

AUGUST 9, 2020

BULLETIN – 9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; AFTER-FEAST OF THE  
TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST

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*Vespers Divine Liturgy*  
*Feast of the*  
*Dormition of the Theotokos*  
*Friday, August 14*  
*6:00 pm*

**DISPATCH FROM THE DILLONS**

This week we thought it might be nice for you to hear a bit from the boys.

If you could do anything for a day:

**James** – Be able to talk to animals and change into any animal

**Alexander** – Play pranks

**Peter** – Go to the moon or watch TV

**Isaiah** – Swim!

Favorite Book(s):

**James** – That's easy: Harry Potter books

**Alexander** – That's hard: the Harry Potter or Percy Jackson books

**Peter** – Little Blue Trucks or PJ Masks

**Isaiah** – Good Night Gorilla

What are you most looking forward to in Ben Lomond?

**James** – Friends!

**Alexander** – Not living in an apartment

**Peter** – Having our pets

**Isaiah** – Ben Lomond!

**PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS**

Our Annual Meeting, set for September 13, will select two new Parish Council members. You get to nominate! As you do, bear in mind what Parish Council truly is per our standard Archdiocese Constitution: a collaborative **administrative ministry** for stewardship of money and property. In addition to time and

administrative gifting, a nominee must be at least 25, a two-year member, and regular communicant. To nominate, contact Gerry Elwell (345-7102), Philip Salibi (359-0021), Sarah Steiger (588-7526), Fr. George (359-1051).

**LOVING FAREWELL TO THE THOMPSONS**

**Today** after Outdoor Church (Orthros and Divine Liturgy at the normal times), we will say a **most** loving, grateful and respectful farewell to the Thompson family.

A socially distanced taco bar luncheon will be served, and there will be an open mic for you to express your love and gratitude. Many years and may Santa Cruz County be a regular vacation destination in the future!

Following the luncheon, a work force under the leadership of Jeff Auldridge will help pack the moving truck for the family's Monday departure.

**NEW COUNTY ORDINANCE ON MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCE**

On Tuesday, August 4 the County Board of Supervisors passed a new ordinance on mask wearing and social distancing. It does **not** change the legal requirements for mask wearing in public and social distancing. Sayidna strongly encourages these practices! It **does** give police and certain county employees the power to issue citations, more or less like a traffic ticket, when violations are observed. Fines start at \$100. We will still hold normal services Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

*Festal Breakfast followed by Workday*  
*at the Parsonage*  
*9:00 am – 12:00 pm August 15*

*This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul—August 10-16, 2020*

8/10 Mon	6:00 pm – Paraklesis
8/11 Tues	7:00 pm – Parish Council
8/12 Wed	6:00 pm – Paraklesis
8/14 Fri	6:00 pm – Vespers Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Dormition
8/15 Sat	9:00 am – Festal Breakfast 10:00-12:00 pm – Workday at parsonage 6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline
8/16 Sun	8:20 am – Orthros 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, After-feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos & Recovery from Edessa of the Icon of Christ Not Made by Hands Trisagion for Charles Jandreau

Looking Ahead –

August 23	Fr. Christopher's first Sunday @ Ss Peter & Paul
September 1	Indiction
September 8	Nativity of the Theotokos
September 13	Annual Meeting

*Many Years – Birthday*

<i>Dn. Anthony Livingston – Belated</i>	<i>August 5</i>
<i>Nathan Beck</i>	<i>August 12</i>
<i>Dn Dave Newberry</i>	<i>August 12</i>
<i>Ryan Hofschneider</i>	<i>August 15</i>

**AUGUST CALENDAR**

Check your church mailbox for the new calendar; if you didn't receive one, call the office.

**MEALTRAIN FOR SALIBIS**

There are couple of dates still open to serve the Salibis with a meal. To sign up, go here <https://mealtrain.com/e822q2>.

**PARISH COUNCIL SNAPSHOT – BUDGET**

Your Parish Council and the Finance Ministry team have focused, with Sayidna's assistant, on a salary package for the Dillons that meets the Archdiocese requirements and on a proposed budget that takes account of COVID-19 realities and still wisely fulfills our calling and responsibilities.

The proposed budget will be considered at the Parish Council meeting Tuesday, August 11 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. You are invited.

**Patient Perseverance**

**“So we go on with our spiritual life: we struggle, we repent, we seek God’s mercy, we exercise patience. And as we exercise patience in our discipline of asceticism, humility and love, at some moment something happens.**

**“Again, as St. Isaac says, ‘suddenly,’ ‘without your knowledge,’ ‘without external cause,’ ‘unexpectedly,’ something happens within you. You radiate a joy, an exultation, a gladness. Puzzled, you say, ‘this is not something of my own.’ And yet it has been given you. Why? Because God is Supreme in goodness.”**

***The Saint by Archimandrite Vasileios***

**IN THE REARVIEW MIRROR – “5+2=7”**

In Sunday's Epistle from I Corinthians 1, we saw an example **not** to follow. Christians were quarreling with each other over which leading Christian should be their favorite: Paul, Apollos, Peter, Christ? They couldn't see how their thinly disguised egotism was nullifying the whole point of their faith – unity with God and each other.

The example to follow was “the lad with a lunch,” who gave his five little loaves and two small fish to Jesus. Five thousand were fed, with extra left over! Fr. George pointed out how we all, clergy and laity alike, have something worthwhile to offer Christ and others, our own 5+2, that adds up to 7, the Christian number of completeness or perfection. When we let Him  **bless, divide, multiply, and distribute as He sees fit, many are blessed.** (Matt. 14:13-21)

*Memory Eternal*

*August 12*

*Anna Steiger*