

## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **THE HARVEST PARTY**, previously scheduled for Wed., Oct. 31 at 5 PM, has been cancelled. The Akathist to the Angels will be sung as advertised at 5 PM.
- **THE ROHNERT PARK STUDY GROUP** meets each Tuesday at 7 PM. Topics: "Scriptures and the Coming of the Messiah," the "Scriptures and the Holy Liturgy," the "Scriptures and the Cross," etc. Discussions take place at Debi Shrimplin's apartment, 1352 Oak View Circle, #307, (707) 536-9112.
- **THE MONASTERY BENEFIT DINNER** scheduled for Sunday, October 28, was cancelled some weeks ago due to the resignation of Abbot Meletios. Our parish will find another way to offer financial assistance in the near future.
- **IOCC DINNER:** His Eminence, Archbishop Benjamin, has asked that parishes take an offering for the International Orthodox Christian Charities on Sunday, October 28. Please make your checks payable to the Parish, and we will send one large check to IOCC. If you prefer, you can also send directly to them, without the Parish as an intermediary. The Annual IOCC "Remembering Home" Banquet will take place on Sunday, November 4, 2012, starting at 5 PM with Vespers, at Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church in Castro Valley. Chris Hillman, founding member of the sixties rock band "The Byrds" and a well-known bluegrass musician—as well as a faithful Orthodox Christian—will perform at the dinner. For more information on this event, see the flyer at the Candle Desk.
- **SAINT MICHAEL DAY:** The Feast of the Archangel Michael will be celebrated on Wed., November 7 with Vespers, and Thurs., November 8, with the Divine Liturgy at 9 AM. Following the Liturgy everyone is invited to a meal in honor of the feast and of our Pastor Emeritus, Archpriest Michael, celebrating his name day. Normally this would be the "Senior Lunch Fellowship" — but all ages are invited to come.
- **The Great Thanksgiving Banquet** hosted by the Redwood Gospel Mission takes place on Wed. Nov. 21. This event serves 5000 low-income and homeless men, women, and children. There are many ways to participate. Call Alice Lowe, Director of Outreach & Volunteer Efforts, 707-578-1830 x 14. For more info please see: [www.srmission.org/thxgvg\\_home.html](http://www.srmission.org/thxgvg_home.html)
- **CATECHISM CLASSES BACK ON SATURDAY:** Starting on Saturday, Oct. 27 at 3:30 PM. Topics ahead: the Fall of Adam and Eve; the Person and Work of Christ; Church as Spiritual Hospital; Overview of Prayer; Confession; the Eucharist; Baptism. All are welcome. We meet in the Protection Church.
- **PHOTOS OF THE PICKING** of the grapes on Sunday October 21 and the painting of the Transfiguration fresco can be seen at our parish website. Navigate to Photos/2012 for the grape pick, and Frescos for the painting.
- **DID YOU KNOW THAT** the homilies given each week can be heard on the Parish website, [www.saintseraphim.com?](http://www.saintseraphim.com?)
- **I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU** to join me in a very important spiritual endeavor—a podvig—as the Russians say: as a Parish, let us read a little portion of Holy Scripture each day according to a predetermined format that will provide the help most of us need when it comes to sustained and regular reading of the Holy Scripture. This format will take us from the beginning to the end of the Holy Bible over the course of one year, beginning on December 1, 2012. The reading plan is now being prepared in a pamphlet, which will be distributed in November. The pamphlet will also have some helpful essays that will illumine many of the hard-to-understand passages of Holy Scripture. More information to follow very soon.
- **BLESSING OF CEMETERY:** The Sonoma County Orthodox community has been invited to bless a portion of the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Sebastopol. Pricing per plot will be announced in the next few weeks (we have been assured that the rates will be at or lower than other cemetery rates), but in the meantime, an area of the cemetery has been specifically set aside for Orthodox burials. The blessing will take place on Saturday, November 17, at Noon. All are invited to attend this dedication.
- **I WILL BE ATTENDING** the All-American Council in Parma, OH., convened to elect a new Metropolitan for the Orthodox Church in America on Tuesday, Nov. 13. I ask that you come to church to pray an Akathist to St. Herman of Alaska at Noon that day, to ask for St. Herman's prayers that the Council come to a blessed election and conclusion. — Fr. Lawrence

## INFORMATION

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CHRISTIAN GIVING is not a question of a certain segment of the Church carrying the burden, while other segments have no burden at all. In fact, God supplies everything — those who have plenty are given plenty that they might supply what is needed to those who lack plenty. What we do with our “plenty” will be part of my judgment. What have I done with my “plenty” in time, talent, treasure? — *Father John Dresko*

