

• CHURCH SCHOOL:

We hope to begin in-person Church School on Sunday, September 12. Registration will begin next Sunday, August 15. Questions should be directed to John Gilluly, our new School Director.

• REDWOOD EMPIRE FOOD BANK:

The parish hosts the Food Bank on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The Food Bank provides the food, the administration and the equipment. Our parish provides the place, the help and distribution. Speak with Lydia Nicholson about participating, or just show up on Wednesday at 4:30 PM.

## SAVE THE DATE

For our 3rd Annual Camp Glendi

**WHEN:**

4 PM, Friday, September 17 — Saturday, September 18  
after Vespers

**WHERE:**

St. Seraphim 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 Parish Hall.  
Meals, activities and s'mores provided  
More details to follow...

# ST. SERAPHIM CATHEDRAL

## PROTECTION OF THE HOLY VIRGIN ORTHODOX CHURCH



August 8, 2021

## Post-Feast of Transfiguration



• TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION, Tone Six:

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hades, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin granting life. O Lord who didst rise from the dead: Glory to Thee.

• TROPARION OF TRANSFIGURATION, Tone Seven:

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, O Christ our God, showing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it. By the prayers of the Theotokos, let Thine everlasting light shine forth upon us sinners. O Giver of Light, glory to Thee.

• KONTAKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, Tone Seven:

On the mountain wast Thou transfigured, O Christ God, and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it; so that when they would behold Thee crucified, they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary, and would proclaim to the world that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.

## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Saturday, August 7–10: **No Services**
- Wednesday, August 11: 4 PM, Redwood Empire Food Bank  
5 PM, Supplicatory Canon
- Thursday, August 12: 5 PM, Supplicatory Canon
- Friday, August 13: 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions  
5 PM, Supplicatory Canon
- Saturday, August 14: 8:30 AM to Noon, WORK PARTY  
5 PM, Vigil for the Resurrection/Dormition
- Sunday, August 15: 10 AM, Divine Liturgy for the Lord's Day and the Feast of Dormition

- SUSPENSION OF SERVICES THIS WEEKEND:

Tom Pellizzer has given me permission to share with you the news that he tested positive for covid yesterday (Denise tested negative). Since he was singing in church with others, we will suspend liturgical services this weekend (with the advice and blessing of Bishop Daniel). Hopefully we will resume mid-week. I regret having to suspend services, especially during this wonderful post-festal time of Transfiguration and while we are preparing for Dormition, but we want to avoid an outbreak here at the parish. If you know of anyone who plans to come to Church, that does not get this email notice, please give them a heads up.

- GOSPEL AND SERMON:

The Gospel reading for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (this weekend) is Matthew 9:27ff. You can read that [HERE](#) along with the appointed Epistle. For a wonderful homily for the day by Father Peter Robicheau (who used to visit us frequently), please click [HERE](#).

- WORK PARTY:

The Parish Council has scheduled a work party for Saturday, August 14, from 8:30 to Noon. Please mark your calendar. I am hoping for many hands. **Tasks:** light gardening around the Protection Church; scrape weeds in front and back parking lots; weed around playground; replace dead light-bulbs, outside lighting; clean floor in Protection Church; remove old security-camera wires from Protection Church and rectory. A full list will be posted on the GROUPS email forum. —*Matushka Ann*

- DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY:

The Diocesan Assembly (gathering of clergy and representatives from all the parishes of the Diocese of the West) will be held this year in Las Vegas, NV at St. Paul Orthodox Church, October 11–14. Our representatives will be Michael Dovey, Alexander Stameroff, Deacon Justin and myself, along with Emma Anderson, who will attend as an official observer and to help sing at the liturgical services.

- AUGUST 15 ~ FEAST OF DORMITION:

The Feast Day of the Dormition, August 15, directs our attention to final things: our death, the Lord's promise to raise us from death to life-eternal, and of course, the great example of the fulfillment of that promise in the death and *translation* of the Holy Virgin Mary. The feast celebrates her death and her being raised to the *life of the age to come*—which is why we call it a *translation*. This feast is a *Pascha of the Theotokos*, her “translation” from her death to the resurrection, from earth to heaven. The Vigil will be on Saturday, August 14 at 5 PM, with Liturgy on Sunday. We expect His Grace, Bishop Daniel to be praying with us for the Vigil. He plans to serve at the Monastery feast day in Calistoga the next day.

- ON THE TRANSFIGURATION:

The Feast of the Transfiguration is a revelation not just of the identity of our Lord Jesus, but of our potential identity as well. You see, the whole of the Orthodox Faith is about shaping you and me to be “like Christ.” All our liturgies, spiritual disciplines, prayers, actions, homilies, and worship are designed to so reshape you and me that we take on the likeness of Jesus Christ Himself. The ultimate work in the Eucharist is to have us take Christ within us so that we can be “fed” by Him and become “like” Him. After all, you are what you eat! Today, are you satisfied with playing at the periphery of this awesome truth, or are you finally willing to press into this wondrous Faith with purpose and love? Are you willing to be made into His likeness by the collected wisdom of 20 centuries of Orthodox insight, or will you be satisfied merely standing in the “narthex” of the Faith? On this Feast Day when He reveals Himself AND reveals what you could be, it's time to be Orthodox on Purpose! —*Father Barnabas Powell*, [from his blog post](#)