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COMMUNITY NEWS

The date for our 2023 Annual General Assembly Meeting is on **Sunday, December 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Hall**

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 Καλά Χριστούγεννα**

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 Merry Christmas**

December is a busy month for all of us and our community. Please take the time to read this newsletter and we hope you can attend the services and the events planned for all of us.

Our Greek School and Catechism students have been busy.

On **Sunday December 17th** following the Divine Liturgy, they will put on a short Christmas play. That day the Parents Association will provide coffee and there will be Loukoumades for sale. We invite you all to attend and cheer on our kids and to buy Loukoumades in support of our school. The Parents Association would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. George Doulias and their elves for the donation of ingredients and time for the Loukoumades.

Also on **December 23rd** in the afternoon our kids will go caroling. The kids are so excited to come to your house/business and spread some Christmas cheer this season.

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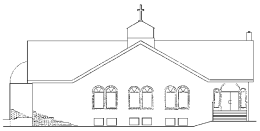
Saint Paul's Greek Orthodox Community of Regina



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You are hereby requested to attend the General Assembly Meeting of Saint Paul's Greek Orthodox Community of Regina on:

Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 7:00 pm

in the Community Hall. All members who wish to vote must be members in good standing and have paid their **2023 Stewardship Obligation**.

In the event that the quorum is not met, another meeting will be held on Sunday, December 10th at 7:00 pm whereby all members present will constitute quorum.

AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order and opening prayer
2. Declaration of Quorum
3. Election of Chairperson
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Reading and approval of minutes from the December 4, 2022 AGM
6. President's Report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. MOSAIC Report
9. Greek Heritage Language School Report
10. Met Youth Report
11. Building Maintenance Report
12. Capital Projects Committee Report
13. Unfinished Business
14. New Business
15. Adjournment

Father Spyridon's 30 years of service anniversary

The Greek Orthodox communities in Regina, Yorkton, and Swift Current came together on November 5th to celebrate the **remarkable 30-year anniversary of Father Spyridon's dedicated service as our priest**. Over 400 guests from various parts of Saskatchewan gathered to pay tribute to Father Spyro with a special brunch, acknowledging his unwavering commitment to our communities and the spiritual guidance he has provided us over the years.

Tributes were given by representatives of the Ladies of Philoptochos Society (Toula Perdicaris), the Met Youth (Maria Lygouriatis), the Greek Heritage Language School (Fotini Labropulu), the Regina chapters of the Order of AHEPA (Spiro Bonis) and the Daughters of Penelope (Sophia Kolitsas), Life Giving Font Greek Orthodox Church - Swift Current (Nick Tsougriannis), Saints Anargyroi Greek Orthodox Church - Yorkton (Kosta Karachalios) and of course St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Community of Regina (Tom A. Liagridonis).

Additionally, Father Spyro's two sons, Gerassimos and Vasilis, joined in with their own tributes.

Father Spyro took the opportunity to thank those past and present, and especially his beloved wife, Presbytera Hariklia.

It was a wonderful and emotional event that was organized with love and dedication by those in the attached picture which include (L to R):

Tom A. Liagridonis (President, St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Community of Regina), Fotini Gargatzidis, Aristea (Taya) Christidis.

Next to Aristea are Father Spyro and Presbytera Hariklia
Nick Kodellas (who also served as the afternoon's Master of Ceremonies), Sophia Kolitsas, Maria Perentes, Georgina Barlas, missing from the picture are Toula Perdicaris and Fay Bobetsis.

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DAY	PROGRAM	SERVICES	TIME
Sunday December 3rd	**14η Κυριακή του Λουκά** 14th Sunday of Luke	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday December 5th	**Αγίας Βαρβάρας , Αγίου Σάββα, & Αγίου Νικολάου** Barbara the Great Martyr, Savvas the Sanctified & Nicholas the Wonderworker	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday December 10th	**10η Κυριακή του Λουκά** 10th Sunday of Luke	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Monday December 11th	**Σπυρίδωνος Θαυματουργού** Spyridon the Wonderworker, Bishop of Trimythous	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday December 17th	**11η Κυριακή του Λουκά** 11th Sunday of Luke	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Monday December 18th	Service will be held: St. Anargyroi Church, **YORKTON**	**Θεία Λειτουργία** Divine Liturgy	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday December 20th	Service will be held: Lifegiving Font Church, **SWIFT CURRENT**	**Θεία Λειτουργία** Divine Liturgy	7:00 p.m.
Sunday December 24th	**Προ της Γέννησις του Χριστού** Sunday before the Nativity of Jesus Christ	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Sunday December 24th **Evening**	**Η Γέννησις του Σωτήρος Ημών** The Nativity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	10:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.
Tuesday December 26th	**Σύναξις τής Θεοτόκου** Synaxis of the Holy Theotokos	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 10:30 a.m.
Sunday December 31st	**Κυριακή μετά την Γέννησιν του Σωτήρος** Sunday after the Nativity of Christ	**Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Memorial Services:

