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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 Ευτυχισμένο το Νέο Έτος με υγεία και ευτυχία στα σπίτια σας.

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 a Happy New Year.

2024 Stewardship Obligation

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

Individual: $200 (18 - 64 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 year and must be paid in full prior to the performance of the service).

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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

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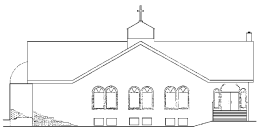

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

December 03, 2023 AGM

Reverend Father Spyro, distinguished Chairperson, members of the Community Council, and esteemed members of St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Community of Regina,

Good evening and thank you sincerely for your presence at this Annual General Meeting.

Allow me to extend my deepest gratitude to everyone who has made tonight possible:

First and foremost, a heartfelt acknowledgment to Father Spyro, whose three decades of unwavering dedication to our faith have been a beacon of inspiration. His commitment, compassion, and spiritual guidance have profoundly impacted our community, and I am privileged to have experienced his wisdom during my tenure on the Council.

As we approach the one-year mark of this Council's tenure, I must express my sincere appreciation to each Council member. Vice-President Nick Kourles, Treasurer Georgina Barlas, Secretary Margarita Parisone, Fay Bobetsis, Taya Christidis, Fotini Gargatzidis, Chris Hamilton, Maria Lygouriatis, Maria Perentes, and Vasili Vandoros — your commitment and dedication to our Community are truly commendable.

Special gratitude extends to Thanos Christodouloulis, Chris Perentes, Spiro Kangles, and Dimitri Fourlas, our magnificent chanting team, for enriching our spiritual experiences.

Heartfelt thanks also to the altar boys (young and old), helpers, and Epitropi John Makris, George Doulias, and Chris Lygouriatis.

Thanks to Chris Hamilton, and Vasili Vandoros for their tireless efforts in maintaining our church and its surroundings.

A warm appreciation to Marina Sellis, our secretary, whose dedication goes beyond newsletter duties, providing invaluable support to Father, the Council, and many others.

To Fotini Labropulu and the Greek Heritage Language School Board, principal Petros Aiginitis, teachers, Catechism teachers, helpers, and of course the Parents Association, your commitment to preserving our language, history, culture, and religion is truly admirable.

Acknowledgement also goes to Toula Perdicaris and the Ladies of Philoptochos Society for their remarkable contributions to our community's well-being.

This year witnessed a significant addition to our church office – the creation of the Director of Administration position, a volunteer role providing crucial administrative support to the Council. I express my heartfelt thanks to Chris Perentes, our first Director of Administration, for seamlessly embodying this role and ensuring continuity, knowledge and support.

Our Community has achieved remarkable milestones this year. From our active participation in *An Evening in Greece*, the impactful fundraiser for the Hospitals of Regina Foundation, to our participation once again in the MOSAIC festival, the change in venue for our annual picnic, the success of the Greek International Film Festival Tour, Father's 30-Year Anniversary celebration, and the continuous efforts of our various groups — each of you has played an instrumental role in making these endeavors a triumph.

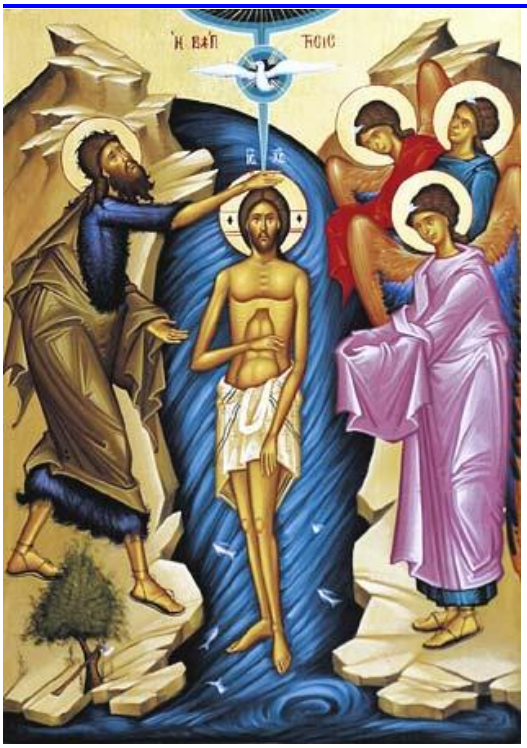
As I reflect on the enthusiastic energy that permeates our Community, I am inspired and energized. Together, we are shaping St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Community of Regina into the best community in Canada. I eagerly anticipate continued success and extend my deepest gratitude to each one of you for your invaluable contributions.

