

JULY 14, 2019

## BULLETIN – HOLY FATHERS OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

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### *Happy Birthday To*

<i>Michele Auldridge</i>	<i>July 14</i>
<i>Christina Schmidt</i>	<i>July 14</i>
<i>Christina Saad</i>	<i>July 18</i>
<i>Nicholas Berezny</i>	<i>July 19</i>
<i>Elias Salibi</i>	<i>July 20</i>
<i>Zach Sprenger</i>	<i>July 20</i>

### *Happy Anniversary To*

<i>Darcy &amp; Janelle Machnee</i>	<i>July 16</i>
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### **TRY SOMETHING NEW!**

Come join a Q & A/discussion on **today's** homily, gospel, and epistle readings. Meet in the parish hall about halfway through coffee hour.

### **RELIEF FOR SYRIA**

The Syrian people are suffering with homes, schools, churches, monasteries, and many public facilities damaged and destroyed by war. The Antiochian Patriarchate, located in Damascus, Syria, has approved one non-profit organization called Department of Ecumenical Relationships and Development (DERD) to operate throughout Syria. It is the largest independent local NGO operation there. To find out more about the situation in Syria, DERD, and/or how to donate, please go to <http://antiochian.org/syrian-relief-program-introducing-derd>. An article and a video explain the needs and show some of the devastation in Syria.

### **CHURCH CAMP SEASON**

We have a small scholarship fund set up for the purpose of helping our parents get their kids to Orthodox summer camp. Please consider donating to this worthy fund. Make checks payable to Ss Peter & Paul and make "Camp Scholarship" the memo.

### **SCHEDULING MEMORIALS**

If you would like Trisagion prayers said at the end of the Divine Liturgy for a loved one, please contact the church office one month prior to that date so that it can be put on the church calendar.

### **PASTOR'S JULY SCHEDULE**

Fr. Nathan will be away July 21-27. You may reach him by phone or email. Fr. Nathan and family will be on vacation July 29-August 2 and not available. Please call either Fr. Tom Lindsay at 335-2651 or Fr. George Washburn at 359-1051 for pastoral issues.

### **ONLINE DONATIONS**

Still thinking about online donations to our parish?

- It's simple to use
- Completely under your control
- You can give one time or repeatedly in any amount with just a few clicks
- All payment sources are accepted: checking/savings direct withdrawal, debit card, and credit card
- You can always return to the site to change or stop a continuing contribution
- If your income is irregular, you don't have to commit to recurrent giving—you can give a portion of your income as you receive it
- No need to use stamps and envelopes to mail your check

Just go to our parish website and check it out: [www.sspeterandpaulorthodox.org](http://www.sspeterandpaulorthodox.org)

*This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul – July 15-21, 2019*

- 7/15 **Mon** 6:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal  
7/16 **Tues** 6:00 am – Readers Orthros  
7/17 **Wed** 6:00 pm – Vespers  
7/18 **Thurs** 6:00 am – Men’s Reading Group  
7/20 **Sat** 6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline  
followed by potluck BBQ  
7/21 **Sun** 8:20 am – Orthros  
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy  
Trisagion for Fr. Basil

*Looking Ahead –*

- July 21-28 *Archdiocese Convention—Fr. Nathan  
away*  
July 28 *Community Dinner  
Youth Group Meeting*  
Jul 29-Aug 2 *Thompson Family Vacation—Fr.  
Nathan unavailable; please contact  
another priest if needed*  
August 1 *Dormition Fast begins*  
August 6 *Holy Transfiguration*

**NO THURSDAY DIVINE LITURGIES**

In the month of July there will be no Thursday morning Divine Liturgies.

**Converting Our Friends**

*How can we bring our friends and relatives into Holy Orthodoxy?*

Many visitors to the monastery share their joy at having discovered the True Faith but wonder how they might draw family members and friends into Orthodoxy. They often assume that means debating the truth of Orthodoxy’s claim to being the Ancient church preserved into this age, or think they should perhaps gift their friends with books on Orthodoxy. But the truth is that we can never convince another of the truth of Orthodoxy by preaching from our rational mind, for only the heart can touch another heart.

We must never debate or attack another person’s beliefs, for only a meek and humble heart can communicate the truth of our Faith to another person. Love, humility, and kindness are the only vehicles that allow us to share Orthodoxy. Our friends and relatives will only be drawn to the Church, if they see in us the love of Christ, and see in us a transformation and holiness that demonstrates the truth of the Orthodox Church, and the sacramental power of a Faith that has changed us into conveyers of the Love of Christ.

With love in Christ,  
Abbot Tryphon

**COME JOIN US FOR A  
COMMUNITY DINNER  
SUNDAY, JULY 28  
AT 2:00 pm**

*All are welcome to share in an afternoon of friendship and dine on home-cooked food. If you would like to contribute time and talents of funds, please contact Kriss Saad at 419-2677.*

**PROPHET ELIAS FEAST DAY**

All are invited to celebrate with Prophet Elias Greek Orthodox Church in Santa Cruz.

- 6:00 pm Friday, July 19-Great Vespers
- 10:15 am Saturday, July 20-Divine Liturgy followed by luncheon