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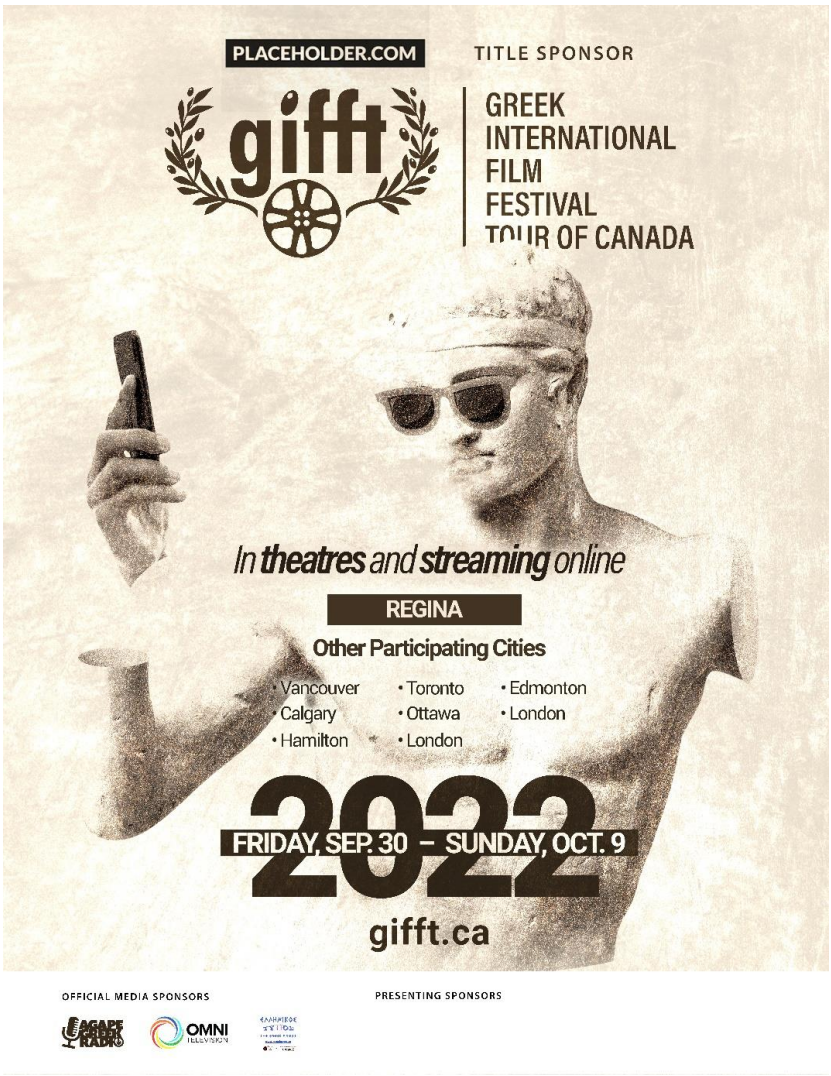
COMMUNITY NEWS



Regina will be one of nine Canadian host cities of The Greek International Film Festival Tour of Canada (GIFFT) where we will be screening Greek feature films, documentaries and short films on Sept. 30, Oct. 1 and 2.

Full information is available on the GIFFT website: www.gifft.ca where you can see the films, dates and venues. Here you are also able to purchase tickets online.

We will also be posting information on the **Regina Greek Events** Facebook page

The feature films we will be showing include:

Smyrna My Beloved The historical incidents and facts that proceeded and occurred during the occupation of Smyrna in 1922 by the Turkish Army, including the massacre of the local Greek and Armenian population, are recounted through the lives of the Baltatzis family.

Where Are You Adam? This documentary is set at the ancient Dochiariou Monastery on the western shore of Mount Athos. Images of nature alternate with the monks' almost ceaseless round of work and prayer, creating a rhythmic bond between man and the natural world that hints at a paradise we all dimly yearn for.

The jewel of this rich Byzantine setting, however, is the monks themselves, whose warmth and authenticity has been captured through a revelation of their daily lives, each with its joys, hopes, and frailties.

By inviting the filmmakers into their midst, the monks hope to encourage each viewer to awaken to his own resurrection. A central figure in the film is the monastery elder, Abbot Gregory whose decades of leadership have given him a keen understanding of the souls under his charge and their desire to regain for themselves a state akin to the humanity of Adam before the Fall.

The Rocket "The Rocket," is a critically acclaimed Greek film about a pathological liar who goes to extreme lengths to prove to his friends that he is telling the truth that Greece will launch a rocket.

King Otto In 2004, audiences looked on in disbelief as the Greek National Football Team, who had never won a match in a major tournament became the unlikeliest of European Champions. The architect behind this unprecedented triumph was team coach "King" Otto Rehhagel.

