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BULLETIN – SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT (MEATFARE)

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Many Years -- Birthday

<i>Brody Perez</i>	<i>February 24</i>
<i>Marc Sacoolas</i>	<i>February 24</i>
<i>Neal Berezny</i>	<i>February 25</i>
<i>Eunkyung Otte</i>	<i>February 25</i>
<i>Becca Thompson</i>	<i>February 25</i>
<i>Jadyn Sacoolas</i>	<i>February 28</i>
<i>Stuart Brinck</i>	<i>February 29</i>

AOCWNA WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL & CANNED FOOD DRIVE

The Antiochian Women will be hosting a Wine & Cheese social event on Tuesday, February 25, from 7–9:00 pm in the barn. All women 18 and over are welcome to come for fellowship and to collect food for Valley Churches United Missions (VCUM). **Please bring a beverage or food item to share as well as your donation to VCUM.** A list of items needed will be available for sign up during coffee hour today. Either bring your donations to the February 25th event or leave them in the food barrel in the parish hall. Gift cards and cash are also welcome. See Marilyn Spurgeon for more details.

Vesperal Divine Liturgy

St. Raphael of Brooklyn

Wednesday, February 26 @ 6:00 pm

Followed by informal fasting-food potluck

MARCH 8 — AN EVENING OUT FOR PARENTS

Youth attending Project Mexico this summer are offering babysitting for parents to take an evening out together. The youth will provide entertainment and care for kids between the hours of 5–7:30 pm. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity and help support our youth traveling to Project Mexico. Parents interested should contact Christina Salibi at (831) 227-7148.

TOWN HALL MEETING

Today, after the Divine Liturgy, we will hold a Town Hall Meeting in the parish hall. Financial overview, budget funds, giving, and the Narthex will all be discussed.

ONE-YEAR MEMORIAL

The one-year memorial for Presbytera Anastasia Karastamatis will be on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, March 8 at Prophet Elias Greek Orthodox Church in Santa Cruz on 223 Church St. Services begin with Orthros at 9:00 am. There will be a luncheon following the services, prepared by Presbytera's children, Maria and Foti. Please RSVP to their church office at (831) 429-6500 or via email at info@propheteliassc.org if you plan to attend.

Forgiveness Vespers Sunday, March 1 @ 6:00 pm

SILENT RETREAT

The Antiochian Women's group of St. Timothy Orthodox Church invites our Antiochian Women's group to participate with them in a Silent Retreat. The retreat will be offered on Saturday, February 29 from 10–1:00 pm. There will be a potluck lunch. St. Timothy is located at 4593 Central Way in Fairfield. For more information, call (707) 864-6236.

AOCWNA 41st ANNUAL DIOCESAN SPRING RETREAT—APRIL 3–5

Registration is now open for the Antiochian Women's spring retreat at Camp St. Nicholas in Frazier Park, California. Scholarships are available through the diocese and our parish women's group. The subject of the retreat will be "The Mother of God: Our Rule, Our Guide, Our Consolation" and will be taught by Father Calinic Berger. Any woman interested in attending the retreat should let either Sarah Steiger or Linda Young know so that carpools may be arranged. Registration forms will be sent via email to all the women 18 yrs. and older in the parish. Registration forms and scholarship applications are also available on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men are welcome to the fasting-food breakfast on Saturday, March 7 at 8:00 am in the parish hall.

This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul

February 24–March 1, 2020

- 2/24 Mon 6:30 pm – Choir rehearsal
- 2/25 Tues 6:00 am – Reader’s Orthros
7:00 – 9:00 pm – AOCWNA Wine/Cheese
Social & Canned Food Drive
- 2/26 Wed ***No Morning Divine Liturgy***
6:00 pm – Vespersal Divine Liturgy–St.
Raphael of Brooklyn
- 2/27 Thurs 6:00 am – Men’s Reading Group
- 2/28 Fri 10:00 am – Women’s Book Study
- 2/29 Sat 6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline
- 3/1 Sun 8:20 am – Orthros
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – Sunday of
Forgiveness (Cheesefare)
10:20 am – Church School
6:00 pm – Forgiveness Vespers

Looking Ahead –

- March 2 Great Lent Begins – Great
Compline/Canon of St. Andrew*
- March 3 Great Compline/Canon of St. Andrew*
- March 4 Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts*
- March 5 Great Compline/Canon of St. Andrew*
- March 6 Little Compline/Akathist*
- March 7 Men’s Breakfast*
- March 8 Sunday of Orthodoxy*
No Church School
Youth Group
*Daylight Saving Time begins (spring
forward)*

Community Dinner Today @ 2 pm

Contact Sh. Karla @ (831) 423-8121 to help,
donate, or contribute funds.

All are welcome to share in an afternoon of
friendship and dine on home-cooked food.

PARISH NEEDS

If you are able to help in either of the following
areas, please contact the church office at 831-336-
2228.

- **Community Dinner Leads:** Looking for

more people or teams of people to add to the rotation of leading a meal. You will have support from the church and the people that already lead and help, but some current leaders are stepping down and we need to fill their spots. You would serve in this capacity about three times a year.

- **Grant Writer:** Someone who has a gift for writing and has time to do some research. There are grants for which our church could qualify that would help offset the cost of remodeling/building as well as help in other areas of our community development.

Orthodox Tidbits

“We must devote ourselves to purification of the heart by liturgical practice.”

His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH

As we begin Lent, we should view the extra services of the Church as gifts for our salvation. There are some who would separate our liturgical practice, what we do in the services, from other aspects of our faith such as prayer and teaching. However, the Orthodox Christian life is the liturgical life. The prayers we pray with our families at the home altar are liturgical. We view the home as a church, where we should pray together and minister to one another for our salvation. Likewise, the services in the Church are for the building up of our faith through repentance, prayer, teaching and the sacraments. All that we do in our life should be directed towards God. All that we do in the services is prayer. We do not recite the creed as cold dogma, but read it as prayer, offering our assent to the teaching of the Church to God. The hymns, especially those of Vespers and Matins, teach us the faith, and we pray those as well, seeking to acquire the spirit and mind of the Church. Finally, the sacraments are our prayerful participation in the life of the Church, drawing us ever deeper into union with Christ. The services are a great gift. My prayer for us is that we approach them as such, not out of compulsion, but out of a desire for repentance and an increase in our holiness for the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, amen.

**In Christ,
Fr. Nathan**