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## BULLETIN – SUNDAY OF THE PHARISEE & PUBLICAN

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Deadline for Bulletin Submissions -- 10:00 am Thursday ♦ Father's Office Hours – Tuesday 10:30 am-1:30 pm

Happy Birthday To  
Claire Valory February 17

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be Sunday, February 24, following the Divine Liturgy. Childcare will be provided. Please plan to attend so that there will be a quorum for voting.

### VISIT TO ST JOHN MAXIMOVITCH

Saturday, March 9, Hieromonk James Corazza will lead us on a walk in St. John of Shanghai and San Francisco's footsteps, from the old cathedral where St. John served, to St. Tikhon's Orphanage where St. John lived, and to the new cathedral where we can venerate St. John's relics. All are welcome and encouraged to participate. Contact Keidi Lewis if you plan to attend and for more details at 831-588-9575.

### REIMBURSEMENT NOTICE

Reimbursement receipts for the fiscal year ending February 28 (3/1/18 – 2/28/19) must be submitted to the church office by February 27 in order to be paid. Reimbursements will not be paid after that date.

### BRIDAL SHOWER FOR KRISTA

Come celebrate Krista Newberry's upcoming nuptials at a bridal shower in the church barn on Thursday, February 21 at 7:00 pm. Hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be served. For gift ideas and Krista's registry go to <https://www.theknot.com/us/krista-newberry-and-erik-perez-mar-2019>.

### RENOVATIONS ALMOST DONE

The men's and women's restrooms are now available to use.



**Come Join Us For A  
COMMUNITY DINNER  
Sunday, February 24  
At 2:00 pm**

All are welcome to share in an afternoon of friendship and dine on home-cooked food. If you would like to contribute time and talents or funds, please contact Kriss Saad at 419-2677.

**This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul – February 18-24, 2019**

- 2/19 Tues. 6:00 am – Reader’s Orthros**  
10:00 am – AOCWNA Bakery Meet-up  
@ Gayle’s Bakery
- 2/20 Wed 6:00 pm – Vespers**
- 2/21 Thurs. 6:00 am – Men’s Reading Group**  
**9:00 am – Orthros**  
10:00 am – AOCWNA Book Study
- 2/23 Sat 6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline**
- 2/24 Sun 8:20 am – Orthros**  
**9:30 am – Divine Liturgy—Sunday of the Prodigal Son**  
**10:20 am – Church School**  
**No** Choir rehearsal  
Annual General Meeting immediately following Divine Liturgy. Childcare provided.  
2:00 pm – Community Dinner

**Looking Ahead ---**

- February 27 Divine Liturgy for St. Raphael of Brooklyn*  
*Paraklesis*
- March 2 Newberry/Perez Wedding*
- March 10 Forgiveness Sunday*
- March 11 Great Lent Begins**  
*Canon of St. Andrew served March 11, 12, 14, 15*
- March 13 Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts*
- March 17 Sunday of Orthodoxy*  
*Trisagion for Metropolitan PHILIP*
- March 19 Parish Council Meeting—first with the new council members*

**CAMP ST. NICHOLAS REGISTRATION**

Registration for summer camp at Camp St. Nicholas in Frazier Park, California opens on Tuesday, February 19. Registration for certain sessions tends to fill up quickly, so please don’t delay if you plan on going to camp. Scholarships are available from Camp St.

Nicholas on a first come first served basis. The deadline for them is March 1. Scholarships are available from Ss Peter & Paul as well. Speak to Fr. Nathan if you are interested in a camp scholarship.

**BOOK REVIEWS**

*The First-Created Man*, a collection of homilies by St. Symeon the New Theologian.

“A knowledge of the beginning and end of all things is essential for us to understand the purpose of our existence here on this earth, and what lies beyond it. For a true interpretation of the first and last things we must turn to those ancient teachers who beheld the beginning and end in a state of divine vision. Among these great seers was St. Symeon the New Theologian (+1022): he speaks of the mysteries of the beginning and end precisely because he has seen them.

“His profound homilies on the first-created man and the future age are of special value to us because they give the foundation of spiritual life and struggle. The original state of man tells us of our deepest nature, of which our present fallen nature is a corruption that is to be overcome; and the future state of blessedness is the goal to which our spiritual struggle is aimed, and to which we can attain, by God’s grace, even despite our fallen state.”

*THEOSIS: The True Purpose of Human Life* by Archimandrite George, Abbot of the Holy Monastery of Saint Gregorios, Mount Athos.

Archimandrite George “...speaks on the incarnation of God, contribution of the Theotokos, the Church, uncreated energies, qualifications for theosis, experiences of theosis, failure of many people to reach theosis and the consequences of guidance that leads to or does not lead to theosis.”

\*\*The Men’s Reading Group will be reading these books this year. Soon you may pick up a copy in the church bookstore. If you are interested, please join the other men and together learn more about theosis and the beginning and end of all things.\*\*