

*The priests and parishioners of Saints Peter & Paul would like to extend a warm welcome to all our guests.  
We are pleased that you have come to pray with us on this Holy day.*

## THIS WEEK AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Monday, Dec. 18	6:45 – 8:00 P.M.	- Living Gospel Practice
Wednesday, Dec. 20	7:00 P.M.	- Knights of Columbus Council Meeting

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

<b>Sun. Dec. 17</b>	<b>Sunday of the Holy Forefathers</b>	<b>Col. 3:4-11 ~ Luke 14:16-24</b>
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5:00 P.M. (Sat.)	Health & God's Blessings Stella Lewchuk.....Prayer Partner <i>(this Divine Liturgy will be recorded and posted on YouTube)</i>
9:00 A.M.	Health & God's Blessings for all UCWLC Members
11:00 A.M.	For Our Parishioners

<b>Mon. Dec. 18</b>	<b>Martyr Sebastian</b>	<b>Heb. 8:7-13 ~ Mark 8:11-21</b>
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8:00 A.M.	†Edward Pidperyhora.....Sabrina Pidperyhora
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<b>Tues. Dec. 19</b>	<b>Martyr Boniface</b>	<b>Heb. 9:8-10; 15-23 ~ Mark 8:22-26</b>
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8:00 A.M.	God's Blessings Grace.....Gerald, Brenda & Family
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<b>Wed. Dec. 20</b>	<b>Priest Martyr Ignatius</b>	<b>Heb. 10:1-18 ~ Mark 8:30-34</b>
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8:00 A.M.	†Ann Thoms (40 day).....Lorne & Veronica Thoms
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<b>Thurs. Dec. 21</b>	<b>Martyr Juliana</b>	<b>Heb. 10:35-11:7 ~ Mark 9:10-16</b>
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8:00 A.M.	Birthday Blessings Erin Yeates.....Iris & Henry
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<b>Fri. Dec. 22</b>	<b>Great Martyr Anastasia</b>	<b>Heb. 11:8; 11-16 ~ Mark 9:33-41</b>
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8:00 A.M.	†Julia Stachniak.....Elsie Remenda
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<b>Sat. Dec. 23</b>	<b>Saturday before the Nativity</b>	<b>Gal. 3:8-12 ~ Luke 13:19-29</b>
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9:00 A.M.	†Steve Yaworski (1 year).....Eileen & Family
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<b>Sun. Dec. 24</b>	<b>Eve of the Nativity</b>	<b>Heb. 11:9-10; 17-23; 32-40 ~ Matt. 1:1-25</b>
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5:00 P.M. (Sat.)	God's Blessings Anne Porter.....Grace <i>(this Divine Liturgy will be recorded and posted on YouTube)</i>
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10:00 A.M.	For Our Parishioners
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5:00 P.M.	For Our Parishioners....“God with Us” Service followed by Divine Liturgy (English) <i>(this Divine Liturgy will be recorded and posted on YouTube)</i>
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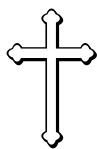
9:00 P.M.	Intention of Celebrant....“God with Us” Service followed by Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) [Gospel and Sermon in English]
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*Please pray for:*



Fr. Vladimir Kolpakov, C.Ss.R	Zenon Derkach	Fr. Ephraim & Nancy Dingman
Wendy Friedrich	Mary Huchkowski	Deb Larmour
Iris Pidperyhora	Ed Sosnowski	Patricia Trischuk





## DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Sympathy and prayers to Michelle (Tom) Scott & family on the death of her father, †William Beyko in November and her brother, †Glen Beyko in August.

Вічна Пам'ять!

GOD GRANT THEM ETERNAL MEMORY!

Вічна Пам'ять!

## NOTICE TO ALL PARISHIONERS

Due to banking regulations the priests can no longer accept any cheques that are made payable to individual priests. **All** cheques for the fathers (*except liturgy intentions*) **must** be made payable to 'Ukrainian Catholic Mission'. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Fr. Ray

## LITURGY INTENTIONS



You can request the Fathers to celebrate Liturgies for your intentions. Please contact the parish office to book a Liturgy. Cheques are payable to "**Redemptorist Fathers' Liturgy Account.**" The suggested stipend for a Divine Liturgy is \$20.

