exceed our limit, assist with seating, making sure everyone is adequately distanced (six feet apart). Please follow their instructions. We will use every second pew. Once seated, please remain there until the end of the service. Families living in the same household may sit together.
- Please practise proper cough or sneeze protocols. Avoid touching your face with your hands until you are able to properly wash (using soap and water and scrub for a minimum of 20 seconds).
- We all have a part to do to minimize bathroom use and possible contact with COVID. We must really be careful to ensure proper washing of hands before and after using the bathroom.
- The holy water container at the back of the Church is not to be used as a way to bless yourself when you enter the church. Please use Holy Water at home before you come to Church.
- There will be no lighting of candles as this requires touching of items that could be handled by someone else. Instead, offer your prayers in your heart.
- As the Body of Christ (Communion) is at the altar and will be served to the people, no one is to enter into the sanctuary (the place beyond the icons) to avoid any avenues of contact. There will not be any other communion ministers until further notice.
- Since singing has been known to spread particles, we will not sing, rather the entire service will be spoken.
- There will be no collection basket during the service. Instead, people are asked to drop their donations in the same box with their registration forms. People are asked not to

share pens or pencils to fill out their donation envelopes or any other form. Use only the pen provided in the pew.

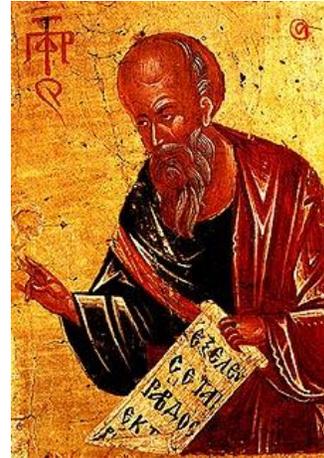
- The kiss of Peace (handshake or hugs) is not permitted.
- Communion will be held at the very end of the service. Those who are not partaking may leave through the door at the back of the church, maintaining a minimum of six feet between without touching too many surfaces.
- Those who are planning to partake in communion:
 - Wearing a Mask is strongly suggested for everyone's safety. The communion minister will be wearing a mask.
 - Please maintain a distance of 6 feet
 - The body of Christ will be given dry (not mingled with the Precious Blood) from a spoon into your hands. If the spoon touches a hand, it will be replaced for the next person.
 - The pre-consecrated communion will be handed only with clean spoons and kept covered until distribution. A mask will be worn through out the preparation process.
 - Communion will be kept in separate covered Chalices to further reduce exposure or if someone sneezes or coughs while close to the chalice.
 - Young children receiving communion in this manner need to be guided by a parent.
 - After receiving communion, move off to the side, remove your mask, and partake of the Holy Eucharist. Then please exit the Church via the door at the back of the Church.
 - ***Please note the screening form on the last page. Review the questions before you plan to attend church service. If you may answer "yes" to any of these questions, we respectfully ask that you do not attend that Sunday. If your answers are "no", the form is not required. Thank you***
- Social events and serving of food at the Church are postponed for the immediate future.
- The Church will be cleaned and disinfected after use, however we all have a part to play to ensure everyone's safety. If you are not well, please do not attend for that week. We will do everything we can to limit exposure.
- Due to COVID, the fall supper and any 100th anniversary celebrations are cancelled. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the planning.

Feast day – June 14th – the Prophet Elisha

- Prophet Elisha lived near Jordon in the ninth century before the Birth of Christ
- He was a companion of the Prophet Elijah
- He spent 65 years as a prophet and was not afraid to tell anyone, including the King, when they were not following God.

- Elisha performed many miracles through the power of prayer: from making water fit for drinking to raising a child who had died.
- He also predicted victories over the Israelite enemies
- Even after his death, miracles continued. A dead man was thrown into the prophet's grave and upon touching the prophet's body, the man came back to life!

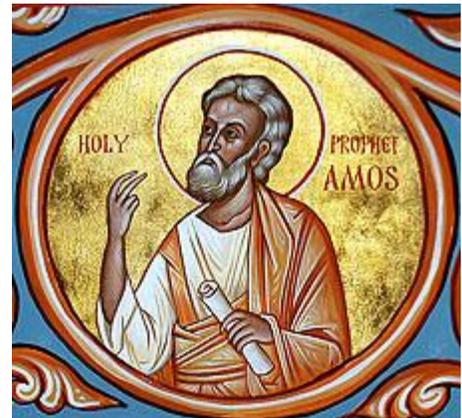
(Image accessed from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2007/06/14/101718-prophet-elisha>)



Feast Day – June 15th – Prophet Amos

- The Holy Prophet Amos is one of the Twelve minor prophets that are mentioned in the Old Testament. He lived in the 800's BC when the Hebrew nation was divided into two kingdoms: Judea and Israel. (Amos lived in Judea.)
- He worked as a Shepherd and took care of trimming sycamore trees. (The present day term for take care of trees would be arborist.)
- Amos decided to go to Israel as more people were beginning to worship false gods. Amos predicted that great misfortune would fall upon Israel because they were turning away from God. For this prophesy, Amos was beaten and tortured, however he continued to call on the Israelites to repent.
- Amos died of his injuries, and even to end, continued to warn Israel. Less than 200 years later, Israel was attacked by the Babylonians and the temple destroyed.

(Image accessed from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2009/06/15/101724-prophet-amos>)



A time to fast? Are we entering a time of fasting?

There are four fasting periods in our liturgical calendar

- Great Fast (Lent)
- Philipian Fast (Advent)
- The fast for the Holy Apostles
- The Dormition fast

We are entering the time of the fast for the Holy Apostles, which starts on the Monday after All Saints and lasts until June 29th, the Feast day of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul. (The day after this feast, we celebrate a feast day for all 12 of the apostles.)

