

PARISH FEAST ~ JULY 18/19

THE FEAST OF SAINT SERAPHIM is on July 19. Since our church bears the name of this magnificent and universally venerated Saint, the day and evening before are kept with special solemnity and Paschal joy. The celebration will begin at 6:15 PM, July 18, with the serving of the festal Vigil. The next morning, Friday, July 19 we will gather at 9:30 AM to welcome our beloved Vladyka Benjamin and begin the Divine Liturgy. We will gather as a unique Parish—mystically identified with St. Seraphim through Jesus Christ—to specifically ask St. Seraphim to intercede for us as we glorify God “who is wonderful in His saints.” A luncheon will be served following the Divine Liturgy.

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL

THE SCRIPTURES do not record the deaths of Peter or Paul, or indeed any of the Apostles except for James the son of Zebedee (Acts 12:2), but they are clearly anticipated. St. Paul writes: “I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith.” (2 Timothy 4:1-8) And Jesus, after rising from the dead, said to Peter: “When you were young, you went where you would, but when you are old, you will go where you are taken.” And by these words, He foretold Peter’s death. He then said, “Follow me.” (John 21:15-19)

A very early tradition indicates they were martyred at Rome at the command of the Emperor Nero on or about the same day, and were buried there. As a Roman citizen, Paul was beheaded with a sword, while Peter was crucified, head downward. The present Church of St Peter in Rome replaces earlier churches built on the same site going back to the time of the Emperor Constantine, in whose reign a church was built there on the burial site of Peter. St. Augustine writes, in a sermon for this feast, “Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles’ blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith.” (*Sermon 152*)

Why are the Apostles Peter and Paul called the *Chief Apostles*? As scripture testifies, the Apostles occupy a special place in the Church: “Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God” (1 Cor. 4:1). Vested with equal power from above and with equal authority to absolve sins (John 20:19ff), all the Apostles will sit on the twelve thrones next to the Son of Man

(Matt. 19:28) Although certain Apostles are distinguished in Scripture and tradition, for example, Peter, Paul, John, James, and others, none of them were chief, or even superior in honor to the rest. But because in the Acts of the Apostles the labors of the Apostles Peter and Paul are the most told, the Church and the holy fathers, while revering the name of each of the Apostles, call these two Apostles chief. Calling these two Apostles chief in rank and labors, the Church impresses upon us that its head is Jesus Christ alone, and all the Apostles are His servants (cf. Col. 1:18).

The Holy Apostle Peter, who bore the name Simon before being called by Christ, was the elder brother of the Apostle Andrew the First-Called, and a fisherman. He was married, and had children. As St. John Chrysostom expressed it, he was a man who was fiery, unlearned, simple, poor, and God-fearing. He was brought to the Lord by his brother Andrew (Matt. 4:18). When the Lord saw the simple fisherman for the first time, He named him Cephas, in Syriac, or Peter, in Greek, which means, a rock. After receiving Peter as one of the Apostles, the Lord visited his humble home and healed his mother-in-law of a fever (Matt. 8:14).

Peter was granted by the Lord to be one of the three disciples to witness His divine glory on Matt. Tabor (Matt. 16-17), His divine power at the resurrection of Jairus’s daughter (Mark 5:21ff), and His humiliation according to His human nature in the Garden of Gethsemane. Peter washed away his denial of Christ with bitter tears of repentance (John 21:15ff); he was the first of the Apostles to enter the Savior’s tomb after His resurrection (John 20:1ff), and the first of the Apostles to be vouchsafed to behold the Risen One (1 Cor. 15:1ff). After the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Peter became an outstanding preacher. The strength of his word was so great that he

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turned first three thousand, then five thousand people to Christ (Acts 2:41; 4:4). At the Apostle Peter's word, the guilty fell dead (Acts. 5:1ff), the sick were healed and the dead returned to life (Acts 9:32ff), even just by touching his shadow as it passed by (Acts 5:15). ...

The Apostle Peter made five journeys, preaching the Gospels and converting many to the Lord. He finished his final journey in Rome, where he preached the faith of Christ, multiplying the number of disciples. In Rome, the Apostle Peter rebuked the deceit of Simon the magician, who was calling himself Christ, and converted two women, favorites of Nero. At Nero's command, the Apostle Peter was crucified on June 29, A.D. 67. He asked his tormenters to crucify him upside-down, wishing by this to show the difference between his own sufferings and the saving Passion of Christ. Peter was buried on Vatican hill, and Roman Christians preserved this place with great reverence. In 1941, when excavations were conducted in basement of the current Cathedral of St. Peter, a slab was found in that very place bearing the quite expressive inscription in Greek: "Peter is here."

