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Weekly Bulletin

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THE WEEK OF NOV 26 – DEC 3, 2017

Sun – Nov 26 13th Sunday of Luke

9:00 am Orthros

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

12:45 pm Inquirers' Class in Upstairs Atrium

Agape lunch team: Janelle/Darcy; Dave/Sara; Sara M.

Mon – Nov 27

10:00 am Paraklesis @ J. Dombowsky

5:15 pm Lighthouse dinner

7:00 pm Mom's Akathist prayers at Kelsy Friesen's
918 Ave D N, phone 306-514-0471

Tues – Nov 28 7:00pm Parish Council Meeting

Wed - Nov 29

6:00pm the Myrrh-streaming Miracle-Working icon
of the Mother of God at St. Vladimir's
Russian Orthodox Church (details under #1)



Sat – Dec 2

5:00 pm St. Nicholas Vignette practice

5:45 pm Confessions

6:00 pm Church school for the 3-9 year old who are not in the Vignette practice

6:00 pm Inquirers' Class

7:00 pm Great Vespers

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS / REMINDERS

- 1. Wednesday - November 29 @ 6pm** the Myrrh-streaming Miracle-Working icon of the Mother of God "***Softener of evil hearts***" will be at St. Vladimir's Russian Orthodox Church, 215 Egbert Ave, Saskatoon.

The short story of the Myrrh-streaming Icon of the Mother of God, called "***Softener of evil hearts***" is found in the following link

<https://iconreader.wordpress.com/2012/06/09/miracle-working-softener-of-evil-hearts-icon/>



2. From Rachel

There was some confusion about how the babysitters for the retreat this past weekend were getting paid. Sorry about that! I just wanted to send a quick email to clarify things for everyone.

Over the weekend I had a few parents ask me if they could donate some money to help cover the cost of the babysitters at the retreat. I wasn't quite sure how the babysitters were getting paid, so I am sorry that I am not getting back to you until now.

After discussing it with Dave we decided that we would collect money from anyone who wanted to contribute and then if need be, the parish council will top up with some additional money.

SO, IF you would like to donate some money to help cover the cost of the babysitters, GREAT! You can give me the money this weekend at church. After the parent contributions are collected this weekend we will determine whether or not more money needs to be donated by parish council.

Thanks to our faithful youth who took such good care of all the kids, I think that at one point they had about 20 kids including several babies! They did a great job!

3. From Debra

The end of the year is fast approaching. Please note if you have any invoices that require reimbursement they need to be in 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 deposit 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 would be greatly appreciated.

4. From Lois

- a) We will offer two 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 use the money to purchase grocery gift cards rather than Christmas Hampers. Thanks again for your generous participation in the alms.

- b) I am looking for volunteers to check the Christmas Pageant costumes, 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.
- c) 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 will only have room for 3-4 extras, as the time-frame is short, so first-come first-serve.

5. Please contact Joan with names you want to be included in the prayer list for **the parish, and their immediate families**. The prayer list for this week is
- **With child**: Aster & family, Kelsy & family, Roman & family, Rahwa & family
 - **Health & well-being**: 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
 - **Travelling**: Fr. Florin
 - **Homecare facilities**: Michael & Rose
 - **Newly departed**: Neil, Eric, Nolan
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

❖ **Tuesday, December 5**

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

❖ **Sunday, December 10**

2:30 pm Children's Christmas Pageant at Samaritan 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 the lunch hour.



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

From one of our catechists: It occurred to me that the Theotokos, our perfect model in the Church, was brought to the Temple to pray at the age of 3. The perfect age to begin a life of prayer! What a wonderful confirmation of catechesis starting at age 3.



The time of separation does not grieve him who frees himself from everything earthly...The righteous, the holy, and the ascetics rejoice at the hour of death and separation, having the great labors of their asceticism, vigils and prayers, fasts and tears, sackcloth and the subjection of their bodies to hardship before their eyes. Their souls leap up, for they are prepared to go out of their bodies for their rest.

St. Ephraim the Syrian



