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St Maximos the Confessor and St Tikhon of Zadonsk

Dear Members and Friends of the Parish,

We are looking forward to the upcoming feast days and the big parish picnic.

See the schedule below.

See also the notes about the picnic on page 2.

Feast of Dormition

Thursday, August 27

Vigil 6:00 PM

Friday, August 28

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Parish Feast Day with Cross Procession and Blessing of Students for School

Saturday, August 29

Vigil 5:00 PM

Sunday, August 30

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Parish Picnic afterwards, off-site at 962 Island Rd (backyard of Allison's house)

See helpful notes and directions below about the Picnic on page 2 of this letter.

No services on September 5, 6 or 12

Services resume Sunday, September 13

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Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Annual Parish Meeting

Scheduled for the afternoon of Sunday, September 27

Confessions

During Vigil, confessions will be heard during the Canon (a little bit past 6 pm). Some confessions can also be heard at 10 am prior to Liturgy if requested.

Saint Sophia Catechism Class

Next class: **September 17 (Please note that there will be no classes on September 3 or 10)**

Classes are on Thursday evenings at 7 PM and are about 45 minutes long.

Meeting link: [Saint Sophia Catechism Class | Microsoft Teams | Meetup-Join](#)

Or see the link on the Calendar page of the Saint Sophia website.

Vigil is every week on Saturday @ 5:00 PM

Liturgy is every week on Sunday @ 10:00 AM

See online calendar: <https://saintsophia.ca/monthly-services-calendar-2/>

May God bless you!

Re: Parish Feastday Picnic

Dear Parish Family,

We are looking forward to gathering with you for our Annual Parish Picnic and hope you can join us for an afternoon of fellowship, fun, and relaxation.

A few notes to help everyone enjoy the day:

Address: 962 Island Road <https://maps.app.goo.gl/5U6mVbvG3FioNiWKA>

Entry: There is a wooden gate on the left side of the House by the Garage leading to the backyard.

Parking: Parking on our street is limited. If you are able, please park in the spaces available at Windsor Park, which is just a very short walk from our home. This will help leave the nearby parking spaces for families with young children and those who have difficulty walking.

Food: The picnic will be potluck; please bring something to share if you can. Food must be fully prepared and ready to share. No BBQ or cooking facilities will be available on site.

Seating: We will have a couple of tables available, but many families find it more comfortable to bring a picnic blanket to spread out on the grass.

Swimming: The pool is warm and ready for guests, so don't forget your bathing suits, towels, and hats for sun protection!

Please note that there is no lifeguard on duty. Parents are responsible for supervising their children at all times in and around the pool area.

We look forward to spending this special time together and enjoying one another's company. We hope to see you there!