

Vespers on Friday at 6:15 PM, and Liturgy on Saturday June 24, at 9:30 AM, with responses sung by the Children's Choir. The Church remembers the words of the Lord Jesus Christ, that St. John is the "greatest of those born of woman," and so we are eager to praise him too in the Divine Services.

- APOSTLES FAST CONTINUES

The Apostles Fast began on Monday, June 12. 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.

- SERMONIZING:

The priest was trying to catch the attention of his parishioners one Sunday. With a booming voice, he began his homily with this declaration: "Everybody in this parish is going to die!" The people were shocked upon hearing these words. But a man sitting in front smiled. The priest repeated: "No one is exempted! Everybody in this parish is going to die!" Again, while the congregation was terrified, the man was already grinning. This time, the priest looked fiercely at the man and again said, "Everybody in this parish will die!" The man laughed loudly. The priest asked the man for an explanation. The man said, "Father, I am not your parishioner. I belong to the church across town." —*Adaptation from Rev. P. Bloom*

- GIVING ALMS IS GODLY:

He who gives alms in imitation of God does not discriminate between the wicked and the virtuous, the just and the unjust, when providing for men's bodily needs. He gives equally to all according to their need, even though he prefers the virtuous man to the bad man because of the probity of his intention... —*St Maximos the Confessor*

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*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Saints of Russia & America, June 18, 2017

- 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 17: 4 PM, Children's Choir Rehearsal
4:50 PM, Reception of Holy Fire
5 PM, Great Vespers
- Sunday, June 18: 10 AM, Divine Liturgy, Agape Meal
- Monday–Friday: 9 AM: *St. Seraphim Week* activities for kids
- Tuesday, June 20: 7 PM, Parish Council Meeting
- Wednesday, June 21: 6 PM, Daily Vespers
6:30 PM, *A Talk on the Mission of the Church in Norway*, Fr. Theodor
- Thursday, June 22: 11 AM, Tour of *Catholic Charities Family Shelter*, followed by the Senior Lunch Fellowship at Church
6 PM, Prayers for the Sick

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- **HOLY FIRE FROM JERUSALEM TO US:**

The Holy Fire is on its world-wide journey. Just as at Pascha we light a new candle and share the fire candle to candle, throughout the congregation, the Holy Fire, kindled in the Church of the Holy Resurrection in Jerusalem on Holy Saturday, is making its way around the world. From Jerusalem to Russia, to Europe and Canada, to the United States and beyond. It came to the Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Oakland, which passed the flame to Holy Dormition in Santa Rosa, and now to us, at **5 PM, on Saturday, June 17.** “Come receive ye light, from the Unwaning Light, and glorify Christ, Who is arisen from the dead.”

- **CONGRATULATIONS:**

Best wishes and a happy Fathers Day to each and every dad.

- **SAINT SERAPHIM WEEK for KIDS:**

Monday–Friday, 9 AM–Noon, June 19–23. Prayer, singing, crafts, games, snacks. For more information, contact Gloria Collins at 849-6135 or gypsybootsie@sonic.net.

- **SENIOR LUNCH FELLOWSHIP:**

Our retired and senior folks are invited to a brief tour at the Family Support Center of Catholic Charities at 11 AM, on Thursday, June 22 (our parish supports a room in the facility). Following the tour, we will return to the Parish for lunch, which the children attending St. Seraphim Week will help prepare and serve. There will be a carpool from the Church parking lot at 10:45 AM. If you prefer to drive separately, there is ample parking in the mall structure, Macy's north end. The Family Support Center is located at 465 A Street, Santa Rosa. You will not be asked to donate or volunteer—this is purely educational. Our support has a positive impact in the community. RSVP to Barbara Owens or Tom/Denise Pellizzer.

- **ALL SAINTS OF RUSSIA AND AMERICA:**

We have been “called to holiness” says St. Paul (Rom. 1:7), which means that as we serve God, drawing close to Him in prayer, in the keeping of the Holy Commandments, in partaking of the Holy Mysteries of the Church, we are sanctified. We are called and empowered to glorify God in our lives, to radiate His love and forgiveness to everyone, to be holy (holy=saint in Greek) and to pursue worship of the Holy Trinity as the first and essential task of our lives.

Although we may lack resolve and vision, we do not lack examples of holy men, women and children—saints glorified by the Church—here and throughout the world. The second Sunday after Pentecost is always designated as the Sunday of All Saints of the land in which we dwell. Since our parish is a daughter of the Russian Church we also remember the countless Russian saints. The known Saints (God knows the others) who labored in America 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)

- **NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN:**

The birthday of Saint John the Baptist will be celebrated on June 23, with a