## 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK

*Our second reprint is HERE!*

*Looking for a nice Christmas gift?  
Our Cookbook is filled with many delicious recipes!*



This wonderful 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorative parish cookbook is a large collection of many parishioners' favorite recipes totaling 656 pages, including 55 pages of traditional recipes for Christmas and Easter. It has been sold out since 2016 but with financial help from the Saskatoon Community Foundation – Stephen & Micheline Worobetz Foundation and the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan Corporation we have been able to reprint a limited number of copies.

The cost is \$30.00 each.

Available at the office during office hours from 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information contact the parish office at 306 343 6516, email: [sspp@sasktel.net](mailto:sspp@sasktel.net).



Your **2024 Church Contribution Envelopes & Calendars** are ready for pick up at the entrance of the church. You are also welcome to pick up your envelopes and calendar at the Rectory Office during regular office hours. Please call the office at 306-343-6516 to arrange a time for pick up.

Also, please pick up your envelopes, even if you are on pre-authorized contributions, since the special collection envelopes are included in your box of envelopes.

*Thank you to Greg Lalach, Park Funeral Home, for sponsoring these beautiful calendars.*

## YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS

*Thank you to all parishioners for your generous donations throughout the year.* For any donations that you want included on your 2023 tax receipt, ALL contributions *must* be in the parish office and your cheques dated no later than **December 31, 2023**. Donations can be mailed in, dropped off at the Rectory, submitted by E-transfer (email: [sspp@sasktel.net](mailto:sspp@sasktel.net)) or dropped off in the contribution baskets.

*Thank you for your continued support!*

## ALL PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

PLEASE FORWARD YOUR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE PARISH ANNUAL REPORT BY **JANUARY 17, 2023** TO THE PARISH OFFICE OR E-MAIL TO: [sspp.bulletin@sasktel.net](mailto:sspp.bulletin@sasktel.net)

## PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOURS



**OFFICE CLOSED:** Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>



*Any monies received after Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>  
will be designated for 2024.*



## Saints Peter & Paul Knights of Columbus #11775

\* The next **Council Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, December 20, 2023** at 7:00 p.m. in the church auditorium.

*Important meeting please plan to attend.*

# UCWLC

## Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church Parish

Once again, our UCWLC members, in the spirit of Christmas are grateful to have provided our parish families and our community friends with traditional Ukrainian Christmas foods.

We want to extend a heartfelt **“THANK YOU”** to all those who were involved with the fundraiser: the organizing group; the loving hands who prepared all the kolachi, cabbage rolls and perogies; those whose took the sales orders and helped with the distribution; those individuals who purchased our traditional Christmas foods; and those who made donations to our fundraiser. We also most gratefully appreciate all those who so kindly donated prizes for our draw. **“THANK YOU ”** for making this an extremely successful event.

May your generosity be given back to you ten-fold and may God’s Grace and Blessings always be upon you.

*Rita Smysnuik*

## Saints Peter & Paul Contribution Update

Thank you for your continued support of Saints Peter and Paul and our programs.  
The following represents the contributions from regular Sunday and Holy Day collections:

Monthly Contributions \$	2023	2022
January	\$30,869	\$26,675
February	\$24,994	\$24,337
March	\$23,839	\$24,650
April	\$30,953	\$26,070
May	\$23,815	\$28,417
June	\$24,414	\$22,923
July	\$23,437	\$24,099
August	\$20,878	\$21,806
September	\$24,183	\$22,006
October	\$27,764	\$26,028
November	\$25,917	\$25,745







# **ATTENTION - UCWLC Members**

## **Membership Fees of \$20.00 for 2024 are due *December 31, 2023***

Membership Fees can be paid: **(1)** by enclosing your cash or cheque in the blue "UCWLC Membership" envelope and placing it in the collection basket. **(2)** by enclosing your cash or cheque in the blue "UCWLC Membership" envelope and placing it in a white envelope and either mailing it or dropping it off in my mailbox. UCWLC Membership, 2122 Ewart Avenue, Saskatoon, SK, S7J 1X9

