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Weekly Bulletin

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THE WEEK OF OCT 29 – NOV 5 , 2017

- Sun – Oct 29** **7th Sunday of Luke**
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
NO Catechism
Agape lunch team: Jodine S, Peggy W., Sue
- Mon – Oct 30** **10:00 am** Paraklesis @ J. Dombowsky
7:00 pm Moms' Akathist @ Janelle Machnee
701 Osborne Street, 306-221-4996
- Sat – Nov 4** **5:45 pm** Confessions
6:00 pm Church school
6:00 pm Catechism
7:00 pm Great Vespers
- Sun – Nov 5** **St. Raphael Hawaweeny Commemoration**
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
12:45 pm Catechism in Upstairs Atrium
Agape lunch team: Brenda; Ilene; Lindsey



ANNOUNCEMENTS / REMINDERS

1. From Prs. Linda

Thank you for the donations of slippers to the atria. The children are already enjoying them!

2. 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, Kelsey & family, Roman & family, Salem & family
- **Health & well-being**: Ephrem, Crystal, Darlene, Joan, Victoria, Prs. Linda, Prs. Liana, Adelle, Anna K., Dc John, Ilene, Mervyn, Juliette
- **Travelling**: Fr. Florin, Brenda, Ephrem
- **Homecare facilities**: Michael & Rose
- **Departed**: Rev. Canon Bob, Bishop Antoun, Neil

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

- b) **PLEASE** don't store anything in the elevator access area. There should be lots of room to maneuver wheel chairs and mobility equipment to enter the elevator. Thank you for your consideration

3. 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 Nov. 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.

4. During the month of November Fr. Florin will be away, so we will not be serving the weekly Orthros & Divine Liturgies, except for the Feast of 'The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple', since it is a Major Feast Day. However, we will be serving Great Vespers for various feasts during the week, to maintain a healthy Liturgical cycle.
5. **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

November 17 - 19 God willing we will have a Pre-Nativity of Christ Retreat with V.Rev.Fr. John Bethancourt, pastor of the Holy Trinity Antiochian Orthodox Church in Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the topic: ***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	Session 1
Saturday, Nov 18	10:00 am	Session 2
	1:30 pm	Session 3
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?

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



PASTORAL TEACHINGS, INFORMATION,
DIRECTIVES, NOTES & SAYINGS

The righteous Job said: Is not a man's life on earth a trial? Are not his days as those of a hireling? (Job 7:1) Therefore, one must be as a watchful guard and be prepared for all that may happen. *St. Nikolai of Zica*

Be fearful that you do not become famous because of some work that you do. If they begin to praise you because of your work, do not rejoice or take delight in it, but keep your works secret as much as you can, and do not allow anyone to speak about them. *St. Anthony*

Do not fear the conflict, do not flee it. Where there is no struggle, there is no virtue. Where faith and love are not tested, it is not possible to be sure if they are really present. They are proved and revealed in adversity. *St. John of Kronstadt*

To believe in Christ, either child-like simplicity is needed or to be a fool in the eyes of the world. *Father Sophrony*

Prayer revives the Divine breath which God breathed into Adam's nostrils. *Father Sophrony*

Every other evil is easier to conquer than pleasure, for all other evils are repulsive – while the evil of pleasure is attractive. He who frees himself from desires, frees himself from fear, for fear arises from desire. *St. Cyprian*