

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. From Aster Dombowsky

All are invited to the **babies' party** at Debra and Michael Cook's house on Sunday, **July 9th at 3:30 pm**, in honour of all our new babies born this year: Ruth Friesen, Micah Siebert, Ruth, Efrata, and Sophia Machnee.

We are hoping to barbecue outside. There is a water spray park nearby, so for the kids bring swim suits and towels. Some of the older girls are going to be there to help babysit.

If you're able, and/or want to, bring a side salad/appetizer to share, also lawn chairs. Debra will provide sodas and water. If you would like to bring any other beverages, please do so.

Let Debra or Aster know if you are coming so they can plan for BBQ. Feel free to arrive as early as you would like; the goal is to eat at 5pm, so those that are planning to go to vespers have the time to do so.

2. From Rachel Machnee

- Due to the baby shower event this Sunday afternoon, we will NOT be having a potluck lunch after church.
- Summer lunches: This year, during the summer, all lunches will be potluck style. We will also aim to have our lunch out in the park once or twice a month. On the weeks that we will be having a picnic in the park I will send out an email a few days before to let everyone know. Thanks.

3. From Pres. Linda

If you have a lot of items to donate to the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd fundraiser this summer, you can drop them off directly at Value Village. Phone Edna at 306-668-6161 to make an appointment to do so, and be sure to tell her it's for St. Vincent Orthodox Church. **This is important** or they might not get credited to our account.

4. 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.**



LOOKING AHEAD

❖ **From Mary & Anthony Machnee**

Sophia Barbara Machnee will be baptized **Saturday July 22nd at 5pm.** Everyone is welcome of course! There will be a light reception with cake and punch in between the Baptism and Vespers

❖ **Sunday, July 30 - Friday, August 4, 2017**

CAMP SAINT INNOCENT (CSI) ages 7 - 18

Deer Valley - Meadows Camp, Alix, AB

This is the camp blessed by our Metropolitan, and thus the camp that the church will support, 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 could also 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).

❖ **Next PC Meeting** is scheduled for Monday, August 14 at 7 pm.



PASTORAL TEACHINGS, INFORMATION, DIRECTIVES, NOTES & SAYINGS

Church Decorum: An Opportunity for a Teaching Moment

Please remember that when the Gospel is being read or the "Our Father" is being prayed and you are about to enter the church, in respect for the Words of Christ please remain where you are until reciting has been completed.

Parents, Godparents, et al, as well, please draw the children's attention to the high moments during the Divine Liturgy and other services, at which time there should be no movement or talking/whispering in the church.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter of the church decorum.



Ammon complained to the venerable Sisoës the Great that he could not memorize the wise sayings that he read in order to be able to repeat them in conversation with men.

The saint replied to Him: "That is not necessary. It is necessary to attain purity of mind and to speak from that purity placing your hope in God."

A monk said to St. Sisoës: "I would like to preserve my heart but I cannot," to which the elder responded: "How can we preserve the heart when the gate to our heart, the tongue, stands open?"

"When a man begins to train himself in keeping silent, silence to him seems to be lesser than speech; but when he is trained in silence then he knows that speech is lesser than silence."

St. Nicholai of Zica

"Christ, invisible to the bodily eye, manifests Himself on earth clearly through His Church. The Church is the Body of Christ, both because its parts are united to Christ through His divine mysteries, and because through her Christ works in the world."

St. John of San Francisco

"Never confuse the person formed in the image of God, with the evil that is in him; because evil is but a chance misfortune, an illness, a devilish reverie. But the very essence of a person is the image of God, and this remains in him despite every disfigurement."

St John of Kronstadt