

and servers are about to make the procession with the Gospel, or when the Epistle or Gospel is being read, or if a sermon is in progress, stay in the Narthex until it is concluded. I apologize for sounding disapproving. In fact, there would be no need for any comment at all on this matter if we would all simply pay attention to the Divine Liturgy and the responsibility of each and ever member of the congregation for participating in it, so that we begin this magnificent Liturgy to and with our Savior—at the beginning—as the Body of Christ, not a random collection of individuals which arrive whenever is most convenient to them. —*Fr. Lawrence*

- REDWOOD EMPIRE FOOD BANK:

Food Bank Volunteers: remember to come no later than 5 PM on Wednesday, August 13, to help with set-up and distribution of food.

- LIGHTING CANDLES:

Our sacristans request that when you light a candle, please do not light it over the oil lamp (since it drips wax into the oil), but instead use the “starter candle” that is already in place.

- GLENDI:

Looking ahead, there are two Glendi work parties scheduled: On Saturday, September 6, starting at 9 AM, we will empty out the Glendi storage area, and lay out the equipment for inventory, cleaning and repair. On Saturday, September 13, at 10 AM, following the Liturgy, we will begin to set up the Glendi pop-ups, tables and fencing. Please see Fr. Lawrence to volunteer. In addition to these work parties, we will also mow the parking field; we will also post the Glendi signs and banners around town. Finally, Glendi flyers are now available, and you are encouraged to take a stack.

- PERSECUTIONS:

There will come a time when not the persecutions but money and the goods of this world will take people far from God. Then many more souls will be lost than in the time of the persecutions. On the one hand, they will be putting gold on the domes and will put the crosses on them and, on the other hand, everywhere evil and falsehood will reign. The true Church will always be persecuted. They who want to be saved will be saved with illnesses and afflictions. The way in which the persecutions will occur will be very sly and it will be very difficult for one to foresee the persecutions. Dreadful will be that time; I pity those who will be living then. —*St. Seraphim of Viritsa, reposed 1949*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, August 10, 2014

Saint Lawrence of Rome

- TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION, Tone Eight:

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One; Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings. O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee.

- TROPARION OF TRANSFIGURATION, Tone Seven:

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, O Christ our God, showing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it. By the prayers of the Theotokos, let Thine everlasting light shine forth upon us sinners. O Giver of Light, glory to Thee.

- TROPARION TO ST. LAWRENCE OF ROME, Tone Three:

Radiant with the Holy Spirit, like a living coal thou didst burn the thorns of error, O Lawrence, blest trophy bearer and archdeacon of Christ. Like rational incense, thou becamest a whole burnt offering to Him that hath magnified thee, and thou wast perfected by fire. Wherefore, O godly minded one, shelter from the attacks of the enemy all them that acclaim thee.

- KONTAKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, Tone Seven:

On the mountain wast Thou transfigured, O Christ God, and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it; so that when they would behold Thee crucified, they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary, and would proclaim to the world that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.

- KONTAKION OF ST. LAWRENCE OF ROME, Tone Two:

By inflaming thy heart with the Divine fire, Thou didst utterly reduce to ashes the fire of the passions, O staff of athletes, God-bearing Martyr Lawrence, and while contesting thou didst cry with faith: No one will separate me from the love of Christ.

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ACTIVITIES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Saturday, August 9: 11 AM, Baptism (Moges)
3:30 PM, Catechism, *On the Holy Spirit*
5 PM, Great Vespers / Confessions
- Sunday, August 10: 9 AM, Baptism (Iancu)
10 AM, Divine Liturgy
Noon, Agape Meal
- Monday, August 11: Glendi Baking—*Time to be announced*
- Tuesday, August 12: Glendi Baking—*Time to be announced*
6 PM, Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos
- Wednesday, August 13: 5 PM, Redwood Empire Food Bank
6 PM, Daily Vespers
- Thursday, August 14: *5 PM, VIGIL IN CALISTOGA*
- Friday, August 15: 9 AM, HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY
IN CALISTOGA for the Feast of
Dormition

• DORMITION:

Since Dormition is the Feast day of the Monastery in Calistoga, *Vigil WILL NOT BE SERVED HERE* on Thursday evening, August 14, as previously indicated in the Calendar. Vigil at the Monastery begins at 5 PM, with a meal following. Dormition is the Monastery feast day, and the Sisters expect us to come; it only seems right that we join them on this occasion. We apologize if the change in venue causes anyone inconvenience.

• ANTICIPATING THE GREAT FEAST:

The Feast of the Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on August 15 each year. The Feast commemorates the repose (Dormition) or “falling-asleep” of the Mother of Jesus Christ. The Feast also commemorates the translation or assumption into heaven of the body of the Theotokos...Along with the biblical reference in Acts 1:14 that confirms that the Virgin Mary was with the Holy Apostles on the day of Pentecost, the tradition of the Church holds that she remained in the home of the Apostle John in Jerusalem, continuing a ministry in word and deed. At the time of her death, the disciples of our Lord who were preaching throughout the world returned to Jerusalem to see

the Theotokos. Except for the Apostle Thomas, all of them including the Apostle Paul were gathered together at her bedside. At the moment of her death, Jesus Christ himself descended and carried her soul into heaven. Following her repose, the body of the Theotokos was taken in procession and laid in a tomb near the Garden of Gethsemane. When the Apostle Thomas arrived three days after her repose and desired to see her body, the tomb was found to be empty. The bodily assumption of the Theotokos was confirmed by the message of an angel and by her appearance to the Apostles. The Icon of the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos shows her on her deathbed surrounded by the Apostles. Christ is standing in the center looking at His mother. He is holding a small child clothed in white representing the soul of the Virgin Mary. With His golden garments, the angels above His head, and the *mandorla* surrounding Him, Christ is depicted in His divine glory. The posture of the Apostles direct our attention toward the Theotokos. The women are members of the church in Jerusalem. In front of the bed of the Theotokos is a candle that helps to form a central axis in the icon. Above the candle is the body of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary. This great Feast of the Church and the icon celebrates a fundamental teaching of our faith—the Resurrection of the body. In the case of the Theotokos, this has been accomplished by the divine will of God. Thus, this Feast is a feast of hope, hope in Resurrection and life eternal. —*adapted, www.goarch.org*

• CONGRATULATIONS:

We congratulate Irini and Brendan Schettig on the birth of their son on Transfiguration day. Many Years! We congratulate Helen and Habtom Moges on the baptism of their son Meareg Habtom on Saturday, and Ramona and Florin Iancu on the baptism of their son Andrew on Sunday. Would that we had baptisms EVERY weekend!

• ENTERING THE CHURCH (LATE):

On Sundays in particular (Vespers is different), the time to arrive at church for the Divine Liturgy is before it begins. In that sense, it's just like going to school, to a movie, to work, or to an honored friend's home for a meal. We arrive when it begins, and on Sunday we begin at 10 AM. By anyone's standard, 10 AM is not early in the morning, and it seems reasonable for most to arrive by then. If for some unforeseen, unfortunate and/or unavoidable reason you arrive after the Divine Liturgy has begun, I ask that you enter the church quietly, and observe what is happening. If the priests