

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS, October 13, 2013



- 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.

- TROPARION OF THE HOLY FATHERS, Tone Eight:

Most glorified art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast established the Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them didst guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be to Thee.

- 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 HOLY FATHERS, Tone Eight:

The preaching of the Apostles and the doctrines of the Fathers confirmed the one Faith in the Church. And wearing the garment of truth woven from theology on high, she rightly divideth and glorifieth the great mystery of piety.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Saturday, Oct. 12: 3:30 Wedding Rehearsal — Spring/Rajevsky
5 PM, Great Vespers for the Resurrection, Confessions
- Sunday, Oct. 13: 9 AM, Confessions
10 AM, Divine Liturgy
11:45 AM, Church School
Noon, Agape Meal — on the Patio (Hall is reserved for a wedding reception)
3 PM, Holy Matrimony: Nick Spring and Vera Rajevsky
- Tues., Oct. 15: **6:30 PM, Glendi Wrap Up Meeting**
- Wed., Oct. 16: 6 PM, Vespers
- Thurs., Oct. 17: Noon, Senior Luncheon
4 PM, Wedding Rehearsal (Koult)
- Friday, Oct. 18: 9 AM, Divine Liturgy for the Feast of St. Luke the Apostle
2 PM, Holy Matrimony (Koult)

- SISTERHOOD MEETING, OCT 20:

The Parish Women (all ages) and their husbands and supporters, are invited to a Sisterhood Meeting, on Sunday, October 20, right after the Agape Meal.

- PRAYERS:

The ill: Edward Patrick O'Brien, Kate Willens, Brigid Sturgeon, Asfaha, Bereket, Gebremeskel, Patrick, Seraphim, Grace Christina, Alexander, James, John, Nun Elizabeth. *Traveling:* Tracey Rollandelli, Petar and Eugenia Griovski, Shenina (Africa). Always keep in your prayers: Mother Susanna and the Sisters of Kazan Skete, Mother Melania and the Sisters of Holy Assumption Monastery, the clergy of our parish and town, our Archbishop Benjamin, and those who are suffering for their faith, especially in Egypt, Syria, Kosovo and Pakistan. You are invited to send Fr. Lawrence names for prayer.

- MANY THANKS:

The clergy and lay delegates of the Diocese of the West, meeting in Sacred Assembly this last week, took a moment to offer thanksgiving to God and to the members of our holy Parish for their work in organizing the Assembly. A portrait of Saint Tikhon, Confessor and Patriarch of Moscow, Enlightener of North America, was presented to the Parish in gratitude for our outstanding hospitality. We want to thank our delegates, Barbara Owens and Samuel Coon, who will give a brief overview of the Assembly next week in the Hall, following Liturgy. Without getting into the many names, we want to thank those who labored with such dedication: those who set up the Parish Hall, those who prepared meals for the 100+ delegates, those who cleaned and reset (of which there are always too few), those who assisted in registration, and those who ran errands and offered hospitality. Our thanks also to our Choir Director for pulling together an excellent group made up of our own singers and visiting clergy to sing two Vespers and a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. It was a great honor to be the host parish, and with it come great blessings. As your pastor, I have nothing but gratitude and admiration for those who worked so well and hard for the good of the Diocese. Thank you. —*Fr. Lawrence*

- GLENDI SURVEY:

Please take the time to complete the **Glendi Survey** (surveys are in the Narthex) and attend the Wrap Up Meeting on Tuesday, October 15th from 6:30—8:30 PM. Your comments and suggestions are welcome. If you cannot attend, feel free to email Esther Schau at eschau@comcast.net or call, 799-6077. You can also speak to Joe Anderson, on Sundays after Liturgy.

- HOLY MATRIMONY:

The wedding of Nick Spring and Vera Rajeovsky will be today, Sunday, October 13, at 3 PM. All are invited to the Wedding Service. The Reception will be in the Parish Hall, and that is by invitation only.

- SENIOR LUNCHEON:

Our Senior Luncheon is scheduled for this Thursday, October 17th, Noon to 1:30 PM. Please come and join us for a beautiful luncheon prepared by a “volunteer youngster” Catherine Carpenter. The Senior Luncheon is a great opportunity for our Seniors and Retired folk to spend some time together visiting and just enjoying each other. It seems premature to be thinking about Christmas already, but since everyone was in favor of having a “Giving Tree” again this year, we will be looking for volunteers to take on this project for our November luncheon...but don't let this scare you away. Hope to see all the Seniors on Thursday.

• RESPONSIBILITY FOR CARE OF THE ENVIRONMENT:

The *Orthodox Fellowship of the Transfiguration*, together with Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology/Hellenic College, St. Vladimir Seminary, the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), and other Orthodox agencies, will sponsor a Pan-Orthodox national conference on Monday, November 11th, 2013, at Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Washington, DC. The theme is “On Earth as it is in Heaven: Putting Orthodox Theology and Ecology into Practice.” The conference brings together Orthodox hierarchs, clergy and informed laity to explore the many facets of this issue. Orthodox theology, the Scriptures and the saints all tell us that care for God’s earth is a responsibility for every Christian. Yet attention to and practice of this aspect of our faith has been elusive in many parishes. To develop the theological as well as practical awareness of this opportunity for parish growth and development, panels with clergy and laity will discuss this aspect of Orthodox Christian life. Dr. James Hansen, famed scientist and director emeritus of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), will open up the afternoon program with a second keynote address. The title of this conference, “On Earth as it is in Heaven,” reflects a striving to align lifestyle and actions with our theology. Registration is a sliding scale of \$20 to \$200. Participants may contribute according to their ability. Scholarships are available for those who need assistance. For further information, please visit the website of the *Orthodox Fellowship of the Transfiguration* (www.Orth-transfiguration.org) or contact the OFT office at (707) 573-3161 during afternoon and evening hours. —*Fred Krueger*

• SOME STATISTICS—FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

1. Active Adult Parishioners: **148**
2. Active Adult Parishioners who make regular offerings (reported Membership to Diocese): **120**
3. Average Sunday Attendance: **200** plus or minus
4. Current number of Adult *Cradle Orthodox**: **80** plus or minus
5. Number of Adult Converts: **68** (give or take)
6. Percentage of *Cradle* in Parish: **54%**
7. Percentage of Converts in Parish: **46%**
8. Parish Children under 18 yrs. of age: **50—65**
9. Children enrolled in Church School: **47** (we count about 15 more children not enrolled)
10. Number of children baptized from 1990 to 2005: **266**
11. Young Adults, ages 18–24: about **10 +/-** (this number should get us thinking considering #10 above...)

* *Cradle Orthodox* means baptized as an infant and raised in the faith

- BEING TOO BUSY:

People were always busy, people always worked, and in the past they were, in fact, much busier and had more obstacles to overcome in order to come to Church. In the last analysis it all depends where the treasure of man is—for there will be his heart. The only difference between the present and the past is—and I have repeated this many times—that in the past a man knew that he has to make an effort, and that today he expects from the Church an effort to adjust herself to him and his “possibilities.” The liturgical restoration must be thus the first challenge to secularism, the first judgment on the all-powerful “prince of this world.” — *Fr. Alexander Schmemmann*

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