

• AN EVENING WITH DOCTOR KERI:

Parish Youth: You are invited to a special evening with Keri Elizabeth, (wife of Alex DeMaar, mom of Matthew DeMaar and devoted member of our Parish), who will give an informal talk about the practice of medicine and surgery, and specifically about the process of becoming a physician. She will be happy to answer any questions (for example, what it's like to be an Orthodox Christian female surgeon, questions about the body and what happens as we age, how certain parts of the body work, etc.). Keri is a practicing physician whose specialty is General Surgery. Her presentation will be geared towards the questions and concerns of youth, however, of course, all ages are welcome.

When: 6:30 PM, August 20. **Where:** Parish Hall

Pizza and drinks provided

The talk will be preceded by an Akathist to St. Seraphim at **6 PM**

Please let Vicky Basch know if you will attend

**SAVE THE DATE
FOR OUR 2ND ANNUAL
CAMP GLENDI!!**

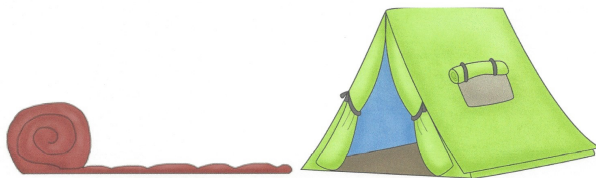
WHEN: 5:30 Friday, Sept. 20th - Saturday, Sept. 21st after
vespers

WHERE: St. Seraphim Church grounds

WHAT: FUN FAMILY CAMP TIME! Come pitch your tent on
the lawn, put your trailer in the parking lot, or set up your
sleeping bag in the hall.

Meals, activities, and s'mores provided.

More details to follow...



ST. SERAPHIM CATHEDRAL

PROTECTION OF THE HOLY VIRGIN ORTHODOX CHURCH



August 18, 2019

Post-feast of Dormition ~ Sts. Florus and Laurus



• 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.

• TROPARION OF DORMITION, Tone One

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity, in thy dormition thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos; thou wast translated unto life, since thou art the Mother of Life; and by thine intercessions thou dost redeem our souls from death.

• KONTAKION OF DORMITION, Tone Two

The grave and death, could not hold the Theotokos, who is unsleeping in her intercessions, and an unfading hope in her mediations. For as the Mother of Life, she was translated to Life by the One Who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Saturday, August 17: 10 AM, Men's Group Hike
4 PM, Youth Choir Rehearsal
4 PM, Baptismal Catechesis
5 PM, Great Vespers (Confessions to follow)
- Sunday, August 18: 9 AM, Baptisms
10 AM, Divine Liturgy
Noon, Agape Meal
- Tuesday, August 20: 6:30 PM, Dinner and Talk by Dr. Keri
- Wednesday, August 21: 6 PM, Vespers
- Thursday, August 22: Noon, Senior Lunch Fellowship
7 PM, Parish Council Meeting
- Friday, August 23: 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions

• TO OUR GUESTS:

Whether you are searching for a new church home or just visiting, we welcome you and hope your experience at the Divine Liturgy will be edifying and spiritually nourishing. If you have a prayer request, are looking for more information about the Orthodox Faith, would like to join the parish, or would like to speak with Fr Lawrence, we invite you to fill out a *visitor information card* and leave it at the candle desk, and to join us for lunch following the Divine Liturgy.

• BAPTISMS THIS SUNDAY:

The joy of the "Summer Pascha" of Dormition continues on Sunday morning at 9 AM, with the Baptisms of Anahi (Anna) Dominguez, Peter Tenyson, Landis (John) Sims and Caryl (Mary) Burns. For about thirty years now Caryl (John Burns is her husband) has been involved in Church life but never a catechumen. On Sunday she will become a catechumen and then immediately receive the Holy Illumination of Baptism along with the others. Looking ahead to further festivities, on September 8 at 3 PM, Landis John and Carmen Zlata will be joined in Holy Matrimony, and on September 15 at 3 PM, Alejandro Oscar and Anahi will be joined in Holy Matrimony. All are invited to the services.

• WORK PARTY:

Saturday, August 31 from 9 AM–Noon. Task: Trim redwoods by vineyard.

Please speak with Seraphim Ranney, who is in charge of the project, to let him know you can help.

• THOUGHTS FOR DORMITION:

Today the holy, incomparable Virgin enters the heavenly sanctuary that lies above the universe. She so longed for virginity that she was transformed into it, as if consumed by the purest fire. Every virgin, after all, loses her virginity in giving birth; but she, who was a virgin before giving birth, remained so during her labors and even after them. Today, the holy, living Ark of the living God, the one who carried her own Maker within herself, comes to her rest in the temple of the Lord not made by hands. David—her ancestor and God's—leaps for joy (2 Sam 6:4; 1 Chr 15:25); the angels join in the dance, the archangels applaud, the virtues give praise, the principalities rejoice with them, the powers exult, the dominations delight, the thrones make festival, the cherubim sing their hymn, and the seraphim glorify God. They glorify Him in no negligible way, when they give glory to the Mother of glory. —*St. John of Damascus*

• LIPSTICK:

Please do not wear lipstick or lip gloss to church, as it leaves residue on the icons and on the spoon used for Holy Communion. Both are unacceptable. Please do not approach for Holy Communion if you are wearing lipstick.

—*Fr. Lawrence*

• CHURCH SCHOOL:

Classes begin on Sunday, September 1. Parents, please register your son or daughter for Church School after the Liturgy this week and next. Please consider: classes are only twenty to thirty minutes long—even if every student came each and every week, the time spent in class is only enough to reinforce what the child should already be learning and practicing at home, taught by the parents. I know Orthodox Christians who think that the Holy Trinity is God, Jesus, and Mary; who have never read the Gospels; who never pray; who have not once attended Vespers on Saturday evening; who could not relate the life of their patron saint, and so forth. Christian faith is learned at home, for the most part. Parents, make your home a little church, a place where God comes first, where His Holy Name is mentioned with words of praise (rather than frustration) and thanksgiving. Speak about the feast days, sing the hymns and read the Holy Scriptures.