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BULLETIN – 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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FEAST OF SS PETER & PAUL TODAY 8:20 am – Orthros 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

NEW PASTOR FR. CHRISTOPHER DILLON

Fr. George is very pleased to announce Metropolitan JOSEPH has assigned a full-time pastor to the parish beginning Sunday, August 23, Fr. Christopher Dillon, originally from St. Athanasius AOC, Goleta. Sayidna has made a wonderful choice! You can read his letter, see pictures, and read more about the Dillon family in the attached flyer. Please keep Fr. Christopher, his family, our serving clergy and the Thompson family in your prayers as we all prepare for transitions in our parish and lives.

IN THE REARVIEW MIRROR

Last Sunday Fr. George preached from a post-Pascha Gospel that we “lost” to COVID-19, the Samaritan Woman at the well (John 4). He focused on how the evils others had done her, plus cultural influences and her own mistakes, had scripted a life story of loneliness, shame, and religious confusion. Her verbal sparring failed to put Jesus off balance or off task! When He said, “Woman, go call your husband” the house of cards in which she had imprisoned herself began to fall.

Fr. George focused on three main takeaways from the Samaritan Woman.

1. Jesus’ loving patience can lead us to vulnerability and repentance—no shame or blame.
2. Any broken life-story we might cling to needs to be brought into the light of Christ’s love.

3. Great joy and freedom follow: “Come see a man who told me everything I’ve ever done!”

God lovingly calls us to His new story: union and communion, seated in heaven with Christ!

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN PATIENCE IN AN AGE OF INSTANT REACTIONS

The intensity and speed of our device and social media-dominated world is always provoking us to quick judgments and reactions on a seemingly infinite range of subjects. What’s an Orthodox Christian to do? Just go along with the trends? Hardly! Here’s a selection of quotes by Fathers ancient and modern advising patience in the face of life’s shifting uncertainties.

“A humble man is never rash, hasty or perturbed, never has any hot and volatile thoughts, but at all times remains calm. Even if heaven were to fall and cleave to the earth, the humble man would not be dismayed. Not every quiet man is humble, but every humble man is quiet. There is no humble man who is not self-constrained; but you will find many who are self-constrained without being humble. This is also what the meek, humble Lord meant when He said, ‘Learn of Me, for I am meek and humble of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.’ (Matt. 11:29) For the humble man is always at rest, because there is nothing which can agitate or shake his mind.”

St. Isaac the Syrian

“A continuously happy life produces extremely unhappy consequences. In nature we see that there are not always pleasant springs and fruitful summers, and sometimes autumn is rainy and winter cold and snowy, and there is flooding and wind and storms, and moreover the crops fail and there are famine, troubles, sicknesses and many other misfortunes. All of this is beneficial so that man might learn through prudence, patience and humility. For the most part, in times of plenty he forgets himself, but in times of various sorrows he becomes more attentive to his salvation.”

St. Ambrose of Optina

This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul—June 29–July 5, 2020

7/1 Wed 6:00 pm – Vespers
7/4 Sat 6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline
7/5 Sun 8:20 am – Orthros
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – St.
Athanasius of Athos

Looking Ahead –

July 8 Vespers
July 11 Great Vespers
July 12 Orthros & Divine Liturgy
July 15 Parish Council

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Middle School

Michael Swagerty, Micah Thompson, Nolan Rogers, Dimiana Trigg, Fallyn Lachmund

High School

Madeline Herlé, Lilly Robinson, Jasmine Gonzales

College

Paloma Auldridge, Natasha Herlé, Chris Herlé, Isaac Newberry

Many Years – Birthday

Ryan Hendrickson	June 30
Ron Roberson, Sr.	July 1
Ben Beck	July 2
Rob Peabody	July 2

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN (AW)

The Spring 2020 issue of “Diakonia” which highlights the events of the Antiochian Women of the Diocese of Los Angeles and the West is available online. Our own Sarah Steiger is the new Humanitarian Coordinator and is featured on p. 12. Go here to access “Diakonia”:

[https://antiochianprodsa.blob.core.windows.net/websiteattachments/DIAKONIA%20--%20SPRING%202020%20--%20for Publication--optimized.pdf](https://antiochianprodsa.blob.core.windows.net/websiteattachments/DIAKONIA%20--%20SPRING%202020%20--%20for%20Publication--optimized.pdf) . You may also find back issues of “Diakonia”, contact information for various AW leaders and other helpful information pertaining to the ministry of women in the Church by going here:

<https://www.antiochian.org/dashboard?name=Antiochian%20Orthodox%20Christian%20Women%20of%20North%20America> .

MASK CONFUSION?

At almost the exact minute we posted last week’s bulletin, the Governor of California suddenly reversed the church guidelines his COVID-19 state agency had just published! He now requires masks in church! Let us continue to respect this cautious anti-disease approach and love those of our beloved church community who feel the most concern, but without becoming extreme in either direction.

NEW BABY

Congratulations to Rachele and Caleb Sprenger on the birth of their son, Mason, on Monday, May 18. May God grant them many years!

SINGING & READING TOGETHER

In our congregational singing and recitation of prayers, please follow those who bear the responsibility of leading the sacred music and prayers, not creating an echo, speeding up, or lagging behind.

HELP FOR THE THOMPSONS’ MOVE

Starting Monday, June 29, please contact Amanda Baillie by email at amanda.baillie@ssppaoc.org or phone at (831) 713-7583 if you are able to help in any of the following ways:

- Pick up groceries for the family
- Make a meal or offer to bring a take-out meal to them; here is the mealtrain link <https://mealtrain.com/yovq8e>
- General house cleaning and cleaning of things to be packed
- Sorting and packing
- Selling items they will not be taking with them however you choose to do it
- Cleaning, detailing and selling vehicles
- Dog walking and dog sitting

In the coming weeks Amanda will be coordinating parish volunteer help for the Thompson family’s move preparations.

Memory Eternal!

July 1
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Edward Wallace
Monk Simeon