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BULLETIN – SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE 4TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

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Deadline for Bulletin Submissions – **10:00 am Wednesday** ♦ church website: <https://ssppaoc.org/>

DISPATCH FROM THE DILLONS

This week I found myself at a church, standing in front of an icon in which Christ is holding a scroll quoting Matthew 11:28: “Come to me, you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you refuge.”

The nomadic life with four kids, compounded by coronavirus concerns and restrictions, is not always easy. Often, I try to take control and “fix” the situation on my own. Rather than turning to God in prayer and trusting in Him to provide a solution, I sometimes end up more stressed by my own attempt.

This reminder of Christ’s invitation to find rest in Him brought immense peace and comfort. I pray for you the same peace and comfort, which can only come from Christ in these uncertain times.

In Christ,
Fr. Christopher

Vesperal Divine Liturgy
Feast of Transfiguration
Wednesday, August 5
6:00 pm

PRISON MINISTRY AWARENESS SUNDAY

Next Sunday (July 26) is Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday. Please remember those in prison by contributing to a special collection that day for the ministry.

SCHEDULING MEMORIALS

If you would like Trisagion prayers said at the end of the Divine Liturgy for a loved one, please contact the church office one month prior to that date so that it can be put on the church calendar.

LOST & FOUND

Please check the box under the church mailboxes for lost and found items.

FROM THE TOP: METROPOLITAN JOSEPH AND OUR COVID-19 DILEMMA

From the start of the pandemic, Sayidna has championed caution for both Antiochians and their neighbors’ sake. He instructs that mask wearing, social distancing and sanitizing are to be strongly encouraged in all parishes. Droplet transmission is the biggest danger; we therefore have few and well-spaced singers and chanters.

With worsening infection numbers, the importance of following his directives is underscored.

Please do not let Fr. George’s reluctance to turn our services into a place of dedicated rule enforcement send a different message than Sayidna’s. Our eyes belong on Christ, who emptied Himself for Man’s sake. We glorify Christ by emptying ourselves for the sake of the vulnerable.

Out of love for God, His Eminence and one another, and so as not to turn our clergy or ushers into enforcement agents, **voluntarily** follow social distance and mask wearing in church, and do the same when socializing outside of church. Sing less energetically, if at all, to limit droplets. **Free masks and sanitizer will be available in the Narthex at each service.** Expect social distancing restrictions on pew seating as well (except for nuclear families.)

BUDGET SUBMISSIONS BY **TOMORROW**

If you have something you would like submitted for the church budget, please contact either George Saad (831) 246-3050, Philip Salibi (831) 359-0021, or Fr. Tom (831) 335-2651.

Many Years – Birthday

<i>Nicholas Berezny</i>	<i>July 19</i>
<i>Elias Salibi</i>	<i>July 20</i>
<i>Fr. Tom Lindsay</i>	<i>July 21</i>
<i>Charlotte Baillie</i>	<i>July 23</i>
<i>Ben Zhu</i>	<i>July 24</i>

This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul—July 20-26, 2020

- 7/20 Mon Deadline for Budget Submissions
7/22 Wed 6:00 pm – Paraklesis
7/25 Sat 6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline
7/26 Sun 8:20 am – Orthros
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – Holy
Righteous Martyr Paraskeva of Rome
Collection for Orthodox Prison Ministry

Looking Ahead –

- August 1 Dormition fast begins
August 5 Vespers Divine Liturgy for
Transfiguration
August 9 Farewell gathering for the Thompsons
August 11 Parish Council
August 15 Dormition

THOMPSONS' MOVE

Needs:

- Packing tape dispensers to borrow
- Packing paper/newspaper to keep
- Two drivers to move vehicles and possessions on tentative date of August 13

Scriptures on Guarding the Tongue

Prov. 11:9 “With his mouth the godless man destroys his neighbor.”

James 3:2 “For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body.”

And the Fathers on the tongue:

“Abba Poemen said, ‘If the soul keeps far away from all discourse in words, from all disorder and human disturbance, the Spirit of God will come in to her, and she who was barren will be fruitful.’”

A man asked Abba Bessarion what he should do, and the old man said to him, “Keep silence, and do not always be comparing yourselves to others.”

FAMILY NEWS

We rejoice with Philip and Christina Salibi at the birth of their son, Markos Elias, Tuesday, July 14. Congratulations and many years to the Salibi and Saad families!

We mourn (with hearts of faith and prayer) with Sh. Karla and the Jandreau and Newberry families at the death at 96 of our oldest

parishioner, her father, Charles Jandreau, on Thursday, July 9.

We give thanks with the Christianson family! Fr. John is recovering well from emergency surgery on July 14 to remove old scar tissue .

**COMMUNITY DINNER
SUNDAY, JULY 26
To-Go Meal Served at
2:00 pm**

Donations of non-perishable food items and helpers to make up and distribute the dinner needed. Please leave food items in the parish hall kitchen and contact Marc Sacoolas at (831) 438-3455 to volunteer.

IN THE REARVIEW MIRROR

On Sunday, July 12, Fr. Tom Lindsay reminded us that since New Testament days Christians have faced unrest and insecurity uncounted times, and when they do it is always to return to the fundamentals of faith and disciplined spiritual practice.

Chief among them: a disciplined habit of confessing our faith publicly and our sins privately to a priest. He also emphasized regular habits of prayer and avoidance of one’s besetting sins.

Fr. Tom quoted from a list of basic principles of spiritual life an angel taught the Apostle Hermas of the Seventy in a dream, including:

- Live in innocence and simplicity
- Do not speak evil
- Give alms
- Love truth
- Preserve chastity of thought
- Learn patience and generosity
- Guard against melancholy
- Pray to God from the depth of your soul

Memory Eternal!

July 24

Kh. Doris Berven

July 24

Fr. Basil Steiger