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Weekly Bulletin

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THE WEEK OF DEC 3 - 10, 2017

Sun – Dec 3 14th Sunday of Luke

9:00 am Orthros

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

12:45 pm Inquirers' Class in Upstairs Atrium

Agape lunch team: Mary M; Daria; Liana

5:00 pm Great Vespers for the feast of St. Barbara
and St. John of Damascus

Mon – Dec 4

10:00 am Paraklesis @ J. Dombowsky

Tues – Dec 5

5:00pm Great Vespers for the Feast of St. Nicholas
followed by the children's vignette and
St. Nicholas' visit



Wed – Dec 6 Feast of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker

9:00 am Orthros

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Fri – Dec 8

6:30 pm Great Vespers for the Feast of The Conception of The Holy Theotokos

Sat – Dec 9 **No Orthros or Divine Liturgy** for the Feast of the Conception of the Holy Theotokos

5:45 pm Confessions

6:00 pm Church school

6:00 pm Inquirers' Class

7:00 pm Great Vespers

Sun – Dec 10 **10th Sunday of Luke**

9:00 am Orthros

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

12:45 pm Inquirers' Class in Upstairs Atrium

Agape lunch offered by Rachel Machnee

2:30 pm Children's Christmas Pageant at Samaritan Place. You will be seeing Michael and Rose Kerelchuk at Samaritan's Place, and they will be delighted to see you.



ANNOUNCEMENTS / REMINDERS

1. **Tuesday, Dec 5** There will be no Soup & Bun meal after the Great Vespers for the Feast of St. Nicholas, so please ensure your children have eaten before coming to church. We welcome your feedback on this new arrangement after the event.

2. **Needed for the atrium** 2 doz. tall green candles (tapers). Please put them in the Level 2 atrium downstairs.

3. **From Debra**

The end of the year is fast approaching. Please note if you have any invoices that require reimbursement bring them to me by December 17th along with backup information.

If you want tax receipts for the 2017 tax year, please note that the last day for deposits will be Sunday, December 24th. This does not affect anyone on an automatic debit with the Church – your deposits will go through the bank on their regular scheduled date.

For the upcoming year, please note that if you require any reimbursement for purchases you have made, these invoices (with appropriate backup) need to be submitted to me on a regular basis. I will require this information on a **minimum of a monthly basis** for various reasons, our financial statements are now audited and our auditor questions anything that isn't consistent from year-to-year.

It is easier if we don't have large payments coming out of our bank account as we rely on tithing to pay our bills. The accounting of our Church has increased tremendously (Glory to God for that), and any help that you can give me in this regard will be greatly appreciated.

4. From Lois

We will offer 2 alms-giving options during the Nativity fast. Considering the disasters around the world, MCC has called and asked if our FOCUS group could participate in making kits again. Their preference is RELIEF KITS, but they also would use HYGIENE KITS.

We will also have a MONEY OFFERING BOX on the lunch tables throughout the Nativity fast, and will use the money to purchase grocery gift cards rather than Christmas Hampers. Thanks again for your generous participation in the alms.

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 monthly calendars - by the 15th of each month.**

6. Please contact Joan with names you want to be included in the prayer list (for **the parish members and their immediate families**).

The prayer list for this week is:

- Aster & family, Kelsy & family, Roman & family, Rahwa & family, Heidi and Kosta, Danylo, Brenda, Shane, Shaeleigh, Bruce, Adelle, Brendan, Neoma, Ephrem, Crystal, Darlene, Joan, Victoria, Prs. Linda, Prs. Liana, Anna K, Ilene, Mervyn, Juliette, Gloria, Matthew, Michael & Loraine, Donna Lee, Peggy, Michael & Rose, Jordan
- **Newly departed**: Erik, Nolan



LOOKING AHEAD

➤ **From Mary Machnee**

Save the Date: Sunday, December 17th

What: Youth Group Event

When: 1:30pm

Where: Ice Skating at the Cameco Meewasin Skating Rink

- The next **Parish Council meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, **January 16, 2018** at 7:00 p.m. The date of the Annual General Meeting will be decided then.



PASTORAL TEACHINGS, INFORMATION, DIRECTIVES, NOTES & SAYINGS

❖ **Quotes from the atrium**

Parent: I want you to know that the atrium is affecting my boys at home. One son (8) leaves the atrium, flying high. The joy is almost tangible. The other son (10) is asking profound questions like ***“How do we know God is real?”*** I know he is thinking and it's sinking in.

❖ **The offering of Prospora Loaves & Artos for Litya & Artoklasia**

If you signed to bake the loaves for Prospora, please ensure that it is available in church **at least the day before** the Divine Liturgy.



Artoklasia bread (artos) can be brought on the day of the feast within half-an-hour before the service.

If, for any reason, you cannot prepare the bread, please arrange with someone else to cover for you.



Do not delay, unless you wish to teach your children procrastination. Instead, show them your love and gratitude to God for His blessings by working hard to complete your work, and you will teach your children to be grateful for what they have. ***His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH***

I want to share with you my joy and love, because it is my most precious gift from God. You do not have to be rich or famous to know peace, for there are wealthy men who are tormented and depressed. Rejoice in the blessings you have, and you will find them added to. ***His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH***

If I had in myself only a fist-full of blood, I would shed it for the icon of Christ. ***St. Stephen the New Martyr***

My deepest desire is that we can support one another in our ministries, and see our cooperation become a model for the clergy and laity of our respective communities. ***His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH***



The successful man or woman is not the richest or the most powerful, but the one who is content. We first must be content with ourselves, otherwise our children will despair that there is no happiness in this life.

His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH



It is said of St. Peter of Alexandria that he never climbed the steps and sat on the patriarchal throne in church, but rather stood or sat before the steps of the throne.

When the faithful complained that their hierarch did not sit in his place, he replied: "*Whenever I approach the throne, I see a heavenly light and power upon it, and that is why I do not dare climb and sit on it.*"

