



St. Vincent Of Lerins Orthodox Church

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Weekly Bulletin

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The Weeks of Apr 2 - 16, 2017

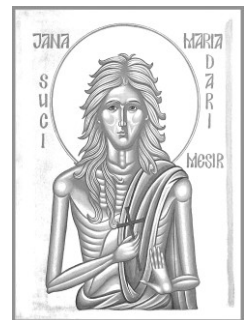
Sun - Apr 2 St. Mary of Egypt Sunday

9 am Orthros

10 am Divine Liturgy

Light Lunch - Rachel Machnee

7 pm Book read At Lois Machnee's



Mon - Apr 3 6:30 pm Great Compline

Wed - Apr 5 6:00 pm Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified gifts followed by
soup & bun Agape meal

Thurs - Apr 6 6:30 pm Evening funeral prayers for Fr. Orest Olekshy
@ Hoy Resurrection Orthodox Church

Fri - Apr 7 10:00 am Divine Liturgy - Funeral service for Fr. Orest
@ Hoy Resurrection Orthodox Church
Burial at Wood Lawn Cemetery follows

6:30 pm Small Compline with the
Canon of St. Lazarus the Righteous

Youth event after the service

Sat - Apr 8

Lazarus Saturday

9 am Orthros
10 am Divine Liturgy
5:45 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Children's Church School
6:00 pm Catechism - Joshua Funk
7:00 pm Great Vespers



Sun - Apr 9

Palm Sunday

9 am Orthros
10 am Divine Liturgy
Potluck Agape Lunch (fish/oil/wine allowed)
5 pm Bridegroom Orthros



Mon - Apr 10

Holy Monday - 6:30 pm Bridegroom Orthros

Tues - Apr 11

Holy Tuesday - 6:30 pm Bridegroom Orthros

Wed - Apr 12

Holy Wednesday

6:30 pm Sacrament of Holy Unction
(Do you want this at 6 pm as it's a long service?)

Thurs - Apr 13

Holy Thursday

10 am Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil
commemorating the Institution
of the Holy Eucharist
6:30pm Orthros of The 12 Passion Gospel
Readings

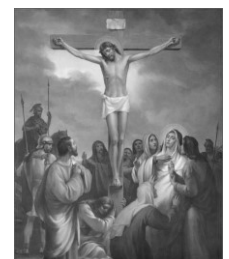


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Fri - Apr 14

Great & Holy Friday

9:00 am Children's confession retreat
7:00 pm Orthros - The Lamentation Service
Youth all-night Vigil after the service



Sat - Apr 15 Great & Holy Saturday
9 am Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
11 pm Great & Holy Paschal Services



Sun - Apr 16 Great & Holy Pascha
3 pm Agape Vespers followed by Paschal celebration @ the Funks (824 Ave J N)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. From Prs. Linda

Needed for the Atrium:

- An egg timer – the kind with sand running in a little hour glass tube.
- slippers for children aged 3-9, especially 6-9 yrs.

2. Prosfora – April baker: Crystal Thiessen

3. From Lois

- Please have all your Relief Kit pails back to the church by SUNDAY April 9th so that we can have them cleared out before our Paschal feast. Even if you took a pail and did not have a chance to fill it - **ALL pails, full or empty must be returned to MCC.** Thanks.
- We will be providing an Easter Egg Hunt at Paschal Party again this year as we had in the past. The plastic eggs have been saved, so if your children wish to participate, please bring some small candy (to fit into the eggs). Please have them to the church by April 9th. Thanks.

4. Please keep Vicki Fernets, Matthew Dombowsky, Darlene & George Walker, Ephrem Shewchuk, Miriam Ibrahim, Neoma Burletoff, Lorne Kennedy, Michael and Rose Kerelchuk, George & Mary Thiessen, Crystal Thiessen, and others whom you don't see at worship very often, in your prayers. They are all dealing with one kind or another of illness or injury and need our attention, thoughts, and prayers. Phone calls and visits would be great as well.

5. Please remember to send your announcements to the church's email address stvincentorthch@sasktel.net, for the weekly bulletins – by

Wednesdays; and for the next months' calendars - by the Wednesday before the last Sunday of each month.

6. **HELP KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN**

Please **remove wet boots / shoes before entering the church.** If you must have shoes on, then bring another pair to change in. Thanks



LOOKING AHEAD

- ❖ **April 16 Great & Holy Pascha (Easter).** We will celebrate the Great Paschal services on the eve of the Feast (Saturday - April 15), and Agape Vespers next day, Sunday - April 16.

This year we will put all our Paschal baskets on the Ambo and steps of the church by the iconostasis. Please have them covered. The blessing will then take place as part of the services upstairs. If you don't know how to make a Paschal Basket please let Fr. Bernard, or someone else in the church, know so that you can also have a Paschal basket to bless at church after the Paschal services.

- ❖ **Bright Week - Monday to Friday - 6:30 pm Agape Vespers**

- ❖ **Department Heads - please watch for an email with a "department/job description" that you can look over and update as we are compiling a binder to help people who are new to the role know what to do.**

Know that in each department, spending to do your job in the small is just part of the department spending (ex: purchasing toilet paper, margarine, light bulbs, and cleaning supplies).

Only major repairs/ purchases/ renovations need to be passed through Parish Council, as there is a written motion with approval that the auditor can then document.