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I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake; but bear your share of the hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. — 2 Tim. 1:6

The Work of Ministry

And He gave some to be apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry, and for the building up of the body of Christ, until we all come into the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ... (Ephesians 4:11–13)

IN HIS MERCY, God sees the need of each of us individually and as a parish, and grants to us that which is most needed. Each of us has a role within the Body of Christ, each of us has a calling, each of us is given spiritual gifts and talents—not for our own aggrandizement, but for the welfare of the Body of Christ, to enable the upbuilding of the Church, and for all of us to attain to the fullness of Christ, in other words to be fully and perfectly united with Him. Our Lord said to the Twelve Apostles, when He sent them out to preach, “freely you have received, freely give.” God has given to each of us in the Church our several abilities and gifts and all that we have comes from God. Your whole life is a gift from God—return it to Him and use it for the welfare of the saints and the edifying of the body of Christ until we all come to the unity of faith and the fullness of Christ. “Freely you have received, freely give.” St. Nikolai (Velimirovic) wrote the following: “Each of the faithful, assisted by the others, grows and develops as a member of this body; grows and develops in holiness and purity, and in a corresponding measure and proportion to the whole great body. The whole body, from the beginning to the end of time—especially from the Incarnation of God the Word on earth until the Dread Judgment—is the Holy Church of God. The body is worthy of immortality, the building is worthy of God. The eye of man cannot see it from end to end, nor can the mind of man comprehend it. The building is of chosen materials: living stones, eyes and hearts, without roughness or ugliness, without corruption or change. Everything is in its place, everything is most beautiful in its entirety and in its parts. Here, brethren, is the goal of our journey! Here is the meaning of our burning in the furnace of suffering! Here is our life, better than all our plans and lovelier than all our desires. O Lord Jesus, our man-loving Lord, do not cast us away as inferior material, but polish us and build us into Thine immortal body. To Thee be glory and praise forever. Amen.”

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- THE DOME SCAFFOLD will be dismantled and removed on Friday, July 11. Once the equipment is moved out, extensive clean up of the church will take place: removal of the church furniture and cleaning/washing of the floors. We tentatively plan to start cleaning on Friday late afternoon, and continue on Saturday morning starting at 10 AM. Please consider making time to help. More info on exact start time to follow.
- SAINTS PETER AND PAUL Church on Stony Point will celebrate its Patronal Feast—that of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul—with Vigil on Friday, July 11 at 6 PM, and the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on Saturday, July 12 at 9:30 AM.
- FR. LAWRENCE & MATUSHKA ANN will give a talk on the lives of St. Kyril and Methodius and their disciples with photos of the Churches of Macedonia (from their recent trip) on Wednesday, July 16. Vespers at 6 PM, then a potluck in the Hall with the talk/slide show. On Wednesday, July 23, they will present the life of St. Sava of Serbia, with photos of the medieval churches of Serbia.
- JONATHAN AND SHILOH SOPHIA will be united in Holy Matrimony on Sunday, July 13, at 3 PM. All are invited to the wedding.
- THE KAZAN SKETE will celebrate its Monastery Feast day of the Kazan Icon of the Mother of God, on Tuesday, July 21. His Eminence, Archbishop Benjamin will serve the Liturgy at 9:30 AM.
- SATURDAY CATECHISM sessions in the Protection Church take place at 3:30 PM. No class on Saturday, June 28. July 5, On Sin; July 12, On Jesus the Son of God; no class on Saturday, July 19 (St. Seraphim Day); July 26, Jesus the Savior of the world; August 2, Repentance and Faith; August 9, The Holy Spirit; August 16, The Church and the Virgin Mary.
- OUR PARISH WILL BE PARTNERING with the Redwood Empire Food Bank to distribute food to low income and needy families on the second Wednesday of each month, from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. We start on Wednesday, July 8. We are looking for volunteers to manage the set up at 5 PM, the distribution from 5:30–6:30 PM, and the take down from 6:30 to 7 PM. There will be a table with info about the Redwood Empire Food Bank and a sign up sheet on Sunday at our Ministries Fare.
- THE PARISH COUNCIL has designated funds to replace the fence along Mountain View Ave. that was damaged. It appears that a careless driver simply backed into the fence and unknowingly (one assumes) knocked it down. Funds were also allotted to replace the rectory dishwasher and microwave.
- FROM THE BOOKSTORE: Expressly for the Book Club, within a few days our shelves will hold copies of *Mountain of Silence: A Search for Orthodox Spirituality* by Kyriacos C. Markides. For all of us, to enjoy during the doldrums of summer and while relaxing after bursts of pre-GLENDI effort, we stock many enlightening and inspirational works. Please stop by to check out our latest additions.

