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## BULLETIN – THE APOSTLE & EVANGELIST LUKE

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### This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul–October 19-25, 2020

- 10/21 Wed 6:00 pm – Vespers  
7:00 pm – Parish Council
- 10/24 Sat 9:00 am – Divine Liturgy  
6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline
- 10/25 Sun 8:20 am – Orthros  
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
after Pentecost & 6<sup>th</sup> of Luke; Martyrs  
Marcian and Martyrios the Notaries  
2:00-3:00 pm – Community Dinner To-Go  
4:00 pm – Youth Virtual Retreat

### Looking Ahead –

October 28 Paraklesis

**November 1 Turn your clocks back one hour**

November 7 Men's Breakfast

November 14 Saturday morning Divine Liturgy

November 15 Nativity Fast Begins

### COLLECTION FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS TODAY ~ OCTOBER IS YOUTH MONTH

Many Orthodox Christians are involved in youth-related work through the departments, organizations and parishes of the Archdiocese, including the departments of Youth Ministries, Christian Education, Camping, College Ministry, Teen SOYO, and the publications and audio materials from The Word, Conciliar Press and Ancient Faith Radio; the place of our young people in our Archdiocese is never far from our hearts and minds. We have two special trays we collect in October. **One we will collect today for Special Olympics.** Next Sunday we will have a collection for the three Orthodox seminaries in this country that train our Antiochian priests.

### BLESSING BAGS

Stop by the table on the deck after the Divine Liturgy, manned by some of our young parishioners, and pick up a few of the bags of small toiletries and snacks to keep in your car. As you go about your days, pass them on to those you encounter who are in need.

### *Many Years – Birthday*

Isaac Beck	October 21
Cheryl Paquette	October 23
George Saad	October 24

### *Many Years – Anniversary*

Harold & Wendy Sakoda <i>belated</i>	October 17
Marc & Marnye Sacoolas	October 20
Dn. Marc & Sh. Donna Wentzel	October 21

### HARVEST PARTY TODAY

We will celebrate the harvest today after the Divine Liturgy on the field next to the parsonage and just east of the north parking lot. There will be tables, chairs, and a jump house, pumpkin carving, and games for kids. Please bring either a casserole, salad, or dessert to share, apples to press, and containers for apple juice to take home. Lemonade and water will be provided.

“To repent is not to look downwards at my own shortcomings, but upwards at God’s love, it is not to look backwards with self-reproach but forward with trustfulness, it is to see not what I have failed to be, but what by the grace of Christ I might yet become.” ~ St. John Climacus

### FALL GATHERING MEN’S MEETING

While we continue our parish Men’s activities, the Diocese of Los Angeles and the West has started a Fellowship of Antiochian Men (A-Men). Its primary goal is for men to help each other become more like God. The Diocese of Miami has a robust program up and running, which will serve as a model for our diocese. Along with helping maintain the church, the goal is to mentor younger men, provide positive Christian male role models, and witness the gospel in the circumstances men find themselves today. It is fellowship with spiritual focus. <https://www.facebook.com/DLAWAntiochianMen/>

Memory Eternal

October 23

Fr. Terry Somerville

### PARISH COUNCIL SNAPSHOT

1. We are requesting donations for a ROOF FUND to repair the Sanctuary. We need \$15K.
2. Jan and John Ivancovich are working on the county building permit for the Narthex project and will report on their progress.
3. The Parish Council voted to distribute emergency supplies on a temporary basis at Community Dinners and other designated times.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 pm after Vespers. The PC meets in the parish hall and all are welcome to attend.

## **COMMUNITY DINNER SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 TO-GO MEAL SERVED AT 2:00 PM**

**Donations of non-perishable food items and helpers to make and distribute the dinner needed. Please leave food items in the parish hall kitchen marked as such. Contact Kriss Saad at 419-2677 to volunteer.**

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the newly-illuminated Markos Elias Salibi, his parents, and extended family. Markos was baptized October 17. May God grant them many years!

### MEN'S GROUP HIKE

The Men's group will be going on a hike following Saturday liturgy on October 24. Guys of all ages are welcome (suggested age 6+). Please remember to bring water and food and wear appropriate clothing. Location to be determined.

### THANK YOU PROSPHORA BAKERS

We have a dedicated team of *prospora* (holy bread) bakers here at Ss Peter and Paul: Linda

Young, Sh. Valerie Pflueger, Michele Auldridge, Marnye Sacoolas. We appreciate you and your labor of love for Ss Peter & Paul. Thank you!

### ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN UPDATE

~ Over 40 Antiochian Women from 23 parishes in our diocese participated in the virtual Fall Gathering. We discussed acts of mercy we have provided to our communities, our upcoming book study of *Holy Angels*, and virtual retreats—one for mothers in January and one during Lent. We are selling black masks with a gold Orthodox cross for \$15 each as a fundraiser for the AW ministries we support.

~ All women are invited to welcome and wish happy birthday to Kh. Claire on Tuesday, October 20 from 7:00-9:00 pm at Leanne Albers' home at 5363 Plateau Dr. in Felton. Please RSVP to Sarah Steiger at (831) 588-7526 by this evening. If you would like to contribute a dessert, contact Leanne at (831) 566-4450. If you would like to contribute to a group gift, let Sarah know. Please carpool; parking is limited.

~ *Holy Angels* book study begins Tuesday, November 10, 7:00-8:30 pm at Leanne Albers' house. If you want to order the book for \$19.99, please tell Sarah Steiger by tomorrow, October 19. She will make one order at one time for the group from our bookstore. Books are also available through Amazon.com as well as the e-book version.

### HOW SHOULD WE READ THE BIBLE?

Prayerfully and reverently, for in each word there is another drop of eternal truth, and all the words together make up the boundless ocean of the Eternal Truth. The Bible is not a book but life; because its words are "spirit and life" (John 6:63). Therefore its words can be comprehended if we study them with the spirit of its spirit, and with the life of its life. It is a book that must be read with life—by putting it into practice. One should first live it, and then understand it. Here the words of the Savior apply: "Whoever is willing to do it will understand that this teaching is from God" (John 7:17).

**Do it, so that you may understand it. This is the fundamental rule of Orthodox exegesis.**