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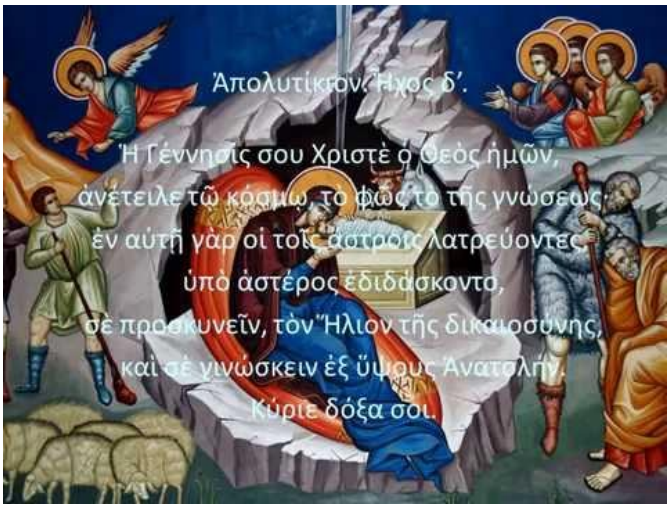
## COMMUNITY NEWS




Ο ιερέας μας πατήρ Σπυρίδων Βανδώρος, ο πρόεδρος και τα μέλη του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου της Κοινότητάς μας, η πρόεδρος και τα μέλη της Φιλοπτώχου Αδελφότητας,
**Σας Εύχονται Καλά Χριστούγεννα**

Our priest Reverend Father Spiridon Vandoros, the president and the members of our community council, the president and the members of the "Ladies of Philoptochos Society",
**Wish you Merry Christmas**

Το Ελληνικό Σχολείο θα ήθελε να ευχαριστήσει θερμά τον κ. Γιώργο Ντούλια και τους βοηθούς του Κωνσταντίνο Ντούλια, Δημήτριο Περεντέ και Αθανάσιο Χριστοδουλούλη για τους λουκουμάδες που έφτιαξαν και πρόσφεραν καθώς και τον Σύλλογο Γονέων που τους πούλησαν για την ενίσχυση του σχολείου μας.

The Greek School would like to thank Mr. George Doulias, and his assistants Dino Doulias, Jim Perentes, and Thano Christodouloulis for the loukoumades they made and offered to the Greek School. In addition, a big thank you to the Parents' Association for selling the loukoumades to support our school.

If you still want to support the Greek School but you didn't have a chance to buy loukoumades you can still donate on the church's website: https://gocregina.com/donate/

**Daughters of Penelope Greek Dancing -Update**

Due to these uncertain times and low student enrollment the Daughters of Penelope Board has made the decision to CANCEL dancing this term. Hopefully Greek Dancing will be able to resume again in the fall. We want everyone to stay safe and healthy during this time.

Sincerely,
Sophia Kolitsas & Vasilis Vandoros

## A Message from the President

We are entering the final month of what has been, without a doubt, one of the most difficult years for all of us. It has been difficult emotionally, spiritually and for many of us financially as well.

The Community Council and the employees of St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church have done our absolute best to ensure that the spiritual aspect is accessible to all of us in one way or another. We continue to live stream our church services on Facebook which can also be accessed via our website (www.gocregina.com). Our Greek School was not able to use public school classrooms this year, so we set up classrooms in our Church Hall and ensure that the children are provided a safe environment including proper distancing so they can continue to learn the Greek language.

We have enacted safety measures using the guidelines from provincial health authorities to minimize the chance of transmission of the coronavirus within our building. The building continues to be properly sanitized after church services and following Greek School classes. Your overwhelming acceptance and support of these measures has made a difficult job a little easier. **Thank you!**

The Coronavirus Pandemic has put the financial health of our Church at risk. Mosaic was cancelled this year and will likely not take place in 2021. The church was closed to parishioners for several months and is currently limited as to how many people can attend. We were able to access several of the federal and provincial aid programs that provided us with several thousand dollars of support. I also had faith and never doubted that all of you would step up to help. You made donations and asked to have candles lit while the church was closed. When we could attend church services again, you gave a little extra in the candle tray and collection tray. We also sincerely thank some of parishioners that came forward with larger donations. Some gave regular donations that added up to several hundred dollars; and others made one-time donations of $1,000, $2,000, $4,000 and $5,000! **Thank you!**

The end of this year also marks the end of the term of the Community Council. This will also be my final year as president of St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Community of Regina. It has been a great honour and privilege to serve in this capacity for 16 of the past 18 years and I have learned a great deal about our faith, leadership and stewardship. I sincerely thank and appreciate everyone that I have worked with over those years on Council and in the community in general. **Thank you!**

My contributions to St. Paul's will not end here, however. As a lifelong member and steward of our church and community I will continue to help by offering my time, talents and treasure to the best of my ability. The time has come for others to step up and serve. Please consider how **you** can help.

