

OCTOBER 15, 2017

## SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

METROPOLITAN JOSEPH, PRIMATE; REVEREND FATHER NATHAN THOMPSON, PASTOR;  
REVEREND FATHER GEORGE WASHBURN, REVEREND FATHER THOMAS LINDSAY

*“God Himself lives in that man who has a peaceful heart. Above all: consider yourself worse than everyone, seek neither love nor honor from anyone, but have them yourself for everyone—thus you will obtain peace. But as soon as you want others to notice the goodness and virtue in you, then say good-bye to spiritual peace.”*

*St. Anatoly of Optina*

**Welcome. . .to all our visitors worshipping with us this morning!** Please sign our Guest Register as you enter the church and be our guest in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and refreshments this morning after the service is over. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you personally to Ss. Peter and Paul.

### Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom—Hymns & Scriptures

**Variable Hymns** – see music in packet

Troparion of Resurrection, Tn. 2, Bulgarian; Troparion of Resurrection, Tn. 2, Byzantine; Apolytikion of Holy Fathers of 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council; Troparion of Ss Peter & Paul, Tn. 4; Kontakion for Ordinary Sundays, Tn. 2.

#### **Epistle—Titus 3:8-15**

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissension and quarrels over the law for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

#### **The Holy Gospel – St. Luke 8:5-15**

The Lord spoke this parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among the thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold.” And when His Disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.” As Jesus said this, He called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

**Receiving Holy Communion:** Only Orthodox Christians prepared through prayer, fasting, and a recent sacramental confession should approach the chalice for the Eucharist. The Orthodox Church does not practice “open communion” and has no intercommunion with non-Orthodox churches.

**After taking Communion:** Please return to your place and continue standing until the announcements.

### **Today’s Commemorations and Prayer Requests**

*Take this list of prayer requests home with you and keep these people in your prayers this week. Some names are not Orthodox Christians and thus are not remembered in the Great Entrance, but are remembered in the other litanies during the services throughout the week.*

**For the living:** Archps. Alban, Moheen, & Jirius; Prs. George, Tom, Raphael, Patrick, Simeon, & Dimitri; Presbs. Mary, Mandy, & Maria; Sh. Camille-Anna, Stuart, Douglas & Patty, Matthew & Amy, Xavier, John & Darlene, Fiona, Joshua & Amy, Roger, Nathan & Jessica, Hugh, Nicholas & Nikoletta, Lily, Mark & Alisa, Samson, CaitlinCharity, Dane, Cherice, Charles, James & Cheryl & Dane, Lynne, Judith, Anna, Letitia, Barbara, Daniel, Katie, Romina, Patrick, Cicily & Siobhan, Franchesca, Ryan, Trinity, Caspian, Michael, Karla, Aisha, Xavier, Persis, Michael, Matt & Marie & family, Sophia & Michael, Alex, Kathleen, Savannah, Don & Marie, Peter & family, Georgie, Lauren, Beverly, Junie, Geoff, Michael, Evelyn, Braylin, Nancy, Maria, Sara.

**For the reposed:** Newly departed Bp. Antoun, newly departed Hertha, newly departed Ricky; Archp. Gordon; Prs. Basil, Terry, David, John; Hmk. Athanasios; Dns. Nathaniel, David, Joseph & Michael; Presb. Terry Elizabeth; Tatiana, Lou, Richard, Donna, Rudy, Anton, Daniel, Rachel, Ronald, Karen, Eleanor, Ronald, Virgil, Ruth, Ray, Richard.

**For those who are pregnant and their unborn children:** Katrina, Melissa, Rachelle, Anna Marie, Rachel.

**For those serving in the Armed Forces:** Richard, Shane Jeremiah, Jacob, David, Gregory, Daniel, Preston, Saba, Aaron, Zoe, Don, Nick, Scott, Michelle.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS - FATHERS OF 7<sup>TH</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

**God grant you many years!**

**Happy birthday to:**

Stacey Burkett	October 16
Lee Haskin	October 19
Isaac Beck	October 21

**Happy anniversary to:**

Harold & Wendy Sakoda	October 17
Marc & Marnye Sacoolas	October 20
Dn. Marc & Sh. Donna Wentzel	October 21

### INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES (IOCC)

On Sunday, November 5, IOCC will have their 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Remembering Home Vespers, reception, and banquet at Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church in Castro Valley. Individual tickets are \$65. Sponsorship levels are: Humanitarian--\$1000 (table of 8); Benefactor--\$500 (4 tickets); Friend--\$250 (2 tickets). Purchase tickets and sponsorships online at [ioc.org/rememberinghome](http://ioc.org/rememberinghome). Please RSVP by October 25. For more information, please contact the church office of Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church at [office@cvresurrection.org](mailto:office@cvresurrection.org). Checks should be made payable to IOCC and mailed to Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church, 20104 Center Street, Castro Valley, CA 94546.

### OPEN HOUSE

Please consider hosting an Open House and contact the Church Office so that we can put you on the calendar for November or subsequent months.

### AOCWNA

There will be a Bakery Meet-up at Gayle's Bakery in Capitola on Tuesday, October 17 at 9:30 am. The next AOCWNA business meeting will be Sunday, November 5, during coffee hour. On November 11, the women will visit St. John Maximovitch. They will leave Ss Peter & Paul at 8:45 am on Saturday and start the day at the Old Cathedral at 864 Fulton St. at 10:30 am with a Moleben to St. John in front of St. John's mantle. From there they will go to St. Tikhon to see St. John's cell. The next stop will be the bookstore and ROCOR Holy Virgin Cathedral on Geary St. where St. John's relics will be venerated. Please: bring a sack lunch and money for the bookstore and donations; carpool as parking is extremely limited.

### SPECIAL OLYMPICS AWARENESS DAY

Today is Special Olympics Awareness Day across the Archdiocese. This ministry is funded and hosted by the North American Council of Teen SOYO. Please see the flyer attached to this bulletin and contribute to the special tray today.

### CHURCH BUDGET SUBMISSIONS

It's that time of year! The annual church budget is in process for the upcoming year. If you have items you would like to add or correct in the church budget, please submit them to either the Parish Council Treasurer who is George Saad, or to Fr. Tom before November 30.

### CONGRATULATIONS

On Monday, October 9, Charity May was born to Caleb and Rachelle Sprenger. Mama, Daddy, big brother, and baby are all doing fine. May God grant them many years!

### This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul – Oct. 16-22, 2017

10/17	Tues	6:00 am – Orthros 9:00 am – Morning Prayers 9:30 am – AOCWNA Gayle's Bakery Meet-up 7:00 pm – Women's Book Study
10/18	Wed	6:00 pm – Vespers 7:00 pm – Parish Council
10/19	Thurs	6:00 am – Men's Reading Group 9:00 am – Orthros
10/21	Sat	6:00 pm – Great Vespers 7:00 pm – Compline
10/22	Sun	8:20 am – Orthros 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – 6th Sun. of Luke Church School after Eucharist Choir practice 20 min. after Div. Lit.

### Looking Ahead ---

Oct. 23	Divine Liturgy of St. James
Oct. 29	Community Dinner
Nov. 4	Men's Breakfast
Nov. 5	AOCWNA business meeting
Nov. 8	Clergy Meeting
Nov. 11	AOCWNA sponsored visit to St. John Maximovitch
Nov. 15	Nativity Fast Begins

**Come Join Us!**  
**Community Dinner**  
**Sunday, October 29**  
**2 pm**

All are welcome to share in an afternoon of friendship with home-cooked food. To volunteer or contribute, please contact Sh. Karla Newberry at 423-8121.