

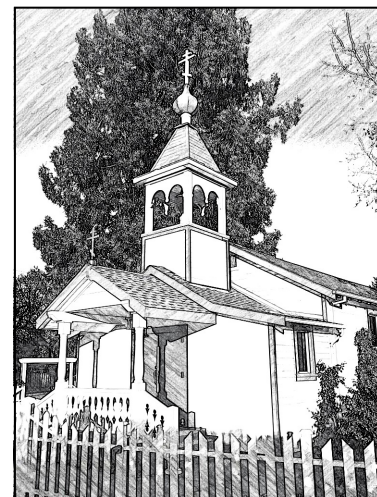
ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ July 29, 2018

- 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.

- KONTAKION OF THE RESURRECTION, Tone Eight:

By raising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam; Eve exults in Thy resurrection; and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O Greatly Merciful One.



EVENTS AND NOTES

- SERVICES THIS WEEK:

We begin the Dormition Fast on August 1 each year in preparation for the wonderful Feast Day of the Dormition of the Theotokos. I encourage you to keep the fast — not just to uphold the canonical guidelines of the Holy Church, but in order to sensitize your soul to the hunger for God, and to discern His presence in your life. Some suggestions: avoid the internet as much as possible (it's a time-vampire, and can be both a distraction and addictive, frequently evaporating our peace of heart). During the Dormition fast we pray the Small Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos as much as possible. These services will mostly take place in the Protection Church. We will also celebrate the Feast of the Procession of the Holy Cross on July 31/August 1 with Matins, Divine Liturgy and a Water Blessing.

- BLESSING BAGS FOR THE NEEDY—*Tom and Denise Pellizzer organizing:*

On Sunday, July 29, after Liturgy we will be assembling Blessing Bags for the needy. The bulk will be donated to the outreach program in Sonoma County. I am asking for help from the charity committee members and parishioners. We will set up assembly line style in back of the hall. Both adults and school age children are welcome to help. If you are interested, you may take a few bags to put in your car. Then when you see someone in need you have something to offer.

- YOUTH GAME NIGHT:

An evening of games, snacks and fun is being planned for Thursday, August 9. Youth ages 11 and up are invited to participate. We will begin with Vespers for the Holy Martyr Lawrence of Rome at 5 PM, and then gather in the Hall for dinner, refreshments and games immediately after. We will wrap up about 8:30 or 9 PM. Please see Gloria of Vicky to let them know you plan to attend. In planning now is a family camp out for September 14/15.

- DOUBTS WHEN WALKING ON WATER:

When Peter doubts and then begins to sink, he cries out a prayer: “Lord, save me!” And Jesus takes his hand and pulls him up, saying to him, “O man of little faith, why did you doubt?” Notice that Jesus says “little faith” and not “no faith.” When we doubt with the passion of doubt [a *passion* is an unhealthy impulse and addiction which pit us against ourselves and God], we should not believe the lie of Satan that tells us we have no faith. In reality, we simply have little faith. And we can use that little faith to say, “Lord, save me!” And then that puts our attention back on Jesus, and our faith therefore becomes stronger. —*Father Andrew Damick*

- REMINDER FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL:

Parents or adult guardians are responsible for the safety and supervision of their children while on Church property. Young children may not roam the property without parental supervision. In addition, *children are not allowed to play in the vineyard, behind the Church School or Hall, or in the parking lots.* Parents, you are the playground monitors. —*Fr. Lawrence, Parish Council*

PROTECTION OF THE HOLY VIRGIN MARY ORTHODOX CHURCH

AUGUST 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 29 - Martyr Callinicos • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • Noon, Agape Meal • Assembly of "Blessing Bags" for the homeless (See Denise Pellizzer)	30	31 - St. Germanos • 9 AM, Divine Liturgy • 6 PM, Matins and Bringing out of the Cross	1 - HOLY CROSS • 9 AM, Divine Liturgy and Water Blessing <i>Beginning of Dormition Fast</i> • 6 PM, Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos	2 • 8 AM, <i>Kazan Skete, Divine Liturgy</i> • 6 PM, Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos	3 • 6 PM, Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos	4 • 5 PM, Great Vespers
5 - St. Nonna • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • Noon, Agape Meal • 4 PM, Vigil for Transfiguration	6 - Transfiguration • 9 AM, Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Fruit and Vineyard	7 • 6 PM, Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos	8 • 5 PM, Food Bank • 6 PM, Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos	9 • 5 PM, Vespers for St. Lawrence • 5:45 PM, Youth Game Night • 7 PM, Parish Council	10 - St. Lawrence • 9 AM, Divine Liturgy	11 • 4:30 PM, 40th Day Panikhida for Nickolai Zache • 5 PM, Great Vespers
12 - St. Anicletus • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • Noon, Agape Meal	13	14 • 6:15 PM, Vigil for Dormition of the Theotokos	15 - Dormition <i>Calistoga Monastery Feast</i> <i>Divine Liturgy at 9 AM</i> <i>No Vespers</i>	16	17	18 • 5 PM, Great Vespers
19 - Martyr Andrew • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • Noon, Agape Meal	20	21 • 7 PM, Church School Teacher Mtg	22 • 6 PM, Vespers • 7 PM, <i>Larry Vukovich Concert*</i>	23	24	25 • 5 PM, Great Vespers
26 - Sts. Adrian & Natalie • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • Noon, Agape Meal • 6 PM, Cantiamo Choral Concert	27	28 • 6 PM, Great Vespers	29 - St. John the Baptist • 9 AM, Divine Liturgy <i>Strict Fast Day</i> • 6 PM, Vespers	30	31	September 1 • 5 PM, Great Vespers

• The Dormition Fast begins on August 1

* The well-known jazz pianist and Orthodox Christian, Larry Vukovich, will perform here in a concert on August 22 at 7 PM. This is a benefit concert, being arranged by Mother Melania from Calistoga in support of their work with the homeless. A flyer will be posted.