*Gayle Lockert, Membership Chair*  
306-222-6831



# **ATTENTION Knights of Columbus** **Saints Peter & Paul Council #11775**

## **2024 Membership fees are due on *December 31, 2023***

The fees are the same as last year. Membership fees can be paid: **(1)** by enclosing your cash or cheque in the envelope marked Knights of Columbus Council #11775 and placing it in the collection basket. **(2)** by enclosing your cheque in an envelope and mailing it to Knights of Columbus, 211-3106 Louise Place, Saskatoon, SK. S7J 5K8

Morris Sluchinski  
Financial Secretary 306-373-0957



*On behalf of the*  
*Knights of Columbus council 11775*  
*We would like to express a Blessed*  
*Christmas to all and all the best of*  
*Health & Happiness in the New Year*



*Grand Knight Dwayne Sabulsky*



# SAINTS PETER & PAUL UCWLC

## TRADITIONAL PARISH THEOPHANY EVE SUPPER



**FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024**

**7:00 p.m. Church Auditorium**

**(Following the Solemn Blessing of Water  
& Divine Liturgy at 5:30 p.m.)**



### **Advance Tickets:**

**Adults: \$20.00**

**Children (6 - 12 years): \$10.00**

**Preschool (5 & under): *FREE (ticket required)***

**Tickets will be available to purchase after each Divine Liturgy  
on the following dates: Saturday/Sunday - December 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>;  
Saturday/Sunday - December 30<sup>th</sup> & December 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**Tickets will be available at the Rectory office during office hours.**



**Deadline to purchase tickets:**

**Tuesday, January 2, 2024**



**PLEASE NOTE: *No refunds on purchased tickets.***

*This is a parish family event.  
Everyone is most Welcome!*

# Musée Ukraina Museum - Музей Україна

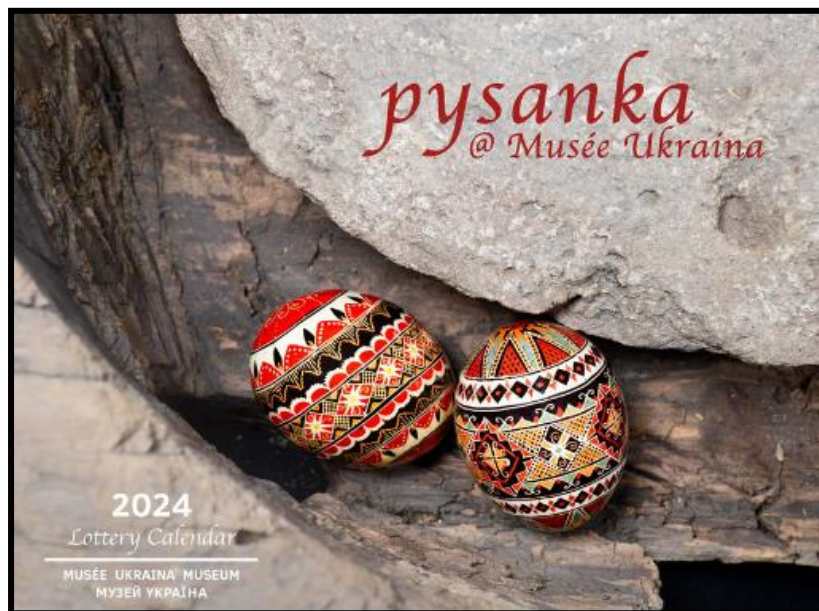
Our 2024 lottery calendar is available for purchase!

Pysanka @ Musée Ukraina

Featuring select pysanky & MUM artifacts.

\$12,150 in cash prizes! A draw for every day of the year!

\$25 each. These make excellent Christmas gifts!



