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BULLETIN – SUNDAY AFTER ELEVATION OF THE CROSS

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Deadline for Bulletin Submissions -- 10:00 am Thursday ♦ Father's Office Hours – Tuesday 10:30 am-1:30 pm

Happy Birthday To

<i>Fr. George Washburn</i>	<i>September 17</i>
<i>Dee Dee Freney</i>	<i>September 18</i>
<i>Marilyn Spurgeon</i>	<i>September 22</i>

MINISTRY TEAMS UPDATE

There will be a Ministry Team presentation on Sunday, **September 30** immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

On Sunday, September 23, choir rehearsal will start immediately after the baptism. On Sunday, September 30, choir rehearsal will start 30 minutes after the Divine Liturgy.

WORK DAY TODAY

After a short coffee hour, there will be a work day at the back of the church property by the barn. Please bring work clothes and gloves.

SACRED MUSIC

A kontakion is a special type of troparion. Originally it was an extended homily in verse. The kontakia were so long that the text was rolled up on a pole for use in the services—the genesis of the name kontakion, which means “from the pole” in Greek. These days we only sing the first poetic stanza of the kontakia in the Divine Liturgy. According to tradition, St. Romanos the Melodist wrote the first kontakion and we sing it to this day at Nativity.

Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One,
And the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One!
Angels with shepherds glorify Him!
The wise men journey with a star!
Since for our sake the Eternal God was born as a Little Child!

NEW BUDGET ITEMS

It is time to do the new church budget. If you have anything that you would like to add to the budget, please contact Fr. Tom or George Saad by Wednesday, October 17.

BRIDAL SHOWER

The women of the church are invited to a “get to know” Gail Smith (soon-to-be Beck) bridal shower on Saturday, September 22 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. It will be held at Donna Wentzel's at 13095 Oak St. in Boulder Creek.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Sunday, September **30**
2:00 pm

****Note date correction**

*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 or funds, please contact Marc Sacoolas at 438-3455. **We are especially in need of helpers!***

FALL GATHERING

- October 12-14
- Hosted by St. Peter the Apostle Orthodox Church, Pomona, CA
- Registration & room booking deadline is **October 5**
- www.antiochiandiocese.org
- StPeterFallGathering18@gmail.com
- (909) 686-2021
- Email has been sent to you with a pdf of the registration form and information about the event.

35TH ANNUAL HARVEST PARTY

We will begin juicing apples right after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, October 7. Barbecue coals will be heated, so bring meat to cook and a side dish to share—dessert too if you want! There will be games for the kids and pumpkin carving, as well as lots of apple cider or whatever beverage you want to bring. Call Dn. Dave or Sh. Karla if you have any questions at **423-8121** and let them know if you or your friends have apples to juice. Invite your friends to the party too!

AOCWNA MEETING

There will be an AOCWNA meeting today, following the Divine Liturgy during coffee hour.

OLD BARN STORAGE

If you have anything left/stored in the barn from long ago or just last year, please come by Sunday and remove it. What is left will be thrown away.

FREE KINDLING

Please take as much kindling as you would like from the back of the property, behind the barn. It is dry and ready to use.

This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul—September 17-23, 2018

9/18	Tues	6:00 am – Readers Orthros 9:30 am – AOCWNA Bakery Meet-up
9/19	Wed	6:00 pm – Vespers
9/20	Thurs	6:00 am – Men’s Reading Group 9:00 am – Orthros
9/22	Sat	1:00 pm – Bridal Shower for Gail Smith 6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline
9/23	Sun	8:20 am – Orthros 10:00 am – Divine Liturgy - Conception of John the Baptist Church School after Eucharist Baptism of Antonia Carroll Choir rehearsal immediately after baptism Youth Group Meeting

Looking Ahead ---

- September 26 *Paraklesis*
September 29 *Salibi/Saad Wedding w/private reception to follow*
September 30 *Ministry Team Presentation immediately following Divine Liturgy
Community Dinner*
October 7 *Memorial for Kh. Terry Elizabeth
Harvest Party after Divine Liturgy*

A REVIEW FROM OUR BOOKSTORE

The Scent of holiness: Lessons From a Women’s Monastery, by Constantina R. Palmer

Living in American culture, which is fascinated with all things “new”, this book offers a refreshing glimpse of Orthodoxy as it has been lived out in monasteries for the last 1600 years. After the

author, Presbytera Constantina, visits one in Greece several times, she gives us a book rich in this daily wisdom and insight, and also encourages us by describing the many miracles that have happened to the nuns.

Saint John Chrysostom is quoted in the forward:

“And if it happens that a person is in distress...he bypasses the king as if he were dead and flees to the dwelling of the monks, just as someone escaping a wolf flees to the hunter who carries a sword in his hand. For prayer is to a monk what a sword is to a hunter. In fact, a sword is not so fearsome to the wolves as the prayers of the just are to the demons. Therefore, not only do we flee to the holy monks in time of need, but even the kings themselves flee to them when they are afraid, like beggars to the house of the wealthy in times of famine” (p. 11).

From Presbytera Constantina regarding the nuns’ gentle instruction—

“I never felt as though they looked at me as someone who needed to learn something. I only ever felt loved by them. This is why I was never embarrassed by all the more serious mistakes I made, like revealing my unrestrained curiosity to them. I felt like I was able to show them my less attractive traits and habits, and still they loved me and cared for me...Their humble disposition made outright teaching unnecessary; I was taught by their love” (p. 108).

“What does it mean to take up your cross? It means the willing acceptance, at the hand of Providence, of every means of healing, bitter though it may be, that is offered. Do great catastrophes fall on you? Be obedient to God’s will, as Noah was. Is sacrifice demanded of you? Give yourself into God’s hands with the same faith as Abram had when he went to sacrifice his son. Is your property ruined? Do your children die suddenly? Suffer it all with patience, cleaving to God in your heart, as Job did. Do your friends forsake you, and you find yourself surrounded by enemies? Bear it all without grumbling, and with faith that God’s help is at hand, as the apostles did.”
St. Nikolai Velimirovich