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COMMUNITY NEWS

Parent Teacher Association (PTA) of Greek School

On **Saturday April 8th** immediately following the Divine Liturgy the PTA will be selling tsourekia ($15 each) and lampathes ($25- $30 each) in the community hall. For tsourekia, these are the choices for the toppings: plain, almonds, sesame seeds and sprinkles. Only 125 tsourekia will be made this year and they are already over half sold. Please place your order **ASAP** at: PTAgreekscregina@gmail.com

On Sunday, March 26th our Greek School celebrated the Greek Independence Day (March 25, 1821). Our students came to church dressed in traditional costumes and after the service we headed to the community hall where they recited poems. It was a beautiful sight to have so many kids at our church. Thank-you to all who came in support of our Greek school and thank-you to all the volunteers.

The Ladies of Philoptochos Society
Annual Palm Sunday Lunch on April 9th

Please join us on Palm Sunday for lunch. There will be two options for lunch:

fish with all the trimmings **and** spaghetti with tomato sauce.

There will be no tickets sold, however a collection tray will be passed around.

We hope to see you all there.

Evening in Greece Update

The Evening in Greece event was held on Saturday March 4th and it was a success!!!

On Sunday March 19th, the Evening in Greece committee presented a cheque **of $250,000** in support of Hospitals of Regina Foundation. The Evening in Greece event raised $125,000 and it was matched by a $125,000 donation by Kevin Knight and Knight Cares (Please see page 4 for more info).

On that same day, our President Tom Liagridonis announced a **$50,000** donation by Kevin Knight and Knight Cares in memory of **Demetrios "Jimmy" Kolitsas**. Our community appreciates the very generous donation and support by the Knight family (see page 5 for more info)

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ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΟΣ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ Ο ΑΓΙΟΣ ΠΑΥΛΟΣ • ΑΠΡΙΛΙΟΣ 2023

DAY	PROGRAM	SERVICES	TIME
Sunday April 2nd	**Έ Κυριακή των Νηστειών** Fifth Sunday of Lent Mary of Egypt – **Μαρίας Αιγυπτίας**	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
	Great Lent Vesper Service to be held at **Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Decent of the Holy Spirit** - All the orthodox priests in attendance.		5:00 p.m.
Monday April 3rd	Services will be held: St. Anargyroi Church **Yorkton**	**Προηγιασμένη Θεία Λειτουργία** Divine Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday April 5th	Services will be held: Lifegiving Font Church **Swift Current**	**Προηγιασμένη Θεία Λειτουργία** Divine Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts	7:00 p.m.
Saturday April 8th	**Σαββάτον Του Λάζαρου** Lazarus Saturday	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 10:30 a.m.
Sunday April 9th	**Κυριακή Των Βαΐων** Palm Sunday	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
	Service of Nymphios - **Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου**		7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Monday April 10th	**ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ** Holy & Great Monday	**Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου** Service of Nymphios	7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday April 11th	**ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΤΡΙΤΗ** Holy & Great Tuesday	**Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου** Service of Nymphios	7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday April 12th	**ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ** Holy & Great Wednesday	**Το Ιερόν Ευχέλαιον** Sacrament of the Holy Unction	6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Thursday April 13th	**ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΠΕΜΠΤΗ** Holy & Great Thursday	**Μυστικός Δείπνος - Εσπερινός και Θεία Λειτουργία του Μεγάλου Βασιλείου -** **V**esperal Liturgy of the Last Supper	9:00 to 10:30 a.m.
		Ακολουθία των Αγίων Παθών The Holy Passion & Crucifixion	7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
Friday April 14th	**ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ** Holy & Great Friday	**Αι Μεγάλαι ώραι** The Great Hours of the Passion	9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
		Η Ιερά Αποκαθήλωσης Apokathelosis Vespers Service	2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
		Ο Επιτάφιος Θρήνος - Epitaphios Threnos - Service of the Lamentations	7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Saturday April 15th **ΜΕΓΑ ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟΝ** Holy & Great Saturday	**Εσπερινός και Θεία Λειτουργία του Μεγάλου Βασιλείου** Vesperal - Liturgy of St. Basil		9:00 to 10:30 a.m.
	Η Ανάστασης του Κυρίου The Resurrection Vigil of Our Lord		10:45 pm to 1:30 a.m.
Sunday April 16th	**ΤΟ ΑΓΙΟΝ ΠΑΣΧΑ** Pascha Sunday	**Εσπερινός της Αγάπης** The Agape Vesper	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
Monday April 17th	**Ραφαήλ, Νικολάου και Ειρήνης** SS. Rafael, Nicholas & Irene	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Friday April 21st	**Της Ζωοδόχου Πηγής** Lifegiving Fountain of Theotokos	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 10:30 a.m.
Sunday April 23rd **St. Paul's Church will be closed today**	Sunday Of Saint Thomas - **Κυριακή Του Θωμά** Great Martyr George The Trophy-Bearer **Αγίου Γεωργίου Τροπαιοφόρου** **Η εορτή και το πανηγύρι στο Swift Current!** We will be celebrating the name of Lifegiving Font Church **Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy		10:00 to 12:00 noon
Sunday April 30th	**Κυριακή των Μυροφόρων** Sunday of the Myrrh Bearers	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Memorial Services – Μνημόσυνα:

