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BULLETIN – AFTER-FEAST OF THE ASCENSION & COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

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Many Years – Birthday

Joe Tershay	May 31
Sh. Valerie Pflueger	June 2
Terry Cleary	June 4
Darlene Johnson	June 5
Nicholas Salibi	June 5
Ginny Petras	June 6
Sh. Camille Livingston	June 6
Emma Botill	June 6

Many Years – Anniversary

Gerry & Kathleen Elwell	May 31
Steve & Debbie Franck	June 4
Elias & Diana Salibi	June 4

EXCERPT FROM METROPOLITAN JOSEPH'S MAY 29, 2020 LETTER TO THE FAITHFUL

“Beloved Clergy, please note that the last few weeks have seen increasing amounts of bitterness and animosity tearing at the fringes of the wider society. Our people need the healing presence of Christ, and we ask you to preach love and mercy, peace and reconciliation. The bishops and I have been working diligently to make informed and reasonable decisions, and we ask you to help our faithful in patiently working with us towards our shared telos of a fully restored liturgical life. Let us increase our prayers that [the] Lord will hasten that day!”

ONLINE DONATING

To donate online, go to <https://ssppaoc.org/#>. When the home page comes up, at the top right, you will see “Support Our Parish”. Select “Donate Online” and that will take you to a page with a list of possible donations and a place to pay tithe. If you have trouble with the online donating, please contact Linda Young, our webmaster, at (831) 359-3011.

AOCWNA TALKS

Check the link on the Diocese of Los Angeles and the West Facebook page for updates on our ongoing Zoom talks with Fr. David Hovik, our spiritual advisor, on the topic “The Sowing Bee...Planting Seeds of Wisdom, Hope & Love”. The link will be posted on that day, or interested attendees can email in advance to antiochianwomenla@gmail.com and will be sent the link the day before.

“We should so train ourselves that the mind, as it were, swims in the word of the Lord by which we must guide and rule our life.”

~St. Seraphim of Sarov~

FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE

If you collected funds in your FFHP alms box during Lent, please count the money at home and either donate via the church website or mail a check to the church office made out to Ss Peter & Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church with FFHP in the memo.

ONLINE RESOURCES

The Department of Homeschooling and other Archdiocese ministries are offering learning opportunities, support, and curriculum resources for all ages. Go here: <https://www.antiochian.org/>.

Memory Eternal

June 4

Solomon Johnson

June 6

Florence Scholtens

This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul–June 1-7, 2020

6/3 Wed 6:00 pm – Vespers
6/6 Sat 6:00 pm – Great Vespers
6/7 Sun 8:20 am – Orthros
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – Pentecost

Looking Ahead –

June 10 Vespers
June 13 Great Vespers
June 14 Orthros & Divine Liturgy – All Saints

May 31

From the Synaxarion

On this day we celebrate the first Ecumenical Council of the 318 God-bearing Fathers, which took place in Nicaea in Bithynia.

Calling the Son a stranger to the Father's essence, Arius proved to be a stranger to God's glory.

Arius, the notorious heretic, began to blaspheme against God and His Son the Word, saying that the latter was not God consubstantial with the Father, but that He was created as a stranger to the Substance of the Father and His glory. Alexander, the Archbishop of Alexandria, tried to constrain Arius from disturbing the faithful with this teaching; even though Alexander excommunicated him, Arius did not cease his blasphemy, which spread throughout the Church in all nations. Thus, Emperor Constantine the Great called the First Ecumenical Council, which gathered bishops and teachers in the Church from all lands. They all proclaimed, as by one mouth, the equality of the Son of God with the Father in Substance, thus laying down the noble Confession of Faith, The Creed, which we Orthodox Christians recite to this day. The Church regards these divine Fathers as preachers of the Faith next to the holy Apostles.

By the intercessions of the 318 God-bearing Fathers, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Please see church website and email letters from Fr. George of May 28, 29, and 30 for church reopening updates.

“By studying the Gospel and trying to put its precepts into practice in thought, word, and deed, you will be following the Lord’s direction, and the moral tradition of the Orthodox Church.”

“Let us take all care, brothers, to become doers of the commandments of the Gospel. When death will come is unknown. We may be suddenly called to judgment when we are least expecting it. Blessed are those who have prepared themselves for their passage to eternity by a life in accordance with the Gospel.”

~From The Arena by St. Ignatius Brianchaninov



“Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded. Having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests but also for the interests of others.

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.”

Philippians 2:1-7

In difficult times how sweet it is to steer by the guidance from Apostles and saints that never grows old and does not vary with the times or our own feelings! Uniting with Christ is our privileged calling!

All love and blessings,
Father George