Available to purchase through MUM Board members, UCWLC branches throughout SK, or stop by the museum on Sundays (11:30 - 3:30)

Lottery license

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Come visit us at 222 Avenue M South (Sr. Theodosia Lane)

## St. Michael's Winter Camp is BACK!

**When:** February 19-25, 2024

**Where:** Madge Lake, SK - Duck Mountain Provincial Park

**Who:** Co-ed, ages 8-14

**What:** downhill skiing, cross country skiing, sledding, skating, crafts, spiritual activities, campfire singing and MORE!

**Cost:** \$300 (before January 1<sup>st</sup> \$250)

**Limited spots!** Visit our website to register <https://www.stmichaelscamp.com/> or email us at [camp@stmichaelscamp.com](mailto:camp@stmichaelscamp.com) for more details!



**Want to donate to St. Michael's Winter Camp?**

Let us know by emailing Maria at [camp@stmichaelcamp.com](mailto:camp@stmichaelcamp.com) for details.





# CHRISTMAS 2023 & THEOPHANY 2024

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church**

10<sup>th</sup> Street & Munroe Avenue, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>** 7:00 p.m. Confessions

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>** – **Saturday Before the Nativity**

9:00 a.m. Daily Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy – **Sunday Before the Nativity**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>** – **Christmas Eve**

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy – **Sunday Before the Nativity**

5:00 p.m. **“GOD WITH US” SERVICE** followed by DIVINE LITURGY (English)  
*(this Divine Liturgy will be recorded and posted on YouTube)*

9:00 p.m. **“GOD WITH US” SERVICE** followed by DIVINE LITURGY (Ukrainian)  
*[Gospel & Sermon in English]*

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>** – **Nativity of Our Lord – Christmas Day**

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (English)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26<sup>th</sup> to SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>** – **Sunday After the Nativity**

5:00 p.m. (Sat.) Divine Liturgy (English) *(this Divine Liturgy will be recorded and posted on YouTube)*

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian/English)

11:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (English)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024** – **Circumcision of Our Lord; St Basil the Great**

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024** – **Theophany Eve**

5:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Jordan Water

*Parish Theophany Supper [advance tickets only]*

*(this Divine Liturgy will be recorded and posted on YouTube)*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024** – **Theophany**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Jordan Water

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024** – **Regular Sunday Schedule**

5:00 p.m. (Sat.) Divine Liturgy (English)

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian/English Readings and Sermon)

11:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (English)





BISHOP-ELECT MICHAEL SMOLINSKI, C.S.S.R.

# Save the Dates

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024

Dormition Parish

*Nomination*

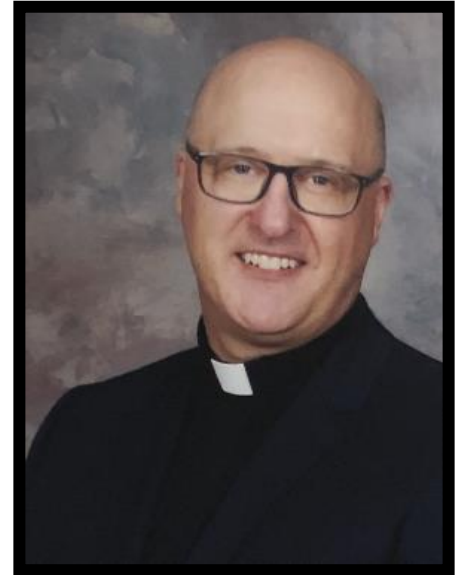
*6:30 p.m., followed by dainties & fellowship*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024

