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COMMUNITY NEWS

The sun came out in full force on **June 23rd** and so did our community for our annual church picnic! Even with the last-minute changes of date and venue (due to conflict with the Clergy-Laity assembly) we still had a capacity plus 1 crowd to enjoy great food, fellowship, games and the bouncy castle outside.

This was all made possible by many volunteers who dedicated their time to help set up, serve, barbeque, and take down. Thank you to our organizing committee: Taya Christidis, Fotini Gargatzidis, Maria Perentes, Fay Bobetsis as well as Christopher Hamilton and Vasili Vandoros for doing a considerable amount of preparation and take down.

We received many positive reviews for having the picnic at the church this year. If you have any comments, please pass them on to our Community Council to help us plan for next year.

Also, a huge thank you to the following businesses and families for their food donations and sponsorship to the barbecue:

Vivian Efthimiou & Chris Perentes
Fotini Gargatzidis
Sorina Makris
Sophia Kolitsas
The Cottage Restaurant
Golf's Steakhouse
Memories Fine Dining
4Seasons
Trifon's Pizza

We know our community is strong because we have a generous and wide volunteer base and for that we are extremely grateful.

Wishing you a blessed and relaxing summer.

A big thank you to the Sask Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation! Your generous grant helped us get the beautiful traditional costumes our Hellenic dancers wore and will continue to wear proudly each year at the Hellenic Pavilion.

The 4th International Archons Conference on Religious Freedom

The 4th International Archons Conference and 1st Global Summit of Archons was held in Athens, Greece from May 26th to 29th. Seven Archons from Canada attended the conference including the Hon. Chris Perentes, who has served as president of the Archons in Canada, Order of St. Paul the Apostle since 2019. The conference included 295 Archons and many hierarchs from the USA, Europe, and Australia.

The theme of the conference was **"Religious Freedom, Democracy and Human Rights".** Speakers included **Dr. Despina Chatzivassiliou-Tsovilis**, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Topic**: "How is Freedom of Religion or Belief Related to Current Global Trends and Humanitarian Need"; Archbishop of Vilnius, Gintaras Grušas**, President of the Council of European Bishops' Conferences (CCEE), Roman Catholic Church in Vilnius, Lithuania, Topic: **"Democracy, Authoritarianism and The Implications (Challenges and Opportunities) for Faith Communities Worldwide";** and **Hon. Michael R. Pompeo**, 70th Secretary of State, United States of America Topic: **"Human Rights and Religious Freedom and Their Implications to the Geopolitical Order".**

The conference took place in several Athens landmarks including the Stoa of Attalos (Museum of the Ancient Agora), the Greek Foreign Ministry, the Acropolis Museum, the Old Parliament (National Historical Museum), the Zappeion Conference Centre and the American School of Classical Studies.

An Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate is an honouree by His All Holiness, the Ecumenical Patriarch, for his outstanding service to the Church. He has demonstrated to a greater than average degree his commitment toward the stewardship of time, talent, and treasure, for the betterment of the Church, his Parish, and Archdiocese, and is a well-known distinguished and well-respected leader of the Greek Orthodox Community at large. Chris Perentes was invested as an Archon in 2015.

For more information about the conference as well as photos and videos go to **https://conference.archons.org/**

On Sunday, May 26, 2024, the **George Kodas Memorial Scholarship** was awarded at the Greek Heritage Language School Report Card Ceremony / Graduation Program.

This year's winner was **Raphael Aiginitis**. Raphael was awarded $300, a keeper plaque, and his name appears on the main plaque in the church.

Congratulations Raphael! We are very, very proud of you!

The Kodas Family

Greek Heritage Language School Board Announcements:

On Saturday, May 11th the Annual General Meeting took place, and a new Greek Heritage Language School Board was elected along with a new Parents Association for the September 2024 to May 2026 term.

For the 2024-2025 school year, Greek school classes will begin on **Saturday, September 14th**. The classes will once again be held every Saturday at the University of Regina for Grade 1 to grade 6 and at the Community Hall for Pre-K and Kindergarten. Please note the time change for grades 1 to 6: lessons will run from **9:30 to 11:30 a.m.** for Greek School followed by an hour of Catechism class every Saturday. Saturday classes at the University will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. Pre-K and K hours will be the same as last year.

The change to the teaching hours is a result of the feedback that we have received over the years from you, the parents.

For more information on the curriculum of Greek School please check here: GREEK HERITAGE LANGUANGE SCHOOL (gocregina.com)

More information is to be provided at the beginning of September.

