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BULLETIN – SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

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Many Years -- Birthday

Dane Paquette

December 31

Diana Salibi

January 1

Celestine McMahan-Woneis

January 4

DAY RETREAT

The Diocese of Los Angeles and the West is offering a day retreat for Orthodox moms to be held at St. Luke Church in Garden Grove on January 11, 2020. Fr. Nicholas and Kh. Jan Speier will be the speakers. The minimum donation requested is \$25. Go here to register online <https://www.antiochiandiocese.org/files/organizations/women/Moms-Retreat-Registration---Jan-2020.pdf>

or use a registration form from the parish hall bulletin board.

PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

July 1-5, 2020

**Hosted by St. Nicholas Church
San Francisco (Diamond Heights)**

To register and for more information go to

<https://www.antiochianevents.org/events/diocese-of-los-angeles-and-the-west/>

END-OF-YEAR DONATIONS

If you would like 2019 tax credit for end-of-year donations, please put them in the offering today.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all who prepared the parish hall for feasting after the Divine

Liturgy of the Feast of Nativity, and to all those who cleaned up.

Royal Hours of Theophany

Friday, January 3

9:00 am

**Followed by Typica & Great
Vespers**

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY

The Women's Book Study of *Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives* by Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica will resume on Friday, January 10 at 10:00 am in the parish hall with a discussion of Chapter four.

Theophany Potluck

Sunday, January 5

**Please each bring enough to
serve your family plus 4 more
people.**

- ♦ Last names Albers through Grube -- dessert
- ♦ Last names Hagg through Otte -- side dish or salad
- ♦ Last names Paquette through Zweers -- main dish

This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul – December 23-29, 2019

- 12/30 -1/3 Church office closed
12/30 Mon 6:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal
12/31 Tues 6:00 am – Reader’s Orthros
1/2 Thurs 6:00 am – Men’s Reading Group
1/3 Fri 9:00 am – Royal Hours of Theophany followed by Typica and Great Vespers
1/4 Sat 8:00 am – Men’s Breakfast
6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline
1/5 Sun 8:20 am – Orthros
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – Feast of Theophany & Great Blessing of Waters
Potluck immediately following the Divine Liturgy (*see details in box on previous page*)
No Church School

Looking Ahead –

- January 6 **No** Choir Rehearsal
January 8 *Wednesday morning Divine Liturgies resume*
January 10 *Women’s Book Study resumes*
January 12 *Youth Group*
January 15 *Parish Council*
January 22 *Paraklesis*
January 26 *Community Dinner*

TIMES FOR CONFESSIONS

Confessions are heard on Sunday mornings during Orthros prior to 9:15 am, before or after Vespers on Wednesday evenings (by appointment), on Saturday evenings following Compline, and by appointment during the week. If you desire to go to confession during Orthros, please send a message to one of the priests through one of the deacons.

Orthodox Tidbits

“We glorify thee, O only Son, who are without father on the side of thy Mother, and without mother on the side of thy Father; for in the previous feast [Nativity] we beheld thee a babe and in this [coming] feast we behold thee perfect, O our perfect God, appearing from the Perfect.”

From the service of the Great Blessing of the Waters of Theophany

It is so easy to forget just how shocking the idea is that God Himself was born of a Virgin and became a baby who had a human mother and step-father, but who is truly the only begotten Son of God. Not only did He do this, He did this for you, because He loves you and desires your salvation. What love is this, that He was willing to suffer all the pain, temptation, and indignities of being human, for us and for our salvation! How can we not respond to that with faith and love, drawing near to Him through humbly participating in the sacraments, in prayer and fasting, and loving Him through loving others by meeting their needs to the glory of the Father, and the son and the Holy Spirit? Amen.

**In Christ,
Fr. Nathan**

MEN’S BREAKFAST

All men are welcome to a breakfast in the parish hall on Saturday, January 4 at 8:00 am.

VCUM BARREL

Please bring cans of food for Valley Churches United Missions and deposit them in the VCUM barrel in the parish hall. This is an on-going, year-round project for our church.