Saints Peter & Paul Parish

*Cheirotonia (Consecration)*

*10:00 a.m., followed by ticketed luncheon*



SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

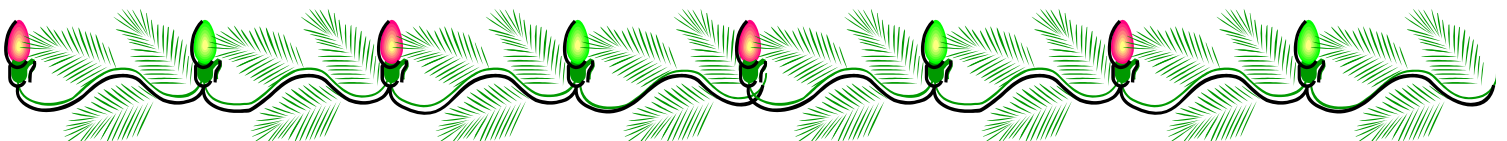
St. George Cathedral

*Installation*

*10:00 a.m., followed by light lunch*



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 Coordinators of Care (PCC) Theresa Gogol at 306-343-6516 or email: [safeguarding@skeparchy.org](mailto:safeguarding@skeparchy.org). More information is available on the Eparchial Website. Training Tutorial video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-IewlTuJfOI> Link to Online Training: <https://www.skeparchy.org/wordpress/courses/>





## Saints Peter & Paul council 11775 is looking for new members

- \* If you would like to join the Knights of Columbus and be part of a great charitable organization of catholic men please contact us and we would share with you what we are all about. We are always looking for new ideas about charitable work and spreading faith in our community. Any catholic men 18 years of age and over can become a member. Contact myself or any member you may know.

Grand Knight Dwayne Sabulsky, call/text 306-280-7836 or [email desabulsky@sasktel.net](mailto:email_desabulsky@sasktel.net)

## OF INTEREST

\* DEVOTIONS TO BLESSED VASYL VELYCHKOVSKY, C.Ss.R. – live-streamed from the Shrine in Winnipeg, MB. Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. (SK time) the Redemptorists and Partners in Mission of the Yorkton Region will be live streaming the Blessed Vasyi Velychkovsky Devotional Services from the Shrine Chapel. This will continue during the pandemic. Please join us in prayer. Here is the broadcast link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFDrZoGsYeJG1lqgdZyfYMA/featured>

\* ST. VOLODYMYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC PARK INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. George's Cathedral Auditorium.

Update

## QUEEN'S HOUSE RETREAT AND RENEWAL CENTRE

For an update from Queen's House Retreat and Renewal Centre on programs and spiritual direction opportunities, please visit [queenshouse.org](http://queenshouse.org)

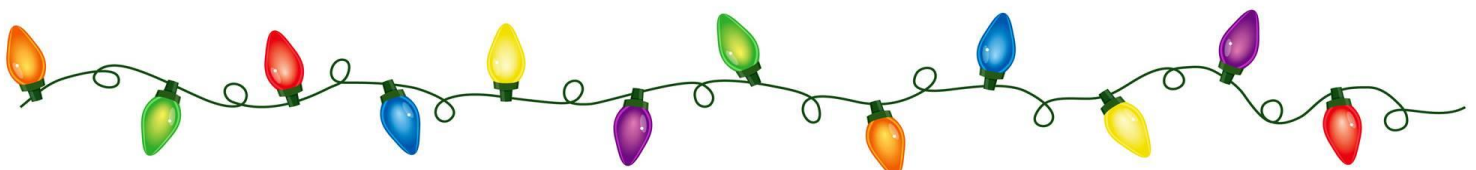


## CHRISTMAS LETTERS

Pick up your copy at the back of the church  
or visit the Eparchial website



- Christmas Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav
- 2023 Pastoral Greetings of the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of Canada on the occasion of the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord



# Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg Українська Католицька Архiepархія в Вінніпегу

## 2023 PASTORAL GREETINGS OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF CANADA ON THE OCCASION OF THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

To the Very Reverend Clergy, Monastics and Religious Sisters and Brothers, Seminarians and  
Laity of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada

Christ is Born! Let us Glorify Him!

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth  
peace among those whom he favors!” (Luke 2:14)

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, we do so with a sense of wonder in our hearts. The story of the birth of Jesus serves as a constant reminder of God’s love for us.

To express God’s boundless love for us, God appears among us in the person of his own son, Jesus Christ. God with us. Emmanuel. And in this we rejoice!

This year, we celebrate Christmas in the midst of much unrest in the world, in Ukraine, the Middle East and the Holy Land – the very birthplace of Our Saviour, Afghanistan, Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Libya, Mali, Somalia, South Sudan, Syria, and elsewhere.

