

- YOUTH TRIP TO ST. TIKHON'S HOUSE:

Please join St. Seraphim Youth on a trip to San Francisco to the office and relics of Saint John Maximovich on Tuesday, June 26th. Father James Corazzo will meet us at the church of St. Tikhon of Zadonsk at 11 AM. Afterwards, we will have lunch in the city. We have invited other Orthodox churches from our area as well. We hope you can join us. Please keep in mind we are trying to keep this a “youth” activity. This means we are organizing this trip for kids who are 11-18 years of age. More details to follow. Let us know if you can come!! Speak with or email Vicky Basch: vbasch@sonic.net or (707) 291-2369.

- JULY 4TH PILGRIMAGE TO FORT ROSS:

As always, there will be a Divine Liturgy at the Fort Ross chapel on July 4, 10 AM. His Eminence, Archbishop Benjamin, will preside at the service. Pack a picnic to enjoy after the Divine Liturgy.

- HYMN TO ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA:

Come, let us praise the Saints of North America, holy hierarchs, venerable monastics and glorious martyrs, pious men, women and children, both known and unknown. Through their words and deeds in various walks of life, by the grace of the Spirit they achieved true holiness. As they now stand in the presence of Christ who glorified them, they pray for us who celebrate their memory in love.

- SATURDAY EVENING VESPERS:

I encourage all of you to avail yourselves of the magnificent hymnography of Great Vespers on Saturday evening. “The Lord is King, He is robed in majesty” we sing each Saturday, meditating upon the Savior’s incarnation, death and resurrection. *Consider—Saturday Vespers:*

- is the “entry” in to the Sunday Divine Liturgy, and a necessary part of preparing for Holy Communion.
- is an opportune time for Confession (Sundays are always so rushed)
- makes Saturday afternoon “family time” into “family sacred time”
- catechizes and cleanses the soul with prayers, repentance, supplications, hymns and psalms. Please, heed the call of your pastor who loves you.

—Fr. Lawrence

ST. SERAPHIM CATHEDRAL

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June 10, 2018

Sunday of All Saints of Russia and America



- TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION, Tone One:

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ; glory to Thy kingdom; glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind.

- TROPARION OF ALL SAINTS of RUSSIA & AMERICA, Tone Eight:

As a beautiful fruit of the sowing of Thy salvation, our land doth offer Thee, O Lord, all the saints that have shone in it. By their prayers keep the Church and our land in peace, through the Theotokos, O Most Merciful One.

- KONTAKION OF ALL SAINTS, Tone Three:

Today the choir of saints who pleased God in the lands of Russia and America stands forth in the Church and invisibly prays to God for us. With

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them the angels glorify Him, and all the saints of the Church of Christ keep festival, and together they pray to the Eternal God for us.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Saturday, June 9: 4:30 PM, Panikhida for John Andronico
5 PM, Great Vespers
- Sunday, June 10: 10 AM, Divine Liturgy, Agape Meal
- Monday–Friday: 10 AM: *St. Seraphim Week* activities for kids
- Wednesday, June 13: 5 PM, Redwood Empire Food Bank
6 PM, Daily Vespers
6:30 PM, Potluck and a talk *on the Holy Trinity*
- Thursday, June 14: Noon, Senior Lunch Fellowship

• CONGRATULATIONS:

Best wishes and a happy birthday to our wonderful Choir Master Nicolas. May the Lord grant him many blessed years.

• SAINT SERAPHIM WEEK for KIDS:

Monday–Friday, 10 AM–Noon, June 11–15. Prayer, singing, crafts, games, snacks. For more information, contact Gloria Collins at 849-6135 or gypsybootsie@sonic.net.

• FATHER THEODOR AND FAMILY:

Our former intern, Father Theodor Svane and Matushka Hanne and family, will return to be with June 14 through early July (he’s participating in the LIFE conference at the monastery in Manton, CA June 19–23). He will be here to serve while I am on vacation, June 18–July 2. —*Fr. Lawrence*

• SENIOR LUNCH FELLOWSHIP:

The retired and senior parishioners are invited to the monthly luncheon on Thursday, June 14, at Noon.

• ON CHURCH AND BUSYNESS:

Sometimes people come to church for a confession or for any other reason, and say, “Father, I have sinned, I rarely go to church.” “Why do you go to

church rarely?” “I have no time.” “How come?” “I’m busy.” “What are you busy with?” “I have to work 12 hours a day.” What do you say to that person? What do you say to yourself when you dive deep into the vanity of this world and prefer to do less important things instead of focusing on the most important ones? It’s like a cancer patient who doesn’t go to a chemo because he has no time, he has a lot of work to do... Why do people act in such a way when it comes to the healing of their souls and dealing with God? It sounds irrational and silly, but people still act like that. Instead of saving their souls—instead of choosing God and prioritizing Him over everything else, people are busy dealing with trivial things of vanishingly minor importance. —*Monastery of St. Elisabeth, Minsk*

• NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN:

The birthday of Saint John the Baptist will be celebrated on June 24: we begin with Great Vespers on Saturday, June 23 at 5 PM, and Liturgy on Saturday June 24, at 10 AM. The Church (that is us) remembers the words of the Lord Jesus Christ that St. John is the “greatest of those born of woman.” Let us be eager to praise the Forerunner in the Divine Services.

• APOSTLES FAST CONTINUES:

The Apostles Fast began on Monday, June 4. It continues until the feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul on June 29. We fast from dairy and meat the entire time; fish is commonly eaten on most days of the fast; wine and oil are also permitted except on Wednesdays and Fridays. This June fast may seem inconvenient (being summer, BBQs, vacations, summer movies), but therein lies the potential for spiritual growth and benefit: Obedience to the Church rule, self-discipline, moderation, help in prayer, joy of heart, cure from anxiety, self-denial, sympathy for those in need, expectation of the upcoming Feast of the Holy Apostles on June 29. We each do what we can, considering our circumstances.

• PARTICIPATION IN PRAYER AND OFFERING:

The Divine Liturgy is the sacred work of the entire Church, the clergy with the people. . . . All [the ranks of the clergy, monastics, and lay persons] work together in the ritual action of divine worship and all reap the fruits of spiritual goods and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, all of which flow forth from this ritual. —*Ioannis Fountoulis*