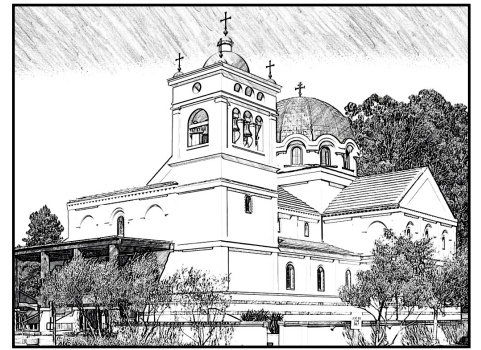


ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN
MAY 30, 2021**



- RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION, Tone Four:

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse, and elatedly told the Apostles: death is overthrown, Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

- TROPARION OF MID-FEAST, Tone Eight:

At Mid-feast give Thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of piety; for Thou, O Savior didst cry out to all: Whosoever is thirsty let him come to Me and drink. Wherefore, O Well-spring of Life, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

- KONTAKION OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN, Tone Eight:

The Samaritan woman came to the well in faith; she saw Thee, the Water of Wisdom and drank abundantly; she inherited the Kingdom on high and is ever glorified.

- KONTAKION OF MID-FEAST, Tone Four:

Christ God, the Creator and Master of all, cried to all in the midst of the feast of the Law: “Come and draw the water of immortality!” We fall before Thee and faithfully cry: “Grant us Thy mercies, for Thou art the Fountain of our life!”

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Saturday, May 29: 5 PM, Vigil / Confessions
- Sunday, May 30: 9:30 AM, Catechumen Prayers and exorcisms for Bibiana Vissoh
10 AM, Divine Liturgy
- Monday, May 31: Noon, Panikhida at Santa Rosa Memorial Cemetery (Memorial Day)
- Wednesday, June 2: 5 PM, Vespers
7 PM, Online study of the Resurrection of Christ
- Friday, June 4: 11:30 AM–1:30 PM, Confessions (in the Protection Church)

- YE FAITHFUL, PRAY FOR THE CATECHUMENS:

We welcome Bibiana Vissoh as a catechumen Sunday, 9:30 AM. Please keep her and Daryl in your prayers.

- MEMORIAL DAY AT THE CEMETERY:

A *Panikhida* will be served on Memorial Day, May 31, at Noon, at Santa Rosa Memorial Cemetery. I invite all of you to join me in praying for those who laid down their lives for their country, and as a public witness of our Orthodox Faith in prayerful action.

- PASCHAL MATINS / LEAVE-TAKING & ASCENSION:

On **Tuesday, June 8 at 6 PM**, we will celebrate the *Leave-taking of Pascha* with Matins. For the last time this year—perhaps the last in this life for some of us, God knows—we will sing “Christ is Risen” and all of the hymns of the glorious day of the Resurrection of the Savior. The following evening, **June 9 at 6 PM**, being forty days from Pascha, we will have a Vigil to mark the Ascension of Christ into Heaven. The Divine Liturgy for Ascension will be celebrated the next morning, **June 10 at 9 AM**.

- ST SERAPHIM WEEK IS AROUND THE CORNER:

If you have children, grandchildren or godchildren, you’ll want to enroll them in our *St. Seraphim Week for Kids* program. This annual “Church School” will take place June 14–18 from 10 AM to 2 PM. Volunteers will be needed to help out each morning for a couple of hours. Please contact Gloria Collins at (707) 849-6135, or see Niki or Anastasia after the Liturgy.

- ON LOVE, from St. Ignatius Brianchaninov:

Do not seek or expect love from anyone. With all your might, seek and demand from yourself love and compassion for people. Love for one’s neighbor is a path leading to love for God, because Christ, who is God, willingly assumed the shape of each of our neighbors. Give reverence to your neighbor as an image of God. Bear this reverence in your soul; keep it invisible to others and evident only to your conscience.

Pay respect to your neighbor without distinguishing between age, gender or class, and the holy love will gradually begin to appear in your heart. Show respect to the blind, leprous, damaged in mind, infants, criminals and pagans, for they carry an image of God. Care not about their weaknesses or shortcomings! Observe yourself so that you do not have a lack of love.

If you think that you love God, and there is ill disposition in your heart albeit toward one person, then you are in sorrowful self-delusion. Keep your conscience in relation to your neighbor: do not be content with the mere speciousness of your behavior.

Any Orthodox Christian who wants to leave behind carelessness and adopt a spiritually-attentive life and his own salvation must first pay attention to his relations with his neighbors. Love for God consists in love for one’s neighbor. He who has nurtured in himself love for one’s neighbor, acquires in his heart the invaluable spiritual treasure of love for God. Christ, revered and loved in our every neighbor, is the only reason for our love. He who loves his enemies has achieved perfection in love for his neighbor, and the gates of love for God are already open to him. Do not seek or expect love from anyone. With all your might, seek and demand from yourself love and compassion for people. Source: <https://pravlife.org/ru/content/svt-ignatij-bryanchaninov-11-fraz-o-lyubvi>

- DO NOT MISS LITURGY:

