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BULLETIN – 10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; AFTER-FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS & RECOVERY FROM EDESSA OF THE ICON OF CHRIST NOT MADE BY HANDS

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**The Beginning of the Indiction
(Ecclesiastical New Year)
Tuesday, September 1
8:30 am Orthros followed by
Divine Liturgy**

DISPATCH FROM THE DILLONS

We're almost there! Tuesday we arrived in Modesto from SoCal to spend a week as guests of Fr. Thomas Zell at the St. James parish.

We are so pleased at reports of the farewell weekend for the Thompsons and very grateful to all who are working to make our new family home ready for move-in so quickly. The whole family is very excited to be in such beautiful surroundings with you. The boys are very ready to start taking advantage of all the play space and equipment!

See you soon!

OUTDOOR CHURCH MASKS

This weekend our normal Sunday services will again be held outdoors. Sayidna continues to strongly encourage, and our local government requires, masks and social distancing. See you soon!

DILLONS MOVE

Look for an email soon from Amanda Baillie with information about help unloading the Dillon's moving truck on Wednesday, August 19.

FAMILY NEWS

The Schmidts thank all who were praying last week for Dn. Richard and the medical team at Stanford. It went well, he is bouncing back quickly, and waiting for biopsy results.

A FOND FAREWELL

Many thanks to all who made the Thompson family's final Sunday, August 9, so special. Our Dean, Fr. Thomas Zell, offered kind words as Metropolitan JOSEPH's representative. Fr. Nathan gave an excellent homily. Amanda Baillie organized a fine luncheon and open mic session at which so much love and appreciation was expressed. Jeff Auldrige, Marc Sacoolas and the muscle crew then packed the moving truck to the gills. WE LOVE YOU THOMPSON FAMILY!

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

Our parish is featured in the Summer Newsletter in an article about celebrating Pascha at home. There is a piece by our spiritual advisor, Fr. David Hovik, as well as photos and essays from many parishes in our diocese discussing how they have adapted to life during a pandemic. Go [here](#), p. 2 to access the newsletter. Also, the "Sowing Bee" will be held Tuesday, August 18, 7-8:15 pm. More info at the DLAW Facebook page.

CALENDAR ITEMS

If you have anything you would like put on the church calendar, please contact Dn. Anthony (frdnanthony@gmail.com) for his review.

COMMUNITY DINNER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

TO-GO MEAL SERVED AT

2:00 PM

Donations of non-perishable food items and helpers to make up and distribute the dinner needed. Please leave food items in the parish hall kitchen and contact Kriss Saad at 419-2677.

This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul—August 17-23, 2020

- 8/19 Wed **10:00 am – Help unload Dillons things @ parsonage**
6:00 pm – Vespers
- 8/22 Sat **6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline**
- 8/23 Sun **8:20 am – Orthros**
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – 11th Sunday after Pentecost, Leave-taking of the Dormition
Welcome Fr. Christopher and the Dillon Family!

Looking Ahead –

- August 30 *Community Dinner*
September 1 *Divine Liturgy for the Indiction*
September 5 *Men's Breakfast*
September 7 *VDL for the Nativity of the Theotokos*
September 13 *Annual Meeting*

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Our Annual Meeting, set for September 13, will select two new Parish Council members. **You** get to nominate! As you do, bear in mind what Parish Council truly is per our standard Archdiocese Constitution: a collaborative **administrative ministry** for stewardship of money and property. In addition to time and administrative gifting, a nominee must be at least 25, a two-year member, and regular communicant. To nominate, contact Gerry Elwell (345-7102), Philip Salibi (359-0021), Sarah Steiger (588-7526), Fr. George (359-1051).

ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Fr. Christopher will preside over his first Annual Meeting in Ben Lomond after the Divine Liturgy. The chief items of business will be his opening remarks, the presentation and discussion of the budget before voting, and lottery selection of the two Parish Council vacancies the parish fills.

Many Years – Birthday

<i>Minja Peabody</i>	<i>August 16</i>
<i>Sh. Donna Wentzel</i>	<i>August 19</i>
<i>Brian Murray</i>	<i>August 20</i>
<i>Sarah Steiger</i>	<i>August 20</i>

Many Years – Anniversary

<i>Ryan & Nicole Hofschneider</i>	<i>August 19</i>
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IN THE REARVIEW MIRROR

Transfiguration Inspiration

Scattered wisely throughout the Orthodox church year, the inspirational Great Feasts are meant to lift our eyes from the hum-drum of daily life and the chains of pessimism and fear. When our eyes have been lifted from what discourages, troubles, confuses, or scares us, the Transfiguration shows us in Christ not only the unimaginable shining perfection of our eternal God, but also our own potential through repentance to be released from the human pettiness that besets us, and by grace to be “transformed from one degree of glory to another.” (II Corinthians 3:18)

Parable of the Prodigal Son by Fr. Vasileios

The usual approach to this Parable focuses on the surface differences between the sons. Fr. Vasileios instead focuses on what they had in common despite very different symptoms.

Which son do we resemble? It is not easy to say.

From the very beginning until sometime later in the parable...he lived in a state of delusion. The younger son was beside himself; he was unable to discern or understand what he was doing. It was only after it all had transpired that he was able to come to his senses....

It is only if we are able to come to our senses – and this occurs with the help of God – that we ever discover our poverty and nakedness.

PARISH COUNCIL SNAPSHOT

At the August 11 Parish Council meeting Fr. George encouraged the members to not grow weary in doing good. A wide range of issues were addressed: salary package for Dillons, excellent June giving, 2020-21 budget approved for presentation to parish, property maintenance/clean-up, insurance, rental expenses/income, Annual General Meeting. For more detail, see the PC minutes on the parish hall bulletin board when they are posted.