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Many Years – Birthday

Fallyn Lachmund

April 12

Bill Young

April 12

Laurel Beck

April 16

ONLINE DONATING

To donate online, go to <https://ssppaoc.org/#>. When the home page comes up, at the top right, you will see “Support Our Parish”. Select “Donate Online” and that will take you to a page with a list of possible donations and a place to pay tithe.

WATCHING DIVINE SERVICES ONLINE

To see the list of links for accessing online services, please go here:

<https://www.antiochian.org/dashboard?name=COVID-19>

NEEDS & SURPLUS

In this time of possible shortages at stores, if you have a surplus of

- **bleach, household cleaners, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, water, canned and jarred food (especially vegetables), frozen foods, diapers, paper towels**

and want to share with others in our parish who might need some of those items, please bring them to the parish hall **on Saturdays from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**. If you have a need, please call Marilyn Spurgeon at (831) 345-5448 or email her at mlspurgeon64@gmail.com. The Kindness

Ministry Team will then work out a time/place for items to be distributed to those in need.

AOCWNA

The Spring 2020 DIOAKONIA issue is available online. This issue features the Antiochian Women leadership and chapters of our Diocese of Los Angeles and the West, a diocese that stretches from the Mexican border in the south to the Arctic Circle in Alaska! Go here to access this periodical chock full of interesting information:

<https://www.antiochian.org/home>

CHURCH SERVICES

All Holy Week and Pascha services allowed by the Archdiocese will be served by the Thompson family only as per the **restrictions imposed by the County of Santa Cruz**. The Archdiocese restricts participation to clergy only, but a Divine Liturgy may not be served by a priest alone and since the County of Santa Cruz allows only family groups to gather, the Thompsons will be serving on behalf of all of us. **Please hold them up in prayer** as this is an awesome responsibility and can be quite exhausting to carry on with so few people.

Memory Eternal!

April 14

Christopher Reed

This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul—April 13-19, 2020

*All services will be offered by the Thompson family
only on our behalf.*

- 4/13 Mon 9:00 am – Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts
6:00 pm – Bridegroom Orthros
- 4/14 Tues 9:00 am – Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts
6:00 – Bridegroom Orthros
- 4/15 Wed 9:00 am – Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts
6:00 pm – Holy Unction
- 4/16 Thurs 9:00 am – Holy Thursday Orthros & Vespers
6:00 pm – Passion Gospels
- 4/17 Fri 9:00 am – Royal Hours
2:30 pm – Great Vespers
6:00 pm – Lamentations
- 4/18 Sat 9:00 am – Vespers
10:00 pm – Rush Procession, Festal Orthros, Divine Liturgy of Pascha
- 4/19 Sun 1:00 pm – Agape Vespers

Looking Ahead –

Services will be conducted similarly to those above listed until further notice from the Antiochian Archdiocese and the County of Santa Cruz. When we know more, you will be notified as to any change to this schedule. Please remember to pray at home.

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR HOMESCHOOLING

The Department of Homeschooling and other Archdiocese ministries are offering learning opportunities, support, and curriculum resources for all ages. Go here for more info:

<https://www.antiochian.org/regulararticle/622>

Orthodox Tidbits

***“Thy love draws me to Thee, O Savior, O praise of my life. Thy grace makes it sweet for me to follow Thee with my mind.”
St. Ephraim the Syrian***

It is easy to forget in this time of fasting that the reason we fast and pray and give alms is not to earn our salvation, for we cannot, but out of love of our Savior. We do the things that Christ asked us to do in order to strengthen ourselves to better receive the grace that He gives. And we strive to do them, even when it is hard, not blindly following rules, but trusting Him and knowing that He has asked us to do the things which are good for us because of His great love towards us. May we finish the race with strength this week as we look to the glorious death and resurrection of our God, Jesus Christ.

**In Christ,
Fr. Nathan**

“For the tear that is really shed out of much affliction and anguish of heart in the knowledge of the truth, with burning of the inward parts, is indeed a food of the soul, supplied from the heavenly bread, of which Mary preeminently partook, when she sat at the feet of the Lord and wept, after the testimony of the Savior Himself. He says, Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her. O those precious pearls in the flow of blessed tears! O that immediate and ready hearing! What a strong, wise mind! What keen love of the Spirit of the Lord, moving vehemently towards the unsullied Bridegroom! What a sting of desire in the soul for God the Word! What swift communion of the bride with the heavenly Bridegroom!”

*St. Macarius the Great of Egypt,
Homily 25, 8*