



## A Special Invitation to Our Parish Theophany Dinner

Please come, on the eve of  
*The Feast of Theophany, Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>*  
For Divine Liturgy & The Solemn Blessing of Water at  
**4:00 pm** to be followed by

a Parish Theophany Dinner (Pot Luck) at 5:15 pm

at St. Mary's Cultural Centre (*Kutia will be prepared by the Cultural Centre*)

*Everyone is asked to bring your favorite Potluck Dish to share.*

*Please remember it is a Fast Day.*

DATE	TIME	EPISTLE	CANTOR	USHERS	ORGANIST
SAT DEC 23	5:00 pm English	Bernadette Gabora	Bernadette Gabora	Terry Greene	
SUN DEC 24 <i>Nativity of Our Lord</i>	8:00 pm Eng / Ukr	Toni Gromnisky	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	John Uhryn Heather Uhryn	Iris Skehar
SAT DEC 30	5:00 pm English	Tom Abrametz	Tom Abrametz	Gerry Smysnuik	
SUN DEC 31 <i>Sunday after the Nativity</i>	10:30 am Eng / Ukr	Elsie Stechyshyn	Colette Karapita	Allan Maystrowich Debbie Marriot	

SUNDAY COLLECTION	Received on Dec 10 in Regular Envelopes .....	\$ 4,090.00
	Received on Dec 17 in Regular Envelopes .....	\$ 6,270.00
DEC 10, 2023	Received in Loose Collection .....	\$ 152.75
DEC 17, 2023	Received in 12 Other Envelopes .....	\$ 610.00

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## ST. MARY'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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DECEMBER 24 & 31, 2023

Christ is Born!  
Glorify Him!

Христос Раждається!  
Славте Його!



The parish community of St. Mary's extends a warm  
**Welcome - Вітаємо**  
to everyone who is with us today, especially all visitors.  
We are pleased that you have come to pray with us this Sunday. May the Lord bless You.

**YORKTON - ITUNA PASTORAL DISTRICT**

Fr. Basil Malowany - Administrator / Pastor

**\*\*OFFICE HOURS\*\***

Tuesday - Thursday \*\*9:00 am - 12:00 pm\*\*

*Office is in the Church Basement-  
use Golden Agers Entrance on North side*

Office 306-783-4594

Fr. Basil - 306-540-5102

Sick Calls anytime

**BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES\*** by Appointment

*\*Please contact the pastor at least six months  
before the wedding date.*

### DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAY

Saturday 5:00 pm English  
Sunday 9:00 am Eng / Ukr

#### HOLY DAYS

7:00 pm

#### WEEKDAYS

Tuesdays 7:30 am  
Wednesdays 7:30 am  
Fridays 7:30 am

## ST. MARY'S PARISH PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN (PAG)

The Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) Program enables you to make donations to the parish on a monthly or semi-monthly basis right from your bank account. It eliminates the need of having the correct amount of cash on Sunday and/or from having to write a cheque.



**\*\*Please support your parish by joining PAG\*\***

For more information or to enroll, please see the pamphlets at the church entrances or at the Parish Office.

### DIRECTIONS TO THE NEW PARISH OFFICE

We hear that Parishioners are having a hard time locating our new Parish Office...

We are located in the former Golden Agers Centre. Please go past the end of the ramp on the north side of the church. Continue until you see the north wall of the church, if you walk toward the north wall, you will see an entrance to your right (the door faces west), please proceed down the stairs, turn left and you will find us. *Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon.*



**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT OUR CHURCH IS A SACRED SPACE...**

Kindly silence your mobile devices during Divine Liturgy.

Thank you.

### YORKTON - ITUNA DISTRICT CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**Saturday December 23:**

10:00 am Great Complines and Christmas Divine Liturgy *WADENA*

5:00 pm Divine Liturgy in *YORKTON*

7:00 pm Great Complines and Christmas Divine Liturgy *CALDER*

**Sunday December 24:**

10:00 am Great Complines and Christmas Divine Liturgy *BEAVERDALE*

4:00 pm Great Complines and Christmas Divine Liturgy *ITUNA*

8:00 pm Great Complines and Christmas Divine Liturgy *YORKTON*

**Monday December 25:**

9:00 am Great Complines and Christmas Divine Liturgy *MELVILLE*

*\*Fr. Basil will be on vacation from December 26 to December 30, 2023.*



### PODCASTS

Fr. Basil makes daily podcasts

talking about our faith and relationship with Jesus Christ!