December 17th: six month for Sotiria Pantelopoulos
December 31st: one year for Chris Vlahos, Albert Flengeris and Spiridon Giannoutsos

But Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.'" – Matthew 19:14

Baptisms:

October 21st: **Eleni Deleyne** daughter of Kosta and Karlee Fourlas
Godparent: Maria Howie

November 4th: **Ariadni Evangelia** daughter of Brian Byrne and Alexandra Kounios
Godparent: Alvaro Jose Santamaria

November 12th: **George Aeson**, son of Michael Agelopoulous and Amanda Aho
Godparent: Georgia Raptis

Welcome precious little kids to our church! Congratulations to the parents and godparents

Please join us for the ***30th Anniversary of An Evening in Greece*** *in support of the Hospitals of Regina Foundation.*

For tickets or sponsorship information you can contact : Spiro Bonis at 306-537-6991, Thomas Siarkos 306-536-4299 or George Yannitsos 306-533-3730

Regina's Greek Golf Charity continues its support of our Greek Heritage Language School. On Sunday, October 29th representatives of the Greek Golf Charity presented a cheque in the amount of $4000 to our Greek Heritage Language School. The Greek Golf Charity has been a generous supporter of our Greek School since 1998.

In the photo (L-R): Petros Aiginitis, Principal of the Greek Heritage Language School, Spiro Bonis, George Yannitsos, Leo Pantelopoulos and George Dimas.

The Greek Heritage Language School Board and Parents Association along with all the students, staff and parents thank-you for your donation.

Greek School Christmas Camp

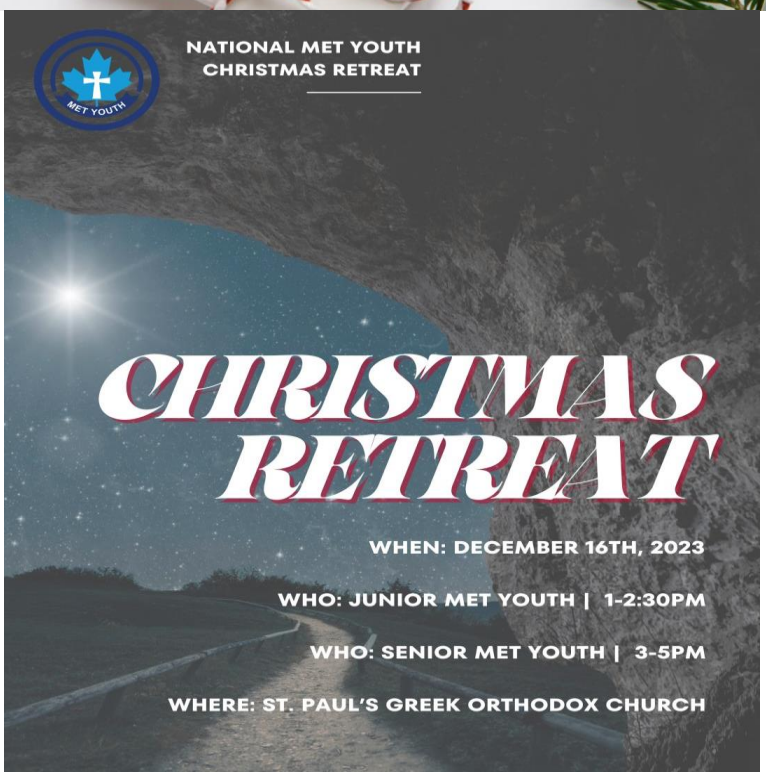
When: Saturday, December 23rd
Where: Church Hall
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

All Greek community children between the ages of 4 to 12 are invited to join us for our Greek School Christmas Camp. Children will have the chance to make Christmas crafts and take part in activities organized by the Greek School teachers. Grades 3 to 6 Greek school students will go out for Christmas Caroling at 2pm while the younger children stay back to watch a Christmas movie.

