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BULLETIN – 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & 3RD OF LUKE

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Happy Birthday To

<i>Amy Swagerty</i>	<i>October 9</i>
<i>Ric Otte</i>	<i>October 10</i>
<i>Wendy Sakoda</i>	<i>October 11</i>
<i>Marnye Sacoolas</i>	<i>October 12</i>

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.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

- **TODAY**, 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.

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.

FOUND

A necklace was found in front of the church office door on Sunday, September 29. If yours, please call the church office at 831-336-2228 to describe and claim.

Memory Eternal

Presb. Barbara Hardenbrook October 6

Jonathan Christianson October 12

This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul – October 7-13, 2019

10/7	Mon	6:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal
10/8	Tues	6:00 am – Readers Orthros
10/9	Wed	6:00 pm – Vespers
10/10	Thurs	6:00 am – Men’s Reading Group 9:00 am – Divine Liturgy
10/12	Sat	6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline
10/13	Sun	8:20 am – Orthros 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy 10:20 am – Church School Trisagion for Douglas Shanoian Town Hall Meeting Youth Group

Looking Ahead –

October 16 Parish Council
October 19 Church workday
October 25-27 Fall Gathering
November 10 Baptism

YOUTH EQUIPPED TO SERVE

YES is the youth program of FOCUS North America and will be coming to San Francisco on Saturday, November 9. Our youth are invited to participate for a donation of \$25 which covers trip expenses, program preparation, and service to those in need.

- Learn how to approach people in need and how to break down stereotypes
- Connect with organizations doing great work in the City
- Share fellowship and learning with other youth eager to serve

You can register online at www.yesnorthamerica.org. Please mark your calendars for the event and speak with Christina Salibi if you are interested in participating.

“Agathon, that is not your business.” I have mentioned this wonderful quote from *The Sayings of the Desert Fathers* a few times. In this day and age, it sometimes feels that everything is our business, or to put it more accurately, we *make* everything our business: what our neighbors are doing, Church politics, taxes, every decision family members make, Washington, Moscow, Brexit...I could go on and on.

What this does is cause anxiety. It also causes us to meddle in affairs that are “not our business.” The root word of business is busy, and what do we call someone who stays busy with others’ business? We call them a busybody. It is also telling that the first and second classical definitions of business are care (or concern) and anxiety.

Ninety-nine percent of the time, the things in which we meddle cannot be controlled by our actions in any positive manner. The other one percent aren’t our business anyway. Ultimately, things that are not our business require judging; not necessarily judging something as evil, but simply judging between right and wrong or good and bad, and that “is not our business.”

There is one God and when we allow Him to be the Judge, to be the one responsible for *everything* except our repentance and feeble effort to love, we are freed to pursue the Kingdom of Heaven. That allows us to “not be anxious about anything” (Phil. 4:6) and live only for His Glory. So, when you are tempted to judge or to insert yourself into something that is “not your business” take a deep breath, make the sign of the cross and tell yourself “_____, this is not your business.”

+Fr. Nathan