Please use the links below to follow his podcasts:

<https://bmalow.podbean.com/> <https://wisdom.app/frbasil4602>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

December 25	Nativity of Our Lord	
December 30	New Year's Gala - Parish Fundraiser	
December 31	Sunday Divine Liturgy <i>moved to 10:30 am</i>	
January 1	<i>Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord / St. Basil / New Year</i>	
January 2	Divine Liturgy at Theodore Health Centre	10:00 am
January 3	Moleben, Confessions and Catechism	6:30 pm
January 5	<i>Vigil of Theophany (Meatless)</i>	
January 5	Theophany Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Water	4:00 pm
January 5	Theophany Parish Potluck Supper	5:15 pm
January 6	<i>Feast of Theophany</i>	
January 10	Moleben, Confessions and Catechism	6:30 pm
January 16	Divine Liturgy at the Bentley	10:30 am
January 16	Parish Council Meeting	6:30 pm
January 18	Divine Liturgy at Queen Elizabeth Court	2:00 pm
January 23	Divine Liturgy at Yorkton & District Nursing Home	10:00 am
January 24	Moleben, Confessions and Catechism	6:30 pm
January 29	Great Vespers for the Feast of the Three Hierarchs	6:30 pm
January 30	<i>Feast of the Three Hierarchs</i>	
January 31	Moleben, Confessions and Catechism	6:30 pm

## YORKTON DISTRICT PARISHES

### Schedule of Services in the Yorkton Pastoral District

**\*\*Please note: this schedule is subject to change, please check regularly\*\***

BEAVERDALE	Sunday, December 24	10:00 am	Great Complines & Divine Liturgy
	Sunday, January 21	2:00 pm	Divine Liturgy & Water Blessing
CALDER	Saturday, December 23	7:00 pm	Great Complines & Divine Liturgy



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The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon Eparchial Safeguarding Policy: Covenant of Care, Electronic Communication and Technology & Abuse and Misconduct Policy is a code of conduct which is designed to create safe and respectful church communities and healthy ministerial relationships, and to protect people from abuse and the harm that results.

To speak to someone about a concern please contact your Pastor or email: [safeguarding@skeparchy.org](mailto:safeguarding@skeparchy.org) More information is available on the Eparchial Website, [www.skeparchy.org](http://www.skeparchy.org).

**MUSEE UKRAINA MUSEUM LOTTERY 2024 CALENDAR IS NOW AVAILABLE**

The 21<sup>st</sup> edition of Musee Ukraina Museum Lottery 2024 calendar features select pysanky and artifacts from the Museum's collection. In Ukrainian culture, the pysanky is a symbol of spring, new life and the Holy Resurrection.

Cost: \$25 per calendar with 366 chances to win a cash prize of \$20, \$50, \$100 or \$200.  
*(A total of \$12,150 in prizes)*

Available from: St. Mary's Church (306-783-4594); Elizabeth Zahayko (UCWLC -306-620-3127) or Steve Popowich (K of C #5182 - 306-783-5441 or 306-521-1500)

Thank you for helping us with this Museum fundraiser! Lottery License #RR23 - 0329

**Musée Ukraina Museum Inc. 2023 Lottery Winners for December**

**\$20.00 Winners:** Harley Holcomb & Erin McLaughlin-Saskatoon, Natalia Cheremshyska-Saskatoon, Pauline Kotelko-Saskatoon, Lana Bahler-Battleford, Helen McLashen-Yorkton, Anna Bayda-Saskatoon, Heather Gawrelitza-Preeceville, Mako & Kirill Baraban-Saskatoon, Sr. Samuela Kulek-Saskatoon, Duane Serack-Harris, Joyce Legasse-Montmartre, Cheryl & Ivan Rostotski-Canora, Maria Romanchuk-Wakaw, Betty Lys-Moose Jaw, Shirley Ann Stadnyk-Regina, Lynn & Andy Kuffner-Saskatoon, Jewel Bubyn-Regina, Bernice Petryshen-Wynyard, Steve & Michelle Skoworodko-Wakaw, Michael Lummerding-Melfort, Corinne Simon-Wakaw, Mary Osatchuk-Saskatoon, Vincent Kiryluk-Saskatoon, Melissa Bolme-Melville. **\$50.00 Winners:** All Saints UCWLC-North Battleford, Jenna & Louie Holinaty-Bonnyville(AB), Pat Vereschagin-Saskatoon, Marianne Sytnyk-Alvena. **\$100.00 Winners:** Marie & Laird Wilson-Regina, Mandi Szabo-Yorkton. **\$200.00 Winner:** Kim Sopotyk-Prud'homme.

