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BULLETIN – 32ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & 15TH OF LUKE (ZACCHAEUS)

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Many Years -- Birthday

Mike Burke January 31

Gabriella Herlé February 1

Many Years – Anniversary

Dn. Antonio & Sh. Lucia Rivera January 27

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. We will take an offering for the Trigg family today. Gift cards are also welcome to help defray the costs of feeding their family and putting gasoline in the car. Please continue to pray for God's healing and protection of John Paul and his family.

Vespertine Divine Liturgy

Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs

Wednesday, January 29

6:00 pm

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.

PARISH NEEDS

If you are able to help in any of the following areas, please contact the church office at 831-336-2228.

- **Pascha Organizer:** Someone to coordinate the celebration after our midnight services as well as our annual Pascha picnic, with the help of volunteers. All the information and check lists are available for the activities. You are also welcome to put your own spin on the events; think outside the box.
- **Community Dinner Leads:** Looking for more people or teams of people to add to the rotation of leading a meal. You will have support from the church and the people that already lead and help, but some current leaders are stepping down and we need to fill their spots. You would serve in this capacity about three times a year.
- **Grant Writer:** Someone who has a gift for writing and has time to do some research. There are grants for which our church could qualify that would help offset the cost of remodeling/building as well as help in other areas of our community development.

Memory Eternal

January 28

Joseph Snyder

January 28

Sara Beth Wentzel

This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul –
January 27- February 6, 2020

1/27	Mon	6:30 pm – Choir rehearsal
1/28	Tues	6:00 am – Reader’s Orthros
1/29	Wed	6:00 pm – Vespers Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs
1/30	Thurs	6:00 am – Men’s Reading Group
1/31	Fri	10:00 am – Women’s Book Study
2/1	Sat	8:00 am – Men’s Breakfast 6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline
2/2	Sun	8:20 am – Orthros 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – Presentation (Meeting) of Christ 10:20 am – Church School

Looking Ahead –

<i>February 3-6</i>	<i>Clergy Seminar in LA – Fr. Nathan away</i>
<i>February 9</i>	<i>Sunday of Pharisee & Publican</i>
<i>February 16</i>	<i>Sunday of Prodigal Son</i>
<i>February 22</i>	<i>Saturday of Souls</i>
<i>February 23</i>	<i>Sunday of Last Judgment</i>
<i>March 1</i>	<i>Forgiveness Sunday</i>
<i>March 2</i>	<i>Great Lent begins</i>

Come Join Us!

**COMMUNITY DINNER
TODAY @ 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.

**+January 30 – The Three Great Hierarchs & Ecumenical
Teachers**

The common feast of the three teachers was instituted a little before the year 1100, during the reign of the Emperor Alexis I Comnenus. The common feast ended a dispute and strife that arose among the notable and virtuous men of that time. Some of them preferred Basil, while others preferred Gregory, and yet others preferred John Chrysostom, quarreling among

themselves over which of the three was the greatest. To end the contention, the three Saints appeared together to the saintly John Mavropous, a monk who had been ordained Bishop of Euchaita in Asia Minor. They revealed to him that the glory they have at the throne of God is equal, and told him to compose a common service for the three of them, which he did with great skill and beauty.

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**

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

The new officers who will serve through 2021 are:

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