YOU ARE INVITED to a reception in honor of our fresco painters, Monk Patrick and Hierodeacon Moses, on Thursday, July 10 at 6 PM, at the fountain courtyard (finger foods and wine will be served). The painting of the dome frescos is complete, and so it is only right that we celebrate this achievement and honor the painters. Since the scaffold will be clear of all equipment in preparation for dismantling on Friday, July 11, the monks thought it would be a special treat to take anyone interested—and able—up the scaffold to talk about the frescos. It will be the last chance ever to see the frescos up close. If you would like to ascend to the dome, please wear shoes suitable for climbing the ladder like stairways.

BE NOT ANXIOUS

HOW CAN YOU FIND out if you are living within the will of God? Here is the sign: If you are troubled [meaning, full of anxiety] about anything, this means that you have not completely given yourself over to the will of God. A person who lives in the will of God is not concerned over anything. And if he needs anything, he gives both it and himself over to God. And if he does not receive the necessary thing, he remains calm nevertheless, as if he had it. The soul which has been given over to the will of God is afraid of nothing, not of thunder nor of thieves - nothing. But whatever happens, she says, "Thus it pleases God." If she is sick, she thinks: this means that I need to be sick, or else God would not have given it to me. Thus peace is preserved in both soul and body. —*St. Silouan the Athonite, reposed 1938*

PROTECTION OF THE HOLY VIRGIN MARY ORTHODOX CHURCH

JULY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 29 - Sts. Peter and Paul <i>Ushers: Esher and Joe</i> • 10 AM, Liturgy • Noon, Agape Meal • Ministries Sunday	[Fr. Lawrence at Church Camp]	1	2	3	4 - Pilgrimage to Fort Ross • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy at Fort Ross, BYO picnic to follow	5 • 3:15 PM, Catechism • 5 PM, Great Vespers
6 - St Sisoies the Great <i>Ushers: Thom and Alex</i> • 10 AM, Liturgy • Noon, Agape Meal	7 • 3 PM, Glendi Baking	8 • 3 PM, Glendi Baking • 7 PM, Master Planning Meeting	9 • 5:30 PM, Redwood Empire Food Bank distribution	10 • 6 PM, Reception for Frs. Patrick and Moses, with "dome" tour	11 • 9 AM, Memorial Divine Liturgy for Sakovich family • Scaffold Take Down and Church cleaning	12 • Church Clean up • 3:30 PM, Catechism • 5 PM, Great Vespers
13 - Holy Fathers <i>Ushers: Joe and Ryan</i> • 10 AM, Liturgy • Noon, Agape Meal • 3 PM, Wedding of Shiloh and Jonathan	14 • 5 PM, Glendi Baking	15 - St. Vladimir • 9 AM, Divine Liturgy (memorial) • 5 PM, Glendi Baking	16 • 6 PM, Vespers, Potluck and a talk/slides on Sts. Kyril and Methodius	17	18 • 10 AM, Akathist to St. Seraphim • 6:15 PM, Vigil for St. Seraphim	19 - St. Seraphim Day • 9:30 AM, Greeting of Archbishop Benjamin and Divine Liturgy • Festal Luncheon • 5 PM, Great Vespers
20 - Prophet Elijah <i>Ushers: George and Vlad</i> • 9 AM, Baptism (Collins) • 10 AM, Liturgy • Noon, Agape Meal	21 - Kazan Feast • 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy at Kazan Skete • 5 PM, Glendi Baking	22 - St. Mary Magdalene • 9 AM, Divine Liturgy (memorial) • 5 PM, Glendi Baking	23 • 6 PM, Vespers, Potluck and a talk/slides on St. Sava of Serbia	24	25	26 [Glendi Piroshki Prep] • 3:30 PM, Catechism • 5 PM, Great Vespers and Akathist to St Panteleimon
27 - St. Panteleimon <i>Ushers: Tito and Thom</i> • 9-10 AM, Confessions • 10 AM, Liturgy • Noon, Agape Meal	28 • 5 PM, Glendi Baking	29 • 5 PM, Glendi Baking	30 • 6 PM, Vespers, Potluck and a talk (TBD)	31 • 6 PM, Vespers for the Procession of the Cross	AUGUST 1 - FAST BEGINS • 10 AM, Blessing of Water for the Feast of the Procession of the Cross	2 • 3:30 PM, Catechism • 5 PM, Great Vespers

The season turns, and as the worker bees strive further for their queen, so we at St. Seraphim labor on the preparations for GLENDI 25.

