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BULLETIN – 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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**FEAST OF
SS PETER & PAUL
Sunday, June 28
8:20 am – Orthros
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy**

WHAT CAN WE EXPECT?

Dear Parish Family:

As we recover from all that is going on in society and the sudden news of Fr. Nathan's transfer, I hear people asking: "What can we **expect**?"

The short answer is "I don't *know*."

It is in the metropolitan's wise and loving hands. I recommended that I be a one-year interim, but his letter did not state a specific time.

What can we reasonably *believe*?

1. Sayidna knows we need a younger priest to connect with youth and families.
2. The metropolitan knows that isn't me!
3. We have much **joyful** work to do to complete Stewardship Calling and unify.
4. The normal time for announcing clergy transfers is May and June.

There is **so** much more to say, especially about parish-wide consensus building on a host of issues. More next week.

Love,
Fr. George

"Do not allow yourself for a moment to have any ill-feeling against anyone; always be kind to everyone, conquering your evil disposition by the love that endureth all things and conquereth all things."

From My Life in Christ by
St. John of Kronstadt

MASK REQUIREMENT REMOVED

On Friday, June 12 state government issued revised *guidance* for churches. Guidance is different from a "legal requirement."

Masks are still recommended. Some members with good reasons for caution will use them for their own sake or the protection of others. We will have at least one mask-wearing section. We will still follow social distancing seating patterns outside the family and practice the "Kiss of Peace" with a simple bow to others outside the family. But there is *no* mask requirement.

IN THE REARVIEW MIRROR

Last Sunday's "transferred" Pentecost homily focused on Jesus' cry to the Passover crowd: "If anyone is thirsty let him come to me and drink."

Fr. George observed that we are all desperately thirsty for deeper connection with God, but allow many things to "mask" that thirst, chiefly human drama over politics, current affairs, family relations, health, economy, sports, etc.

He suggested three practical things we can do to better quench our thirst.

1. Live the life and rhythm of the church: worship, Eucharist, confession, fellowship, to name a few.
2. Renounce unnecessary drama others foist on us or we ourselves help to create.
3. Say aloud to ourselves and each other, "I'm thirsty too!"

This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul–June 22-28, 2020

6/24	Wed	6:00 pm – Vespers
6/27	Sat	6:00 pm – Great Vespers
6/28	Sun	8:20 am – Orthros 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Looking Ahead –

July 1	Vespers
July 4	Great Vespers
July 5	Orthros & Divine Liturgy

Our friend the traveling Greek priest, Fr. Demetrios Carrellas, has a daily e-mail list of inspiring Orthodox quotes. This one fits us!

ON WHAT IT MEANS TO BE POOR IN SPIRIT

“The art of being poor in spirit is to distinguish between use and ownership. A person who owns something—or regards himself as owner—believes that he has the sole right to determine how that thing is to be used. He may use it himself or authorize another person to use it. This sense of ownership, however, is a terrible snare, because it prevents a person’s soul from marching onward to God. The person who wishes to move towards God must free himself from all sense of ownership. He must regard all things as loans from God.” - St. John Chrysostom

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Middle School

Michael Swagerty, Micah Thompson, Nolan Rogers, Dimiana Trigg

High School

Madeline Herlé, Lilly Robinson, Jasmine Gonzales

College

Paloma Auldridge, Natasha Herlé, Chris Herlé, Isaac Newberry graduated with a sports management degree from the University of Oregon. He is reviewing some internships in the athletics industry. Isaac is the grandson of Dn. Dave and Sh. Karla Newberry.

FR GEORGE’S TRAVELS

Kh. Suzanne and I have jumped at the chance to spend Sunday afternoon June 21 through Thursday afternoon June 25 visiting our grandson Mo in Tahoe. My cell phone (831) 359-1051 will be on and charged except for the occasional dead spot along the road.

For an emergency call me any time, and if you miss me, ring Fr. Thomas Lindsay at (831) 359-2051. Those with an ongoing pastoral relationship with Fr. Nathan should feel free to call him too. Your needs matter to each one of us!

Many Years – Birthday

<i>Bella Rolén</i>	<i>June 21</i>
<i>Natalia Rivera</i>	<i>June 25</i>
<i>Hannah Anderson</i>	<i>June 26</i>

Many Years – Anniversary

<i>Mark & Alysa Roberts</i>	<i>June 24</i>
<i>Dn. Rich & Sh. Barbara Schmidt</i>	<i>June 27</i>

From *Hymn of Entry* by Archimandrite Vasileios

Progress in the monastic life is not reckoned by the quantity of fasting and bodily penance, but by the degree to which each monk, in all his ascesis, has been led to become a partaker of the grace of the Comforter, and thus is at peace in himself in such a way as to *be* peace for men, his brethren.

The monks of a certain community were full of the thought that by reason of their many fasts and long services they were surpassing other monks in virtue. A spiritual father said this of them: “Do not tell me how much they fast, how many hours their prayers last. It is something else that interests me. Is there any one among them, even the most advanced, who can understand the tired mankind of our own day, who can comfort those who suffer? Is there anyone who can free those who have fallen into the snares of the enemy? If there is such a one, who can give peace to his brother man, can enable him to come to love life, to rejoice and be thankful to God, that will show that this monk has made spiritual progress.”

The attitude of this spiritual father on Mount Athos is very characteristic. It indicates to what degree the life of the true monk involves love for men. It measures all by the measure of love, by the salvation of all, not by the imaginary activity of each one separately.

Memory Eternal!

<i>June 22</i>	<i>Gail Buckner</i>
<i>June 25</i>	<i>Isobel Snyder</i>
<i>June 25</i>	<i>Joanie Murray</i>