



# ST. VINCENT OF LERINS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*A parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America*

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## *Bulletin for The Week of Mar 4 - 11, 2018*

**Sun – Mar 4 St. Gregory of Palamas**

**9:00 am** Orthros

**10:00 am** Divine Liturgy

**Agape lunch team:** Daria, Debra, Sarah M.

Annual General Meeting during fellowship hour (*see #1 below*)



**Mon – Mar 5 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Great Lent**

**5:15 pm** Lighthouse dinner

**6:30 pm** Great Compline

**Wed – Mar 7**

**6:00 pm** Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts followed by soup and bun agape meal

**Fri – Mar 9**

**6:30 pm** Small Compline with Akathist to the Theotokos



**Sat – Mar 10**

**5:45 pm** Confessions  
**6:00 pm** Church school  
**6:00 pm** Inquirers' class  
**7:00 pm** Great Vespers

**Sun – Mar 11**

**9:00 am** Orthros  
**10:00 am** Divine Liturgy

**Agape lunch by Rachel Machnee**



# **REMINDERS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**1. From Adelle**

Annual General Meeting Sunday - March 4, during the fellowship hour.

All department heads, please have your reports ready to present and provide an emailed and/or hard copy. If you are a newly appointed department head (started September 2017), please contact the previous department head to obtain a report for 2017 before you took over your department.

All voting members please plan to attend the meeting. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the AGM.

**2. From Lois**

a) **NASHI** will be hosting another "PEROGY PARADISE" fund raiser on March 17<sup>th</sup> at the Holy Family Catholic Cathedral. Tickets cost \$50.00 per plate and there is a live and silent auction as well. They have a few tickets left. This year Victor Malarek from W5 will be the guest speaker on Human Trafficking. If you are interested, please talk to Lois (or Terry) or you can email Savelia Curnisky at [savelia@sasktel.net](mailto:savelia@sasktel.net)

b) We are planning some Lenten Alms opportunities for you to participate in, if you wish.

With Father Bernard's blessing we will offer the following:

- Collection of items for the Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Center. They are a support organization for women in crisis pregnancy who chose life for their baby instead of abortion. They request diapers (newborn to size 3), diaper wipes, and baby clothing (newborn to 24 months). Also socks, receiving blankets, toys and books are welcome.
- A money collection at our lunch table to help our teens and adults who will travel this summer to Project Mexico for a house-building experience. We have a total of 20 people going, 7 of whom are from our parish. Perhaps our collection will be used to pay for the donation made to the monastery where they will spend 2 nights on the way there.
- We will collect non-perishable food for the Saskatoon food bank
- It has been suggested that we organize a visitation at a seniors/nursing home during Lent. Please let me know if you/your children would be interested in participating in visiting and a program (similar to our Nativity Pageant)

### **3. Attention Mothers, Daughters, Grandmothers, and Godmothers!**

The annual Sask. Orthodox Women's Retreat is fast approaching. We gather on **April 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>**, for a time of spiritual refreshment and encouragement.

**Our theme is “*Keeping Our Spark Alight for Christ*”.**

Our presenter is Matushka Constantina Palmer, author of “*Scent of Holiness*” and “*The Sweetness of Grace*”!

We are again offering the Mother/Daughter special deal! Watch for the poster and registration form.

**For further information please talk to Aggie Friesen or Brenda Bray.**

Plan to attend. A blessing you won't want to miss!

4. Please contact Joan with names to be included in the prayer list, **for the parish members and their immediate families.**

The prayer list for this week is:

Fr. Bernard & Prs. Linda, Prs. Liana, Ilene, Heidi & Kosta, Aster & family, Matthew, Kelsy & family, Shane, Bruce, Adelle, Shaeleigh, Neoma, Ephrem, Crystal, Darlene, Joan, Victoria, Mervyn, Juliette, Madeleine, Gloria, Michael & Loraine, Donna Lee, Michael & Rose, Jordan, Mary, Anne, Hiet & Halid, Girmay, Berhane, Adam, Frewini & family, Lorena, Kyle, Ryan, Vitaly, Sue, Tyler, Jordan, David, Yvonne, Arlene, George & Mary, Edward

5. **Please remember to send your announcements to the church's email address, [stvincentorthch@sasktel.net](mailto:stvincentorthch@sasktel.net), **for the weekly bulletins by Wednesdays**; **AND for the monthly calendars - by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.****

6. **From Tony Machnee:**

Several of us from St. Vincent's will be traveling to Mexico in July to serve at Project Mexico and St. Innocent Orphanage. We are asking, if you are willing, please begin collecting your bottles for us in order to help supplement our expenses. **Please do not bring them to Church so no bottles are left in the church's basement indefinitely.** I will let everyone know when I will plan to collect the bottles on a designated Sunday so that everyone can bring them, and I can take them the same day.

Daria shared an email few weeks ago with a link to our fundraising page. By accessing the link, you can donate to the whole group, or select individuals to support, and you can donate

anonymously if you want. If you donate to the whole group, please note that will include 20 people from various cities and churches. If you would like to only support the 7 of us from St. Vincent, let me know and I can make that possible. If you are able and willing to donate, we would greatly appreciate your support for this trip.

## 7. **From Rachel Machnee**

Attention all bargain hunters! I need your help!

In an effort to cut down on the amount of food wasted at church lunch, we are going to start using smaller sized plates. However, we only have a limited amount of the medium sized Corelle dishes. We need some more, but we don't want to pay full price. So, if anyone has any that they would like to donate, or if you see some for a really good deal at the thrift store please pick them up for us. The church can reimburse you for the cost of the plates. **We are ONLY looking for CORELLE dishes**, the medium sized plate, I believe it is 8½ inches, as they are thin and stack nicely.

Any questions, please **contact Rachel Machnee**. Thanks.

## 8. **Snow Removal This Winter!!!**

**Help keep our church clean**

- Please consider signing up to shovel snow to help keep the church's sidewalks clean. There is a **sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex**.
- Please **remove wet boots/shoes before entering the church**; if you must have shoes on, then bring another pair to change into.



# LOOKING AHEAD

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❖ **Youth Group Event:**

When: Sunday - March 25<sup>th</sup>, immediately after church

Where: at Lorena's home in Borden

❖ **April 1** Palm Sunday

❖ **April 8** Great & Holy Pascha

❖ **Apr 27-29** Women's Retreat

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## PASTORAL TEACHINGS, INFORMATION, DIRECTIVES, NOTES & SAYINGS

*Christ said, 'Whoever shall say to his brother "You fool" shall be guilty enough to go to the hell of fire' (Mt. 5:22). If, then, you can eradicate this evil, calling down upon your soul the benediction of gentleness, then glorify Christ, the teacher and ministrant of every virtue, without whom, as we have been taught, we can do nothing good. But if you are unable to bridle your temper, censure yourself whenever you lose it, and repent before God and before anyone to whom you have spoken or have acted evilly. If you repent at the inception of sin you will not commit the sin itself; but if you feel no pang in committing minor offenses, you will through them fall into major transgressions.*

**St. Gregory Palamas**

*The Savior began the work of our salvation with fasting. In the same way all those who follow in the footsteps of the Savior build on this foundation the beginning of their endeavor, since fasting is a weapon established by God.*

**St. Isaac the Syrian**

*Humble people have no needless or petty quarrels with others, because they have no egocentric desires to always have their own way. They are not self-seeking for they know that it is God's will, not their own, that they should strive for. Therefore, humility naturally brings with it unity, both with God and with our fellows.*

**His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH**