



ST. VINCENT OF LERINS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Weekly Bulletin

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THE WEEK OF NOV 5 - 12 , 2017

- Sun - Nov 5** 5th Sunday of Luke
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
12:45 pm Catechism in Upstairs Atrium
Agape lunch team: Brenda; Ilene; Lindsey
- Mon - Nov 6** 10:00 am Paraklesis @ J. Dombowsky
- Wed - Nov 8** 6:30 pm Great Vespers with Litya/Artoklasia
for St. Nectarios
- Fri - Nov 10** 7 - 9 pm Youth Event - details under announcements #3
- Sat - Nov 11** 5:45 pm Confessions
NO Church school
6:00 pm Catechism
7:00 pm Great Vespers
- Sun - Nov 12** 8th Sunday of Luke
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
12:45 pm Catechism in Upstairs Atrium
Pre-Nativity Potluck Lunch

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REMINDERS

1. Dear families, we are beginning preparations for the St. Nicholas feast play. If you have church school children ages 6+ who are interested in having a part in the play this year (either speaking or acting only), please **e-mail or call Anna Friesen** at: annajustfriesen@gmail.com or phone: 306-931-7104, **by Monday November 6th**. Please leave a voice message if necessary.
2. Iola Pryma, our former neighbour at 517-30 St W, reposed on Tuesday morning, October 31. Her funeral service will be at Christ Church Anglican on Monday, November 6 at 2:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.
3. **Youth Event**
When: **Friday, November 10, 7:00-9:00 pm**
What: Movie Night
Where: Andrew & Rachel's house - 1533A Prince of Wales Ave
Bring: A snack to share
4. 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.
5. **From Joan**
 - a) With Fr. Bernard's blessing, I would like to compile a prayer list for the parish, and their immediate families, in the weekly bulletin. I will need your help to complete the list.

Categories are:

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

Please feel free to contact me with information. I'm sure, initially, I will forget or neglect someone. Please be patient as we try this idea.

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

6. **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, Nov 13** - Lighthouse dinner at 5:15pm.
- ❖ **Wednesday, Nov 15** - Nativity Fast starts. Please refer to the fasting calendar for fasting regimen.
- ❖ **November 17 - 19** God willing we will have the Pre-Nativity of Christ Retreat with V.Rev.Fr. John Bethancourt, pastor of the Holy Trinity Antiochian Orthodox Church in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The topic is ***Faith in a Fragmented World: Living Orthodoxy from a Joyful Heart***. Fr. John is an extremely gifted speaker and teacher and we look forward to having him with us.

a) The following is the retreat schedule:

Friday, Nov 17	6:00 pm	Opening Session
Saturday, Nov 18	10:00 am	Session 1
	1:30 pm	Session 2
Sunday, Nov 19	6:00 pm	Wrap Up / Q&A

b) Here are some of the topics/questions:

- What is the goal of Orthodoxy?
- What is faith?
- Is life essentially a tragedy, or, in the classical sense, a comedy?
- What did the elder mean who said "Find your peace in the eye of the storm ... and then move as fast as the storm moves"
- What does St. Porphyrios mean when he says that "if you want to become a Christian, first you must become a poet?"

➤ How can Game Theory assist us on the path of Orthodoxy?

c) You may provide questions that you would want Fr. John to address, by placing them in the receptacle on the Bulletin Board by the back stairs.

Please bring a fasting potluck dish to share at lunch on Saturday.

❖ **From Lois**

➤ Please take note of the **"PACK-A-BOX" display for Samaritan's purse**. This is an opportunity for our children (and adults!) to participate in Alms Giving. Usually our alms projects take place during the Christmas Fast, however we begin early because **the delivery date for these boxes is November 19th**. This allows time to distribute these gifts to other countries prior to Christmas. Please follow the enclosed pamphlet directions CAREFULLY and add the shipping costs to your box, and **return** it, closed with a rubber band (provided on the bulletin board), **on or before November 19th**.

➤ Lois is looking for volunteers to check over the Christmas Pageant costumes soon, and perhaps sew a few new ones, so that they are ready and in good order by early December. We hope, once again, to do a small program at Samaritan's Place Care Home in mid-December. If you can help, please speak to Lois. Janelle Machnee has graciously agreed to be the director of this event. 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 extra's as the time-frame is short, so first-come first-serve.



PASTORAL TEACHINGS, INFORMATION, DIRECTIVES, NOTES & SAYINGS

The fruits of trees are hard, repugnant to the taste, and unfit for consumption until the sweetness that comes from the sun has fallen upon them. Even so the first labors of repentance are bitter and extremely repugnant, and they give...no consolation until they receive the sweetness that comes from divine vision, which translates the heart from earthly things such that it even forgets itself.

St. Isaac the Syrian

Do not approach the words of the mysteries contained in the divine Scriptures without prayer and beseeching God for help, but say: 'Lord, grant me to perceive the power in them! Reckon prayer to be the key to the true understanding of the divine Scriptures.

St. Isaac the Syrian

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To the faithful of St. Vincent of Lerins Orthodox Church of the town of Saskatoon, to the father rector of St. Vincent of Lerins Orthodox Church Bernard Nectarios Funk, to the Parish Council of St. Vincent of Lerins Orthodox Church of the town of Saskatoon

Dear beloved brothers in Christ!

The Peter and Paul parish of Regina is so much grateful to you for your significant and very well-timed contribution to the renovation of our church building, the matter of the most concern for our Christian community and, we believe, one of the point of the development and the growth of the Orthodox Church in Canada.

Thank you for supporting our hope and faith as we have been struggling to fulfill this for years and are currently going through one of the most crucial period of the construction, when the long-term efforts become visible, and, on the other hand, we have to pass a certain check from the authorities.

May our Lord, whose will you have been faithfully fulfilling, give you His peace from above, good health and every gift of His lifegiving Spirit!



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