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Happy Birthday To

Lilly Robinson September 29

Happy Anniversary To

Philip & Christina Salibi September 29

FALL GATHERING REGISTRATION

You may now register for the Fall Gathering online through our church website at <https://www.ssppaoc.org/>. The cost is \$25/person. The Fall Gathering will be **October 25-27**.

- **Friday** – Vespers & evening social
- **Saturday** – Morning prayers, light breakfast, meeting of various Antiochian organizations, catered Mexican lunch; optional off-site activities in the afternoon; Vespers, banquet dinner at Scopazzi's Restaurant (\$35/person: options included prime rib, salmon, chicken, or eggplant parmigiana.)
- **Sunday** - Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, light lunch

Please register soon so we know how many people to expect.

CHURCH WORKDAY

A workday is planned for Saturday, October 5 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm., and a list of projects will be available in the parish hall prior to the workday in case anyone is able to start projects early. If you are interested in a project that might involve demolition, please check with John Johnson before you begin. Please come help get the property in shape for

the winter season. Lunch will be provided.

Come Join Us!

Community Dinner

Sunday, September 29

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 Sh. Karla Newberry at 423-8121.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

- Sunday, October 6, right after the Divine Liturgy
- BBQ pork roast provided for everyone followed by marshmallow roasting, apple pressing, pumpkin carving, games for kids, jump house.
- Please bring a side dish or salad (enough for at least 6 people), apples to press, beverages (other than apple juice), and a dessert (if you want).
- For more information please contact either Dn. & Sh. Dave & Karla Newberry at 423-8121 or Jack & Monica Zweers at 246-3244.

Memory Eternal

Rh. Terry Elizabeth Bzek October 5

This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul – September 29-October 6, 2019

9/30	Mon	6:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal
10/1	Tues	6:00 am – Readers Orthros
10/2	Wed	6:00 pm – Vespers
10/3	Thurs	6:00 am – Men’s Reading Group 9:00 am – Divine Liturgy
10/5	Sat	8:00 am – Men’s Breakfast 9:00 am – 1:00 pm – Workday 6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline
10/6	Sun	8:20 am – Orthros 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy 10:20 am – Church School Trisagion for Kh. Terry Elizabeth Harvest Festival

Looking Ahead –

October 13	Youth Group
October 16	Parish Council
October 19	Church workday
October 25-27	Fall Gathering

MEN’S BREAKFAST

All men are welcome at a breakfast on Saturday, October 5 at 8:00 am in the parish hall. The breakfast will be followed by a workday.

PARISH COUNCIL SNAPSHOT

The Parish Council voted (5-2) in principle to proceed with renting out the north (smaller) parking lot every Saturday from April through October 2020 for \$4800. It will not be rented on Pascha and May 30 for a wedding. A final up or down vote on this will be in the October meeting after the agreement is signed.

The required Title 24 energy report was put in our permit application for the Narthex remodel, so it will now go forward in the permit process.

“God’s grace always assists those who struggle, but this does not mean that a struggler is always in the position of a victor. Sometimes in the arena the wild animals did not touch the righteous ones, but by no means were they all preserved untouched.

What is important is not victory or the position of a victor, but rather the labor of striving towards God and devotion to Him.

Though a man may be found in a weak state, that does not at all mean that he has been abandoned by God. On the cross, the Lord Jesus Christ was in trouble, as the world sees things. But when the sinful world considered Him to be completely destroyed, in fact He was victorious over death and hades. The Lord did not promise us positions as victors as a reward for righteousness, but told us, “In the world you will have tribulation—but be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world” (Jn. 16:33).

The power of God is effective when a person asks for the help from God, acknowledging his own weakness and sinfulness. This is why humility and the striving towards God are the fundamental virtues of a Christian.”

St. John of Shanghai and San Francisco