April 2nd: One year memorial services for George Kolitsas and Anastasia Perentes

April 30th: One year memorial services for Peter Giannoulis, Demitra (Toula) Kodas and 20 year memorial service for George Kodas

HOME - Agape Greek Radio No1 Greek Radio of Diaspora (https://agapegreekradio.com)

The views expressed by Agape Radio or their announcers are not necessarily shared by the Community Council of St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Community of Regina.

Please be advised we are merely sharing the radio station with our membership for information and entertainment purposes only.

Evening in Greece update by Spiro Bonis

The EIG Committee makes a formal presentation at the Hospitals of Regina Foundation with Minister Don McMorris as well as Randene Rourke from Knight Cares present.

On March 4, the AHEPA Family of Regina and St.Paul's Greek Community, hosted the 29th annual an Evening in Greece in support of the Hospitals of Regina foundation. I am proud to report this year was a record smashing success. We were served up a great meal, and were entertained by our very own D.O.P Hellenic dancers and Arcadia! We are deeply grateful for the incredible philanthropic support we receive from our community businesses, sponsors and donors. Including many of our very own businesses that give back every year.

We have a tremendous team that puts in countless hours to ensure the success of this amazing gala. Chairperson – Spiro Bonis, Co-Chair Thomas Siarkos, Tom Liagridonis, Crystal Barlas, Georgia Bonis, Taya Christidis, Fotini Gargazitis, George Yannitsos, and MC Costa Maragos. HORF – Committee members Brianne Moore, Adrian Prenovost and Dino Sophocleus.

I would like to thank all the other volunteers that helped, leading up to the event and the day of the event, the ladies that helped decorate, and the youth that helped set up the auction – thank you.

We are thrilled to announce that we raised $125,000. Which has been generously matched by our presenting sponsor KNIGHT CARES and the KNIGHT FAMILY for a grand total of $250,000 donated to the HORF. This total now brings our total donated to the HORF to just over $1.1million dollars and our grand total of over $2.74 million to local charities. THANK YOU!!! Next year's event will be our 30th anniversary so save the date **March 16th 2024**. We are excited to announce that Vassy Kapelos will be a part of next year's event!

Evening in Greece committee presenting the cheque on Sunday, March 19th at the community hall.

After the Evening in Greece presentation on Sunday, March 19th our president Tom Liagridonis announced a generous donation our community received in memory of Jimmy Kolitsas by Kevin Knight and Knight Cares:

Firstly, on behalf of St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Community Council, I congratulate the organizing members and volunteers of the Evening in Greece event held on March 4, 2023. The event has received great reviews and raised a very impressive amount of funds. The funds raised this year, in addition to the generous top up by Kevin Knight and Knight Cares, is a testament to the giving spirit of our Community, our Philotimo. We should all be proud of the hard work and dedication put forth by our organizing members and volunteers.

I am thrilled also to thank Kevin Knight, his family and Knight Cares for the generous donation of $50,000 to our Church in memory of Demitrios "Jimmy" Kolitsas. This is a very touching and wonderful surprise. We truly appreciate the support and contribution towards making our Community a better place.

As we consider potential capital projects for this donation, I would like to assure everyone that proper process will be followed to ensure that the funds are allocated appropriately, and we will keep everyone, including the Knight family, updated on our progress.

I encourage members of the Community to share your thoughts or suggestions for capital projects that may be worth considering. In previous years we identified the potential need for an accessibility ramp that could benefit our Community. It would be a crucial improvement to ensure that everyone, regardless of ability, can access our facilities. As we were thrown into a new world with the arrival of COVID, this project was put on hold.

I recognize that this is only one of several potential capital projects our Community could pursue but I believe that it is time again to look at the viability of this project. It was a project that was supported by Jimmy Kolitsas. Over the next few months, I would like with your permission, to re-examine the project, obtain updated renderings and quotes to see if this is a capital project the Community would like to pursue.

Once again, thank you Kevin Knight for your generosity and for being an important partner in making our Community a better one. Our Community truly appreciates the donation and we are excited for the future projects to come.

Tom Liagridonis
President, St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Community of Regina

We would like to know if there is a need in our community to have the Greek Consul General from Vancouver visiting our community. Please note, for passports you have to travel to Vancouver. Although there is no guarantee that the Consul General would accept our invitation, every effort will be made to secure a visit should a need be determined. Kindly let us know **by April 22nd** if you are in need of any services.

The Agape Vesper – Sunday, April 16th

The Agape Vesper is a service that continues the celebration of Pascha. At this service, the Gospel reading depicts the first appearance of the risen Lord to His disciples and is recited in many languages, symbolizing that the glorious resurrection of Christ is proclaimed to all the nations of the world.