Yours in Christ,

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

Thank you to everyone who attended the Community Annual General Meeting on December 3rd, 2023. We had a fantastic turnout and truly appreciate the time everyone made to attend and contribute to the exchange of ideas, requests and suggestion for our community's future. We received many positive comments after the meeting and are excited to put a strategic plan in place for improvements and future planning. In light of this we are gathering information for a special general membership community meeting in February to continue the conversation. Please stay tuned for further announcements.

St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Community Council



The Orthodox Celebration of the Feast of Epiphany

The celebration of this Feast of our Lord begins on January 5th, a day known as the Forefeast of Theophany. Depending on the day of the week, this could be an evening service with Vespers followed by the Liturgy of Saint Basil or a morning service with Matins and the Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom. Following the service on January 5, the service of the Blessing of the Waters is conducted.

On January 6th, the day of the Feast, the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom is conducted preceded by Matins and followed by the second Blessing of the Waters.

The Blessing of the Waters is conducted in the church; however in many places throughout the world services are conducted near open bodies of water. As a sign of blessing as Christ blessed the Jordan, holy water is poured into the body of water. An associated tradition has been the tossing of a cross into the water to be retrieved by divers.

The holy water from the church is given to the faithful to consume and to use in blessing their homes. In the weeks following the Feast, clergy visit the homes of parishioners and conduct a service of blessing using the holy water that was blessed on the Feast of Theophany. If you would like Father Spyro to bless your home please contact him and/or fill out the attached form.

Εν Ιορδάνη βαπτιζομένου σου Κύριε
η της Τριάδος εφανερώθη προσκύνησις
του γαρ Γεννήτορος η φωνή προσεμαρτύρει Σοι
αγαπητόν Σε Υιόν ονομάζουσα
και το Πνεύμα εν είδει περιστεράς
εβεβαίου του λόγου το ασφαλές
Ο επιφανής Χριστέ ο Θεός
Και τον κόσμον φωτίσας δόξα Σοι.

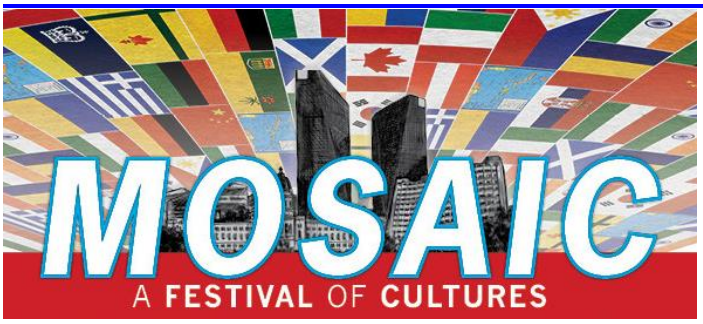
When Thou, O Lord, Wast Baptized In The Jordan,
Worship Of The Trinity Wast Made Manifest
For The Voice Of The Father Bore Witness To Thee,
Calling Thee His Beloved Son.
And The Spirit In The Form Of A Dove
Confirmed The Truth Of His Word.
O Christ Our God, Who Hath Appeared
And Enlightened The World, Glory To Thee.

