

SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

"We have a sacred obligation to prepare our youth and new members to receive the power of God. If we teach our children to do their homework but not to pray, we are only preparing them for misery. Good grades cannot save us from a tormented conscience. We cannot prepare a catechumen just by getting him to memorize dogmas. We must help him to be healed from the wounds of sin." -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH

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. 4, Carpatho-Rus; Troparion of Resurrection, Tn. 4, Byzantine; Troparion of Ss Peter & Paul, Tn. 4, Byzantine; Kontakion of the Nativity of the Theotokos, Tn. 4, Byzantine.

Epistle – I Corinthians 16:13-24

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, and be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

The Holy Gospel – St. Matthew 21:33-42

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

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. Philip, Alban, George, Moheen, & Jirius; Prs. Tom, Raphael, Patrick, John, George, & Dimitri; Monk Ignatius; Mother Olga; Presb. Mary, Presb. Mandy, Presb. 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, Cherice, Charles, James & Cheryl & Dane, Katie, Lynne, Judith, Letitia, Barbara, Romina, Patrick, Cicily, Siobhan, Randy, Stephanie, Christian, Laura, Olive, Boaz, Alex, Gabriel, Helen, Thomas, Georgia, Paraskevia, Vladimir, Marcel, LieslElizabeth, Christopher, Genevieve, Natasha, Madeline, Danielle, Gabriella, Nicholas, Dane, Anna, Kayla, Juanita, Mary,

Daniel, Jacklynn, Steven, Sally & Dennis, Steven, Leslie, Abel Hada, Erica, Heidi, Kevin, Maria, Don & Marie, Peter & family, Georgie, Lauren.

For the reposed: Archp. Gordon; Prs. Basil, Terry, David, Seraphim, John; Hieromonk Athanasios; Dns. Nathaniel, David, Joseph & Michael; Presb. Terry Elizabeth; Tatiana, Lou, Christopher, GloriaMary, Joseph, Tamara, Helen, Eileen, Tatiana, Victor, Nancy, Brian, John, Lisa, Magdalena, Cleda, Lila, Arlie, Daniel, Karen, Bill, Richard, Lucy, Ernie, Suzie, Bruce, Rosie.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS - 13TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

God grant you many years!

Happy birthday to:

Romina Cervantes September 8

Happy anniversary to:

James & Cherice Lachmund September 6

John & Darlene Johnson September 8

Matt & Amy Swagerty September 8

Paul Mousalam & Dee Dee Freney September 10

THANK YOU

We are thankful for our church family! We are grateful for the clergy, church members, choir, and everyone that helped with our huge wedding event. What a wonderful family we have that lifts us up and supports us in joyous times and in tough times like we have had recently. Thank you!

George and Kriss Saad

WOMEN'S GROUP

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will discuss upcoming social and fundraising events for the rest of 2017. The participation of all the women and your feedback is appreciated. If you would like to host or plan a social activity, please contact Keidi Lewis, Sarah, Steiger, Leanne Albers, or Claire Valory. The Tuesday evening Reading Group resumes 7-8:30 pm, October 3 at the home of Leanne Albers. Please text at 566-4450 to confirm your attendance.

ATTENTION YOUTH OF SS PETER & PAUL

The youth group of St. Timothy in Fairfield and the youth group of Ss Peter & Paul will meet at Mollie's Country Café in Scotts Valley at 10 am on Saturday, September 9 for breakfast. From there, a morning at the beach is planned. Great Vespers and a BBQ will round out the day.

36th ANNUAL MEDITERRANEAN FESTIVAL

The Church of the Redeemer at 380 Magdalena Ave. in Los Altos Hills invites us to enjoy family entertainment, music, delicious food, dancing, games, artisan crafts, a kid zone, a raffle, and more at their Mediterranean Festival. Times/dates are: Saturday, September 9, 12-10 pm; Sunday, September 10, 12-8 pm. This is the main fundraiser for the church, so take your family and have a good time!

PROPHET ELIAS GREEK FESTIVAL

The Prophet Elias Greek Festival will be: Friday, September 8, 5-10 pm; Saturday, September 9, 11 am-10 pm; and Sunday, September 10, 12-7 pm in Santa Cruz at 223 Church St. This event is a major fund raiser for their church, so take your family and friends and enjoy dancing, music, good food, and more!

FALL GATHERING AT ST. TIMOTHY IN FAIRFIELD

This year's Diocese of Los Angeles and the West Fall Gathering is October 6-8. Mandatory registration for all attendees is \$20, which includes: Friday light dinner, Saturday continental breakfast, and Saturday lunch. An optional Saturday night wine tasting is \$30. For more information about registration and places to stay in the area, go to

www.antiochianladiocese.org. Room reservation **deadline is September 6**. Registration and wine tasting **deadline is September 24**. Registration forms and lodging information have been sent to your email address, so you may easily register from home.

SEPTEMBER 9 PARKING

Both parking lots are rented on Saturday, September 9, so please carpool to the Men's Breakfast and Great Vespers. Park only on the church side of the north parking lot, in the **six spaces** nearest the road (in front of the rose garden).

SEPTEMBER CHURCH CALENDAR

Please pick up your September Ss Peter & Paul calendar in the narthex.

This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul – Sept. 4-10, 2017

9/5	Tues	6:00 am – Orthros 9:00 am – Morning Prayers
9/6	Wed	6:00 pm – Vespers 7:00 pm – Clergy Meeting/Dinner @ Thompson's 7:00 pm – Women's Group Meeting in Fellowship Hall
9/7	Thurs	6:00 am – Men's Reading Group 9:00 am – Morning Prayers 6:00 pm – Vesp. Div. Lit. for Nativity of Theotokos & fasting potluck (no BBQ)
9/8-9/10	Fri-Sun	Prophet Elias Greek Festival, Santa Cruz
9/9-9/10	Sat-Sun	Church of the Redeemer Mediterranean Festival, Los Altos Hills
9/9	Sat	8:00 am – Men's Breakfast 10:00 am – Youth Group Breakfast @ Mollie's w/ St. Timothy Youth Group 6:00 pm – Great Vespers 6:45 pm -- Youth Group BBQ with St. Timothy Youth Group 7:00 pm – Compline
9/10	Sun	8:20 am – Orthros 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy Church School after Eucharist Choir practice 20 min. after Div. Liturgy

Looking Ahead ---

Sept. 13	Vespersal Divine Liturgy for the Exaltation of the Cross
Sept. 20	Parish Council
Sept. 26	Orthros & Divine Liturgy for St. John the Theologian