What is the difference between Abstinence and Fasting?

- Abstinence means that we do not eat a certain type of food or any other foods that have that as an ingredient. (Example abstinence from any food that contains meat.)
- Fasting means that we eat less food. A general rule is that for a day of fast, the amount of food of the main meal is less than the other two meals combined.
- There are exemptions from fasting and abstinence are:
 - Children under the age of 14 and Adults over the age of 60
 - those who are gravely ill
 - pregnant or breast-feeding women
 - travellers (if travel time exceeds 8 hours)
 - those engaged in heavy labour
 - the poor and homeless



(List accessed from <https://www.royaldoors.net/2017/01/fasting-abstinence-rules-prescribed-ukrainian-greek-catholic-church-2015/>)

(Image accessed from <https://www.josephsinspirational.ca/products/ss-peter-and-paul-icon>)

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, lets celebrate them!

This Week: •**St. Michael**

- The school is named after St. Michael, the Archangel. From the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we hear that our whole life benefits from the mysterious and powerful help of angels. Angels do the work of God and advise us in our spiritual journey.
- St. Michael is an angel of supreme power and is one of the leaders of the heavenly angels. The Archangel Michael is named a number of times in the bible and is one who showed great dedication and love of God.
- St. Michael's virtues include strength, perseverance, and doing what is right and just.



Epistle reading for June 14th 1 Corinthians 11:23–32

- In the epistle we hear the Apostle Paul giving an account of a Eucharistic celebration by reminding us of the words of Jesus:
 - “and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”
- The reading continues with St. Paul telling us:
 - “For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

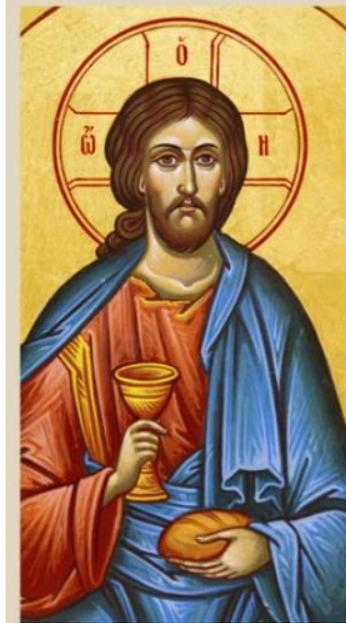
Gospel for June 14th John 6:48–54

- This week’s Gospel we hear Jesus telling the people:
 - I am the bread of life. 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that a man may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh.”
- The Gospel reading continues with those gathered arguing about how a person can give their flesh to eat, but Jesus reminds them that when you eat his flesh and drink his blood, they have eternal life, and he will raise that person up in the last day.

Reflection

- There might be some confusion as to the why these reading are used today. If you look at the books in our pews, the second Sunday of Pentecost has an Epistle reading from the Book of Romans and a Gospel reading from Matthew (which tells of the calling of the disciples).
- The reading we have in our liturgical calendar pad (the one we distributed at Church), has taken the readings from June 11th, the feast day of the Holy Eucharist, and moved them to Sunday June 14th.
- This sometimes happens with feast days as people are not able to take time off from work to attend a feast day, so the feast day readings are moved to the Sunday so more people can celebrate it.
- The feast of the Holy Eucharist is one of the ‘newer’ feast days in the liturgical calendar so it is not found in all religious books.
- Our Patriarch, Sviatoslav, gave a sermon on this feast day a few years back, here are a few of his thoughts.
 - The mystery of the Eucharist is the highest manifestation of unity of the Church, the source of its mission, its preaching, its service to one’s neighbour and heroic witness of Christian martyrs and confessors to the faith.
 - Our Ukrainian Catholic Church gave the world, especially in the 20th century, many martyrs and confessors for the unity of the Church and to preserve the communion with the successor of St Peter as the visible sign and heart of universal unity of the one Mystical Body of Christ.
 - The communion in the Lord’s love urges us to love and serve our neighbour, especially the one who most needs our help and is defenseless. It is impossible to be a participant of divine life, and at the same time refuse the service of our Saviour to people in need.





Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive
You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this
moment receive You
sacramentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were
already there and unite
myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be
separated from You.

Amen.

And some humour for this week:



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WEIRD ... I USED TO LOVE WINGS BACK
ON EARTH

Have a safe week!



Visitor Screening Tool for Continuing Care Units and Special Care Homes

Public Health Order per update of March 26, 2020

Date: _____ Time: _____ Location: _____

Visitor Name: _____ Resident being visited: _____

The screener will ask the visitor the questions below and record responses.

If the visitor answers YES to any of the questions, the visit is denied:

- The Screener will then provide the visitor with the *COVID-19 Information Sheet* and inform the appropriate Manager.

Screening Questions

Health Status	
1. Sudden onset of NEW cough or Change to existing cough?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Fever of 38 degrees Celsius or greater >? Are you taking any medications that may affect temperature? Ex. Tylenol?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Do you have a sore throat?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, or a deterioration in respiratory condition?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Travel	
5. Have you traveled to BC, Ontario, Quebec, or Alberta or outside of Canada in the last 14 days?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Contacts	
6. Attended a mass gathering over 10 people present in the last 14 days?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
7. Do you live with or have had close or prolonged contact (within 2 meters/6 feet) with someone who is confirmed or suspected of probable COVID-19 in the past 14 days? Symptoms may include ill with fever/cough, influenza like symptoms or gastric symptoms.	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

Visit Granted Visit Denied

Provided Information Sheet on COVID-19 YES NO

Visitor Signature: _____

Screener Initials: _____