*Congratulations to all the winners! Have you purchased your 2024 Lottery Calendar?*  
 Lottery License #RR22-0403

**2023 "Share the Spirit Lottery Parish Disbursements**

Yorkton - St. Mary's	183 tickets sold	183 x \$5.00 =	\$ 915.00
<b>Eparchial Organizations:</b>			
St Michael's Camp	185 tickets sold	185 x \$5.00 =	\$ 925.00
St. Volodymyr Camp	69 tickets sold	69 x \$5.00 =	\$ 345.00
UCREC	98 tickets sold	98 x \$5.00 =	\$ 490.00
UCFSask	116 tickets sold	116 x \$5.00 =	\$ 580.00

**UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BROTHERHOOD  
 ST. VOLODYMYR BRANCH EXECUTIVE 2024**



Spiritual Advisor: Father Basil Malowany  
 President: Dave Spelay Vice President: Lorne Stechyshyn  
 Treasurer: Glen Tymiak Secretary: Terry Greene  
 Archivist Hospodar: Glen Tymiak Auditors: Carl Pacholka, Ernest Uhryn

**SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD  
 SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

**DECEMBER 24, 2023  
 DECEMBER 31, 2023**

*The theme of Sunday is always Resurrection.  
 We invite you to refrain from kneeling during the Divine Liturgy.*

*Today's special liturgical parts & readings are found on the  
 Tropars, Kondaks, Epistle & Gospel Readings handout available at the entrances.*

**THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ST. MARY'S**

<b>SUN DEC 24</b>	<b>Sunday before the Nativity (Christmas Eve)</b> 8:00 pm.....Great Complines and Christmas Divine Liturgy
<b>MON DEC 25</b>	<i>Fr. Basil on Vacation - No Divine Liturgy</i>
<b>TUE DEC 26</b>	<i>Fr. Basil on Vacation - No Divine Liturgy</i>
<b>WED DEC 27</b>	<i>Fr. Basil on Vacation - No Divine Liturgy</i>
<b>THU DEC 28</b>	<i>Fr. Basil on Vacation - No Divine Liturgy</i>
<b>FRI DEC 29</b>	<i>Fr. Basil on Vacation - No Divine Liturgy</i>
<b>SAT DEC 30</b>	5:00 pm.....Divine Liturgy .....St. Mary's New Year's Gala
<b>SUN DEC 31</b>	<b>Sunday after the Nativity</b> 10:30 am.....Divine Liturgy <i>English &amp; Ukrainian</i>
<b>MON JAN 1</b>	<b>New Year's / Circumcision of Our Lord / St. Basil the Great</b> 7:30 am.....Divine Liturgy
<b>TUE JAN 2</b>	7:30 am.....Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.....Divine Liturgy at Theodore Health Centre
<b>WED JAN 3</b>	7:30 am.....Divine Liturgy 6:30 pm.....Moleben followed by confessions and Catechesis
<b>FRI JAN 5</b>	<b>Theophany of Our Lord - Jordan</b> 7:30 am.....Divine Liturgy 4:00 pm.....Theophany Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Water 5:15 pm.....Potluck Supper (Meatless) at the Cultural Centre
<b>SAT JAN 6</b>	<b>Theophany of Our Lord - Jordan</b> 5:00 pm.....Divine Liturgy

**WEDDING PLANS ??-** If you are planning to be married at St. Mary's or any of the Yorkton District parishes, **please contact Fr. Basil (306-540-5102) at least six months before the wedding date.**



**REMINDER -** All donations requiring a receipt for 2023 must be received at the Parish Office by **Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am**



