

MARCH 8, 2020
BULLETIN – SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

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Many Years – Birthday

<i>John Johnson</i>	<i>March 10</i>
<i>Zachary Perez</i>	<i>March 14</i>
<i>Sasha Botill</i>	<i>March 14</i>

TODAY — 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 5:00–7:30 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.

NO CHURCH SCHOOL TODAY

Bring an icon to carry in a procession around the church and commemorate the Triumph of Orthodoxy over the iconoclasts.

PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday, March 17 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.

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. **The Early Bird special rate is \$135 (including meals) until March 15.** Registration forms and scholarship applications were sent via email and are also

available on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

MARCH CALENDAR FLYERS

Please pick up your March calendar flyer in your church mailbox and remove personal and outdated items from the box.

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.

NO TUESDAY ORTHROS

For the time being there will be no Tuesday morning Orthros service. Please make corrections on your March calendar flyers.

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/>

This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul—March 9-15, 2020

3/9	Mon	6:00 pm – Great Compline
3/11	Wed	6:00 pm – Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts followed by Soup Supper
3/12	Thurs	6:00 am – Men’s Reading Group
3/13	Fri	6:00 pm – Little Compline/Akathist
3/14	Sat	6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline
3/15	Sun	8:20 am – Orthros 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – 2 nd Sunday of Lent (Gregory Palamas) 10:20 am – Church School Trisagion for Metropolitan PHILIP

Looking Ahead –

March 16	Great Compline
March 17	Parish Council
March 18	Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts & Soup Supper
March 20	Little Compline/Akathist
March 21-22	Youth Lenten Retreat
March 22	Sunday of the Veneration of the Cross
March 23	Great Compline
March 25	VDL for Annunciation
March 27	Little Compline/Akathist
March 28	Morning Divine Liturgy – Saturday of Souls
March 29	Sunday of John Climacus
April 1	Little Compline w/Canon of St. Andrew & Life of St. Mary of Egypt
*April 2	Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts & Soup Supper (Note: different night)

GREAT LENT & FASTING GUIDE

The schedule of special Lenten services is printed on blue paper and the fasting guide is printed on buff paper. Both are in the Narthex.

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.

SCHEDULING MEMORIALS

If you would like Trisagion prayers said at the end of the Divine Liturgy for a loved one, please contact the church office one month

prior to that date so that it can be put on the church calendar.

FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE

Please take home an FFHP box, found in the Narthex, and collect your change throughout the year. Remember to count the money at home and bring a check designated for FFHP or bills in an envelope designated for FFHP to put in the offering plate at church. The funds collected are used to feed people in the States and all over the world.

Orthodox Tidbits

***“When you go out after prayer, keep your tongue under restraint, for it is well capable of dissipating, in a very short time, what you labored to gather together.”
St. John Climacus***

Lent is a time of not only fasting, but of seeking to increase our prayer life as well. It has been said that fasting means that when you eat, leave the table hungry. St. Seraphim of Sarov said that it means that when he leaves the table, he still wants to pray.

Seek to establish a prayer rule if you do not have one this Lent, or to reestablish it if life has gotten the better of it (as so often happens), or to increase it slightly if you already are faithful to your prayer rule.

The important thing is to set a rule that is attainable for you; do not set yourself up for failure by trying to do all-night vigils if you currently do not pray. Consistency is more important than length.

Finally, let your prayer infect your whole life, how you act and speak. When you are confronted with challenges, quickly say the Jesus prayer, “Lord, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon me a sinner” in order to realign yourself to our Lord, so that you can bring glory to Him and His Father and the all Holy Spirit. Amen.

**In Christ,
Fr. Nathan**

“A man who strives for salvation...must not allow himself to eat to fullness....” – St. Gregory of Sinai