

• CONGRATULATIONS:

Our best wishes to Amy Ramirez Margitich, who was awarded a Masters degree in Social Work, with some thousand hours of internship, from California State University East Bay, while working full time as well. Many Years!

• NEWNESS:

Repentance is understood not as mere regret over the past, but a new vision for the future rooted in courageous commitment in the present. —*Fr. Alexis of Mt Athos*

• ST. SERAPHIM WEEK:

Many thanks to the hardworking and very creative teachers at this year's St. Seraphim Week for kids. I want to especially express my thanks and admiration for the involvement of our teens who taught songs and stories, played piano and guitar, and cooked a meal (with help from the younger kids) for those who came to the Senior and Retired Lunch. Well done!

—*Fr. Lawrence*

• GLENDI BAKING TO BEGIN SOON:

Dear Church Family, It's time once again to begin our annual Glendi summer baking marathon. We've scheduled baking sessions for every Monday and Tuesday from July 13 to August 18. New this year: we are starting at 3 PM on each date. This means that you can 1) come for an hour or two in the afternoon, and be home by dinner, or 2) stop in for an hour after work, or 3) come in the evening, when the baking is almost finished, to help package cookies for the freezer. Your choice! As always, what we need are willing hands—no baking knowledge is necessary. Experienced bakers will supervise each baking date, but they'll need lots of helpers. Younger and older, male and female, everyone is welcome. Did you know that the indoor and outdoor bakeries are the most profitable booths at Glendi? That means we want to invest our time and energy in what brings in the most return, and for that we need lots of yummy treats to sell, and we need you to help make them. Please mark the dates on your calendar, and plan to come to at least one session. See me if you'd like more information. —*Catherine Ostling*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## All Saints of Russia & America, June 14, 2015

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• 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 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 13: 5 PM, Great Vespers
- Sunday, June 14: 10 AM, Divine Liturgy, Agape Meal
- Wednesday, June 17: 6 PM, Daily Vespers

• ALL SAINTS OF RUSSIA AND AMERICA:  
Our parish and our diocese are children of the Russian Orthodox Church, so we celebrate both the saints of Russia and those that shone forth in America. Excepting the native Alaskan saints, all of the saints that shone forth in America were of Russian, Greek, Serbian or Arabic, etc. descent. We must realize that we are still infants in the realm of sainthood, here in America. So, for the present, let us recognize that the Church here has not produced any *known* saints (no martyrs at least), or else God has not yet revealed those men, women or children to us. We can reflect on the fact that

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all Orthodox Christians are called to live saintly lives, to cultivate—with God’s Grace—the holy virtues of faith, love, meekness, humility, and the rest. All of us in the Church are *called out*, and the word for Church in Greek, *ecclesia*, refers to those of the world who have *been called*: called to glorify God in their lives, to radiate His love and forgiveness to everyone, to be holy, which is what the word “saint” means, and to set worship of the Holy Trinity as the first and essential task of our lives. Although we may lack resolve and vision, we in the Orthodox Church do not lack examples of holy men, women and children, not only throughout the world, but here in our parish. Most of the known and revealed saints we remember today, are as follows:

- St. Herman of Alaska (Born: 1758, Russia, Died: 1837, Alaska)
- St. Innocent of Alaska and Metropolitan of Moscow (Born: Aug. 26, 1797, Irkutsk, Died: March 31, 1879, Moscow)
- St. Peter the Aleut (Born: about 1800, Alaska, Martyred in SF: 1815)
- St. Jacob Netsvetov (Born: 1802, Atka Island, Alaska, Died: July 26, 1864, Sitka, Alaska)
- St. John of Shanghai and San Francisco (Born: June 4, 1896, Karkov, Russia, Died: July 2, 1966, Seattle, WA. His holy relics lie in the Russian Orthodox Cathedral in San Francisco, on Geary Street.)
- St. Nikolai of Zhicha (Serbia) and South Canaan, PA. (Born, Dec. 23, 1880, Serbia, Died: March 18, 1956, St. Tikhon’s Seminary, PA.)
- St. Raphael of Brooklyn (Born: 1860, Syria, Died: Feb. 14, 1915, Brooklyn)
- St. John Kuchurov (Born: July 13, 1871, Russia, Martyred: Oct. 31, 1917, Tsarskoye Selo, Russia)
- St. Alexander Hotovitzky (Born: Feb. 11, 1872, Russia, Martyred: 1937, Russia)
- St. Alexis Toth (Born: March 18, 1854, Austro-Hungary, Died: May 7, 1909, Wilkes-Barre, PA)
- St. Tikhon of Moscow, Enlightener of America (Born: January 19, 1865, Russia, Martyred: April 7, 1925 Moscow)
- St. Juvenal the Martyr (Born: 1761, Russia, Martyred: 1796, Alaska)

- Holy Missionary of America, St. Mardarije (Uskokovic) of Libertyville, Illinois (Born: December 22, 1889, Serbia, Died: December 12, 1935 )
- Holy Missionary of America, St. Sebastian (Dabovich) of Jackson, CA. (Born: June 21, 1863 in San Francisco, Died: November 30, 1940, Serbia)

#### • TWO NEWLY RECOGNIZED SAINTS OF AMERICA:

St. Sebastian Dabovich (1863-1940) has the distinction of being the first person born in the United States of America to be ordained as an Orthodox priest, and also the first native-born American to be tonsured as an Orthodox monk. His greatest distinction, however, lies in the tremendous apostolic, pastoral, and literary work that he accomplished during the forty-eight years of his priestly ministry. St. Nikolai (Velimirovich) of Zhicha, Serbia, who buried Fr. Sebastian at the Zhicha Monastery when the latter reposed there in 1940, called him “a viceless man” and fittingly designated him “the greatest Serbian missionary of modern times.” St. Mardarije Uskokovic (1889-1935) was the first Serbian Bishop of North America, and founded the famous Monastery of St. Sava in Libertyville, one of the centerpieces of Serbian Orthodoxy in America.

#### • NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN:

The birthday of Saint John the Baptist will be celebrated on June 23, with a Vespers on Sunday at 1:30 PM, and Liturgy on Monday, June 24, at 9 AM. In the Church we remember that the Lord Jesus Christ praised St. John as the “greatest of those born of woman” and so we are eager to praise him too in the Divine Services.

#### • VACATION

Father Lawrence and Matushka Ann will be on vacation from June 15–30. Fr. John will be handling all calls and pastoral needs during this period. Fr. John can be reached at (707) 318-1559.

#### • APOSTLES FAST CONTINUES

The Apostles Fast began on Monday, June 8. 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.