**2024 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES**

**ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP AT THE EAST ENTRANCE.**

**DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

*Eve of the Nativity* Hebrews 11:9-10; 17-23; 32-40 ~ Matthew 1:1-25  
**MON DEC 25** *Nativity of Our Lord* Galatians 4:4-7 ~ Matthew 2:1-12

*Fr. Basil - Day Off \*\*No Divine Liturgy*

**TUE DEC 26** *Synaxis of the Mother of God* Hebrews 2:11-18 ~ Matthew 2:13-23

*Fr. Basil - Vacation \*\*No Divine Liturgy*

**WED DEC 27** *St. Stephen, First Martyr* Acts 6:8-15; 7:1-5; 47-60 ~ Matthew 21:33-42



*Fr. Basil - Vacation \*\*No Divine Liturgy*

**THU DEC 28** *Martyrs in Nicodema* James 1:19-27 ~ Mark 10:17-27

*Fr. Basil - Vacation \*\*No Divine Liturgy*

**FRI DEC 29** *Holy Innocents* James 2:1-13 ~ Mark 10:23-32



*Fr. Basil - Vacation \*\*No Divine Liturgy*

**SAT DEC 30** *Saturday After the Nativity* Timothy 6:11-16 ~ Matthew 12:15-21

5:00 pm Health & God's Blessings for Members & Families.....Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood

**DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31**

*Sunday after the Nativity* Galatians 1:11-19 ~ Matthew 2:13-23  
**MON JAN 1** *Circumcision of Our Lord/St. Basil the Great* Colossians 2:8-12 ~ Luke 2:20-21; 40-52

7:30 am Health & God's Blessings for Sonja Pawliw.....Friends

**TUE JAN 2** *Pope Sylvester* James 3:1-10 ~ Mark 11:11-23

7:30 am Health & Salvation for Kelly and Kevin.....N.N.

10:30 am (Theodore) Health for Denise, Natalie and DeLon.....Grace Chorney

**WED JAN 3** *Prophet Malachi and Martyr Gordius* James 3:11-4:6 ~ Mark 11:23-26

7:30 am +Gordon Falconer.....St. Mary's School

6:30 pm Moleben, Catechesis and Confessions

**THU JAN 4** *Synaxis 70 Apostles* James 4:7-5:9 ~ Mark 11:27-33

(Pioneer Lodge, Ituna)

10:00 am (Ituna Intention)

**FRI JAN 5** *Eve of Theophany* Corinthians 9:19-27 ~ Luke 3:1-18

7:30 am  +Glenn Beyko.....Ben & Teresa Uhryn

4:00 pm Theophany Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Water

**SAT JAN 6** *Theophany of Our Lord - Jordan* Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 ~ Matthew 3:13-17

5:00 pm Health & God's Blessings for Members & Families.....Knights of Columbus

**Saint Mary's Building Fund Donations**



*Donations may be given anytime.*

All funds collected will be used for the future renovations of our church. Building Fund Envelopes are available at the entrances of the Church.

*Thank you very much*

**CHURCH DONATIONS-** To ensure that your donation is properly recorded and acknowledged, please mark your envelope and the memo line on your cheque *"In memory of..."* or *"On the occasion of..."*

**RECEIVING A BLESSING AT HOLY COMMUNION TIME -** It is proper for those who are receiving a blessing at Holy Communion time, during the liturgy, to receive the blessing from the priest. *Please go to the line with the priest in order to receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion.* Eucharistic Ministers are not permitted to give blessings.

**DEADLINE** for submissions to the bulletin **Wednesdays at 12:00 Noon.** The next bulletin will be printed for Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. Please call the Parish Office in the mornings on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday or email your information to [st.mary.yorkton@sasktel.net](mailto:st.mary.yorkton@sasktel.net).

**CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS**

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>.

It will be opened from

Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> until Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon.

*Please note that Fr. Basil will be on vacation from December 26<sup>th</sup> to December 30<sup>th</sup>.*

**HAS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGED ??** Please notify the Parish Office if you have a change of address or a new phone number. This will help to keep our records current and ensure that tax receipts go to the correct address. Thank you.