In all cases of spending though, **ALL RECEIPTS** are to be given to Debra in as timely a fashion as possible. Please attach them to the receipt submission sheet. If you need one, talk to Debra.

❖ Next **Parish Council Meeting** will be **Monday, May 8, 2017 at 7pm** in the church basement. All are welcome to attend. Please ensure your items for the agenda are sent in to Adelle as soon as possible, so they can be added to the agenda.

❖ **SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, May 28th from 3:00 - 8:00 pm.**
The **Annual Banquet** to celebrate our Saint Vincent Feast day is scheduled.

This year our celebration will be held outside at the Gazebo area of the Forestry Farm. There will be a bonfire, bouncy castles, face painting, games for all ages and a BBQ for supper!

Make sure to mark your calendar and save the date! This event will be fun for the whole family!!!

❖ **From Brenda Bray**

SAVE THE DATE! Sask. Orthodox Women's Retreat May 26 - 28, 2017
Theme of the retreat is "*Prayer and Stillness of the Heart*".

The guest speaker is Mother Gabriella, abbess of Holy Dormition Orthodox Monastery in Rives Junction, Michigan.

Location in Saskatoon at the Queen's House of Retreats.

Registration cost for 2 nights and meals is still \$200.00! (Registration form is sent separately by email)

To promote the attendance of our young women, we are offering a Mother / Daughter special, where a full price registration will qualify for a 1/2 price registration for your family member (Godparent / Godchildren included).

As a pastoral matter, if you would like to attend the retreat and are unable to for financial reasons, please speak with Fr. Bernard.

For further information about the retreat, please speak to Aggie Friesen or Brenda Bray. Hope to see you there!



PASTORAL TEACHINGS, INFORMATION, DIRECTIVES, NOTES & SAYINGS

Thought for the Week - by Fr. George Ajalat

...For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, Who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God”

As we enter the 5th week of this holy season of preparation and struggle, we now hear that our ultimate goal, our aim in life as Christians is to serve the living God. But what does it mean to serve God? We must understand that it is intimately tied to worship. In the Old Testament the sacrifices on the altar of goats and calves were considered service to God. This worship required ritual purity. They had to keep their bodies pure, if they were to enter into the presence of God. They had to abstain from immoral behavior, as well from touching dead bodies, eating certain foods, keep the Sabbath, etc. And indeed St. Paul tells us that their bodies were sanctified or made holy by these actions. They were purified on one level.

Before we criticize this form of religion, let us ask ourselves- how many in our day are seeking to keep their bodies pure? Do we understand that what happens to our bodies penetrates deep into our souls and affects the very core of our being? We must take care of our bodies for they are also the image of God. We cannot defile our bodies with immoral behavior, with destructive behaviors such as smoking or overindulging in rich foods, or in violence toward others. We must not defile our tongues with gossip, with foul language, or lies.

But then St. Paul goes on to tell us that, as those who serve Christ, we seek a much different level of sanctification and purification. It is not merely an external purification. It is not simply abstaining from immorality in our bodies but also in our hearts and in our consciences.

It is having pure thoughts. Dead works cannot do this for us. That is, the human will, worldly knowledge and ethics, psychology, clever programs can never purify us from the inside. These are the sacrifices of goats and bulls. They can help us externally to live what appears to be a reasonable life in this world but they will not transform our hearts. It is only the purest of sacrifices that can do this. It is the blood of the pure One that can do this. It is through the cross that our hearts are resurrected for goodness and purity.

Our Lord dwells in us as the crucified Lord. We must also crucify and rid ourselves of all things which defile our worship of the living God. Let us get rid of all hatred, judgment, jealousy, self-indulgence and self-focus, subservience to luxury and material possessions, disobedience, unkindness, and all carnality. We cannot worship or serve any other gods. Let us love our Lord by loving others, by pursuing kindness and gentility, always looking for the best in others. Let every word that comes out of our mouths be salutary and lift people up. As we strive to participate in our Lord's cross in this way, His cross will lift us up, His power will purify our consciences and our thoughts, and our bodies also will become *"a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is (y)our reasonable service* (worship) *(Rom 12:1 NKJ)*. Amen.



CAMP SAINT INNOCENT (CSI)- This is the camp blessed by our Metropolitan and thus the camp that we will support as a church through the form of an \$85 subsidy/child to help offset the camp registration fee of \$385. Parents, you must inform Father Bernard that your child is being registered for this camp to receive the subsidy. There are other subsidies that also could be applied for that have been sent out by email previously. Camper registration forms have been emailed out to previous campers and will be posted on the bulletin board for any families who want to register their child(ren).



2017 Diocesan Parish Life Conference

This year's Diocesan Parish Life Conference is hosted by St. Michael Church of Van Nuys, California who invites you and your family to Los Angeles, **July 5 - 9, 2017.**

Rooms are available at the group rate of \$139 per night at the Los Angeles Airport (LAX) Marriott.

For more information visit the Conference website at: www.lapl.org where you can make your hotel reservation, register for events, plan for your Souvenir Journal ad, and view the Conference Schedule.

Should you have any questions, please e-mail us at:
laplc@antiochianevents.com



Please note that the **Handicap Parking** on the **North Side of the church** is clearly marked with the **Handicap Parking signage**. Quite often, particularly at Vespers, there are vehicles with no handicap placard parked on those spots. This causes undue difficulty for individuals who really **NEED** handicap parking. There are at least 4 vehicles who possess handicap placards and require these parking spots. Thank you for your consideration.

