

• CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AT STS. PETER AND PAUL:

Saints Peter and Paul Russian Orthodox Church will host its 24th Annual Christmas Bazaar and Food Fest on Saturday (10 AM–3 PM) and Sunday (11 AM–3 PM), November 10 and 11. There will be a selection of hand-crafts, jewelry and Russian imports, as well as the wonderful Russian culinary favorites (piroshki, stroganoff, cabbage rolls, etc.).

• UPCOMING CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, NOV. 24:

Our Parish will host a Christmas Bazaar on November 24, from 10 AM–4 PM. There will be unique handmade gift items and stocking stuffers and delicious holiday treats, including our famous baklava. Pick up some event flyers at the candle-desk to share with your friends.

• CHRISTMAS BAZAAR BAKERY:

Dear Church Family: I have a special request. As many of you know our church is having a Christmas Bazaar on November 24th, the Saturday after Thanksgiving. We are having a bakery sale much like that of our Glendi and need all types of delicious baked goods from you to make it work. This Bazaar has the potential to raise a good amount of money for our church and attract our Sonoma County neighbors to see what we offer as a spiritual community. This can only happen with your help and participation, and so I am asking with heartfelt gratitude in advance. I can be reached at my cell-phone (707) 291-8546. Please call, text or leave a message; if I can't pick up while at work, and I will return your call. Thank you dear ones.

—*Daphne Russell, Bakery Head*

• HELP FROM GOD:

In the hour of crisis, when a problem is acute, do not say anything. Keep your mouth shut... You must not get upset, because a restless heart drives away all help... Instead, tell it to the Angels so that they may place it at the Lord's Feet, and pray to the Lord for an Angel of Peace to calm your soul... Only when we are still, do we give the Angels an opportunity to do something... "Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 45:10) There is no greater school than this stillness... The more the door of our cell is closed, the more the Gate of Heaven is open. —*Mother Gavriila*

• VETERANS DAY:

We honor and thank those in our parish who have served in the Armed Forces, and ask that God would send them peace of heart and a long and fruitful life. Many Years!

ST. SERAPHIM CATHEDRAL

PROTECTION OF THE HOLY VIRGIN ORTHODOX CHURCH



November 11, 2018



• 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.

• KONTAKION OF THE PROTECTION, Tone Three:

Today the Virgin stands forth in the Church and invisibly with the choirs of Saints prays to God for us; the Hierarchs bow down with the angels, the Apostles and the Prophets rejoice, for the Theotokos prays to the Eternal God for us.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Saturday, Nov. 10: 3:30 PM, Catechism *On the Human Being*
5 PM, Great Vespers
6 PM, 40th Day Memorial for Zach Tra
- Sunday, Nov. 11: 8:40 AM, Matins of the Resurrection
10 AM, Divine Liturgy
11:45 AM, Church School
Noon, Agape Meal
3 PM, *Panikhida in Healdsburg, one year anniversary of Fr. Michael's repose*
- Tuesday, Nov. 13: 9 AM, Divine Liturgy, Feast of St. John Chrysostom
Noon, Senior/Retired Lunch Fellowship
- Wednesday, Nov. 14: 5 PM, Redwood Empire Food Bank
6 PM, Vespers, Potluck, Reading of Four Pillars
- Thursday, Nov. 15: Beginning of the Nativity Fast
6 PM, Akathist to St. Seraphim
Parish Council meeting is postponed

• ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY:

On Sunday, November 11 at 3 PM there will be a Panikhida at Oak Mound Cemetery in Healdsburg at the grave of Archpriest Michael, on the one year anniversary of his repose.

• THE SENIOR AND RETIRED LUNCH:

Our fellowship will meet this month on Tuesday, November 13, just before the beginning of the Nativity Fast.

• THE NATIVITY FAST BEGINS:

Plan ahead. November 15 marks the beginning of the Nativity Fast, the Advent Season. The Fast extends until the Feast of Nativity on December 25. We abstain from all meat, eggs, dairy and also wine, olive oil and fish (excepting weekends and holy days). A good fast can lead to a good feast.

• FAMILIES TO FAMILIES:

For the sixth year our parish will provide Thanksgiving Dinners for Sonoma County families living in poverty. Your offering of \$50.00 will cover the cost for a full Thanksgiving Dinner Food Box. We will prepare 100 dinner boxes again this year. **Assembly of the food boxes will take place on Tues-**

day, November 20, from 5–6:30 PM (we will finish in time to attend the Vigil). If you have any questions you can contact Amy Ramirez Margitich at fosasquatch@gmail.com, and at (707) 478-6767 or Serge Anderson at s.anderson4990@sbcglobal.net, and at (707) 291-7452.

• GIVING BY TEXT OR IPAD:

Not everyone carries cash, and fewer and fewer folks use checks. So, to respond to the needs of our Parish Members, the Parish Council approved three digital ways to make your financial offerings.

- 1) *iPad*. Transactions can be made very simply on the Candle Desk iPad (an attendant can assist you if needed). Click the screen, then click the giving category you are interested in, swipe your credit card, make the approval, and you're done. It is as easy as paying for gas for your car.
- 2) *Text Giving*. Enter 707-701-5052 in to your text message App on your cell phone, indicate an amount you want to give (for example, \$25). A prompt will open your browser and you indicate which giving category (tithes, icons, charity, etc.) you would like, enter your card info, and you're done.
- 3) *Phone App*. Download the "ConnectNow Giving App" on your cell phone. <https://itunes.apple.com/us/developer/parishsoft/id1244158208> or just Google the words *ConnectNow Giving App*.

• A PRAYER FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING TRAGEDIES:

O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, we ask Thee to accept our heartfelt prayers and forgive us our transgressions. Remember our enemies, those who hate us and oppress us, and repay them not according to their deeds, but rather give them reason and understanding, according to Thy great mercy, so that they may see that evil cannot bring good. Help us, O God, for Thou wast crucified and died for the salvation of all. Help us, that among us and in all the world, hatred may be replaced with love, unrest may be replaced with peace, and sorrow may be replaced with joy.

O Most Holy Theotokos, we turn to thee in prayer, because thou knowest a mother's pain for her Innocent Son who suffered and was crucified. Comfort those who have endured senseless attacks, violence and persecution, those who have lost their loved ones and are in anguish and grief. Preserve our land and all people from the wiles and schemes of the evil one by thy mighty intercession.