**SICK & VISITING -** If you know of someone who is in the hospital and would like to be visited by Father Basil, please call him 306-540-5102 or the Parish Office 306-783-4594. He does not receive a list of patients at the Hospital.



**ATTENTION!**

**Renovations in the Sacristy are nearing completion and the Ramp Entrance has now reopened.**

**DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS -** If you are making an offering for this service by cheque, please make your cheque payable to: St. Mary's Church. The suggested **stipend (offering)** for a Divine Liturgy Intention is **\$20.00**. **You can find Liturgy Request Forms with envelopes at the Church Entrances.** Once you have completed the form, place it in the envelope with your stipend, seal the envelope and drop into the collection plate.



## A Traditional Ukrainian Christmas Liturgy Broadcast

From St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church

GX94: 940 AM on Christmas Day

Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 11:30 am

The program will include: The Christmas Compline (Povecheriye), the Divine Liturgy, Ukrainian Carols and Christmas greetings on behalf of the parish.

If you are not in the listening area, tune in to: [www.gx94radio.com](http://www.gx94radio.com) (<http://cjpgx.streamon.fm>)

Sponsored by Our Parish Organizations:

Knights of Columbus, Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood and UCWLC

Any donations from our parishioners are gratefully accepted.

Please remember to designate your donation for the Radio Broadcast.

Thank you...

As my 21 years in the Parish Office comes to an end, I wish to thank Fr. Basil and all of his predecessors for their guidance and trust in me. Thank you to the current Parish Council and those who came before them for the support. This job has given me the opportunity to get to know many of you parishioners. You will still see me as we worship together in our church.

Please welcome my replacement, Bryce Matthews. Show him the same respect and understanding you afforded me.

Your retiring Parish Office Manager,  
Teresa Brischuk



## Blessing of Homes at Theophany

In the days following Theophany, Father Basil will be visiting and blessing the homes of parishioners with the newly blessed "Jordan Water". If you wish to have your home blessed please fill out the bottom portion of this page and drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory office.

HOME BLESSING 2024

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Most Suitable time to visit: Morning \_\_\_ Afternoon \_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_



"Everything God has created is Good" – (1 Tim. 4:4)  
Episcopal Motto of Bishop Michael Smolinski, C.Ss.R.

### Announcement Regarding Episcopal Nomination, Consecration, and Installation of Bishop-Elect Michael Smolinski, C.Ss.R.

Please be advised that RESERVED SEATING  
is required to attend all events.

Tickets for the Luncheon at Saskatoon Inn must be purchased in advance.

*Tickets available starting December 27, 2023*

To reserve your seats and purchase tickets go to:

<https://www.skeparchy.org/wordpress/bishopsmolinski/>  
or call Chancery Office at 306-653-0138, ex. 221, 222, 223

#### Schedule of Events:

**January 19, 2024** - Dormition of the Blessed Mother of God Parish  
6:30 pm - Great Vespers & Nomination followed by Reception in auditorium.

**January 20, 2024** - Saints Peter & Paul Parish  
10:00 am - Cheirotonia (Consecration)  
Principal Consecrator His Beatitude, Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk, and Co-Consecrators His Grace, Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak, O.S.B.M. & His Excellency, Bishop Bryan Bayda, C.Ss.R.  
1:30 pm - Luncheon at Saskatoon Inn, 2002 Airport Drive.

**January 21, 2024** – Cathedral of St. George  
10:00 am - Installation followed by Reception in auditorium.



**EMAIL BULLETIN** - If you would like to have the Bulletin emailed to you please send your request to: [st.mary.yorkton@sasktel.net](mailto:st.mary.yorkton@sasktel.net)

**May the Child Jesus of Bethlehem,  
the little shepherd, bless you  
and all who are dear to you this Christmas and  
throughout the year.  
We wish you a blessed Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year.**

**Христос Раждається ! Christ Is Born !  
Славте Його ! Let us Glorify Him !**





## Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood Background information on how the Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood (UCBC) was formed.

A Saskatchewan government directive in 1929 forbid the religious teachings in schools- no religious classes, priests, brothers or sisters could not be seen visiting a school, Ukrainian Catholics lost their jobs etc.

