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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, το προσωπικό και οι εθελοντές του Ελληνικού Σχολείου και η νεολαία μας

Σας Εύχονται Ευτυχισμένος ο Καινούριος χρόνος

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", Daughters of Penelope, Greek School staff, board, Parents Association and Met Youth

Wish you Happy New Year

2023 Stewardship Obligation

Family: $400 (including children under 18 yrs.)
Family (65yrs & over): $300 (including children under 18 yrs.)

Individual: $200 (18 - 65 years of age)
Individual: $150 (65 years of age and older)
Please contact the Treasurer or a member of the Community Council if you have any questions.

All Church Sacrament fees (marriage, baptism, chrismation and funeral) are included in your membership. All parties involved in the Church Sacraments must be members in good standing (annual stewardship obligation) for the last three years and must be paid in full prior to the performance of the service).

Your donation can be made by Cash, Cheque, Visa, MasterCard or Debit or *online through the website:* www.gocregina.com/donate

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As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's manifold grace. - 1 Peter 4:10

Friendly reminder for this **Sunday, December 18th**: Our Catechism students will put on a Christmas play following the Divine Liturgy. We hope you can all join us to cheer our kids. The Parents Association with the very generous help from Mr. George Doulias will be selling loukoumades.

SAINT PAUL'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH • PROGRAM FOR JANUARY 2023
ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΟΣ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ Ο ΑΓΙΟΣ ΠΑΥΛΟΣ • ΙΑΝΟΥΑΡΙΟΣ 2023

DAY	PROGRAM	SERVICES	TIME
Sunday January 1st	**Η Περιτομή του Χριστού –** Our Lord's Circumcision **Του Αγίου Βασιλείου –** St. Basil	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	10:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
Thursday January 5th	**Προεόρτια Θεοφανίων** Before Theophany	**Εσπερινός & Θεία Λειτουργία** Vesper & Divine Liturgy Αγιασμός των Υδάτων	9:00 to 10:30 a.m.
Friday January 6th	**Τα Άγια Θεοφάνεια** Holy Theophany	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy Αγιασμός των Υδάτων	8:30 to 10:45 a.m.
Saturday January 7th	**Σύναξις του Αγίου Ιωάννου** Synaxis of St. John the Baptist	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 10:30 a.m.
Sunday January 8th	**Κυριακή μετά των Θεοφανείων** Sunday after Theophany	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Monday January 9th	Service will be held: SS. Anargyroi Church - **Yorkton**	**Θεία Λειτουργία** Divine Liturgy	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday January 11th	Service will be held: Life Giving Font **Swift Current**	**Θεία Λειτουργία** Divine Liturgy	7:00 p.m.
Sunday January 15th	**12η Κυριακή του Λουκά** 12th Sunday of Luke	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 11:30 a.m. .
Tuesday January 17th	**Του Αγίου Αντωνίου** Saint Anthony **Αγίου Αθανασίου και Κυρίλλου** Saint Athanasios and Cyril	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday January 22nd	**15η Κυριακή του Λουκά** 15th Sunday of Luke	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Sunday January 29th	**Της Χαναναίας** Sunday of the Canaanite	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Monday January 30th	**Των Τριών Ιεραρχών** Three Hierarchs	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

The ladies of Philoptochos and the **Daughters of Penelope** would like to thank all the ladies for their help and hard work in preparing this year's bake sale which was a big success. The event was very well organized and the baking was once again delicious. The proceeds from the bake sale go towards helping people in need locally, nationally and internationally. Thank-you!

Community Council for the 2023 – 2024 Term

St. Paul's Community Council consists of 15 members. A resolution passed at the Clergy-Laity Assembly in 2019 ensures that one member of the council will be appointed by Philoptochos and one member appointed by Met Youth.
The members of the 2023-2024 Community Council are:

Fay Bobetsis	Taya Christidis	Fotini Gargatzidis
Chris Hamilton	Nick Kourles	Tom Liagridonis
Maria Perentes	Vasilis Vandoros	Maria Lygouriatis (Appointed by Met Youth)
Margarita Parisone (Appointed by Philoptochos)		

The new Community Council members will meet soon to elect the executive positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Daughters of Penelope Winter Coat Drive

Daughters of Penelope are holding their Annual Winter Coat Drive. We welcome any gently-used winter coats, mittens, scarfs, boots and toques. (Men's, women's and children's) Please make sure clothing is washed and put in bags.

When our collection drive is complete, donations will be delivered to Crescent School formally known as Davin School. The school will distribute the winter clothing to children and families in need.

Drop off donation box will be located downstairs in the Church Hall and donations will be collected from the beginning of December till the end of January.

We would like to thank everyone in advance for their generous donations.

For more information, please contact Sophia Kolitsas at (306)535-9811

Daughters of Penelope Hellenic Dance

Start: Monday January 9th at Sask-Express and every Monday
For the month of January dance lessons will take place on January 9, 16, 23, 30.

5:45-6:45pm: Group 1: *Greek School Grade 1* (Age 6 at the end of Dec 2022) and
Group 2: *Greek School Grades 2,3,4* (Ages 7-9)

6:45-7:45pm: Group 3: *Greek School Grades 5,6* (Ages 10-11) and Group 4: (Ages 12-13)

7:45-8:45pm: Group 5 (Ages 14-15) and Group 6 (Ages 16-17)
Please feel free to contact us at greekdancingdop@gmail.com for the registration form and any questions you might have.

