

devil within himself. —*St. Basil the Great*

“Love covers a multitude of sins,” (I Pet. 4:8). That is, for love towards one’s neighbor, God forgives the sins of the one who loves. —*St. Theophan the Recluse*

Love for Christ overflows into love for one’s neighbor, love for truth, love for holiness, for the world, for purity, for everything divine, for everything deathless and eternal...All these forms of love are natural manifestations of love for Christ. Christ is the God-man, and love for Him always means love for God and for man. When we love Christ God, we also love all that is divine, immortal and Christ-like in people. We can’t truly love people if we do not love them for the sake of these causes. Any other love is pseudo-love, which is easily changed into lovelessness and hatred toward people. True love for man comes from love for God, and love for God grows in accordance with the keeping of His commandments. —*St. Justin Popovich*

• GLENDI UPDATE:

The baking of cookies for Glendi continues on Monday and Tuesday evenings. As Catherine Ostling put it, the “Glendi Cookie Juggernaut rolls on!” Thanks to all who helped with two great cookie-making evenings this week. Over 400 Ginger Cookies and about 250 Chocolate Chips Cookies were made, plus more Bourbon Balls. Plenty of volunteers made the work go quickly and smoothly —plus, we had lots of fun! On Monday, July 21, we’re making Poppysed Strudel on Monday and Lemon Bars plus shortbread on Tuesday. **On Monday we’ll start about 3 PM,** and on **Tuesday about 5:30 PM.** Hope to see you there.

Piroshki production will get underway this week as well, from Wednesday morning thru Saturday. Please see the SSPF for details. We are looking for help for the various tasks, no experience necessary. Speak with Bobbi Griovski at 707-477-8418.

Managers are needed this year for the following areas: Kabob, Soda/Ice Cream, and Parking. Please see Fr. Lawrence, Esther Schau or Alex Stameroff if you have questions. If you’re not attached to a Glendi activity yet, now’s a good time.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tone Five / Prophet Elijah ~ July 20, 2014

• 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 PROPHET ELIJAH, Tone Four:

The angel in the flesh, the foundations of the prophets, the second forerunner of the coming of Christ, the glorious Elijah sent grace down from on High upon Elisha; to dispel infirmities and to cleanse lepers, wherefore, he poureth forth healings upon those who honor him.

• KONTAKION OF THE RESURRECTION, Tone Five:

Thou didst descend into hades, O my Savior, shattering its gates as almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, and we cry to Thee: O Lord, save us.

• KONTAKION OF THE PROPHET ELIJAH, Tone Two:

O renowned Elijah, prophet and seer of the mighty works of God, by thy word thou didst check the torrential rain-clouds; intercede for us to Him who alone is the lover of man.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Saturday, July 19: 9:30 AM, ***Hierarchical Divine Liturgy*** for St. Seraphim Day, Festal Luncheon 5 PM, Great Vespers, Prophet Elijah
- Sunday, July 20: 9 AM, Baptism of Collins boys before Liturgy

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- 10 AM, Divine Liturgy
Noon, **POTLUCK Agape Meal**
- Monday, July 21: *At Kazan Skete: 9:30 AM, Liturgy for the Feast of the Kazan Icon of the Mother of God*
3 PM, **Glendi Baking**
 - Tuesday, July 22: 9 AM, Divine Liturgy for the *Feast of St. Mary Magdalene* (in St. Seraphim)
5:30 PM, **Glendi Baking**
 - Wednesday, July 23: 9 AM, Glendi Baking (young moms)
6 PM, Vespers, Potluck, and Slide Presentation/Talk on the Medieval Churches of Serbia by Fr. Lawrence and Matushka Ann
 - Thursday, July 24: *At Kazan Skete: 8 AM, Liturgy for St. Euphemia the All-Praised and St. Olga, Equal of the Apostles*

• BAPTISMS SUNDAY:

At 9 AM on Sunday, the newly-adopted boys of Gary and Gloria Collins, Marcus and the soon-to-be-renamed Symeon, will be baptized. Because of the Baptisms, and with Fr. John serving as substitute at Dormition Church on Rose Ave, there will be no one to hear Confessions before the Divine Liturgy. Come at Vespers time on Saturday.

• FEAST OF THE GLORIFICATION OF ST. SERAPHIM:

Our Parish is celebrating its Summer Pascha with the feast of St. Seraphim. **The Vigil will be celebrated at 6:15 PM Friday, July 18—with His Eminence Archbishop Benjamin serving.**

One of the hymns at the Vigil encourages us: “Come, O ye congregations of the faithful, let us glorify today with songs of praise a most wondrous father, and let us chant unto him thus: O righteous Father Seraphim, thou wast in truth found worthy of divine life, receiving from God the crown of incorruptible glory; wherefore the Monastery of Sarov doth boast in thee, and the people, beholding the venerable shrine of thy relics and the miracles occurring thereat, glorify the Lord Who greatly glorifieth thee. Do thou entreat Him, O righteous one, to grant our souls peace and great mercy.”

On Saturday morning, July 19, at 9:30 AM, we will greet

Archbishop Benjamin and also Bishop Alexander of Toledo

(many of you know Bishop Alexander from his yearly visits to us before he was a bishop). Coming for the feast will be numerous clergy, including the Archdeacon Kyril, Protodeacon Brendan. Dear Brothers and Sisters: come to enjoy the feast of our heavenly patron and intercessor, and give our Lord and God thanks for giving us such a beautiful and joyful Saint. After the Divine Liturgy, all are invited for a festal meal, and some special remarks and toasts. —*Fr. Lawrence*

• POTLUCK MEAL:

Please remember that our Agape Meal this Sunday is Potluck—bring a dish to share with 6–8 people. Recently, concerns were expressed by a number of parishioners who felt an excessive financial burden of having to bring food on Potluck Sundays and also pay \$5 (please remember that the \$5 goes towards the cleaning of the Hall and not for food). In response to these concerns, the cost has been dropped to \$2 per adult, with kids twelve-and-under free (for Potluck Sundays). Please do help your children fill their plates so they don’t take an excessive amount of food, and we ask that you also help them with collecting their plates and silverware from the lawn and play area! —*Eleni, (707) 480-6106*

• ICON OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA:

The Icon of the Theotokos, the so-called “black Madonna” from Czestochowa, Poland, will be at Holy Trinity Cathedral in San Francisco, on Tuesday, July 29. An Akathist to her will be served at 6 PM. Parking will be available at St. Brigid Elementary school, two blocks up from Holy Trinity. Call 415-673-8565 for any questions.

• ON LOVE:

Do not say that faith in Christ alone can save you, for this is not possible if you do not attain love for Him, which is demonstrated by deeds. As for mere faith: “The demons also believe and tremble” (James, 2:19). The action of love consists in heartfelt good deeds toward one’s neighbor, magnanimity, patience, and sober use of things. —*St. Maximus the Confessor*

As God illumines all people equally with the light of the sun, so do those who desire to imitate God let shine an equal ray of love on all people. For wherever love disappears, hatred immediately appears in its place. And if God is love, then hatred is the devil. Therefore as one who has love has God within himself, so he who has hatred within himself nurtures the