

heart it is necessary that every truth should be reflected in it through feeling, through gratitude, and there should be no reflection in it of any lie.

• FRESKO:

The fresco of the Transfiguration is now complete, and the rented scaffold will come down on Tuesday, Nov. 6. Our own smaller scaffold will then be erected so that the fresco of the Theophany can be started at the second level. Geoffrey John Lake is looking for volunteers to help erect that scaffold, sometime on Tuesday afternoon.

• HOLIDAY BAZAAR:

Our annual winter Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 1. See Bobbi Griovski for more information.

• THE HOLY UNMERCENARY HEALERS:

“He who believes in me shall do the works that I do.” (John 14:12) This is why we address the saints not simply as intercessors and intermediaries but also as having within themselves the power to heal. They can do so because they have been deified through grace and have become participants in divine Life and Power. We pray especially to the Mother of God, the first human being to have been fully deified and glorified, “the comfort of the afflicted the healing of the sick,” “the hope of the hopeless,” “the strength of those who are struggling,” “unquenchable and inexhaustible treasure of healing,” (*Prayers of the Supplicatory Canon*) from “whom marvels spring forth and healing flows out.” (from *Holy Unction*). As they bear divine energies within their entire being, the saints often convey them to those who in faith touch their body (cf. Acts 20:9–10), or their clothes (Acts 19:12), or even their shadow (cf. Acts 5:15). After leaving this world, they continue to convey those energies to those who call upon them. They may do so directly or indirectly by means of their relics, which are suffused with and radiate these energies, or through their icons which are the visible manifestations, representations of their deified humanity that bring into contact with them those who venerate them. —J.C. Larchet, *The Theology of Illness*, pg. 89.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Tone Five ~ November 4, 2012 Synaxis of the Unmercenary Healers

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• TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION, Tone Five:

Let us the faithful praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death and to raise the dead, by His glorious Resurrection.

• TROPARION OF THE UNMERCENARIES, Tone Eight:

O Holy Unmercenarys and wonderworkers, visit our infirmities. Freely ye received, freely give to us.

• KONTAKION OF THE UNMERCENARIES, Tone Two:

Having received the grace of healing, yet extend health to those in need, O glorious and wonderworking physicians. Hence, by your visitations, cast down the audacity of our enemies and by your miracles, heal the world.

### ACTIVITIES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Saturday, Nov. 3: 3:30 PM, Catechism on the Work of Christ  
5 PM, Great Vespers, Confessions
- Sunday, Nov. 4: 9 AM, Confessions, 10 AM, Divine Liturgy  
Noon, Agape Meal  
*Liturgy at 10 AM at Kazan Skete, for the Monastery  
Feast Day, Fr. John to serve*
- Wed., Nov. 7: 6 PM, Great Vespers for the Archangel Michael
- Thurs., Nov. 8: 9 AM, Divine Liturgy  
11 AM, Agape Meal to follow

- AS WE ENTER THE CHURCH:

The narthex is...where we enter, light a candle, venerate the icons and generally prepare ourselves for entrance into the nave for worship. . . . It is in the narthex that we slow down our thoughts and begin our prayer. The narthex is a place of preparation for our entrance into another reality, namely the heavenly worship of the Church. (from *Church Etiquette*, by Fr. Dimitri Tsakas)

- ROHNERT PARK STUDY GROUP—NOVEMBER 6:

For the last two weeks, Deacons Nicholas and Jeremiah have been presenting to us an Orthodox understanding of the Old Testament—a worthwhile and enjoyable topic! There are plans for three more sessions this month: Tuesdays, Nov. 6, 13 and 27 at 7 PM. All sessions are held at 1354 Oak View Circle #327 Rohnert Park. Contact Deacon Nicholas and Deacon Jeremiah for further information on topics and content. Contact Debi Shrimplin for directions, 536-9112.

- SENIOR LUNCHEON—NOVEMBER 8:

Please join us on Nov. 8th for a very special luncheon. The Seniors are hosting the agape meal after the Liturgy for the *Feast of St. Michael and the Archangels*. We are also honoring Father Michael on his name day. After wishing Fr. Michael “many years,” Seniors will be invited to participate in the “Giving Tree” project and discuss possible future activities. Please come and help us celebrate this wonderful feast.

- AKATHIST TO SAINT HERMAN—NOON, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13:

On Tuesday, November 13, the All American Council will be convened in Parma, OH. for the purpose of electing a new Metropolitan for the Orthodox Church in Amerca. Considering the turmoil of the last, well, about ten years now, it is extremely important that we discern God’s will in this election. That discernment only happens through prayer, fasting, confession, and trust in God. I ask that you support this effort of prayer and fasting, and come to Church on Tuesday, November 13, at Noon, to pray the Akathist to St. Herman of Alaska. Copies will be made available to you at that time. —*Fr. Lawrence*

- BLESSING OF CEMETERY GROUNDS:

On Saturday, November 17 at Noon, I will be blessing a section of the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Sebastopol, dedicating it for graves of Orthodox Christians. Pleasant Hill has offered to reserve a section of the cemetery for

us, and while the land is not being given to us, it will be set aside for us to purchase as need arises. I hope you will join me for this special occasion of blessing.

- CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES:

Where to get involved locally: **Catholic Charities** has many ministries for helping the homeless, immigrants, the elderly, and single moms. See Amy Ramirez Margitich who can direct you to the place where you can help. The **Redwood Gospel Mission** downtown serves the homeless each and every day with food and shelter services. Call (707) 578-1830. Right now the Redwood Gospel Mission is gearing up for the monumental Thanksgiving Dinner at the fairgrounds (Wed. Nov. 21), and lots of help is needed. **Milk & Honey**, on Santa Rosa Ave., just up the road from the Church, is a thrift store that directs its profits toward a Rohnert Park shelter for single women. Call the store at (707) 588-9388 to help out, or make a visit at 3403 Santa Rosa Avenue. Last, but not least, the residents of Staten Island, NY are enduring great suffering and loss. You can help by sending an offering to the IOCC (info at the Candle desk).

- FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2012:

Our Parish operating and building fund **Income** for September was \$24,034. This includes tithes, duplex rental, hall rental, offerings for icons, charity, Sunday lunch and candles, etc.. **Expenses** for September (includes candles, operating expenses, missions and evangelism, charity, grounds, lunch cleaning expense, and travel for the Assembly and upcoming All American Council: \$19,278.05. The **Building Fund Expenses** (mortgages) were \$7,773.51, which means that we ran an overall deficit of \$3,017.16 for the month. If you would like more information, our Treasurer Petar Griovski would be happy to share it with you.

- WORK PARTY—SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Please join us for a work party to finish the storage of Glendi equipment, and to winterize the property (stack and cover picnic tables, clear gutters, ditches, trim some branches, etc.). The work will begin at 8:30 AM, and go until about Noon.

- FROM ST. JOHN OF KRONSTADT:

Our soul is the reflection of God’s countenance, and the brighter this reflection is, the clearer and calmer is the soul; and the less bright this reflection is, the darker the more disturbed is the soul. And as our soul is our