The members of the Catholic faith objected to this and along with Father Stefan Semczuk, took charge to organize a strong voice in protest to the government. Fr. Semczuk said, "I believe we should form our own Ukrainian organization to defend the rights of the Ukrainian Catholic people. Father Stefan Semczuk, a 32 year old priest from Alvena, Saskatchewan along with 7 men, mainly school trustees, first met in Regina and organized the historic first Ukrainian Catholic Convention in Saskatoon for Dec 28 & 29, 1932. Over 300 delegates attended. With full support of Bishop Ladyka, this convention approved the formation of the organization Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood. Following dozens of meetings in farm homes, the UCBC had its beginnings, In the first three years, 64 branches were formed in Saskatchewan and later many branches were formed across Canada,

At first the men, women and youth were members of the Brotherhood. Later, the ladies seeing that they could assist the parish in many other ways, decided to form their own organization—the UCWL of Canada. On June 15, 1944 the UCWL was founded in Yorkton and the UCBC became an organization of men only. The youth formed their own organization-- the UCY.

The three organizations had their birth place in Saskatchewan and formed branches across Canada. The UCBC is the oldest Ukrainian Catholic organization. The UCBC is the founding member of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress and is the parent organization of the UCWLC & UCY.

### The Aims of the Brotherhood are

- develop and enrich the religious and spiritual life in the parish, hereby strengthening the Ukrainian Catholic Church.
- preserve, develop and perpetuate the Ukrainian language and culture to strengthen our identity.
- strengthen the spiritual and moral values of Canadian life.
- initiate and support programs of charitable and social action which exemplify Christian ideals of justice and love.

### The Yorkton Branch formed:

The Yorkton Branch of the Brotherhood was formed on February 15, 1942. In the 1940's and for many years later, the Brotherhood looked after the old parish hall at the corner of Darlington and Ontario Ave. such as the repairs, upkeep, painting, grass cutting, snow removal, paying all utilities, caretaking, maintenance, bookings for all events while the UCWLC did the catering of banquets. The youth used the hall for Ukrainian Dancing classes. This carried on for many years until the new hall (St. Mary's Cultural Centre) was built in 1983.

## UCBC Membership

Membership to the Brotherhood is open to all Ukrainian Catholic men who are willing to commit themselves to work for the good of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, the Ukrainian people and for Canada. You do not have to speak Ukrainian but you must belong to a Ukrainian Catholic Church.

At present there are UCBC branches in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario.

As a member of the Brotherhood, our main objective is to help the parish priest, the church and the parish.

Brotherhood members in our parish serve as ushers, choir members, cantors, sacristan, Eucharistic Ministers, readings, visiting the sick, provide pussy willows for Palm Sunday, greenery for Pentecost, carnations for Mother's Day, gifts to First Communicants, provide the Brotherhood crosses to parishioners and others, assist with any work in and around the church and assist the pastor when needed. The UCBC provides various charitable donations to our church, groups, and organizations.

## UCBC Donations:

Our only Brotherhood fund raising in Yorkton is through the Brotherhood Eparchial raffle and proceeds from Bingo.

Some of the areas that we donated to are:

- the Brotherhood raised funds to complete the east wing of the church in 1955.
- the Brotherhood assisted in many ways in the formation of a Catholic School District and the building of the first two schools-St. Alphonsus and St. Mary's in 1959
- Donations were made to St. Joseph's College and Sacred Heart Schools.
- at present we donate to St. Mary's Church for various items needed, re-gilding of chalices, vestments, the Liturgy books, St. Mary's Cultural Centre, Kalyna Dance School, scholarships at Sacred Heart, St. Michael's Camp, Health Foundation, Musee Ukraina Museum, Saskatchewan Cancer Agency, liturgies on the radio at Christmas and Easter, Telemiracle, Royal Canadian Legion, orphans in Ukraine, Salvation Army, Ukraine Canada Foundation, St. Mary's School Nutrition Program, AMPO, and many other areas.

*From 1991-2023, the Yorkton Brotherhood has made a total of \$ 264,834.64 in donations.*

A Divine Liturgy is held once a month for the Brotherhood members and their families.

Gentlemen, we encourage you to join the Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood. If you would like more information or would like to join the Brotherhood please phone Glen Tymiak 306-783-7040 or Dave Spelay 306-621-3360 or any other member of the UCBC.