Peace. We long for peace.

Jesus, at his birth, comes into the world as the Prince of Peace, in fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah: “For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9: 6).

Jesus is the Prince of Peace. He comes into the world as the great peacemaker among humanity. He teaches in the Beatitudes, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God” (Matthew 5: 9). At his death, he tells his disciples, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you” (John 14: 27).

On that very first Easter, we are told: “When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’” (John 20: 19).

Alongside other powerful names such as Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, and Eternal Father, Jesus is given the title Prince of Peace, indicating one of His many roles — the One who is the leader of peace and offers it to others.

As we celebrate Jesus’ birth this Christmas, let us thank God for the gift of peace. And let us honour the Prince of Peace by continuing to be peacemakers in the world, starting within our own families and among our friends and neighbours.

The story is told about an old rabbi who once asked his students how one could recognize the time when night ends and day begins. One student asked, “Is it when, from a great distance, you can tell a dog from a sheep?” “No,” said the rabbi. Another student asked, “Is it when, from a great distance, you can tell a date palm from a fig tree?” “No,” said the rabbi. “Then,” the students asked, “When is it?” The rabbi answered, “It is when you look into the face of any human creature and see your brother or sister there. Until then, night is still with us.

Ah, to see brother or sister in all! This is the call of all humanity!

Yet, we live in a world that is all too often filled with horrific examples of communities torn apart: hunger and starvation, ethnic cleansing, segregation, genocide, drug wars, tougher immigration, and so on.

Still, there is plenty of food and work for everyone in the world if we but share our common wealth and recognize that we are all brothers and sisters. We are not alone but are related with others all around the world. We belong to the family of God, and it is the love of God that binds us together.

This Christmas, we remember those that fight for peace in the world. We remember the joy that peace brings, and we pray for peace and for a better world, especially in those places where there is conflict today. We pray for a day when we can truly call each other brother and sister.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, may Christ, truly bless you and your family with peace, love and joy, now and in the New Year!

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

*Given on December 6, 2023*

*On the Feast of St. Nicholas, the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia*

+ Lawrence Huculak, OSBM  
Metropolitan Archbishop of Winnipeg

+ David Motiuk  
Eparchial Bishop of Edmonton

+ Bryan Bayda, C.S.s.R.  
Eparchial Bishop of Toronto

+ Michael Kwiatkowski  
Eparchial Bishop of New Westminster

+ Michael Smolinski, C.S.s.R.  
Bishop-Elect of Saskatoon

+ Andriy Rabiy  
Auxiliary Bishop of Winnipeg

+ Michael Wiwchar, C.S.s.R.  
Bishop Emeritus of Saskatoon

+ Stephen Chmilar  
Bishop Emeritus of Toronto



## **CHRISTMAS PASTORAL LETTER OF HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV**

**Most Reverend Archbishops and Metropolitans,  
God-loving Bishops, Very Reverend Clergy, Venerable Monastics,  
Dearly Beloved Brothers and Sisters,  
in Ukraine and throughout the world**

*Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign.  
Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and shall call his name Immanuel. (Is. 7:14)*

**Christ is born! Glorify Him!**

**Beloved in Christ!**

In this time of war, we, the Ukrainian people need a sign, a sign of hope – that God is with us, that God's life-giving power is stronger than the deadly power of the enemy fighting against us. In the Holy Scriptures, the birth of a child is a sign of hope from God! Today throughout the world the Church proclaims: “But as he [Joseph] considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit... She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’ All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ‘Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel’ (which means, God with us)” (Mt. 1:20, 22–23).

Isaiah prophesied about Christ: “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Is. 9:6). As often happens with God’s promises, the fulfillment of the prophecy exceeds all human expectations because the Child that is born is not just an ordinary human child but the Son of God! He is the living God present among us. What is now being sent to humankind is not only a sign and symbol of hope – the Lord Himself comes to ensure and fulfill this hope. He comes as a baby in whom is God's power and might, God's authentic peace for all humanity, and for Ukraine in particular. The eternal God becomes man, one of us, for all time. So indeed, God is with us!