SAINT PAUL'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH • PROGRAM FOR JANUARY 2024
ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΟΣ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ Ο ΑΓΙΟΣ ΠΑΥΛΟΣ • ΙΑΝΟΥΑΡΙΟΣ 2024

DAY	PROGRAM	SERVICES	TIME
Monday 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.
Friday January 5th	**Προεόρτια Θεοφανίων** Before Theophany	**Εσπερινός & Θεία Λειτουργία** Vesper & Divine Liturgy Αγιασμός των Υδάτων	9:00 to 10:30 a.m.
Saturday January 6th	**Τα Άγια Θεοφάνεια** Holy Theophany	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy Αγιασμός των Υδάτων	8:30 to 10:45 a.m.
Sunday January 7th	**Σύναξις του Αγίου Ιωάννου** Synaxis of St. John the Baptist	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Monday January 8th	Service will be held: St. Anargyroi Church, **YORKTON**	**Θεία Λειτουργία** Divine Liturgy	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday January 10th	Service will be held: Lifegiving Font Church, **SWIFT CURRENT**	**Θεία Λειτουργία** Divine Liturgy	7:00 p.m.
Sunday January 14th	**Απόδοση Θεοφανίων** Apodosis of Theophany	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday 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 21st	**12η Κυριακή του Λουκά** 12th Sunday of Luke	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Sunday January 28th	**15η Κυριακή του Λουκά** 15th Sunday of Luke	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday January 30th	**Των Τριών Ιεραρχών** Three Hierarchs	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Memorial Service – Μνημόσυνο:

January 21st: six month memorial service for **Stavroula Sergiopoulou**



Mosaic 2024 planning has begun and we are looking forward to hosting another successful event but we need the help of a few individuals to take on some key **Committee Head Roles** in order to achieve this.

The following Committee Head Roles are needing to be filled: **Senior Ambassador(1 position- 2yr Term), Food Line(2 people min), Kids Corner** ***Returning ***, Cultural Display** ***New ** (1-2 ppl), **Social Media/Advertising** ***New***, **MC's** ***Returning/New***(1-2peaple), **Volunteers Coordinator** ***New*, and Passports**

If you are interested in taking on any of these roles or have any questions please contact **Vasilis Vandoros, (306)539-2352, vasilis_vandoros@hotmail.com** or **Chris Hamilton, (306)539-0120, chrishamilton1700@gmail.com**

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE HELLENIC DANCE 2024

The Greek Dancing Program will be starting on **Monday January 8, 2024** at SaskExpress.

➢ ***NEW dancers: **Children must be in Grade 1 (Greek School) and 6 years old as of December 31, 2023 (no exceptions).**
• All registration forms can be submitted at the first dance class

Below is the schedule for each group – practices to be held on Mondays

5:45pm - 6:45pm
Group 1: *Greek School Grade 1*, 2 (Age 6-7 at the end of Dec 2023)
Group 2: *Greek School Grades 3, 4*, 5 (Ages 8-10)

6:45pm - 7:45pm
Group 3: *Greek School Grades* 6, 7 (Ages 11-12)
Group 6: (Ages 17-18)

7:45pm - 8:45pm
Group 4/5 (Ages 13-16)

Tuition will be $125 per student. Payment can be made by Cash, Cheque or E-Transfer to greekdancingdop@gmail.com
****Tuition payment will be accepted once Greek Dancing Practices begin on Monday January 8.*****

We thank you for your patience and cooperation. We look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year!

If you have an further questions regarding group numbers or ages please feel free to contact us directly at greekdancingdop@gmail.com

See you all on Monday January 8!

Sincerely,

Sophia Kolitsas (306)535-9811 Co- Director and Vasilis Vandoros (306)539-2352 Co-Director

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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 7:00 p.m. Service will be held at SS. Anargyroi Church in Yorkton	9	10 7:00 p.m. Service will be held at Life Giving Font Church in Swift Current	11	12	13
14 **9:00 a.m.** Apodosis of Theophany	15 7:00 p.m. Ladies of Philoptochos meeting	16	17 6:30 p.m. Saint Anthony & Saint Athanasios and Cyril	18	19	20
21 **9:00 a.m.** 12th Sunday of Luke	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 **9:00 a.m.** 15th Sunday of Luke	29	30 9:00 a.m. Three Hierarchs	31			

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