## TROPARS, KONDAKS, EPISTLE & GOSPEL FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

### EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD



**Sunday Tropar, tone 5:** Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word,\* co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,\* and born of the Virgin for our salvation.\* For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh,\* to suffer death and to raise the dead\* by His glorious resurrection.

**Tropar of the Holy Fathers, tone 2:** The three young men who are the great guides of the faith,\* rejoiced in the pit of flame as if they were in a water of rest;\* and the prophet Daniel appeared as a shepherd to the lions.\* O Christ God, save our souls for their sake.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and for ever and ever. Amen!**

**Sunday Kondak, tone 3:** Today the Virgin is on her way to the cave\* where she will give birth in a manner beyond understanding\* to the Word Who is in all eternity.\* Rejoice, therefore, universe, when you hear it heralded.\* With the angels and the shepherds, glorify Him\* Who chose to be seen as a newborn babe\* while remaining God in all eternity.

**Prokimen, tone 4:** Blessed are you, and praiseworthy, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and glorious forever is your name.  
**Verse:** *For you are just in all you have done.*

**Epistle:** A reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews 11:9-10;17-23; 32-40

Brothers and Sisters! By faith Abraham sojourned in the promised land as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs of the same promise; for he was looking forward to the city with foundations whose designer and maker is God. By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac; he who had received the promises was ready to sacrifice his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your descendants be called." He reasoned that God was able to raise from the dead, and so he received Isaac back as a symbol. By faith Isaac invoked for Jacob and Esau blessings that were still to be. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshipped God, leaning on the head of his staff. By faith Joseph, near the end of his life spoke of the Exodus of the Israelites, and gave instructions about his burial. By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after his birth, thereby disregarding the king's edict because they saw that he was a beautiful child. What more shall I recount? I have no time to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who by faith conquered kingdoms, did what was just, obtained the promises; they broke the jaws of lions, put out raging fires, escaped the devouring sword; though weak they were made powerful, became strong in battle, and turned back foreign invaders. Women received back their dead through resurrection. Others were tortured and would not receive deliverance, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Still others endured mockery, scourging, even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, sawed in two, put to death at sword's point; they went about garbed in the skins of sheep or goats, needy, afflicted, tormented. The world was not worthy of them. They wandered about in deserts and on mountains, they dwell in caves and in holes of the earth. Yet despite the fact that all of these were approved because of their faith, they did not obtain what had been promised. God had made a better plan, a plan which included us. Without us, they were not to be made perfect.

**Alleluia Verses:** *O God, our ears have heard, our fathers have declared to us.  
But you have saved us from our foes, and those who hated us you put to shame.*

**Gospel:** Matthew 1: 1 - 25

A family record of Jesus Christ, Son of David, son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac. Isaac the father of Jacob. Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar. Perez was the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram. Ram was the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon. Salmon was the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz was the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth. Obed was the father of Jesse, Jesse the father of King David, David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon was the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asa. Asa was the father of Jehosaphat, Jehosaphat the father of Joram, Joram the father of Uzziah. Uzziah was the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah. Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amos, Amos the father of Josiah. Josiah became the father of Jechoniah and his brothers at the time of the Babylonian exile. After the Babylonian exile Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel was the father of Abiud, Abiud the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor. Azor was the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Achim, Achim the father of Eliud. Eliud was the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob. Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary. It was of her that Jesus who is called the Messiah was born. Thus the total number of generations is: from Abraham to David, fourteen generations; from David to the Babylonian captivity, fourteen generations; from the Babylonian captivity to the Messiah, fourteen generations. Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, an upright man unwilling to expose her to the law, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when suddenly the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream and said to him: "Joseph, son of David, have no fear about taking Mary as your wife. It is by the Holy Spirit that she has conceived this child. She is to have a son and you are to name him Jesus because he will save his people from their sins." All this happened to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin shall be with child and give birth to a son, and they shall call him Emmanuel," a name which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord had directed him and received her into his home as his wife. He had no relations with her at any time before she bore a son, whom he named Jesus.

**Communion Hymn:** Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest.  
Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**TROPARS, KONDAKS, EPISTLE & GOSPEL  
FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31  
SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY**



**First Antiphon:** I will confess You with all my heart, O Lord,\* I will tell all your marvels.

*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.*

In the counsels of rightful men and in the assemblies,\* great are the works of the Lord.