DAY	PROGRAM	SERVICES	TIME
Every evening on the following dates: **August 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12,** and **13** **Paraklesis Service** will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.			
Sunday August 4th	**6η Κυριακή του Ματθαίου** 6th Sunday of Matthew	**Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Monday August 5th	**Η Μεταμόρφωσις του Κυρίου** Trasfiguration of our Lord	**Θεία Λειτουργία** Divine Liturgy	6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday August 11th	**7η Κυριακή του Ματθαίου** 7th Sunday of Matthew	**Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday August 14th	**Κοίμησις της Θεοτόκου** Forefeast of the Dormition of The Most Holy Theotokos	**Εσπερινός & Ακολουθία Επιταφίου** Vespers & Office of Lamentations	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Thursday August 15th	**Κοίμησις της Θεοτόκου** Forefeast of the Dormition of The Most Holy Theotokos	**Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 10:45 a.m.
Sunday August 18th	**8η Κυριακή του Ματθαίου** 8th Sunday of Matthew	**Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Sunday August 25th	**9η Κυριακή του Ματθαίου** 9th Sunday of Matthew	**Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Thursday August 29th	**Αποτομή Τίμιας Κεφαλής Ιωάννου Προδρόμου** Beheading of St. John the Baptist	**Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία** Orthros & Divine Liturgy	9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

MEMORIAL SERVICES:

August 18th: five-year memorial service for **Efstathia Kalmoukis**.

August 25th: six-month memorial service for **Tony Perdicaris**.

BAPTISMS:

May 25th: **Niko Gus**, son of David Balysky and Irene Stamatinos, was baptized by Argyro Karachalios at SS. Anargyroi Greek Orthodox Church in Yorkton.

June 22nd:**Clarke Efrosini Ann**, daughter of Demetrios Cabylis and Kathryn Santha, was baptized by Ekaterina Cabylis.

WEDDINGS:

June 15th: **Stephanie Thomspon** and **Travis Blampieu**.
Koubara: Nicole Wiebe; Witness: Tiffany Wolff

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30 p.m. Paraklesis Service	2 6:30 p.m. Paraklesis Service	3
4 **9:00 a.m.** **6th Sunday of Matthew**	5 6:30 p.m. Transfiguration of our Lord	6 6:30 p.m. Paraklesis Service	7 6:30 p.m. Paraklesis Service	8 6:30 p.m. Paraklesis Service	9 6:30 p.m. Paraklesis Service	10
11 **9:00 a.m.** **7th Sunday of Matthew**	12 6:30 p.m. Paraklesis Service	13 6:30 p.m. Paraklesis Service	14 6:30 p.m. Forefeast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos	15 9:00 a.m. Forefeast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos	16	17
18 **9:00 a.m.** **8th Sunday of Matthew**	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 **9:00 a.m.** **9th Sunday of Matthew**	26	27	28	29 9:00 a.m. Beheading of St. John the Baptism	30	31

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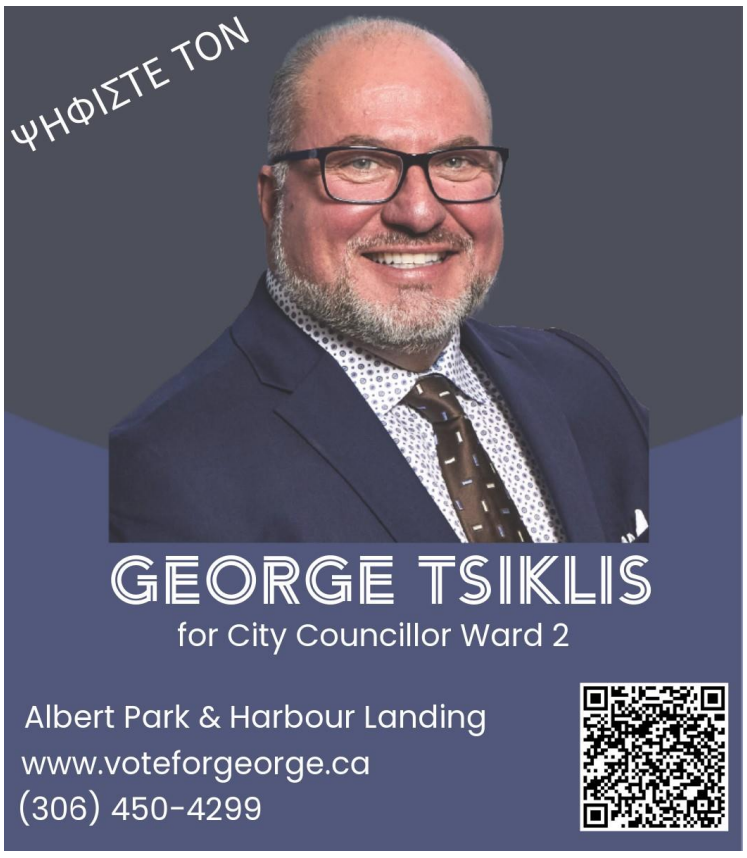

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