Holy Theophany

The Feast of the Theophany of our Lord Jesus Christ, is celebrated on January 6th. After Pascha and Pentecost, this is the greatest Feast of the Orthodox Church, predating even the Nativity of Christ in importance. Here our Lord Jesus Christ is baptized by John in the waters of the Jordan, this being the first public manifestation of God the Word Incarnate to the world. Recognizing rich meaning in this event, Orthodoxy teaches that when Christ was baptized, it not only marked the beginning of its public ministry and revealed the Trinity, but also signified that the entire creation is destined to share in the glory of redemption in Christ.

While Christ entered into the Jordan to be baptized, two things were happening: He was identifying Himself with the people He had come to save; and, He was identifying Himself with the whole of Creation which was represented by water. Through His baptism, the Lord renewed the value of the created world and redirected it toward its Creator. Creation is good and belongs to God. The Great Blessing of Water is held on the eve of the Feast of the Theophany and on the day itself. The Blessing not only remembers the event of Our Lord's baptism and the revelation of the Holy Trinity but also expresses Orthodoxy's belief that creation is sanctified through Christ. The Blessing affirms that humanity and the created world, of which we are a part, were created to be filled with the sanctifying presence of God. After the solemn blessing, the Holy Water is distributed to the faithful and is used to bless homes during the Theophany season. When the faithful drink the "Holy Water," we are reminded of our own baptism. When the Church blesses an individual, or object, or event with the water, we are affirming that those baptized, their surroundings, and their responsibilities are sanctified through Christ and brought into the Kingdom of the Father through the Spirit.

Troparion of the Feast

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest! For the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee, and called Thee His beloved Son! And the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast revealed Thyself and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee!

Ἀπολυτίκιον Θεοφανείων *Ἦχος α΄*.
Ἐν Ἰορδάνῃ βαπτιζομένου σου Κύριε,
ἡ τῆς Τριάδος ἐφανερώθη προσκύνησις·
τοῦ γὰρ Γεννήτορος ἡ φωνὴ προσεμαρτύρει σοι,
ἀγαπητόν σε Υἱὸν ὀνομάζουσα,
καὶ τὸ Πνεῦμα ἐν εἴδει περιστερᾶς,
ἐβεβαίου τοῦ λόγου τὸ ἀσφαλές.
Ὁ ἐπιφανεὶς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός,
καὶ τὸν κόσμον φωτίσας δόξα σοι.

Drink holy water as often as possible. It is the best and the most effective medicine. I'm saying that not just as a priest but also as a doctor.
St. Luke the Surgeon

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 a.m. Our Lord's Circumcision & St. Basil	2	3	4	5 9:00 a.m. Before Theophany	6 8:30 a.m. Holy Theophany	7 9:00 a.m. Synaxis of St. John the Baptist
8 9:00 a.m. Sunday after Theophany	9 7:00 p.m. Service will be held at SS. Anargyroi Church in **Yorkton**	10	11 7:00 p.m. Service will be held at Life Giving Font church in **Swift Current**	12	13	14
15 9:00 a.m. 12th Sunday of Luke	16 7:00 p.m. Ladies of Philoptochos meeting	17 6:30 p.m. Saint Anthony & Saint Athanasios and Cyril	18	19	20	21
22 9:00 a.m. 15th Sunday of Luke	23	24	25 7:00 p.m. Service will be held at Life Giving Font church in **Swift Current**	26	27	28
29 9:00 a.m. Sunday of the Cannanite Greek School Parents Association to offer coffee and dessert	30 9:00 a.m. Three Hierarchs 7:00 p.m. Daughters of Penelope meeting	31				

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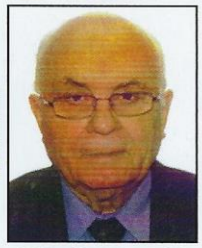

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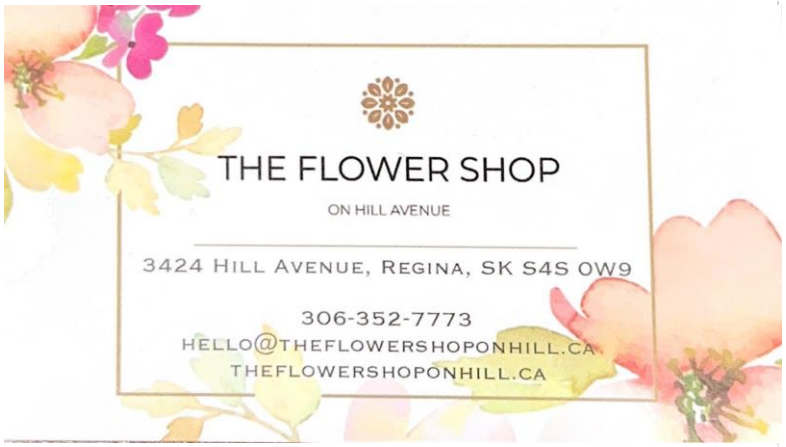

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