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BULLETIN – 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & 1ST SUNDAY OF LUKE

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Many Years – Birthday

AnaGrace Beck *Belated* September 19

Mike Hepe September 27

Lilly Robinson September 29

Many Years – Anniversary

Philip & Christina Salibi September 29

SACRED MUSIC

Glory to God! Due to the decline of COVID-19 cases in Santa Cruz County, we would like to have a soft re-opening of the choir and chanter stand. Contact Fr. Christopher and/or Darlene Johnson if you are interested in singing in the choir and/or Will Steiger if you are interested in chanting.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN BOOK STUDY

The Antiochian Women of the Diocese of Los Angeles and the West will be reading *The Holy Angels*, by Mother Alexandra. After years of being out of print, the book is again available. If you are interested in ordering a copy, speak to Sh. Donna Wentzel who heads our Bookstore Ministry Team. By ordering through our bookstore you avoid shipping fees. Also, if you are interested in coordinating and/or hosting a small reading group, please let one of our Antiochian Woman officers know. (Valerie Pflueger, Marilyn Spurgeon, Sarah Steiger)

ANTIOCHIAN MEN'S GROUP KICK OFF

With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, a diocese men's organization is being established. Monthly presentations on the last Tuesday of the month will be offered. Fr. David Hovik will start the group with a two-part series on the Jesus Prayer beginning **Tuesday, September 29 at 6:30 pm** live on Facebook at [Facebook.com/DLAWAntiochianMen](https://www.facebook.com/DLAWAntiochianMen).

VIRTUAL FALL GATHERING

The Fall Gathering on Saturday, October 10 will be hosted by St. Matthew Orthodox Christian Church in Torrance. At 9:00 am our Metropolitan JOSEPH will address the diocese. At 10:00 am the various diocesan organizations (Antiochian Women, Fellowship of Antiochian Men, Young Adult Ministry, Teen SOYO) will meet. To register go [here](#). Additional details and links will be provided after you register.

COMMUNITY DINNER

TODAY

To-Go Meal Served At

2:00 pm

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

"Of what use is it to weigh down Christ's table with golden cups, when he himself is dying of hunger? First, fill him when he is hungry; then use the means you have left to adorn his table. Will you have a golden cup made but not give a cup of water? What is the use of providing the table with cloths woven of gold thread, and not providing Christ himself with the clothes he needs? What profit is there in that?...Do not, therefore, adorn the church and ignore your afflicted brother, for he is the most precious temple of all."

St. John Chrysostom

This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul—September 21-27, 2020

9/30 Wed 6:00 pm – Vespers
10/3 Sat 8:00 am – Men’s Breakfast
6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline
10/4 Sun 8:20 am – Orthros
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – 17th Sunday
after Pentecost & 2nd of Luke

Looking Ahead –

October 10 Saturday morning Divine Liturgy (9:00 am)
October 11 Trisagion for Douglas Shanoian
Community Dinner
October 18 Trisagion for Lily Saad
October 24 Saturday morning Divine Liturgy (9:00 am)
October 25 Community Dinner

OCTOBER MEN’S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to a breakfast in the parish hall on Saturday, October 3 at 8:00 am.

NEW, FREE DOCUSERIES: “In the Name of Choice”

The Department of Missions & Evangelism has released a documentary about abortion called “In the Name of Choice.” The nine-part series is directed by Dn. Adam Lowell Roberts, features Kh. Frederica Mathewes-Green and reveals that about 80% of young women who have abortions report that they didn’t feel they had a choice in the matter. To see the introduction to the series and find the link to the YouTube series, go [here](#) .

ARRANGING SACRAMENTS: INFANT BAPTISM, MATRIMONY, & ADULT INITIATION

Contact the church office and set up an appointment with Fr. Christopher to discuss the arrangements for these sacraments.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Please contact the church office with the names of the sick and hospitalized of the parish so they can receive proper pastoral care.

TIMES FOR CONFESSION

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

CONFESSION

The Sacrament of confession is a necessary part of the Christian spiritual life. In the course of our life, we “miss the mark” of the perfect Christian. We all sin and fall short of the glory of God. When we drift away from God and ignore our sins, a festering wound is left in our soul.

Orthodox Christians are expected to go to confession at least once during each of the four fasting periods. Of course, confession is appropriate anytime there is something weighing on our hearts. If we are unable to go to confession, or if we choose not to, then we are asked to refrain from communion, so that we do not partake of the Body and Blood of Christ unworthily and bring judgment upon ourselves (1 Cor. 11:28).

Confession is an opportunity to return to God, be forgiven by Him, and be healed in the spiritual hospital of the Church. St. Paul declares that the wages of sin is death. So also, the effect of being healed from sin and reconciled to Christ is life and salvation. The priest is there, not to judge, but to offer guidance toward full spiritual health and salvation.

CONGRATULATIONS & MEALTRAIN

Jacob and Kristy Sprenger welcomed Jonathan Alexander on September 9. May God grant him many years! Let’s show them our love and support and bring them some hearty good and meals for these first few weeks. You may access the mealtrain for the Sprengers [here](#) .