

JANUARY 19, 2020  
**BULLETIN – SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY**

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**NEW YEAR, NEW KITCHEN**

If you donated something to the kitchen and would like it back, please check with the Kitchen Ministry by January 31 to see if it is one of the items they are purging.

offering for the Trigg family today and Sunday, January 26. Gift cards are also welcome to help defray the costs of feeding their family and putting gasoline in the car for the many visits to the hospital. Please continue to pray for God's healing and protection of John Paul and his family.

**ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN**

Our Women's group held elections recently. The new officers who will serve through 2021 are:

- Co-Chairs – Marilyn Spurgeon & Sophia Botill
- Treasurer – Valerie Pflueger
- Secretary – Sarah Steiger

**Come Join Us!**

**COMMUNITY  
DINNER**

**Sunday, January 26  
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 or funds, please contact Kriss Saad @ 419-2677.

**Parish Life Conference**

**July 1-5, 2020**

**Hosted by St. Nicholas Church  
San Francisco (Diamond Hgts)**

To register and for more information go to

[https://www.antiochianevents.org/events/  
diocese-of-los-angeles-and-the-west/](https://www.antiochianevents.org/events/diocese-of-los-angeles-and-the-west/)

**HELP FOR THE JOHN PAUL TRIGG FAMILY**

As some of you know, John Paul Trigg was injured in an accident on New Year's Eve and his eye was severely damaged by a malfunctioning firework. He is unable to lift anything or work for several months. Doctors are concerned that he may not regain vision in his one eye. John Paul also has skull fractures and burns that will need to heal. He is in a lot of pain and definitely stressed about how to support his family (wife and eight children) and what his future will look like. There is no formal GoFundMe page yet, but there might be one in the future. For now, we will take an

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Many years to Carter Julian Basil Luttrell, born December 30 to Laura (Steiger) Luttrell! Carter is the grandson of Kh. Ellen Steiger.

**REIMBURSEMENT NOTICE**

Reimbursement receipts for the fiscal year ending February 28 (3/1/19 – 2/28/2020) must be submitted to the church office by February 26 in order to be paid. Reimbursements will not be paid after that date.

*This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul – January 20-26, 2020*

1/20 Mon 6:30 pm – Choir rehearsal  
1/21 Tues 6:00 am – Reader’s Orthros  
1/22 Wed 9:00 am – Divine Liturgy  
6:00 pm – Paraklesis  
1/23 Thurs 6:00 am – Men’s Reading Group  
1/24 Fri 10:00 am – Women’s Book Study  
1/25 Sat 6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline  
1/26 Sun 8:20 am – Orthros  
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – Sunday  
of Zaccheus  
10:20 am – Church School  
2:00 pm – Community Dinner  
Youth Group

*Looking Ahead –*

January 29 *Vesperal Divine Liturgy*  
February 1 *Men’s Breakfast*  
February 2 *Presentation of Christ*  
February 3-6 *Clergy Seminar in LA – Fr. Nathan away*  
February 9 *Sunday of Pharisee & Publican*  
February 16 *Sunday of Prodigal Son*  
February 22 *Saturday of Souls*  
February 23 *Sunday of Last Judgment*  
March 1 *Forgiveness Sunday*  
March 2 *Great Lent begins*

**+January 19**

Father Macarios the Great of Egypt withdrew into the wilderness where he spent 60 years in labor and struggle, both internally and externally for the Kingdom of Heaven. So much did he succeed in cleansing his mind and heart of evil that God bestowed upon him the abundant gift of miracle-working; he even raised the dead. Macarios often told his disciple Paphnutius: “Do not judge anyone and you will be saved.” Nine days before his death, St. Anthony, St. Pachomius and a cherub revealed to him that he would enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Macarios lived to be 97 years old and died in the year 390.

**ΑΟΓΩΝΙΑ Lenten Retreat**  
**Camp St. Nicholas**  
**Frazier Park, California**  
**April 3-5, 2020**

**Orthodox Tidbits**

*“Learn to love humility, for it will cover all your sins. All sins are repulsive before God, but the most repulsive of all is pride of the heart. Do not consider yourself learned and wise; otherwise, all your effort will be destroyed, and your boat will reach the harbor empty. If you have great authority, do not threaten anyone with death. Know that, according to nature, you too are susceptible to death, and that every soul sheds its body as its final garment.”*

**St. Anthony the Great**

Here St. Anthony tells us that humility will cover our sins. If we are humble, we are willing to admit our sinfulness, but if we are filled with pride, then we do not see our need for repentance. As St. James tells us, “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” The prophet David tells us that God does not desire sacrifices, but rather a sacrifice of a broken spirit and that a broken and humble heart God will not despise. Here, broken is used as opposed to proud; think broken as in a horse that has to have its will broken. That is how we are; we are willful and proud, thinking we know best instead of trusting God. Instead, we should recognize that all that we are and all that we have is from God and it is all undeserved, thanking Him and seeking His glory in all we do, not our own.

**In Christ,  
Fr. Nathan**

**TIMES FOR CONFESSIONS**

Confessions are heard on Sunday mornings during Orthros prior to 9:15 am, before or after Vespers on Wednesday evenings (by appointment), on Saturday evenings following Compline, and by appointment during the week. If you desire to go to confession during Orthros, please send a message to one of the priests through one of the deacons.