as soon as possible. Lara and Carmen Anderson will direct the play. If there are any adults or teenagers that would like to assist in any way please contact me. We are looking forward to this Christmas season!

—Gloria Collins, 849-6135, gypsybootsie@att.net

• SENIOR LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP:

We thank Catherine Carpenter and Barbara Owens for preparing a delicious lunch last Thursday for the Senior Fellowship, and Zoya Drake for telling how she met her husband-to-be (at a Glen Miller dance) when the American army liberated Paris in August 1944. The next lunch will be on Thursday, November 14.

• FROM SAINT JOHN OF KRONSTADT:

St. John of Kronstadt was born in Russia in 1829, married and became a priest in 1855, and served in the port city of Kronstadt, Russia, until his death in 1908. Because of his fiery preaching, works of charity, countless healings and devotion to the Divine Liturgy, he was glorified as a saint in 1964 by the Russian Church Abroad. He is commemorated on October 19 and December 20. Below are a few random quotes from his spiritual diary.

Our faith, trust, and love are proved and revealed in adversities, that is, in difficult and grievous outward and inward circumstances, during sickness, sorrow, and privations.

Do not be irritated with those who sin; do not develop a habit of noticing every sin in others, and judging them, as we are so inclined to do. Everyone shall give an answer to God for himself. Correct your own sins; and amend your own heart.

With death all will be taken from us, all earthly goods, riches, beauty of body and raiment, spacious dwellings, etc., but the virtue of the soul, that incorruptible raiment, shall remain with us eternally.

When you are praying alone, and your spirit is dejected, and you are wearied and oppressed by your loneliness, remember then, as always, that God the Trinity looks upon you with eyes brighter than the sun; also all the angels, your own Guardian Angel, and all the Saints of God. Truly they do; for they are all one in God, and where God is, there are they also. Where the sun is, thither also are directed all its rays. Try to understand what this means.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday ~ October 20, 2013 Holy Great Martyr Artemius of Antioch

• 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 THE GREAT MARTYR ARTEMIUS, Tone Four: Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

• KONTAKION OF THE RESURRECTION, Tone Eight: By rising 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.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

• Saturday, Oct. 19: 7:30 AM, Picking Grapes

3:30 PM, Catechism

5 PM, Vigil

• Sunday, Oct. 20: 9 AM—Confessions; 10 AM—Divine Liturgy

11:30 AM, Church School

Noon, Agape Meal

12:45 PM, Sisterhood Meeting

• Wed., Oct. 23: 6 PM, Daily Vespers

• Thurs., Oct. 24: 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy at Kazan Skete

6 PM, Akathist

7 PM, Parish Council Meeting

• Sat., Oct. 26: 9 AM, Divine Liturgy for St. Demetrius

• USHER TODAY: George Barsi and Esther Schau

SISTERHOOD MEETING:

The Parish Women (all ages) and their husbands and supporters, are invited to a Sisterhood Meeting today, immediately after the Agape Meal.

• WELCOME:

We welcome Father Matthew and Matushka Teresa Tate, from Church of the Annunciation, in Milwaukie, OR. Father Matthew is the Dean of Missions for our Diocese.

TRAVEL BLESSINGS:

Our Choir Master Nicolas and his mother Myrtlerose will be traveling for the next six weeks. We are sad to say goodbye to our dear parishioner Asta Aristov, who has brought joy and delight to so many of us. Asta is moving back to LA to be with her son's family.

• BAPTISMS:

Next Sunday Will and his wife Tracey will be baptized at 9 AM, in the outdoor font, provided it's not raining. If it is raining, then the baptism will take place in the Protection Church. Please keep them in your prayers.

• RUSSIAN SLIDE SHOW / TRAVELOGUE / POTLUCK:

After Vespers, Saturday, October 26, Tatiana Castillo and Kate Willens will show photos and give commentary on their recent pilgrimage to Russia. Bring a dish to share for the potluck meal.

• CHARITY COMMITTEE:

The members of the Charity Committee will meet on **Sunday, October 27, at 1 PM** in the Protection Church to discuss disbursement of charitable funds for the year.

SCRIP:

George Artemoff will be managing the Parish Scrip transactions while Shenina is in Zimbabwe, Africa. Please be aware of the following opportunities. For every card that you buy, the parish receives a percentage of the purchase price. We have the following cards for sale: Starbucks—\$25; Raley's, Bell Air, Nob Hill Card—\$25 and \$100; Macy's—\$25; Target—\$50; Barnes and Noble—\$25; Safeway, Vonn's—\$25; CVS Drug Store—\$25; Peets Coffee—\$20; Discover Card—\$25, which is good at over 20 different venues; Home Depot—\$25. If you shop at any of these places you can use the cards as a credit card for the amount on the card and the parish gets some bucks. We also have Raley's and SHARES cards. They are the same as the Safeway discount card and you swipe them when you shop there and we get the credit although there is no discount. The SHARES card can be used at Save Mart Supermarkets, S-Mart Foods, FoodMax and Lucky stores. Those interested in buying any of these cards can contact me at gartemoff@yahoo.com. I will be near the bookstore this Sunday and most other Sundays during our lunch after liturgy. —George Artemoff

• PRAYERS:

The ill: Brigid Sturgeon, Asfaha, Bereket, Gebremeskel, Prisca, Marina Velichinsky, Seraphim, Grace Christina, Sister Christina, Alexander, James, John, Nun Elizabeth, Nina Jauwe. *Traveling:* Petar and Eugenia Griovski, Shenina (Zimbabwe). 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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES:

Fr. Lawrence has arranged for Amy Ramirez Margitich and her colleague from the family shelter of the local Catholic Charities to come to our Agape Meal on Sunday, November 17. They will speak to us about how we might participate in working with the shelter downtown. Of the various ways our parish can get involved, one is to fund one of the shelter's rooms for a year by offering \$100 per month.

• CHRISTMAS PLAY:

This year we will stage a Christmas play—put on by St Seraphim's Kids— to be performed on Saturday, December 21st following Vespers. We will have a potluck after Great Vespers, than a beautiful Christmas play to share with the parish. If your child would like to be part of this play, please email me as soon as possible. Rehearsals begin in November, so we need to have a head count