

- MEMORY ETERNAL:

This week we served the funeral and buried Tatiana Amerslav (lately of Santa Fe, former parishioner here) who reposed in the Lord on Tuesday, August 7. May the Lord make her memory to be eternal.

- MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND:

This last week at the Sisterhood meeting the members approved a motion to establish a memorial fund: \$100 (in lieu of flowers) will be deposited in the fund upon the repose of any parish member. No withdrawals from the fund will be made until it reaches at least \$1000, at which point it may be used for the purchase of sacred Altar items only. The Sisterhood membership will work with the rector to determine and approve any expenses.

- FRIDAY AND SATURDAY WORK PARTIES:

We've been talking a great deal about Glendi, and a few people have been laboring daily in order to organize it. On Friday we all get the opportunity to participate. At 5 PM we will begin to unload the Glendi storage trailer (here in the front parking lot) of all the various items, then stack and cover them. On Saturday, starting at 9 AM, we hope to accomplish some of the following tasks: inventory Glendi pop-ups, road signage and other items. Set out yellow jacket traps, plant two cypress trees by the playground equipment, lay down wood chips, move lawn equipment in shed to another bay, trim parking lot redwood tree, etc., etc. Matushka Ann and Sergei Moroz will be asking around for volunteers.

- SISTERHOOD REQUEST:

Our Sisterhood has the honor of helping serve lunch for the choirs at the Fort Ross Event on August 25 and we need your help (for info about the event, carpooling there, etc. see Gary Collins). Please, we need your participation:

- 1) spend a few hours in the morning or the evening of the 24th helping prepare some simple salads? No experience necessary!
- 2) let us borrow your large ice chest?
- 3) help set up the buffet lunch on the 25th?
- 4) help serve food at the event (buffet style, just dishing it up)
- 5) help clean up at the end of the lunch (just pack up the dishes and help bring them to the car). Please contact Lisa Moroz.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Post-festal period of Transfiguration August 12, 2012

- TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION, Tone One:

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ; glory to Thy kingdom; glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind.

- 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.

- 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.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Sat., August 11: 5 PM, Great Vespers & Confessions
- Sun., August 12: 9–10 AM, Confessions
10 AM, Divine Liturgy
Noon, Agape Meal
12:45, CHOIR REHEARSAL
- Tues., August 14: 6:15 PM, Vigil for Dormition of the Virgin

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- Wed., August 15: 9 AM, Divine Liturgy for Dormition, blessing of herbs to follow
- Thurs., Aug. 16: 5 PM, Calistoga Monastery: Lamentations for the Theotokos
- Fri., Feb. 17: 9 AM, Calistoga Monastery: Divine Liturgy
5 PM, Glendi Work Party—Unload Truck
- Sat., Feb. 18: 9 AM, Grounds Work Party
5 PM, Great Vespers & Confessions

• 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, *kimisis* in Greek) 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. The Holy Scriptures tell us that when our Lord was dying on the Cross, He saw His mother and His disciple John and said to the Virgin Mary, “Woman, behold your son!” and to John, “Behold your mother!” (John 19:25-27). From that hour, the Apostle took care of the Theotokos in his own home. 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. On the right Saint Peter censes the body of the Theotokos. On the left Saint Paul bows low in honor of her. Together with the Apostles are several bishops and women. The bishops traditionally represented are James, the brother of the Lord, Timothy, Heirotheus, and Dionysius the Areopagite. They are shown wearing episcopal vestments. 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. Like those who gathered around the body of the Virgin Mary, we gather around our departed loved ones and commend their souls into the hands of Christ. As we remember those who have reposed in the faith before us and have passed on into the communion of the Saints, we prepare ourselves to one day be received into the new life of the age to come. We also affirm through this Feast as we journey toward our heavenly abode that the Mother of God intercedes for us. Through Christ she has become the mother of all of the children of God, embracing us with divine love.

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• MONASTERY IN CALISTOGA TO CELEBRATE ALTAR FEAST:

The Sisters in Calistoga will celebrate their Monastery Altar Feast on Tuesday evening at 5 PM with the Vigil, and on Wednesday with the Festal Liturgy, starting at 9 AM. If you are going to Liturgy, please bring a lenten meal to share at the meal to follow. There will be another Vigil at 5 PM Thursday, for the *Lamentations*, and 9 AM, Friday, for Liturgy.

• CONGRATULATIONS:

We offer thanks to God, and send our love and congratulations to Eireni and Brendan Schettig on the birth of their boy Damian John this week. We congratulate the happy grandparents, Father John and Matushka Xenia.

BAPTISM NEXT WEEK:

The child of Rachel and Michael Dovey will be baptized next Sunday at 9 AM. We are looking forward to this very special day, and ask God’s blessings on their entire family.