Liturgy is not a rigid thing to be repeated unconsciously. It is an expression of the human need to talk to the Lord, and to thank Him for His grace. Liturgy is spirit and life running through the veins of the body of the Church, and nurturing all its members. It revives the Church, the community and the individuals with the grace that is bestowed upon them. Hence, we are here before a precious gem. We should polish it and reveal its glorious face, stressing the essence of the liturgical practice which leads the believer to grow in Christ. It is therefore important to resort to all tools that enable the people to reach the depth of this inspiring liturgy, that they may take from it that which will help them attain salvation and understanding of the mystery of God. —*Patriarch John of Antioch*

- DIACONAL ORDINATION AND PRACTICUM:

Our parish will host the OCA sponsored workshop for deacons (last held here in 2019) July 26–29. This *Practicum* will culminate with a Vigil on July 28 at 5 PM, and the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on July 29 at 9:30 AM with the *Ordination to the Holy Diaconate* of Justin Margitich.

PROTECTION OF THE HOLY VIRGIN MARY ORTHODOX CHURCH

JUNE 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 30 – Samaritan Woman • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy	31 – Memorial Day • Noon, Memorial Day Panikhida at Santa Rosa Cemetery	JUNE 1	2 • 5 PM, Vespers • 7 PM, Online Study of Proverbs	3	4 • 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions	5 • 5 PM, Vigil/Confessions
6 – Blind Man • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy	7	8 • 6 PM, Paschal Matins for Leave-taking	9 – Leave-taking of Pascha • 9 AM, Divine Liturgy • 4 PM, Redwood Empire Food Bank • 6 PM, Vigil for Ascension of Christ	10 – ASCENSION OF CHRIST • 9 AM, Divine Liturgy for Ascension	11 • 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions	12 • 5 PM, Vigil/Confessions
13 – Holy Fathers • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy	14	15	16 • 5 PM, Vespers • 7 PM, Online Study of Proverbs	17	18 • 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions	19 • 5 PM, Vigil/Confessions for Pentecost
St Seraphim Week for Kids: 10 AM to 2 PM Monday–Friday						
20 – PENTECOST SUNDAY • 9 AM, Baptism (Daryl C.) • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy, Kneeling Vespers • Agape Meal	21 Fr. Lawrence on vacation—returns July 2	22	23 – No Fast • 4 PM, Redwood Empire Food Bank • 5 PM, Vespers for the Nativity of St. John the Baptist	24 – Nativity of St John • 9 AM, Divine Liturgy	25 – No Fast • 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions	26 • 5 PM, Great Vespers/Confessions
27 – All Saints Sunday • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • Agape Meal	28 – Fast Day • 5 PM, Great Vespers	29 – Sts. Peter and Paul • 9 AM, Divine Liturgy for Sts. Peter and Paul	30 <i>No Vespers</i>	JULY 1	2 • 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions	3 – St. John of San Francisco <i>Feast Day celebration in SF at Holy Virgin Cathedral</i> • 5 PM, Great Vespers/Confessions

• On Monday, July 5, the Divine Liturgy will be served at Fort Ross at **10:30 AM**, with the usual BYO picnic to follow

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JULY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 27 – All Saints <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • Noon, Agape Meal 	28 – Fast Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 PM, Great Vespers for Sts. Peter and Paul 	29 – Sts. Peter and Paul <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 AM, Divine Liturgy 	30 <i>No Vespers</i>	JULY 1	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions 	3 – St. John of SF <i>Feast Day celebrations in SF at Holy Virgin Cathedral</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 PM, Great Vespers/ Confessions
4 – All Saints of America/Russia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • Noon, Agape Meal 	5 – St. Sergius <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 AM, Divine Liturgy at Fort Ross 	6	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 PM, Vespers 	8	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 PM, Vigil/Confessions
11 – Blessed Princess Olga <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • Noon, Agape Meal <i>[afternoon departure to Church Summer Camp, returning Saturday]</i>	12 – St. Paisius <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 AM, Sts. Peter and Paul Russian Orthodox Church, Parish Feast Day Liturgy 	13	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 PM, Food Bank • 5 PM, Vespers 	15 – St. Vladimir <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 AM, Divine Liturgy 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 PM, Vigil/Confessions
18 – Grand Duchess Elizabeth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • Noon, Agape Meal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 PM, Vigil for St. Seraphim 	19 – St. Seraphim Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy for feast of St. Seraphim 	20	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 PM, Vespers 	22 - St. Mary Magdalen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 AM, Divine Liturgy 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 PM, Vigil/Confessions
25 – Dormition of St. Anna <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • Noon, Agape Meal 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 PM, Vespers, Dinner, welcome Diaconal participants 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 AM, Divine Liturgy, Breakfast and Diaconal Practicum • 5 PM, Vespers 	28 <i>Consecration Anniversary</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 AM, Divine Liturgy, Breakfast and Diaconal Practicum • 4 PM, Food Bank • 5 PM, VIGIL 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and Ordination to the Diaconate of Justin Margitich • Banquet to follow 	30 No Confessions	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 PM, Matins with the bringing out of the Precious Cross

• The Parish will host the 14th Diaconal Practicum July 26–29. Please consider offering some time to help with hospitality and food prep.