On behalf of myself and the Community Council I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Healthy and Prosperous New Year in 2021.

Chrisostomos Perentes, Archon Aktuarios
President, St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Community of Regina

## SAINT PAUL'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH • PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER 2020
## ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΟΣ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ Ο ΑΓΙΟΣ ΠΑΥΛΟΣ • ΔΕΚΕΜΒΡΙΟΣ 2020

| DAY | PROGRAM | SERVICES | TIME |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sunday<br>December 6th | **Του Αγίου Νικολάου**<br>Nicholas the Wonderworker | **Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία**<br>Orthros & Divine Liturgy | 9:00 to<br>11:00 a.m. |
| Saturday<br>December 12th | **Σπυρίδωνος Θαυματουργού**<br>Spyridon the Wonderworker | **Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία**<br>Orthros & Divine Liturgy | 9:00 to<br>10:30 a.m. |
| Sunday<br>December 13th | **11η Κυριακή του Λουκά**<br>11th Sunday of Luke | **Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία**<br>Orthros & Divine Liturgy | 9:00 to<br>11:00 a.m. |
| Sunday<br>December 20th | **Προ της Γέννησις του Χριστού**<br>Sunday before the Nativity of Jesus Christ | **Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία**<br>Orthros & Divine Liturgy | 9:00 to<br>11:00 a.m. |
| Monday<br>December 21st | Service will be held:<br>**St. Anargyroi Church**<br>**YORKTON** | **Θεία Λειτουργία**<br>Divine Liturgy | 7:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday<br>December 23rd | Service will be held:<br>**Lifegiving Font Church**<br>**SWIFT CURRENT** | **Θεία Λειτουργία**<br>Divine Liturgy | 7:00 p.m. |
| Thursday<br>December 24th<br>**EVENING** | **Η Γέννησις του Σωτήρος Ημών**<br>The Nativity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ | **Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία**<br>Orthros & Divine Liturgy | **7:00 to**<br>**9:00 p.m.** |
| Friday<br>December 25th | **Η Γέννησις του Σωτήρος Ημών**<br>The Nativity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ | **Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία**<br>Orthros & Divine Liturgy | 9:00 to<br>11:00 a.m. |
| Sunday<br>December 27th | **Κυριακή μετά την Γέννησιν του Σωτήρος**<br>Sunday after the Nativity of Christ<br>**Πρωτομάρτυρα Στεφάνου**<br>First Martyr Stephen | **Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία**<br>Orthros & Divine Liturgy | 9:00 to<br>11:00 a.m. |

## Mnimosino:

December 6th: one year memorial service for **Geronda Ephraim of Philotheou and Arizona**

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6<br>**9:00 a.m.**<br>Nicholas the Wonderworker | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12<br>**9:00 a.m.**<br>Spyridon the Wonderworker |
| 13<br>**9:00 a.m.**<br>11th Sunday of Luke | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20<br>**9:00 a.m.**<br>Sunday before the Nativity of Jesus Christ | 21<br>**7:00 p.m.**<br>Service will be held: St. Anargyroi Church Yorkton | 22 | 23<br>**7:00 p.m.**<br>Service will be held:<br>Life Giving Font, **Swift Current** | 24<br>**7:00 p.m.**<br>The Nativity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ | 25<br>**9:00 a.m.**<br>The Nativity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ | 26 |
| 27<br>**9:00 a.m.**<br>Sunday after the Nativity of Christ | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |

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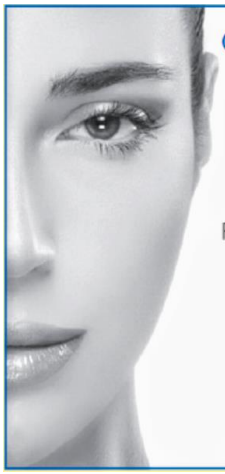

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