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## BULLETIN – 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & 9<sup>TH</sup> OF LUKE

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*Many Years -- Birthday*

*Persis Rooth*

*November 29*

*Nicene Nicholas*

*November 30*

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Our Nativity party this year will be on Friday, December 27 at the Inn at Pasatiempo in Santa Cruz for high school age and up. Please save the date. More information will follow in a later bulletin.

### **HOMILIES ONLINE**

If you would like to access Fr. Nathan's Sunday homilies online, go to <https://sspeterandpaulorthodox.org/>, select "About Our Parish" from the menu at the top of the page and select "Homilies". You must log in to hear the homilies. The username is parishioner. The password is orthodox.

### **IOCC SUNDAY: DAY OF SHARING**

Today is the International Orthodox Christian Charities Day of Sharing. A special collection will be taken at the end of the Divine Liturgy to help the IOCC meet their goals.

### **KINDNESS MINISTRY**

Please contact Marilyn Spurgeon if you are interested in this ministry.

### **ST NIKODEMOS THE HAGIORITE**

*Our newly tonsured Reader is named for St. Nikodemos. Here is a synopsis of the saint's life.*

St. Nikodemos the Hagiorite was born in Greece in 1748. He went to Mount Athos at the age of 26 and was tonsured in the Dionysiou monastery. He was assigned to edit the manuscript of the *Philokalia*. Editing this book was the beginning of many years of literary work by Saint Nikodemos. He moved

to the Pantokrator skete and zealously studied Holy Scripture and the works of the Holy Fathers.

In 1783 Saint Nikodemos was tonsured to the Great Schema, and lived in complete silence for six years. When Saint Macarius of Corinth next visited Athos, he gave the editing of the writing of Saint Symeon the New Theologian to Saint Nikodemos, who gave up his ascetic silence and occupied himself once more with literary work. From that time until his death, on July 14, 1809, he continued zealously to toil in this endeavor.

Saint Nikodemos was a simple man, without malice, unassuming, and distinguished by his profound concentration. He possessed remarkable mental abilities: he knew the Holy Scriptures by heart, remembering even the chapter, verse and page, and he could recite long passages from the writings of the Holy Fathers from memory.

The literary work of Saint Nikodemos was varied. He wrote a preface to the *Philokalia*, edited *Unseen Warfare*, edited the *Pedalion*—comprised of the canons of the Holy Apostles, of the holy Ecumenical and Local Synods, and of the Holy Fathers—wrote *Manual of Confession*, *Christian Morality*, short lives of the ascetics, and authored and interpreted hymns, especially the 75 Hymns of Degrees of the liturgical book called the *Oktoechos*.

Memory Eternal

November 24

Dn Joseph Kerns

*This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul - November 25-*

*December 1, 2019*

- 11/25 Mon 6:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal  
11/26 Tues 6:00 am – Readers Orthros  
11/27 Wed 6:00 pm – Akathist of Thanksgiving  
11/28 Thurs Thanksgiving Day  
11/30 Sat 6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline  
11/24 Sun 8:20 am – Orthros  
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy  
10:20 am – Church School

*Looking Ahead –*

- December 4 Morning Divine Liturgy  
December 5 Vespers Divine Liturgy for St. Nicholas  
December 6 Women's Book Study  
December 7 Men's Breakfast  
December 8 St. Nicholas Celebration  
Youth Group  
December 11 Morning Divine Liturgy  
December 13 Women's Book Study  
December 18 Morning Divine Liturgy  
Parish Council  
December 20 Women's Book Study  
December 24-January 3 Church Office Closed  
December 24 Royal Hours  
Vespers Divine Liturgy  
Festal Orthros & Divine Liturgy for the  
Feast of Nativity  
January 1 Vespers

**NEW FOR NATIVITY**

There are several new items in our bookstore and more to come. Check it out!

**PARISH COUNCIL SNAPSHOT**

- Narthex plans application is currently being routed in the County Planning Department.
- A special budget line item was approved by the Parish council for a Building Fund which will be for future projects. More information will be forthcoming on that account with a definition.
- \$800 was approved for work on the rental home.

**Orthodox Tidbits**

The reading of the Six Psalms is one of the most important parts of Orthros. It takes place after the priest's censing at the beginning of the service. It is "a time when all should put aside other thoughts, stand quietly, and concentrate on these penitential prayers."

In fact, one should stand perfectly still, *not even making the sign of the cross* at the "Glory to the Father and to the Son..." and the Alleluias in-between the third and fourth Psalms. It is certainly not a time to be walking around. If you enter during the Six Psalms, please stand quietly at the back of the church. In fact, in order to limit distractions, in some traditions, all lights and candles are extinguished.

So why are these Psalms so important? They are a summary of the Christian life, highlighting the sorrow that we so often meet along the way to our eternal joy. They are read at an Orthodox Christian's deathbed and the Church teaches that they are read to us when we stand at the Great Judgment Seat of Christ!

They, like all of Orthros, help prepare us for the awe-filled experience of taking the True Body and Blood of our Lord God and Savior in the Holy Eucharist for our salvation and to the Glory of God!

+Fr. Nathan

**Annual  
Thanksgiving  
Community Dinner!**

**TODAY  
2:00 pm**

***Join us for the feast, help prepare and serve the food, clean up afterwards, contribute funds; any and all help is greatly appreciated. Sign-ups in the parish hall. For more information, please contact Marcel Herlé at 421-2877.***