All GLENDIs have begun with surprise and trepidation. *The time has come so startlingly soon...!* and *Can we pull it off again...?* are feelings we share each year along with the eagerness to get going, 'cause GLENDI's almost here. Each of our food fairs has had a personality—a life of its own—that develops as weeks pass and chores, not burdens, become routine.

In the words of Fr. Lawrence, who has been a GLENDI worker and leader for a quarter century: “After twenty-five years of hosting GLENDI, we can proudly claim that our festival is unique and a Sonoma County institution. With that claim comes the daunting task of preparation. Prayerfully, we go step by step, and with God's help, we get to the big day more or less prepared.”

PreGLENDI activity began in March with planning and organizational meetings which have continued up to last week. Now is the time to put those plans into motion. Full speed ahead!

John Burns, artist, designer and faithful member of the parish now living in Hawai'i, has redesigned the GLENDI logo for our 25th year to stand alone or work in conjunction with the GLENDI dancer he created for us several years ago. [Our gratitude and love is for you, John!]

GLENDI 25 will be headed by a binity—a dynamic duo of GLENDI Co-Czars—Alexander Stameroff and Esther Schau. [God grant them many years along with the strength and wisdom to guide us all through the third weekend of September.]

As happens each year, one or two key GLENDI workers are unable to

take part. It is always distressing, if only for that moment before another parishioner steps up to fill the need. That is how our Parish Treasurer, David Winterton was “voluntarily appointed” to the position of GLENDI money tender—in charge of the event business office and accounting. [Congrats and Thanks to David!]

There are several other vital jobs that are momentarily unfilled; **Sign Posting** team, **Soda/Ice Cream Booth** head, **Parking Set-Up** and **Parking Staff Manager** are among the most important.

A major addition to this year's GLENDI will be a Biergarten which will fill all or part of the gazebo area lawn. It will not replace—and should not conflict with—the ever popular Beer Booth on the corner of the dance floor. The Biergarten will be a separate venue with its own entertainment and its own food. It will feature two styles of beer—porter, delicious with food, and an ESB or special seasonal, light brew, equally tasty—from a single brewery, the exciting, new Petaluma Hills Brewing Company. The brewer will provide manpower to help serve and to talk up the company's products. We'll be grilling sausages in the Biergarten, and they'll be presented in a nest of sauerkraut with onions and mustard on the side. Soft pretzels will also be on sale. The plan is for the area to be a place for folks to get away from the hubbub of the dance floor where they can sit down and enjoy a pint or two in a gemütlich, old world atmosphere. Food and drink from other GLEN-

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DI booths will be welcome, but the focus will be on the Petaluma Hills beers and sausages.

Credit card use for the ease of our visitors to enjoy GLENDI to the fullest extent and for the simplification of bookkeeping procedures will be enhanced this year. Several iPads have been secured which will make credit card transactions swiftly straightforward. The iPads will see use in Sunday School during non-GLENDI months.

So... where are we as of this moment?

The band's been hired, supply shelves are filling, new recipes are being sampled and approved.

BAKING DATES for cookies and other delectables are already scheduled: Beginning **July 7th at 3 PM**, and all other **Mondays and Tuesdays at 5 PM** until the freezer's full. For questions talk with Catherine Ostling at 707 887-1277. Here she offers more info on the baking project:

Our bakery booths are by far the **TOP MONEY-MAKERS** at every GLENDI. That means we need lots and lots of baked goods to sell. We are including many more varieties of ethnic sweets. Here's your chance to learn how to make wonderful specialties!

Catherine Carpenter leads off with Greek Tea Cakes on Monday, July 7, at 3 PM. Bobbi Griovski will be on hand, as well, to lead us in making no-bake Bourbon Balls.

The following day, Catherine returns and we'll make the ever-popular Greek Twists, from 3 PM. Come and learn how to make these unusual treats. Men, women kids, ALL are welcome!

—Edited by Vladimir