

FEBRUARY 9, 2025

**BULLETIN – SUNDAY OF THE PHARISEE & THE PUBLICAN
& LEAVE-TAKING OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST**

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Bulletin Submissions Deadline – **10 am Wed.** ♦ church website: <https://ssppaoc.org>

Ss Peter & Paul Mission: preserve, practice, and proclaim the Gospel of our Lord, God, & Savior Jesus Christ in order to glorify God in the parish and wider community.

This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul – February 10-16, 2025

- 2/10 Mo 6:00 am – Divine Liturgy –
Hieromartyr Haralambos
7:00 pm – Bible Study
- 2/11 Tu 7:00 am – Readers Orthros
5:00 pm – Akathist to Theotokos for
Healing
6:30 pm – Adult choir rehearsal
- 2/12 Wd 6:00 pm – Vespers
- 2/13 Th 7:00 am – Men's Reading Group
- 2/14-16 Fr-Su – Youth Winter Camp @ Camp
St. Nicholas
- 2/15 Sa 8:30 am – Women's Books Study
5:30 pm – Learn Byzantine Tones
6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline
- 2/16 Su 8:20 am – Orthros
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – **Prodigal
Son**
10:20 am – Church School
Adult choir rehearsal

Looking Ahead—

- February 17 *Bible Study*
- February 19 *Parish Council*
- February 23 *Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meatfare)*
Catechism
Youth choir practice
Community Dinner
- February 24 *Morning Divine Liturgy*
- February 25 *Akathist to Theotokos for healing*
Adult choir rehearsal
- February 26 *Paraklesis*
- March 1 *Men's Breakfast*
- March 2 *Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare)*
Adult choir rehearsal
Forgiveness Vespers

Many Years – Birthday

Abraham Resnick February 10

Felix Cooper-Gritton February 14

Many Years – Anniversary

Dn. Dave & Sh. Karla Newberry February 14

TODAY AED TRAINING

Victor Albers will hold a training on how to use the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) today after Divine Liturgy in the Church School classroom directly behind the church office.

Catechism today during Coffee Hour

MARCH 9 SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY PAN-ORTHODOX VESPERS

This year we will celebrate the Sunday of Orthodoxy with a Pan-Orthodox Vespers service on the evening of March 9. Multiple Orthodox Churches will be invited to celebrate with us. A tea and cookie reception will follow. This is in addition to our morning services, which include a procession with icons around the church.

**6:00 am Monday February 10
Divine Liturgy – Hieromartyr Haralambos**

LOS ANGELES FIRE RELIEF FUND

FOCUS is responding to the fires in southern California through the Los Angeles Fire Relief Fund. A donation to the Fund will directly provide: gift cards for immediate needs, essential items like food, clothing, and hygiene supplies, and rebuilding assistance to help families restore what was lost. To donate go [here](#).

Adult choir rehearsal February 11

FELTON CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

St. Lawrence Church Academy students plan to clean up of all the Orthodox graves in the Felton Cemetery. Neither church has a complete record of the Orthodox buried in the cemetery. If you know of an Orthodox loved one buried there, please contact the St. Lawrence Academy (number below) and give them the plot number so they can add it to their records. They will be weeding, putting down clean wood chips where applicable, and planting a lavender plant. If you have a loved one buried in the cemetery and prefer the students **not** clean up the grave, please contact the St. Lawrence Academy at (831) 335-0238 and let them know which plot that is and your preference.

KITCHEN DONATIONS

There will be a donation jar in the parish hall to collect donations towards the kitchen refurbishment. Please contribute as you are able.

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS & INFORMATION

If you are having trouble logging into your Breeze account and you want to include an updated photo in the new church directory, or if you need to update your family information, please email the photo to Terry Cleary: tlcleary@gmail.com. Terry will send you a new link to the Breeze website, the site where we keep our church membership data. If you have forgotten your password, you will have an opportunity to create a new one when you log into Breeze.

Youth choir practice February 23

Memory Eternal

February 12

Daniel Dillon

February 13

Richard Cervantes

February 14

Daniel Shisler

Community Dinner Sunday, February 23 2:00 pm

Donations of non-perishable food items, money, and helpers to make and distribute the dinner needed. Leave food items in the parish hall kitchen or industrial refrigerator marked for Community Dinner, not the residential refrigerator. To volunteer, contact Amanda Baillie at (832) 713-7583.

LOOKING AHEAD TOWARDS LENT

Last weekend the Zacchaeus Sunday Gospel concluded with the little Publican confessing to Jesus and his other guests that he had gotten rich from cheating people on their taxes. His next words showed that he understood what **had** to come next if his confession was to be genuine: restitution to those he wronged, charity for the poor.

This is an opportunity to re-examine the truly Orthodox view of confession, not as self-punishment or self-disrespect, but rather as a golden and joyful opportunity. The following quote sums it up quite nicely.

“To repent is not to look downwards at my own shortcomings, but upwards at God’s love. It is not to look backwards with self-reproach, but forward with trustfulness. It is to see not what I have failed to be, but what, by the grace of Christ, I might yet become.” (St. John Chrysostom)

Ask yourself if St. John doesn’t have something good for you in that quote! It is the rare Christian indeed who isn’t tempted to look down on her/himself, or backward at all the mistakes and missed opportunities of life. May we be encouraged this Lent to instead look forward to a confession that leads to what we still might become in Christ!