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Weekly Bulletin

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THE WEEK OF NOV 12 - 19, 2017

Sun - Nov 12 8th Sunday of Luke

9:00 am Orthros

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

12:45 pm Enquirers' class in Upstairs Atrium

Pre-Nativity Agape Lunch - Potluck style

Mon - Nov 13 10:00 am Paraklesis @ J. Dombowsky

5:15 pm Lighthouse dinner

Wed - Nov 15 Nativity Fast begins

Fri - Nov 17 6:00 pm Vespers followed by Opening Session

Pre-Nativity Retreat with Fr. John Bethancourt

Sat - Nov 18 9:30 am Morning Prayers

10:00 am Retreat Session 1

1:30 pm Retreat Session 2

Please bring a fasting potluck dish to share at lunch

5:45 pm Confessions

6:00 pm Church school

6:00 pm Inquirers' Class

7:00 pm Great Vespers

Sun – Nov 19 9th Sunday of Luke

9:00 am Orthros

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

12:45 pm Inquirers' Class in Upstairs Atrium

Agape lunch team: Aggie, Amanda, Yvonne/Arlene

5:30 pm Vespers followed by

Retreat Wrap-up and Q/A session



ANNOUNCEMENTS / REMINDERS

1. From Lois

- a) Please remember that **NOVEMBER 19** is the **deadline to return your Samaritan's Purse shoe boxes**. Place them on the back table and use a rubber band from the bulletin board to secure your box, if necessary. Thanks.
- b) The Nativity fast begins November 15. We offer two alms-giving options. 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 offer both options. We will also have a MONEY OFFERING BOX on the lunch tables throughout Advent and use the money to purchase grocery gift cards rather than Christmas Hampers. Thanks again for your generous participation in the alms.
- c) I am looking for volunteers to check the Christmas Pageant costumes soon, and perhaps sew a few new ones, so that they are ready and in good order by early December. If you can help, please speak to Lois. If any children are interested in doing a few extra additions to the program, such as a Christmas piano piece or something suitable, let Lois know. We would only have room for 3-4 extras as the time-frame is short, so first-come first-serve.

2. From Joan

- a) With Fr. Bernard's blessing, the prayer list for the parish, and their immediate families, for this week is

Categories are:

- **With child:** Aster & family, Kelsy & family, Roman & family, Rahwa & family
- **Health & well-being:** Shane, Shaeleigh, Bruce, Adelle, Brendan, Neoma, Ephrem, Crystal, Darlene, Joan, Victoria, Prs. Linda, Prs. Liana, Anna K., Ilene, Mervyn, Juliette, Gloria
- **Travelling:** Fr. Florin
- **Homecare facilities:** Michael & Rose
- **Newly departed:** Bishop Antoun, Rev. Canon Bob, Neil

Please feel free to contact me with information.

b) PLEASE do not store anything in the elevator access area.

3. As Fr. Florin will be away during the month of November, we will not be serving the mid-weekly Orthros & Divine Liturgies, except for the ***Feast of The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple***, since this is a Major Feast Day. However, we will be serving Great Vespers for various feasts during week-days to maintain a healthy liturgical cycle.
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

- ❖ **Monday, November 20, 6:30 pm** - Great Vespers with Litya and Artoklasia for the Feast of the Entrance of the Holy Theotokos into the Temple.
- ❖ **Tuesday, November 21**
Feast of the Entrance of the Holy Theotokos into the Temple
9 am Orthros & 10 am Divine Liturgy

- ❖ **Friday, November 24** - Great Vespers with Litya and Artoklasia for the feast of St. Katherine the Great.
- ❖ The **next Parish Council Meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, **November 28**, at 7 p.m.
- ❖ On **Dec. 10 at 2:30 pm** we will be having a Christmas Pageant for the children to participate in, to be held at Samaritan's Place long-term care facility where Mike and Rose Kerelchuck, as well as Peggy Walker's parents, live. We welcome children, and adults alike, to join us in bringing cheer to the residents who live there. Practices and rehearsals will be at church, either during the homily or during lunch hour.



PASTORAL TEACHINGS, INFORMATION, DIRECTIVES, NOTES & SAYINGS

We are called to become disciples, and to learn, so that we might become better equipped to go out into the world and transform it with the truth of Orthodoxy. I know that in America, there is an old saying that 'the best defense is a good offense'. My brothers in Christ, this is not just for football, but it is the very core of the Christian calling: "For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels" (Mark 8:38).

His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Heb 11:1)". And here He pronounces blessed not the disciples only, but those also who after them should believe.

St. John Chrysostom

The more sin continues, the more our life is in a mess. Sin produces fear, but where there is no sin, there is no fear.

His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH

"Although I was born into an Orthodox Christian family in Syria, I am a convert, too; I have to convert to Jesus Christ every day. We are all converts."

His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH

Guard your mind from evil thoughts concerning your neighbors, knowing that the demons put them there aiming to blind you to your own sins and prevent you from directing yourself toward God.

St. Elias the Egyptian