DAY	PROGRAM	SERVICES	TIME
Sunday September 4th	**12η Κυριακή του Ματθαίου** 12th Sunday of Matthew **Θαύμα Αρχαγγέλου Μιχαήλ** **Miracle of Archangel Michael in Colossae - At the Chapel**	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Sunday September 11th	**Κυριακή Προ της Υψώσεως** Sunday Before the Elevation of the Holy Cross	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday September 14th	**Ύψωσις Τιμίου Σταύρου** Forefeast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday 17th September	**Της Αγίας Σοφίας** Great Martyr Sophia and her Three Daughters	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 10:30 a.m.
Sunday September 18th	**Κυριακή Μετά την Ύψωση Τιμίου Σταυρού** Sunday After the Elevation of the Holy Cross	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Monday September 19th	Service will be held: SS. Anargyroi Church - **Yorkton**	**Θεία Λειτουργία** Divine Liturgy	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday September 21st	Service will be held: Life Giving Font - **Swift Current**	**Θεία Λειτουργία** Divine Liturgy	7:00 p.m.
Sunday September 25th	**1η Κυριακή του Λουκά** First Sunday of Luke	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Memorial Service:
September 18th: 40-day memorial service for Georgia Selimos

Funerals:
The servant of God **Dimitrios (Jim) Kolitsas** fell asleep in the Lord on July 6th, 2022
The servant of God **Georgia Selimos** fell asleep in the Lord on August 20th, 2022

May God rest the souls of Jim and Georgia. Κουράγιο και δύναμη στις οικογένειες τους.

Greek School Announcements:

Greek school is set to begin on Saturday, September 17th with classes from Pre-K all the way to Grade 6. Please fill out the enrollment forms (sent by email) as soon as possible.

The Greek School Board is looking for fill a few positions: the position of Principal which is still vacant and two teaching assistants to help with Pre-K and Grade 1.
The applicants should be members in good standing with our church and must understand and consistently adhere to the St. Paul's Greek School policies.

Interested candidates should send their resume to **St. Paul's Greek Heritage Language School, c/o St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church, 3000 Argyle Road, Regina, SK S4S 2B2 Attention: Selection Committee** or by email to: st.pauls@sasktel.net

The elevation of the Holy Cross - September 14th

This feast day is one of the most important celebrations of the Orthodox Church. It is on this day that we pay special tribute to the Precious Life-giving Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The first emperor of the Roman Empire to become a Christian was Constantine the Great. Before the final battle that brought him victory and absolute rule of the Empire, he saw a beautiful vision in the sky—a vision of the Cross. Below the Cross were the words ***En Touta Nika***, which means *in this sign conquer*. Constantine ordered his soldiers to prepare crosses on their armour before going into battle. Constantine's battle was complete and decisive.

Constantine was intrigued by the vision and asked his saintly mother, Helen, who was a Christian, to journey to the Holy Land in search for the true Cross of Jesus Christ. Although 325 years had passed since the crucifixion of Christ, Helen did not lose hope of finding the Cross. She searched diligently with her band of soldiers for many months. Finally, on this bright morning, the Cross was found. It was buried deep in the earth where Golgotha once was located. A strange but fragrant flower was growing at the spot where they found the Cross — **vasiliko** (basil), the flower of royalty. This flower has become the official flower of the Orthodox Church. All clergymen use basil when blessing homes or during Church services whenever the blessing of the waters takes place.

The Persians captured Jerusalem in 614 A.D. and made off with the precious Cross. The Byzantine emperor, Heraclitus, led an army of faithful soldiers from Constantinople to recapture the holy city and retrieve the Holy Cross. The war raged for over 15 years but the Cross was once again returned to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. These great events are celebrated on September 14 as the "Elevation of the Holy Cross." We also celebrate the Veneration of the Precious and Life-giving Cross on the third Sunday of Lent.

The Holy Fathers, realizing the many dangers of invading Arabs in the Holy Land, decided to cut and distribute the Cross of Christ to the many great spiritual centres of Christendom. Pieces were taken to Constantinople, Mt. Athos, Alexandria, Rome and Antioch.

Apolytikion: Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting our rulers to prevail over adversaries, and protecting Your commonwealth by Your Cross.

Σώσον Κύριε τον λαόν Σου και ευλόγησον την κληρονομίαν Σου, νίκας τοις βασιλεύσι κατά βαρβάρων δωρούμενος και το σον φυλάττων, δια του Σταυρού Σου, πολίτευμα.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 9:00 a.m. 12th Sunday of Matthew	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 9:00 a.m. Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross	12	13	14 6:30 p.m. Forefeast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross	15	16	17 9:00 a.m. Great Martyr Sophia and her Three Daughters
18 9:00 a.m. Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross	19 7:00 p.m. Service will be held at SS. Anargyroi Church in Yorkton	20	21 7:00 p.m. Service will be held at Life Giving Font church in Swift Current	22	23	24
25 9:00 a.m. 1st Sunday of Luke	26	27	28	29	30	

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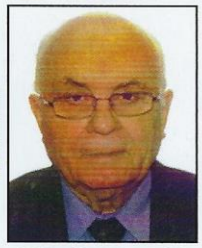

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