

included in the process of “salvation” or “deification” (being transformed into the likeness of God through union with Christ). —*Abbot Tryphon of Vashon Island, WA.*

Glendi Baking Update: We had two outstanding baking nights this week: Banitsa on Monday—we made and froze about 32 dozen pastries! And 6 trays of Lemon Bars on Tuesday. Because our Lemon Bars are so popular at Glendi, our lead baker, Kristine Tellefsen, has decided to make even more of them next Monday. Help is needed, and all are welcome. **NO BAKING ON TUESDAY EVENING:** instead, please come to the Vigil for the Feast of Transfiguration. See you there! —*Catherine Ostling*



Glendi Booth Info: Food Booth Heads are asked to attend a short meeting on Sunday, during the Agape Meal to review portion control and sanitation issues.

Need for Managers: Glendi needs that special someone for the Kabob booth and the Soda/Ice Cream booth. See Esther Schau, Alex Stameroff or Fr. Lawrence if you have questions.

Staffing shortage: This year there are a number of people that will not be available at Glendi time, and so we are so short-staffed. If Glendi were to be next week, we would not have sufficient people to make it happen. Are you scheduled to work Glendi? If not, please forgive us, but you'll be receiving a phone call soon to ask if you would be generous with your time. “Those who are strong, ought to bear with the infirmities of the weak” wrote the Apostle Paul in Romans. Now’s the time for the strong and the weak to help each other.

Postcards: Seven weeks to GLENDI: Please get a handful of poster cards in the Parish Hall and give one to everyone you see. Invite them to “Come to our party!”

• AUGUST 15—DORMITION:

A reminder, while there will be a Vigil for the Feast of Dormition celebrated here on Thursday, August 14, at 6:15 PM, we will join the Sisters at the Monastery in Calistoga for the Festal Liturgy. There will be **NO LITURGY HERE** on August 15.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, August 3, 2014

- TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION, Tone Seven:
By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death; to the thief, Thou didst open Paradise. For the myrrh-bearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy.
- KONTAKION OF THE RESURRECTION, Tone Seven:
The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hades is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry: the Savior has come to them that have faith. Enter, ye faithful, into the Resurrection.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Saturday, August 2:
 - 3:30 PM, Catechism: *On Repentance and Faith*
 - 4:30 PM, Panikhida
 - 5 PM, Great Vespers
- Sunday, August 3:
 - 10 AM, Divine Liturgy
 - Noon, Agape Meal
 - Glendi Food Booth Manager Meeting
- Monday, August 4:
 - 5 PM, Glendi Baking
- Tuesday, August 5:
 - 6:15 PM, Vigil for Transfiguration
- Wednesday, August 6:
 - 9 AM, Divine Liturgy for Transfiguration, blessing of fruit and vineyard
- Thurs./Fri., Aug. 7/8:
 - 6 PM, Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos
- HOLY COMMUNION:

We welcome our visitors and our guests this morning, and would remind them, as well as all Parish and Church members, that the reception of Holy

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Communion is reserved for Baptized and Chrismated Orthodox Christians. No Orthodox Christian should approach the Chalice to receive Holy Communion unless he or she has prepared by fasting, prayer (especially the “Pre-Communion Prayers”) and a recent participation in the Holy Sacrament of Confession. We confess our sins when our conscience dictates, but certainly, no less than once per month for those that receive Communion weekly. If you are a visitor to the Church, we most cordially invite you to our Sunday meal.

- CONGRATULATIONS:

We congratulate Sarah and Garrett Hamner on the birth of their son on Wednesday, August 30. Many Years!

- UPCOMING BAPTISMS:

August 9, 11 AM: child of Helen and Habtom Mogus.

August 10, 9 AM: child of Ramona and Florin Iancu.

- HAPPY 102 BIRTHDAY:

The Parish congratulates its senior and very beloved parishioner Nina Antipov, on her 102nd birthday, August 5. Nina has been a vital and active member of this parish for decades, attending Liturgy each Sunday and on Feast Days, participating in the Senior Lunch Fellowship, and helping out at Glendi. We honor Nina not only for her longevity, but for her rich and devout faith in our Lord Jesus Christ—remaining a faithful Orthodox Christian throughout all the vicissitudes of life is not easy. There will be a celebration in her honor on Wednesday, August 6, following the Liturgy, at Red Lobster. See Barbara Owens to reserve a spot.

- GOING DEEPER:

“...do not let yourself follow only the easy path—the path of collecting and developing knowledge—but plunge the metal of your plough more deeply in your heart. The conditions with which God has surrounded us are the only possible way of salvation for us; these conditions will change as soon as we have made full use of them, having transformed the bitterness of offenses, illnesses, labors, into the gold of patience, absence of anger, meekness...” —Fr. Alexander Elchaninov

- THE FEAST OF TRANSFIGURATION:

The Great Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord on Mount Tabor will be celebrated with Vigil, 6:15 PM, August 5 and Divine Liturgy, 9 AM, August

6. Perhaps a majority of our parishioners have never experienced this feast, and so may not understand that like everything else He did, the Lord’s transfiguration also has profound significance in our lives. The annual celebration is not a reminder of that significance, but a participation in it. I encourage you to attend the Vigil on Wednesday evening, and if possible, also the Liturgy, on Thursday. Bring a basket of fruit to be blessed after the Divine Liturgy. On the feast of the Transfiguration the Church blesses the first-fruits of the harvest both as a giving back to the Lord what is His and has come from Him (1 Chronicles 29:14) and as a celebration of the promise of the final transfiguration of all things in Christ. The Divine Light glimpsed by the Apostles on Mount Tabor will transform all creation to its most perfect flowering and fruitfulness. —Fr. Lawrence

- WORDS ABOUT THE TRANSFIGURATION:

Orthodox theology sees in the Transfiguration a prefiguring of our Lord’s Resurrection and His Second Coming, and more than this—since every event of the Church calendar has an application to the individual spiritual life—of the transformed state in which Christians shall appear at the end of the world, and in some measure even before then. In the foreshadowing of future glory which is celebrated in this Feast, the Holy Church comforts her children by showing them that after the temporary sorrows and deprivations with which this earthly life is filled, the glory of eternal blessedness will shine forth; and in it even the body of the righteous will participate. —*Hieromonk Seraphim (Rose)*

Becoming partakers of the Divine Nature: Although our regeneration began with baptism, our repentance opens the gates to grace after grace. Repentance is the second regeneration in that through our repentance, the door to the mercy of God opens wide. In being regenerated by God’s mercy, we are justified before God, but not in the judicial sense of evangelical Protestant theology, for Orthodox theology holds that justification includes also the actual making of the person righteous. We partake of a “real righteousness” whereby we are in fact made righteous by being “in Christ.” We become partakers of the Divine Nature by entering the path of *theosis* or deification. Orthodox theology includes what evangelical Protestants understand as regeneration and sanctification in the meaning of justification. The Orthodox Church denies justification by faith alone and includes good works as necessary in justification. This is because justification includes the concept of being transformed into the likeness of God. Justification is