We look forward to seeing the children of our Greek community out at the camp!

Met Youth decorated our Church and Community Hall for Christmas and it looks festive. Thank-you for your hard work.

Upcoming Events
DEC 2
9 AM - 3 PM
Loukoumades at Bake Sale
DEC 3
10 PM - 12 PM
National Youth Sunday
DEC 9
1 PM - 6 PM
Christmas Gift Wrapping for Community
DEC 10
3 PM - 6 PM
Christmas Gift Wrapping Pick-Up
DEC 10
6:30PM
Gingerbread House Competition
DEC 16
1 PM - 2:30PM
Junior Christmas Retreat with Fr. Spyro
DEC 16
3 PM - 5 PM
Senior Met Youth Christmas Retreat with Fr. Tim Prattas
DEC 23
1:45PM
Christmas Carolling with Greek School


NATIONAL MET YOUTH CHRISTMAS RETREAT
CHRISTMAS RETREAT
WHEN: DECEMBER 16TH, 2023
WHO: JUNIOR MET YOUTH | 1-2:30PM
WHO: SENIOR MET YOUTH | 3-5PM
WHERE: ST. PAUL'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

The Annual Ladies ladies of our community Christmas party will be held on Thursday December 28th, at Lakeshore Restaurant (**1350 23rd Ave**) at 6:00 p.m.
There will be six choices of entrees. Dessert, coffee, tea or pop included.
COST: $40.00 (incl. meal and Gratuity)

All Ladies of the Community are invited and we hope to see you all at the dinner.

Please RSVP to **Fotini Gargatzidis** at 306-584-9209 or **Sophia Kolitsas** at **306-535-9811** by December 20th

The ladies of Philoptochos and the **Daughters of Penelope** would like to thank all the ladies for their help, donations and hard work in preparing this year's bake. All the volunteers are still hard at work to make this year's bake sale yet another success. The proceeds from the bake sale go towards helping people in need locally, nationally and internationally. Thank-you!

Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Drive

The Daughters of Penelope would like to thank everyone who took the time and effort to fill out shoe boxes. This year we collected **24 boxes** and since we started in 1996 we have collected a total of 603 boxes. These boxes make such a difference to the children receiving them in a less fortunate country. Your contribution makes such a difference.
Thank you again!

Daughters of Penelope 2024 Greek Dancing Term

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

• Practices will be held on Monday nights
• We welcome any new and returning dancers
➢ ***NEW dancers: **Children must be in Grade 1 (Greek School) and 6 years old as of December 31, 2023 (no exceptions)** - registration forms can be submitted at the first dance class

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 the above email.
****Tuition payment will be accepted once Greek Dancing Practices begin on Monday January 8.*****
If you have an further questions regarding group numbers or ages please feel free to contact us directly at greekdancingdop@gmail.com

Sophia Kolitsas Co- Director and Vasilis Vandoros Co-Director

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 10:00 a.m. Annual Bake Sale
3 9:00 a.m. 14th Sunday of Luke **7:00 p.m.** **Annual General Meeting**	4	5 6:30 p.m. Barbara the Great Martyr, Savvas the Santified & Nicholas the Wonderworker	6	7	8	9
10 9:00 a.m. 10th Sunday of Luke	11 6:30 p.m. Spyridon the Wonderworker, Bishop of Trimythous	12	13	14	15	16
17 9:00 a.m. 11th Sunday of Luke Christmas play by our Catechism students following Liturgy	18 7:00 p.m. Service will be held at SS. Anargyroi Church in Yorkton	19	20 7:00 p.m. Service will be held at Life Giving Font Church in Swift Current	21	22	23 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Christmas Camp for all of our community's kids ages 4-12. **2:00 p.m.** Caroling: Grades 3-6 & Met Youth
24 9:00 a.m. Sunday before the Nativity of Jesus Christ 10:00 p.m. The Nativity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ	25	26 9:00 a.m. Synaxis of the Holy Theotokos	27	28 6:00 p.m. Ladies of our community party – Lakeshore restaurant	29	30
31 9:00 a.m. Sunday after the Nativity of Christ						

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