Parishioners hold lighted candles which represent Jesus, the Light of the World, bringing light to mankind. Also, the words "Christos Anesti" or Christ is Risen are proudly proclaimed by all worshipers.

We invite you all to come to as many services as possible and especially to attend the Agape Service. The last few years, children from our community have read the gospel. It is such a beautiful service, and to have our kids read the Gospel in different languages is so special. Please contact Father Spyridon Vandoros at 306-539-1153 if you would like your child to read the gospel in French, Italian, Latin, German or any other language.

Scholarship information
AHEPA

The AHEPA family has many scholarships available both Nationally and within our local District.

We offer - Scholarships in Education, Business studies, Medicine, Law, Engineering and the performing arts. As long as a parent or grandparent is an AHEPA member you are eligible for all of the scholarships. The Medical and Performing Arts scholarship is available to anyone from Hellenic descent. Scholarships – AHEPA CANADA

Also we have a District Scholarship available District #24 Scholarship Program (ahepacanada.org)

If you have any questions regarding the AHEPA Family scholarships please contact Spiro Bonis 306-537-6991 or sbonis@gmail.com

Daughters of Penelope - Regina Arisba Chapter #131

Application deadline: June 30th

The Daughters of Penelope , Regina Arisba Chapter #131, offer the following scholarship awards annually:

- **Dominicky Sinis Memorial Scholarship:** $1,000
- **Daughters of Penelope Arisba #131:** $500.00

Eligibility

- High school graduating student
- A member of the AHEPA Family in good standing for 2 years, as verified by their local chapter. If not a member, then the applicant's Parent(s) / Guardian(s), Grandparent(s) must be a member of the AHEPA Family, in good standing for 2 years, as verified by their local chapter
- A resident of Saskatchewan (includes students from Saskatchewan studying out-of-province)
- You must have applied as a full time student (registered for 3 or more classes) at an accredited university, college or polytechnic school and been accepted in the coming year in order to apply
- Minimum 70% average

For more information please visit DOP Scholarships – St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church (gocregina.com) or contact Sophia Kolitsas (306) 535-9811, skolitsas@hotmail.com

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						1 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon Greek School
2 9:00 a.m. Fifth Sunday of Lent 5:00 p.m. Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Decent of the Holy Spirit	3 7:00 p.m. Service will be held at SS. Anargyroi Church in **Yorkton** Greek dancing 5:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.	4	5 7:00 p.m. Service will be held at Life Giving Font church in **Swift Current**	6	7	8 9:00 a.m. Lazarus Saturday **PTA tsourekia sale 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**
9 9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday 7:00 p.m. Service of Nymphios	10 7:00 p.m. Service of Nymphios	11 7:00 p.m. Service of Nymphios	12 6:00 p.m. Sacrament of the Holy Unction	13 9:00 a.m. Vesperal Liturgy of the Last Supper 7:00 p.m. The Holy Passion & Crucifixion	14 9:00 a.m. The Great Hours of the Passion 2:30 p.m. Apokathelosis Vesper Service 7:00 p.m. Epitaphios Threnos	15 9:00 a.m. Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil 10:45 p.m. The Resurrection Vigil of Our Lord
16 12:00 p.m. The Agape Vesper	17 6:30 p.m. SS. Rafael, Nicholas & Irene Greek dancing 5:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.	18	19	20	21 9:00 a.m. Lifegiving Fountain of Theotokos	22 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon Greek School
23 10:00 a.m. Lifegiving Font Church in **Swift Current**	24 Greek dancing 5:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.	25 7:00 p.m. Daughters of Penelope meeting	26	27	28	29 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon Greek School
30 9:00 a.m. Sunday of the Myrrh Bearers						

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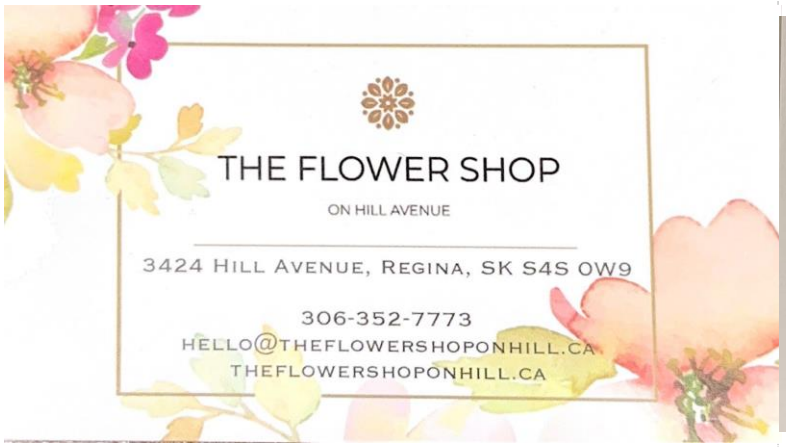

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