*Angels rejoice in heaven, and people exalt today,  
and all creatures leap with joy  
because of the birth of the Lord Saviour in Bethlehem;  
for all deceit of idolatry has ceased,  
and Christ reigns forever.*

We must live with the hope of Christ, overcoming all challenges and trials. Even when it seems to us that the world around us is collapsing, when the enemy's deceitful propaganda suggests to us that we have no future, we still hope against hope – because God is with us! The Holy Apostle Paul reminds us: “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever” (Heb. 13:8). If we have Christ, we have a future that no one can take away from us.

The Almighty God comes into the world even now, this year, in His Nativity, in the body of a defenseless, weak child, to dispel fear before the strong and powerful of this world. God does not force anyone to anything but captivates us with his beauty and light, joy and peace. He appears to us today as a weak and vulnerable baby so that we accept Him, love Him, and tenderly embrace Him – embrace the One who envelops us with His love. How wondrous are God's plans! The Ruler of the world, the Prince of Peace is the Child of God! So, in the Nativity of Christ, we can already see today that our future is not to be feared – it is full of peace, joy, tenderness, grace, and love, as we sing in the carol:

*And the bright star cries out to the world:  
The Messiah brings joy and happiness!  
To Bethlehem hasten all of you now,  
To welcome God in a poor cave!*

God makes Himself dependent on people. He becomes a child so that we, taking up the mission of Mary, His Mother, and Joseph the Betrothed, protect Him from all dangers, all the Herods of this world.

We feel the same responsibility today regarding the children of the war in Ukraine. This is the most vulnerable segment of our society, and the trauma of war in children is the most complex. There are millions of women and children among Ukrainian refugees and internally displaced persons. Among the various types of humanitarian crises are the education and upbringing of children under the constant threat of rockets and bombs, poorly implemented school programs, stolen years of childhood innocence, and freedom from worry. We will protect our children in every way available to us! At the same time, let us remember that their spiritual wounds are healed in love, both in their family and in the family of God's children – in the Church of Christ. Let our church communities be a safe space for children, free from all forms of violence and contempt for human life, because to accept a child in the name of God is to accept the newborn Christ.

Dreaming of a bright future for our children, we must understand that for our people true victory is not only the liberation of territories and secured borders. Winning the war means creating a safe spiritual space of hope for the Ukrainian family, unafraid to give birth to children in their native land. Let every Ukrainian child be for us a sign of hope from God and of our faith in a blessed future.

On this joyful day of Christ's Nativity, "let us commend ourselves, and one another, and our whole life to Christ our God." May all those imprisoned and held captive know that we have not forgotten them and continue to pray for them. May all the wounded and traumatized experience the joy of our Savior's birth and God's healing touch. May the relatives and friends of those who have gone missing without trace never doubt the Lord's closeness to them.

With Christ in our hearts, already today let us plan to rebuild all that has been destroyed—both physical and spiritual, so that our brothers and sisters, scattered around the world, do not lose hope of returning home, but, on the contrary, dream of their active participation in the revival of the country. But above all, let all the children of our nation know how much God loves them, and that with God's love even the greatest evil can be overcome.

From the bottom of my heart, I impart on you all my fatherly blessing, and wish each of you, from the youngest to the oldest, the authentic joy of the children of God, a tasty kutia, a merry celebration of Christ's Nativity, and a happy, peaceful, and blessed New Year!

Christ is born! Glorify Him!

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## Divine Liturgy Schedule

### **Sunday**

5:00 p.m. (Saturday evening)

9:00 a.m. (Ukrainian) & 11:00 a.m.

### **Feast Days**

9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

### **Daily**

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.

### **Sacraments of Baptism/Chrismation**

Contact the parish office

### **Sacrament of Marriage**

Contact the parish office a minimum of **NINE** months in advance

### **Sacrament of Anointing-Visitation of the Sick**

Contact the parish office – Emergency please call anytime

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confession**

Before Divine Liturgy/By appointment