

JULY 12, 2020

## BULLETIN – 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

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### Dispatch from the Dillons

*We have arrived safely in California, Kh. Claire along with Peter, Isaiah, and our cat Buttercup the Magnifi-cat, flew from NYC to family in late June. The next day Fr. Christopher with James and Alexander began the cross-country drive. Along our way we stopped by the St. Louis Arch and continued west. We spent a day hiking the Grand Canyon, and then decided to cut the trip a day short and get “home” to California. We are now staying with family and have been reunited with our dog Snickers.*

*We look forward to when we will be able to say, we are no longer strangers and sojourners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself the Church, the household of God, with Christ as our foundation.*

*Love and prayers for you all!*

### PRISON MINISTRY AWARENESS SUNDAY

The Hierarchs of The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops have approved Sunday, July 26 to be Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday in all Orthodox parishes in the U.S. Please remember those in prison by contributing to a special collection that day for the ministry. “A small gift may earn a crown of glory.” (St. John Chrysostom)

### 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.

### ANTOCHIAN WOMEN (AW)

The Spring 2020 issue of “Diakonia” highlighting events of the Antiochian Women of the Diocese of Los Angeles and the West is available online. **Sarah Steiger** is the new Humanitarian Coordinator and is featured on

p. 12. You may also find back issues of “Diakonia”, contact information for various AW leaders and other helpful information pertaining to the ministry of women in the Church. To access both, go [here](https://antiochian.org/). (antiochian.org under “Organizations”)

### BUDGET SUBMISSIONS BY JULY 20

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.

### PARISH COUNCIL SNAPSHOT

On July 1 the Parish Council approved a compensation package for the Dillon family that will be reviewed by the Dillons and the archdiocese in the coming weeks. Consideration was also given to the needs of the Thompsons as they prepare to move and getting the parsonage ready for new occupants.

### NEW BABY

Congratulations to Rachele and Caleb Sprenger on the birth of their son, Mason, on Monday, May 18. May God grant them many years!

## **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.

*This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul—July 13-19, 2020*

7/15 Wed 6:00 pm – Vespers  
7/18 Sat 6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline  
7/19 Sun 8:20 am – Orthros  
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – Holy Fathers  
of 4<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council

Looking Ahead –

July 20 *Deadline for Budget Submissions*  
July 22 *Paraklesis*  
August 6 *Transfiguration*  
August 9 *Farewell gathering for the Thompsons*  
August 11 *Parish Council*  
August 15 *Dormition*

**HELP FOR THE THOMPSONS' MOVE**

If you can help Kh. Mandy sort through items and take bags to Good Will, please call her at (858) 442-9039.

**SINGING & READING TOGETHER**

In our congregational singing and recitation of prayers, please follow those who bear the responsibility of leading the sacred music and prayers, not creating an echo, speeding up, or lagging behind.

**VCUM BARREL**

Please bring canned goods for Valley Churches United Missions and deposit them in the VCUM barrel outside the parish hall. This is an on-going, year-round project for our church.

**IN THE REARVIEW MIRROR**

In Sunday's epistle (Galatians 5:22-6:2), St. Paul reminded the Galatian church it is sometimes necessary to lovingly correct fellow Christians whose sins are spoiling their own lives or the parish.

Fr. George first focused on the word **brethren** in Galatians 6:1. If we forget others are equally God-beloved, indispensable, brethren in our spiritual family, not competitors, inferiors, or annoyances, we will surely fail.

St. Paul and so many other Orthodox saints advise a basic stance of a) **silence** about other people's faults and b) focus on **one's own** issues, because we too are similarly tempted!

St. Paul specified the goal of any such interactions with brethren: **restoration**. Not punishing or undermining the mistake maker. Just restoration to a place of esteem, joy, effectiveness.

The exact tone with which one must speak? The **gentleness** with which Christ deals with us!

Galatians 6:1 also specifies gentle restoration of others needs to come from basic **spiritual** maturity. Otherwise it can be just an exercise in my own personal pickiness.

How do we mature to the point we might be helpful in gentle restoration of others? Galatians 5:24 nails it: by diligently crucifying our own passions first and foremost!

**CALENDARS**

Pick up a July calendar flyer in the Narthex on your way out of church.

**Sayings of the Saints on Silence**

"Let us always guard our tongue, not that it should always be silent, but that it should speak at the proper time."

St. John Chrysostom

"Do not judge anyone, forgive everyone. Consider yourself worse than others and you will be saved.

As much as possible, be more quiet."

St. Joseph of Optina

"The first stage of inner peace consists in silencing the lips when the heart is excited. The second is silencing the mind when the soul is still excited."

St. John Climacus

*Many Years – Birthday*

*Stephanie Petersen July 12*

*Michele Aldridge July 14*

*Christina Schmidt July 14*

*Christina Salibi July 18*

*Many Years – Anniversary*

*Darcy & Janelle Machnee July 16*