## MAKE YOUR FESTAL PLANS TODAY

IN AN EFFORT to make planning our attendance at major feasts throughout the year more convenient (attending may not be convenient, but it is a great spiritual work and joy, nevertheless), dates and times are listed for most (not all) of the Church Feast days that we celebrate in this parish. Various work requirements, family obligations, time and energy limitations make weekday feasts especially challenging, yet with some effort and persistence we can all enter into the liturgical year ever more fully. In addition to worshipping on Sunday mornings, keeping the weekday feasts plants in our thoughts the glorious teaching that “...ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.” (1 Peter 2:9. See also Ex 19:5, Deter. 14:2, Titus 2:14 for the phrase “peculiar people”). The Feast days also shape us spiritually and intellectually, and help us to make Godly priorities which will strengthen our relationship with the Lord and His saints. A Feast is a break from the frantic pace of secular life—a day trip to “the shores of heaven” and chance to celebrate something with deep and eternal meaning. “Therefore, let us keep the feast.” (1 Cor. 5:8)

— *Your co-struggler in Christ, Fr. Lawrence*

## Feast Times when they occur on a Saturday or Sunday will vary

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| • Sept. 7:  | Vigil for the The Nativity of the Theotokos   | 6:15 PM |
| • Sept 8:   | Liturgy for the Feast                         | 9:00 AM |
| • Sept. 13: | Vigil for The Exaltation of the Holy Cross    | 6:15 PM |
| • Sept. 14: | Liturgy for the Feast                         | 8:00 AM |
| • Sept. 21: | Memorial Liturgy, Sakovich Family             | 9:00 AM |
| • Sept. 30: | Vigil for the Protection of the Mother of God | 6:15 PM |
| • Oct. 1:   | Liturgy for the Parish Feast                  | 9:30 AM |
| • Oct. 10:  | Vespers for the Optina Elders                 | 6:00 PM |
| • Oct. 11:  | Matins/Liturgy for the Feast                  | 8:45 AM |
| • Oct. 25:  | Vespers for St. Demetrios                     | 6:00 PM |
| • Oct. 26:  | Liturgy for the Feast                         | 9:00 AM |
| • Nov. 7:   | Great Vespers for the Holy Archangels         | 6:00 PM |
| • Nov. 8:   | Liturgy for the Feast                         | 9:00 AM |

• Nov. 20:	Vespers for the Entrance of the Theotokos	6:15 PM
• Nov. 21:	Matins/Liturgy for the Feast	8:45 AM
• 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs.	Liturgy for Thanksgiving Day	9:00 AM
• Nov. 29:	Vespers for St. Andrew the Apostle	6:00 PM
• Nov. 30:	Liturgy for the Feast	9:00 AM
• Dec. 3:	Vespers for St. Barbara/St John of Damascus	6:00 PM
• Dec. 4:	Liturgy for the Feast	9:00 AM
• Dec. 12:	Vigil for St. Herman of Alaska	6:15 PM
• Dec. 13:	Liturgy for the Feast	9:00 AM
• Dec. 20–23:	Vespers of the Prefeast of Nativity	6:00 PM
• Dec. 24:	Christmas Eve Vespers/Liturgy	11:30 AM (varies according to the year)
	Christmas Eve Vigil	6:00 PM
• Dec. 25:	Christmas Day Liturgy	9:30 AM
• Dec. 26:	Synaxis of the Theotokos, Liturgy	9:00 AM
• Dec. 31:	Vespers for St. Basil / New Year's Day	5:00 PM
• Jan. 1:	Liturgy for St. Basil/ New Year's Day	10:00 AM
	Vespers / Akathist for St. Seraphim	5:00 PM
• Jan. 2:	Liturgy for St. Seraphim	9:30 AM
• Jan. 5:	Vigil for Theophany	(PM) Time varies
• Jan. 6:	Liturgy & Blessing of Water for the Feast	(AM) Time varies
• Feb. 1:	Vespers for the Meeting of the Lord	6:00 PM
• Feb. 2:	Matins/Liturgy and Blessing of Candles	8:45 AM
• March 24:	Vigil for Annunciation	Time varies
• March 25:	Liturgy for the Feast	Time varies
	Lazarus Saturday Matins/Liturgy	Week before Pascha
	Palm Sunday Vigil/Liturgy	
	Holy Week Services/Pascha Services	
	The Ascension of Christ - forty days after Pascha, always a Thursday	
	Trinity Day—Pentecost or Whitsun, 50 days after Pascha	
• June 23:	Vespers for the Nativity of St John the Baptist	6:00 PM
• June 24:	Liturgy for the Feast	9:00 AM
• June 28:	Vespers for Sts. Peter and Paul	6:00 PM
• June 29:	Liturgy for the Feast	9:00 AM
• July 4:	Divine Liturgy at Fort Ross	10:00 AM
• July 12:	Memorial Liturgy, Sakovich Family	9:00 AM
• July 15:	Liturgy for St. Vladimir Day	9:00 AM
• July 18:	Vigil for St. Seraphim of Sarov	6:15 PM
• July 19:	Liturgy for the Feast	9:30 AM
• July 22:	Liturgy for St. Mary Magdalene	9:00 AM
• July 31:	Vespers for the Procession of the Cross	6:30 PM
• Aug. 1:	Blessing of Water	9:00 AM
• Aug. 5:	Vigil for Transfiguration of Christ	6:15 PM
• Aug. 6:	Liturgy and blessing of fruit	9:00 AM
• Aug. 14:	Vigil for Dormition of the Theotokos	6:15 PM
• Aug. 15:	Liturgy for the Feast	9:00 AM
• Aug. 28:	Vespers, Beheading of St. John the Baptist	6:00 PM
• Aug. 29:	Liturgy for the Feast	9:00 AM

