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BULLETIN – THEOPHANY

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Many Years -- Birthday

Guy Peabody	January 8
Alfonso Rivera, Jr.	January 8
Rebeca Purcell	January 9

IN APPRECIATION

A big thank you to the Feast Day Calendar Ministry Team for setting up and cleaning up the parish hall for our Theophany potluck celebration!

SUMMER CAMP AT ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE

Summer camp registration for Antiochian Village has opened. Registration is \$850 for two weeks. Go to <https://mycircuitree.com/av/Login/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2Fav%2FAccount%2F> for more information and to register online.

CALENDARS

Please check your church mailbox for the January calendar flyer and remove personal items and old papers.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Please contact the church office with the names of the sick and hospitalized of the parish so they may receive proper pastoral care.

ARRANGING SACRAMENTS

Contact the church office and set up an appointment with Fr. Nathan to discuss the arrangements for infant baptism, matrimony, and adult initiation.

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.

Come Join Us!
**COMMUNITY
DINNER**
Sunday, January 26
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 @ 419-2677.

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.

Memory Eternal
January 10 Marshall Hardenbrook

This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul – January 6-12, 2020

1/6	Mon	<i>No</i> Choir rehearsal
1/7	Tues	6:00 am – Reader’s Orthros
1/8	Wed	9:00 am – Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm – Vespers
1/9	Thurs	6:00 am – Men’s Reading Group
1/10	Fri	10:00 am – Women’s Book Study
1/11	Sat	6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline
1/12	Sun	8:20 am – Orthros 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – Sunday After Theophany 10:20 am – Church School Trisagion for Dn. Michael Youth Group

Looking Ahead –

January 15	Parish Council
January 22	Paraklesis
January 26	Community Dinner Youth Group
January 29	Vesperal Divine Liturgy

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.

BULLETIN BOARD

Be sure to check the bulletin board in the parish hall for news from our parish as well as the greater Orthodox world.

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.

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 we beheld thee a babe and in this 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**

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

- Our Women’s Group will have a social meet-up on Tuesday, January 14 at 10:00 am at Kh. Mandy’s house. Please bring snacks to share. Kh. Mandy will provide coffee and tea.
- Save the date! Antiochian Women’s Spring Retreat is at St. Nicholas Camp, Frazier Park April 2-4, 2020.