

numbers for the catered lunch, we need to receive your registration promptly. The Registration Form is located at the our Parish website [www.saintseraphim.com](http://www.saintseraphim.com)

While the sign-up deadline is January 25, the Sisterhood would like to ensure that our parishioners have an opportunity to register early. To make that happen, we are offering you an opportunity to register now, however, we will not deposit your payment until after February 2. This applies to payment by check only. Credit card payments will be processed when received. There are a few scholarships available; please contact Deanna Panages to apply. You can submit your registration in person to Juliana Veenis or Deanna Panages, or mail to the church office at 90 Mountain View Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95407. —*Esther Schau, 799-6077*

• WALK FOR LIFE, SAN FRANCISCO:

The “Annual Walk for Life Rally” at Civic Center in San Francisco will be on Saturday, January 24. It is the same day as the Consecration of Bishop Daniel at Holy Trinity. The Liturgy will end in time to get to the rally at 12:30. The Walk begins at 1:30 PM. The seriousness, the necessity and the importance of the “Walk for Life” cannot be overemphasized. I invite all our parishioners to consider participating in the “Walk.” Deacon Jeremiah will be organizing transport.

• DRESS CODE:

Dear Parish Men: Church services are not times for informal (not to say “grunge”) wear. Standards amongst our men have slipped here and there with regard to clothing. We dress based on the standards of church life, not our own opinion— and these standards help us express our inner piety and respect for the “House of the Lord” which is holy.

• PARISH ANNUAL MEETING:

The yearly membership meeting will take place on Sunday, February 1, 2015. All parishioners are asked to be present and to participate.

• QUOTES:

Every sin is an attempt to fly from emptiness.—*Simone Weil*

A time is coming when men will go mad, and when they see someone who is not mad, they will attack him, saying, “You are mad; you are not like us.”

—*St. Anthony the Great*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday ~ January 11, 2015

St. Theodosios the Great

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• TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION, TONE SIX:

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hades, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin granting life. O Lord who didst rise from the dead: glory to Thee.

• TROPARION OF THEOPHANY, TONE ONE:

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest; for the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee, and called Thee His beloved Son; and the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the truthfulness of His Word. O Christ, our God, Who hast revealed Thyself, and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

• KONTAKION OF THEOPHANY, TONE FOUR:

On this day Thou hast appeared \* unto the whole world, \* and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, \* is signed on us who sing Thy praise: \* and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, \* Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light Unapproachable.

## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Saturday, January 10: 5 PM, Great Vespers
- Sunday, January 11: 10 AM, Divine Liturgy  
11:45 AM, Church School  
12 Noon, Agape Meal  
3 PM, Wedding (Rose Ave community)

- Wednesday, Jan. 14: 5 PM, Redwood Empire Food Bank  
6 PM, Vespers, Potluck and a talk by Father John on Theophany
- Thursday, Jan. 15: Noon, Senior Lunch Fellowship  
6 PM, Vespers  
7 PM, Master Planning Meeting

• INSTALLATION OF BISHOP DANIEL:

We all know that Archimandrite Daniel (Brum) of Phoenix will be consecrated as “Bishop of Santa Rosa” at Holy Trinity Cathedral in San Francisco, on Saturday, January 24, at 9:30 AM. Our parish will welcome him for his official installation on Sunday, January 25. Our start time is crucial. We will begin at 9:30 AM — NOT AT 10 AM as is usual. This means that we will greet the new bishop at the doors of the church at 9:30 AM. Awaiting Bishop Daniel with us will be a number of visiting priests and deacons, as well as bishops. We are especially honored to welcome His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon. With him will be Archbishop Benjamin, Archbishop Melchisedek of Pittsburgh, PA., Bishop David of Alaska and Bishop Paul of Chicago. These hierarchs will not be serving that day, but will stand in the congregation with you as the new bishop serves.

I am reminding you about the start time, since as you can imagine, it would be very awkward for the newly consecrated Bishop Daniel to arrive at our Church on January 25 at 9:30 and see a half-empty church, which only gradually (at 10 AM and after) becomes more crowded. Awkward, and embarrassing for us, and for me personally. We are very humbled and honored to have this event take place in our parish, and so I encourage you to not only to come that day, but to arrive early to greet the Metropolitan, Vladyka Benjamin and the other hierarchs, and to be in place for the arrival of Bishop Daniel.

For those who have asked about the role of the new bishop in our parish, I can tell you that Archbishop Benjamin feels that a bishop needs to be associated with a parish church that looks like a cathedral as does ours, and has a cathedral-class choir and congregation. So, we are very grateful and humbled. Practically speaking, the new bishop will not be in Santa Rosa very much, since he has duties throughout the diocese, and remains rector in Phoenix, as I remain rector here, for as long as Archbishop Benjamin blesses this. Please keep Archimandrite Daniel in your prayers as he prepares for

the consecration. **Again, we begin at 9:30 AM, on Sunday, January 25.** — *Father Lawrence*

• SERVER TRAINING:

Altar Servers young and old: you are invited to attend a training session on Saturday, January 17, at 1 PM. Vladyka Benjamin’s secretary, Andrew Smith, will show us the intricacies of vesting a bishop, and walk us through the rubrics of the hierarchical liturgy. The session will last two hours.

• PIROSHKI PREP THIS WEEK:

Bobbi Griovski is organizing the prep for piroshki production, Wednesday to Saturday, Jan. 14–17. Those who have volunteered, please reconfirm with Bobbi ASAP.

• WEDNESDAY EVENING VESPERS AND TALK:

You’re invited to participate on Wednesday evening, January 14, following the 6 PM Vespers, in a potluck dinner and a lecture by Vincent Rossi on the meaning of the Feast of Theophany.

• SENIOR LUNCH FELLOWSHIP:

Seniors and retired parishioners: don’t miss our monthly lunch, scheduled for Thursday, January 15 at Noon. Petar Griovski will be preparing our meal.

• WOMEN’S RETREAT:

Our Parish is delighted to host an Orthodox Women’s Retreat on February 7, 2015—titled *Humanizing Mary: Discovering the Reality of her Life*. The speaker will be Presbytera Jeannie Constantinou, Ph.D. Dr. Constantinou holds a law degree, and two degrees in theology, with a focus on biblical studies. She hosts a series of podcasts on Ancient Faith Radio, called *Search the Scriptures* and is also featured on the Orthodox Christian Network discussing the Book of Revelation, called *Beyond the Veil*. Regarding the registration fee, please be aware that the Sisterhood is sponsoring the Orthodox Bureau Speaker’s fee—which means the entire \$40 *Suggested Donation* for the Retreat can be used to pay for breakfast, a catered lunch, snacks, drinks and the speaker’s traveling expenses.

In addition, Lara and Carmen Anderson have graciously offered to care for the children, so that all the women of our Parish might be able to attend and enjoy the day together. We will arrange ride shares for our seniors, if needed. So that we can properly organize the event and confirm