# PROTECTION OF THE HOLY VIRGIN MARY ORTHODOX CHURCH

## OCTOBER 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>September 30</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 AM, Confessions</li> <li>• 10 AM, Divine Liturgy</li> <li>• 11:30 AM, Church School</li> <li>• Noon, Agape Meal</li> <li>• 5 PM, VIGIL</li> </ul>	<b>1 - Protection Feast</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> <b>Parish Feast Day</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b> <b>followed by Festal</b> <b>Meal</b>	<b>2</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>Fr. Lawrence in Denver at Diocesan Assembly</b> </div>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 PM, Great Vespers</li> <li>• 6 PM, Baptism of Annmarie Myles</li> </ul>
<b>7 - St. Sergius and Bacchus</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 AM, Baptism of Tito Vincent Ramirez</li> <li>• 10 AM, Divine Liturgy</li> <li>• 11:30 AM, Church School</li> <li>• Noon, Agape Meal</li> </ul>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 PM, Catechism</li> <li>• 6 PM, Vespers for the Synaxis of the Optina Elders</li> </ul>	<b>11</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:30 AM, Matins &amp; Divine Liturgy for the Synaxis of the Optina Elders</li> </ul>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 PM, Great Vespers &amp; Confessions</li> </ul>
<b>14 - Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Council</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 AM, Divine Liturgy</li> <li>• 11:30 AM, Church School</li> <li>• Noon, Agape Meal</li> <li>• 5 PM, Castillo/Ramirez Wedding &amp; Reception</li> </ul>		<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 PM, Catechism</li> <li>• 6 PM, Vespers for Holy Apostle Luke</li> </ul>	<b>18</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 PM, Akathist to St. Seraphim</li> </ul>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 AM, Memorial Saturday Divine Liturgy</li> <li>• 5 PM, Great Vespers &amp; Confessions</li> </ul>
<b>21 - St. Hilarion the Great</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 AM, Confessions</li> <li>• 10 AM, Divine Liturgy</li> <li>• 11:30 AM, Church School</li> <li>• Noon, Agape Meal</li> </ul>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:30 PM, Rohnert Park Study Group</li> </ul>	<b>24</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 PM, Catechism</li> <li>• 6 PM, Vespers</li> </ul>	<b>25</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 PM, Vespers</li> <li>• <b>7 PM, Parish Council Meeting</b></li> </ul>	<b>26 - St. Demetrios</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 AM, Divine Liturgy</li> </ul>	<b>27</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 PM, Great Vespers &amp; Confessions</li> </ul>
<b>28 - St. Job of Pochaev</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 AM, Confessions</li> <li>• 10 AM, Divine Liturgy</li> <li>• 11:30 AM, Church School</li> <li>• Noon, Agape Meal</li> <li>• 4:30 PM, <i>Vespers &amp; Monastery Benefit Dinner*</i></li> </ul>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:30 PM, Rohnert Park Study Group</li> </ul>	<b>31</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 PM, Akathist to the Angels, Harvest Party for kids</li> </ul>	<b>November 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 PM, Akathist to St. Seraphim</li> </ul>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 PM, VIGIL</li> </ul>

\* Sunday, October 28, 4:30 PM, *Vespers & Benefit Dinner for the Monastery of St. John in Manton. Fr. Meletios (Webber), Guest Speaker*