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SAINT PAUL'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH • PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY 2022
ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΟΣ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ Ο ΑΓΙΟΣ ΠΑΥΛΟΣ • ΦΕΒΡΟΥΑΡΙΟΣ 2022

DAY	PROGRAM	SERVICES	TIME
Wednesday February 2nd	**Η Υπαπαντή του Κυρίου** Lord's Presentation in the Temple	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday February 6th	**Της Χαναναίας** Canaanite Woman	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Thursday February 10th	**Του Αγίου Χαραλάμπους** Holy Martyr Haralambos	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday February 13th (Triodion Starts)	**Τελώνου & Φαρισαίου** Publican & Pharisee	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 11:30a.m.
Sunday February 20th	**Κυριακή του Ασώτου** Sunday of the Prodigal Son	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 11:30a.m.
Monday February 21st	Service will be held: St. Anargyroi Church, **Yorkton**	**Θεία Λειτουργία** Divine Liturgy	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday February 23rd	Service will be held: Lifegiving Font Church, **Swift Current**	**Θεία Λειτουργία** Divine Liturgy	7:00 p.m.
Saturday February 26th	**Ά Ψυχοσσάβατον** 1st Soul Saturday	**Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία & Τρισάγιον** Orthros, Divine Liturgy & Trisagion	9:00 to 10:45a.m.
Sunday February 27th	**Κυριακή της Αποκρεώ** Meat Fare Sunday	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 11:30a.m.

Wedding:
January 2nd: Anthea Kolitsas and Marian Grabowski
Koubaroi: Adriana Gourgaris Lien and Carmen Lien

Mnimosino: **February 13th** 3 year memorial service for Nick Lygouriatis

Funeral: Demetra Pappas fell asleep in the Lord on January 17th

Parent Teacher Association (PTA) of Greek School

The Greek School's PTA is excited to announce a couple fundraisers for Easter.
1- Godparents: starting mid-March we will be selling lampathes for your Godchildren. There will be different designs for all age groups.
2- A week before Easter, we will be selling tsourekia.
More information will follow soon. Please follow our Facebook page "Parents Association – Regina Greek school" for more information on our fundraisers.

Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee (February 13th)

The Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee is the first Sunday of a three-week period prior to the commencement of Great Lent. It marks the beginning of a time of preparation for the spiritual journey of Lent, a time for Orthodox Christians to draw closer to God through worship, prayer, fasting, and acts of charity. It is also on this day that the Triodion is introduced, a liturgical book that contains the services from this Sunday, the tenth before Pascha (Easter), to Great and Holy Saturday.

The name for this Sunday is taken from the parable of our Lord Jesus Christ found in Luke 18:10-14. This is the story of two men, one a Pharisee, a member of a Jewish sect known for its diligent observance of the Law, and the other a Publican, a government official charged with the responsibility of collecting taxes.

Both men enter the temple, and the Pharisee stands openly and prays, thanking God that he is not like other men, specifically extortioners, the unjust, adulterers, "or even this tax collector". He then begins to list his religious accomplishments by stating, "I fast twice a week, and I give tithes of all that I possess". In direct contrast to the pride of the Pharisee, the Publican goes to a place where he will not be noticed by others and beats his breast saying, "God, be merciful to me a sinner!"

Having told this story, Jesus affirms that it was the Publican who returned home justified and forgiven rather than the Pharisee. He states, "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted".

The theme of this parable is repentance. Repentance is the door through which we enter Lent, the starting-point of the journey to Pascha. To repent signifies far more than self-pity or futile regret over things done in the past. The Greek term metanoia means "change of mind." To repent is to be renewed, to be transformed in our inward viewpoint, to attain a fresh way of looking at our relationship with God and with others. The fault of the Pharisee is that he has no desire to change his outlook; he is complacent, self-satisfied, and so he allows no place for God to act within him. The Gospel depicts him as a man that is pleased only with himself who thinks that he has complied with all of the requirements of religion. But in his pride, he has falsified the meaning of true religion and faith. He has reduced these to external observations, measuring his piety by the amount of money he gives.

The Publican, on the other hand, truly longs for a "change of mind." He humbles himself, and his humility justifies him before God. He becomes, in the words of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:3), "poor in spirit." He acknowledges that he is a sinner, and he knows that salvation is only found in the mercy of God. Here we find an example of true humility, an essential aspect of repentance. A "change of mind" and the transformation of our lives can only happen when we humble ourselves before God, acknowledge our willingness to turn from sin, and receive His grace into our lives.

Our preparation for Lent thus begins with a prayer for humility, the beginning of true repentance. Through repentance, we can find and return to the true order of things, a restoration of our spiritual vision that will guide us in a very difficult and challenging world. By entering Great Lent in humility and repentance, we can attain deeper communion with God as we receive His forgiveness and He blesses by guiding us to greater spiritual heights.

The week that follows the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee is designated by the Church as a non-fasting week. All foods are allowed on every day of the week, including Wednesday and Friday. This dispensation from fasting is offered as a way of indicating that Great Lent and a more intense fasting period is approaching.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6:30 p.m. Lord's Presentation in the Temple	3	4	5
6 9:00 a.m. Cannanite Woman	7	8	9	10 6:30 p.m. Holy Martyr Haralambos	11	12
13 9:00 a.m. Publican & Pharisee	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 9:00 a.m. Sunday of the Prodigal Son	21 7:00 p.m. Service will be held at St. Anargyroi Church Yorkton	22	23 7:00 p.m. Service will be held at Lifegiving Font Church Swift Current	24	25	26 9:00 a.m. 1st Soul Saturday
27 9:00 a.m. Meat Fare Sunday	28					

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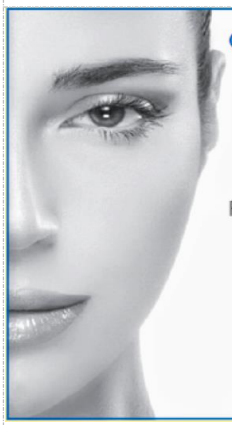

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