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**BULLETIN – THE HOLY RIGHTEOUS MARTYR PARASKEVA OF ROME &
7TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

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**VESPERAL DIVINE LITURGY
FEAST OF
TRANSFIGURATION
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5
6:00 PM**

DISPATCH FROM THE DILLONS

Our metropolitan's "strong encouragement" that we comply with government COVID-19 protocols presents each Orthodox Christian with an opportunity to live out our Christian faith in love and humility.

It is humble love for the vulnerable if we give up our own personal preferences or comfort in practical submission to another. We must also lovingly and humbly accept those who choose not to wear a mask, even if we are convinced they should be making a different choice.

In Christ,
Fr. Christopher

**PRISON MINISTRY AWARENESS
SUNDAY**

Today is Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday. Please remember those in prison by contributing to a special collection for the ministry.

LOST & FOUND

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

"Lift up and stretch out your hands, not to Heaven, but to the poor. For if you stretch forth your hands to the poor, you have reached the summit of heaven, but if you lift up your hands in prayer without sharing with the poor, it is worth nothing." – St. John Chrysostom

IN THE REARVIEW MIRROR

Last Sunday, Fr. George called attention to the perhaps surprising pairing of the theologians of the Fourth Ecumenical Council with a Gospel (Matt. 5:13-20) and Epistle (Titus 3:8-15) readings emphasizing good works! The point being: good theology (and good worship services too) fall flat unless they lead to **good works**.

The Epistle also emphasized avoiding the destructive temptation for Christians to dispute, strive and contend with one another over non-essentials. Fr. George listed some of the quarrels New Testament churches wrestled with, and were nearly wiped out by: Corinth (identifying with one's own favorite leader), Galatia (circumcision and other Old Testament Jewish practices) and Rome (eating meat offered first on a pagan altar).

Romans 14 was mentioned prominently because St. Paul was instructing Christians to both a) **use** their minds to form and be convinced of personal opinions on "**doubtful things**" and b) **refuse** to make differences of opinion an excuse to judge, criticize, punish or destroy others.

What a privilege to love neighbors as ourselves despite differing opinions! The history of Christianity is littered with the wreckage of churches whose leaders and members didn't.

Many Years – Birthday

<i>Audrey Baillie</i>	<i>July 30</i>
<i>Gerry Elwell</i>	<i>July 31</i>
<i>Karl Elwell</i>	<i>July 31</i>

This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul—July 27-August 2, 2020

7/29 Wed 6:00 pm – Vespers
8/1 Sat 8:00 am – Men’s Breakfast and workday
6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline
Dormition Fast begins
8/2 Sun 8:20 am – Orthros
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – 8th Sunday
after Pentecost & Relics Translation of
Proto-martyr Stephen the Archdeacon

Looking Ahead –

August 2-9 *Help Thompsons w/meals & packing*
August 3 *Paraklesis*
August 5 *Vesperal Divine Liturgy for
Transfiguration*
August 7 *Paraklesis*
August 9 *Farewell gathering for the Thompsons with
luncheon, followed by a workday to load
their moving truck*

MEN’S BREAKFAST & WORKDAY

All men are welcome at the breakfast beginning at 8:00 am, followed by a workday. Please bring gloves, rakes, and shovels.

SERVICES ONLINE

Our divine services are found on Saturday and Sunday at the usual service times at <https://tinyurl.com/ServiceStream>.

FAMILY NEWS

Philip and Christina Salibi thank everyone participating in the Meal Train. They are full of love for each other and their healthy son Markos Elias Salibi. All are well.

Shamassy Karla Newberry and the extended Jandreau and Newberry families thank you for your prayers and sympathy at the recent passing of her father, Charles Jandreau.

The whole Christianson family rejoices in Fr. John’s steady recovery from emergency abdominal surgery last week. They thank the parish for its warm support and prayers.

COMMUNITY DINNER
TODAY
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.

THOMPSONS’ MOVE

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

“In Orthodoxy there are no schizophrenic divisions between material and spiritual, action and contemplation, people living ‘in the world’ and monastics. Either you have the grace of God and have everything all in one, or else you lack this grace and are totally in the dark. ‘There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord’ 1 Cor. 12:4-5.”

Archimandrite Vasileios of Iviron in **What is Unique About Orthodox Culture**

ANCIENT FAITH MINISTRIES

We have a wonderful resource online at: <https://www.ancientfaith.com/> . Here you will find Ancient Faith Radio streaming Orthodox music daily, podcasts, a blog, a store, and more. Check it out!

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Call Fr. George-(831) 359-1051 or Fr. Tom-(831) 359-2051 to schedule visitation of the sick.

July 31 **Memory Eternal!**
Sarah Newberry