*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.*

They are sought\* in order to accomplish his will.

*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.*

Glory be . . . now and for ever . . . : Only Begotten Son . . . .

**Third Antiphon:** Regular 3rd Antiphon with the following refrain:

Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

**Sunday Tropar, tone 6:** Angelic powers were upon Your tomb\* and the guards became like dead men;\* Mary stood before Your tomb seeking Your most pure body.\* You captured Hades without being overcome by it.\* You met the Virgin and granted life.\* O Lord, risen from the dead, glory be to You.

**Tropar of the Nativity, tone 4:** Your birth, O Christ our God,\* has shed upon the world the light of knowledge;\* for through it, those who worshipped the stars\* have learned from a star to worship You, the Sun of Justice,\* and to recognize You as the Orient from on high.\* Glory be to You, O Lord!

**Tropar of St. Joseph, tone 2:** O Joseph, announce to David, ancestor of Christ,\* the good news of these wonders you have seen:\* a Virgin giving birth to a Child;\* with the shepherds you have glorified Him;\* with the wise men you have worshipped Him;\* and an angel appeared to you.\* Ask Christ to save our souls.

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and for ever and ever. Amen!*

**Kondak of the Nativity, tone 3:** Today the Virgin gives birth to Perfect Essence,\* and the earth offers a cave to the Inaccessible.\* The angels sing his glory with the shepherds,\* the wise men journey with the star,\* for there is born for us an infant child, God Eternal.

**Prokimen, tone 4:** God is wonderful in His saints,\* the God of Israel.

*Verse: Bless God in your choirs,\* bless the Lord, you who spring from Israel!*

**Epistle:** A reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians 1: 11 - 19

Brothers and Sisters! I assure you, the gospel I proclaimed to you is no mere human invention. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I schooled in it. It came by revelation from Jesus Christ. You have heard, I know, the story of my former way of life in Judaism. You know that I went to extremes in persecuting the Church of God and tried to destroy it; I made progress in Jewish observance far beyond most of my contemporaries, in my excess of zeal to live out all the traditions of my ancestors. But the time came when he who had set me apart before I was born and called me by his favor chose to reveal his Son to me, that I might spread among the Gentiles the good tidings concerning him. Immediately, without seeking human advisers or even going to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before me, I went off to Arabia; later I returned to Damascus. Three years after that I went up to Jerusalem to get to know Cephas, with whom I stayed fifteen days. I did not meet any other apostles except James, the brother of the Lord.

**Alleluia Verses:** *Remember, O Lord,\* for David all his anxious care.*

*How he swore to the Lord,\* vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob*

**Gospel:** Matthew 2: 13 - 23

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph with the command: "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you otherwise. Herod is searching for the child to destroy him." Joseph got up and took the child and his mother and left that night for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I have called my son." Once Herod realized that he had been deceived by the wise men, he became furious. He ordered the massacre of all the boys two years old and under in Bethlehem and its environs, making his calculations on the basis of the date he had learned from the wise men. What was said through Jeremiah the prophet was then fulfilled: "A cry was heard at Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentations: Rachel bewailing her children; no comfort for her, since they are no more." But after Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt with the command: "Get up, take the child and his mother, and set out for the land of Israel. Those who had designs on the life of the child are dead." He got up, took the child and his mother, and returned to the land of Israel. He heard however, that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as king of Judea, and he was afraid to go back there. Instead, because of a warning received in a dream, Joseph went to the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way what was said through the prophet was fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazorean."

**Instead of 'It is truly right...':** My soul, praise Christ the King\* born in a cave.\* Behold a strange and wonderful mystery:\* the cave has become heaven,\* the Virgin a throne of the Cherubim,\* and the manger a noble place where Christ our God reposes.\* Wherefore let us praise and exalt Him!

**Communion Hymn:** Praise the Lord from the heavens,\* praise Him in the highest.  
Exult, you just, in the Lord;\* praise from the upright is fitting.\*  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Where it is the custom:** Instead of "Blessed is He...", "We have seen...", "May our mouths...", "Blessed be the name...": The whole universe is today filled with joy, for Christ is born of a Virgin.