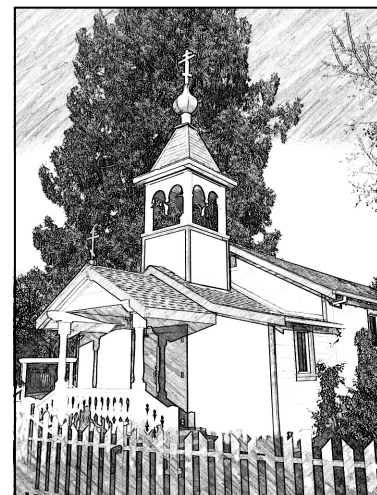


ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2018, New Martyrs of the Turkish Yoke

- TROPARION OF THE NEW MARTYRS, Tone Three:

Having trampled on the ancient deception, the New-Martyrs exalted the faith of the Orthodox, and steadfastly contended; For having censured the worship of the lawless, with boldness they proclaimed Christ as perfect God, and now they intercede that we may be granted great mercy.



ACTIVITIES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

- KEEP THE APOSTLES' FAST:

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. In his marvelous book, Tito Colliander describes the inner resistance we experience when we fast. He writes: "Since the Fall [from Paradise] the will has been running errands exclusively for its own ego." So some effort is required on our part to be free of ourselves, the power of our thoughts and our impulses. In this effort we receive in return much more than what we offer.

- MANY THANKS

Congratulations to the Church School staff for organizing such a wonderful St. Seraphim Week.

- SATURDAY EVENING VESPERS:

I encourage all of you to avail yourselves of the magnificent hymnography of Great Vespers on Saturday evening. Consider the reasons to come: Vespers is full of the praise of the Lord's crucifixion and resurrection; Vespers is the "entry" in to the Sunday Divine Liturgy, and a necessary part of preparing for Holy Communion. Vespers is an opportune time for Confession (Sundays are always so rushed). Vespers makes Saturday afternoon "family time" into "family sacred time." Vespers catechizes and cleanses the soul with prayers, repentance, supplications, hymns and psalms. Please, heed the call of your pastor who loves you. —*Fr. Lawrence*

- VACATION:

I will be on vacation from June 18–July 2. For pastoral emergencies call Fr. John at (707) 318-1559. During my absence Fr. Theodor will also be here to assist (from June 23 onwards) as will Fr. Peter Fermiglia.

- UPCOMING:

The Monastery of St. John in Manton will celebrate its Patronal Feast of St. John of San Francisco with Vigil on July 1 and Divine Liturgy July 2. Fr. Innocent, the Monastery Superior, invites pilgrims to visit, stay the night, and participate in the feast. Call 530-474-3405 to reserve a spot. The Annual Fort Ross Pilgrimage will take place on July 4th. Divine Liturgy at 10 AM.

- CHURCH CLEANING:

Our Church needs cleaning each week. Every family has the opportunity to clean at least once or twice a year. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex—let's fill that list up on Sunday.

PROTECTION OF THE HOLY VIRGIN MARY ORTHODOX CHURCH

JULY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 - St. Cosmas and Damian • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • Noon, Agape Meal • 1:15 PM, Akathist to St. John of San Francisco	2 – St. John of SF <i>Feast Day of the Monastery in Manton</i>	3	4 - Fort Ross Pilgrimage • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy and picnic at Fort Ross <i>No Vespers</i>	5	6	7 • 4 PM, Children’s Choir Rehearsal • 5 PM, Great Vespers
8 - Great Martyr Procopios • 9 AM, Baptism of Jacob Dovey • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • Noon, Agape Meal	9	10	11 • 5 PM, Redwood Empire Food Bank • 6 PM, Vespers	12 • 9:30 AM, Parish Feast at Sts. Peter and Paul, Divine Liturgy	13 • 9 AM, Memorial Liturgy	14 • 4 PM, Children’s Choir Rehearsal • 5 PM, Great Vespers
15 – St. Vladimir of Kiev • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • Noon, Agape Meal	16	17	18 • 6:15 PM, Vigil for St. Seraphim of Sarov	19 – St. Seraphim Feast • 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy, Ordination • 2 PM, Vespers	20 - Prophet Elijah • 9 AM, Divine Liturgy	21 - Kazan Skete Feast • 10 AM, Kazan Monastery feast, Divine Liturgy • 5 PM, Great Vespers
22 - St. Mary Magdalene • 8 AM, Divine Liturgy in Protection Church • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • Noon, Agape Meal	23 • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy at Kazan Skete	24	25	26 • 7 PM, Parish Council Meeting	27	28 • 5 PM, Vespers
<i>Fr. Lawrence in St. Louis for All American Council</i>						
29 - Virgin Martyr Seraphima • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • Noon, Agape Meal	30	31 – St. Germanos • 9 AM, Divine Liturgy • 6 PM, Matins and bringing out of Cross	August 1 - Holy Cross • 9 AM, Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Water • <i>Beginning of Dormition Fast</i>	2 • 8 AM, Divine Liturgy at Kazan Skete	3	4 • 5 PM, Great Vespers

- The Fort Ross Pilgrimage takes place on July 4. Divine Liturgy begins at 10 AM. Bring a picnic
- His Eminence, Vladyka Benjamin, will be with us for the Feast of St. Seraphim, July 19. Please arrive early to greet him at 9:30 AM. The ordination of our Deacon Nicholas to the Holy Priesthood will take place during the Divine Liturgy, immediately following the Cherubic Hymn and Great Entrance
- The early Liturgy in Protection Church on July 22—early-birds are welcome—allows Fr. Lawrence to get to SFO in time for his flight to St. Louis