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BULLETIN – VENERATION OF THE PRECIOUS & LIFE-GIVING CROSS

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Happy Birthday To

<i>Sergio Carmona</i>	<i>March 31</i>
<i>Tegan Machnee</i>	<i>March 31</i>
<i>Jan Ivancovich</i>	<i>April 1</i>
<i>Jeff Auldridge</i>	<i>April 2</i>
<i>Linda Young</i>	<i>April 3</i>
<i>Dn. Rich Schmidt</i>	<i>April 5</i>
<i>Happy Anniversary To</i>	
<i>Persis & Tom Rooth</i>	<i>April 6</i>

BAPTISM

Please join the Hofschneider family for the baptism of their son, Ezra today after the Divine Liturgy. The extended family invites you to a reception following the baptism at George & Kriss Saad's home at 530 Noteware Drive in Ben Lomond.

Diocese of Los Angeles & the West
Parish Life Conference
July 3-7, 2019
La Jolla, California
Hosted by St. Anthony Church

AOCWNA

- April 12-14—Lenten retreat at Camp St. Nicholas in Frazier Park; V. Rev. Fr. George Ajalat speaking on “Holy Week—the Bride Receives Her Bridegroom”; link to application on church website

GOOD WORKS FOR LENT

- Canned food drive for VCUM
- Alms
- Food For Hungry People Boxes
- Monetary donations for feast day flowers

PARISH COUNCIL SNAPSHOT

- Fr. Nathan chose Gerry Elwell to finish out the term (one year) of Amanda Baillie (who had been chosen from the floor by Fr. Nathan in 2017) on the Parish Council.
- At the March 19 meeting of the new Parish Council, Gerry Elwell and Dn. Antonio Rivera were elected Chairman and Vice Chairman of the council, respectively. Leanne Albers and George Saad have agreed to continue as Acting Secretary and Acting Treasurer, respectively.

CAMP THREE HOLY YOUTHS

Another Antiochian Orthodox summer camp is available to attend in Jackson, California, about a three-hour drive from Ben Lomond. Camp will be held June 16-21 and serves kids ages 9-17. The fee is \$150 for the entire week. For more information and to register go to <https://campthy.com/liturgical/>.

*Little Compline with the Canon of
St. Andrew of Crete and the
Reading of the Life of St.
Mary of Egypt
Wednesday, April 10
6:00 pm*

This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul – April 1-7, 2019

- 4/1 **Mon** 6:00 pm – Great Compline
- 4/2 **Tues** 6:00 am – Reader’s Orthros
- 4/3 **Wed** 6:00 pm – Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts followed by Soup Supper
- 4/4 **Thurs** 6:00 am – Men’s Reading Group
- 4/5 **Fri** 6:00 pm – Little Compline w/Akathist
- 4/6 **Sat** 8:00 am – Men’s Breakfast (fasting)
6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline
- 4/7 **Sun** 8:20 am – Orthros
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – Commemoration of St. John Climacus
10:20 am – Church School
Choir rehearsal 20 minutes after Divine Liturgy

Looking Ahead –

- April 8 *Great Compline*
- April 10 *Little Compline w/Canon of St. Andrew of Crete & the Life of St. Mary of Egypt*
- April 11 *Divine Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts Soup Supper*
- April 12-14 *AOCWNA Lenten Retreat @ Camp St. Nicholas*
- April 12 *Little Compline w/full Akathist*
- April 14 **Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt**
- April 15 *Great Compline*
- April 17 *Divine Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts Last Soup Supper*
- April 19 *Little Compline w/Akathist for Lazarus Saturday*
- April 20 *Festal Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday Baptism of Elizabeth Beck*
- April 21 **Palm Sunday**
Bridegroom Matins
- April 22-27 **Holy Week**

“Save yourselves; repent every moment and pray to the Lord Jesus Christ and to His Most pure Mother.” ~ St. Athanasius of the Kiev Caves

**Come Join Us For A
Community Dinner
TODAY
At 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 Marc Sacoolas at 438-3455.*

A REVIEW FROM OUR BOOKSTORE

The Meaning of Suffering and Strife and Reconciliation by Archimandrite Seraphim Aleksiev (1912-1993)

Perfect for Lent, this short, oddly colored pink book is a practical how-to manual for Christian living. It uses teaching and memorable examples to explain why God allows hard times for us and how to use the crosses we must bear as ladders to heaven. Then the author teaches us how to deal with strife between ourselves and others, and about the saving power of forgiveness—about how to make it real in everyday life.

Here are some quotes, the first on suffering: “Nothing in this world happens by chance, without God’s will or God’s permission. Even a single hair does not fall from our head without God’s knowledge” (p. 52); “Everything that He does is good, even the sorrows He sends for our benefit” (p. 32); “...with God, it would be well even in hell” (p. 21). On strife: “As a spark can set entire forests on fire, so even the smallest quarrel can cause irremediable calamities” (p. 68); and “The robber steals our property, but God sees everything. If we forgive, He will recompense us a hundredfold in heaven and will count the stolen property as alms given away” (p. 97). Also included in the book are excellent quotes from a teaching by St. John Chrysostom on the meaning of the parable of the Publican and the Pharisee that relates very practically to our lives today.

This short book has profound teaching on almost every page and is like a road map to navigate through life.

*Ss Peter & Paul Summer Kids Camp
June 24-28*