

• REMINDER FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL:

Parents or adult guardians are responsible for the safety and supervision of their children while on Church property. Young children may not roam the property without parental supervision. In addition, *children are not allowed to play in the vineyard, behind the Church School or Hall, or in the parking lots.* Parents, you are the playground monitors. —Fr. Lawrence, Parish Council

• FRESCO PROJECT CONTINUES:

From now until Nativity Fr. Patrick and Heirodeacon Moses will be preparing and then painting frescos in the side aisles, starting with [St. Alban](#) of Britain and [St. Germanus](#) of Auxerre in France. Other saints in the south aisle are Sts. Porphyrios and Paisius, St. Spyridon, St. Panteliemon, St. Moses the Black, Sts. Gregory of Nyssa, John of Kronstadt, Ignatius Brianchaninov, Isaac the Syrian and others. In the north aisle, we have Sts. Sunniva of Norway, Xenia of Petersburg, Stephanie the Martyr, Tatiana, Nona, Anastasia, Elizabeth (mother of St. John) and others. We estimate that painting will take place, once the drawings are set, the weeks of Nov. 15, 22, 29 and Dec. 13. We are still waiting for news about when travel visas will be

issued to the painters from Minsk that will work with Fr. Patrick. There are diplomatic issues going on now, which have prevented them from coming.

• SQUARE DANCE:

St. Nicholas will host a dance. Let's make it a multi-parish get-together.

• IOCC DINNER:

The annual International Orthodox Christian Charities will hold its annual event, Nov. 7, 4–7 PM, at Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church in Moraga. More info

[HERE.](#)

ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH
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Square Dance



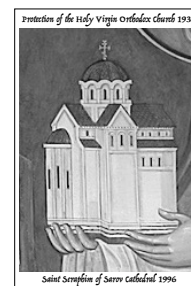
OUTDOORS!
DRESS WARMLY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29 - 6:30 TO 10:00 PM

Please bring a fast-friendly appetizer to share. BYOB.
Costumes are encouraged! But, nothing ghoulish please.
Questions? Contact Tatyana Fateyeva at (415) 342-2278
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ST. SERAPHIM CATHEDRAL

PROTECTION OF THE HOLY VIRGIN ORTHODOX CHURCH



October 17, 2021

Prophet Hosea



• 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 PROPHET HOSEA, Tone Two:

As we celebrate the memory of Thy Prophet Hosea, O Lord, through him we beseech Thee to save our souls..

• KONTAKION OF THE RESURRECTION, Tone Eight:

By raising 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.

• KONTAKION OF THE PROPHET HOSEA, Tone Two:

Enlightened by the Spirit, thy heart was a vessel of illustrious prophecy, seeing far-off things as though they were present. Therefore, we venerate thee, glorious Prophet Hosea.

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ACTIVITIES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Saturday, Oct. 16: 3:30 PM, Catechism, *On the Human Being*
5 PM, Vigil / Confessions
- Sunday, Oct. 17: 10 AM, Divine Liturgy
11:30 AM, Church School
Noon, Agape
3 PM, *Cantiamo Sonoma, free concert*
- Wednesday, Oct. 20: 5 PM, Vespers
5:30 PM, 40th Day Trisagion for Laura Mayo
- Thursday, Oct. 21: 9 AM, Divine Liturgy (Protection Church)
7 PM, Parish Council Meeting
7 PM, Bible Study with Fr. James via Zoom
- Friday, Oct. 22: 11:30 AM–1:30 PM, Confessions
- Saturday, Oct. 23: *At the Monastery in Calistoga, 9 AM, Memorial Liturgy and Feast of St. James*
3:30 PM, Catechism, *On Sin*
5 PM, *Vespers only* / Confessions
7:30 PM, *Concert (Sonoma Bach Choir)*
- Sunday, Oct. 24: 10 AM, Divine Liturgy
11:30 AM, Church School
Noon, Agape
3 PM, *Concert (Sonoma Bach Choir)*

• DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY:

The annual Diocesan Assembly of parish delegates, clergy and bishops was held this last week in Las Vegas at St. Paul Orthodox Church. Our delegates will give a brief description of the proceedings and their experience at the Assembly in the Parish Hall at the Agape Meal on Sunday.

• PROPHET HOSEA:

The Holy Prophet Hosea the first of the minor prophets, belonged to the tribe of Issachar. He lived during the ninth century before Christ, in the kingdom of Israel. He was a contemporary of the holy Prophets Isaiah, Micah and Amos. During this time, many of his fellow Israelites had forgotten the true God, and worshipped idols. The holy Prophet Hosea attempted to turn them again to the faith of their Fathers by his wise counsels. Denouncing the iniquities of the people of Israel (i.e. the northern

kingdom Israel), the prophet proclaimed to them great misfortunes from a foreign people and their removal into captivity by Assyria. Almost a thousand years before the coming of the Savior, and through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the prophet foretold the end of sacrificial offerings and of the priesthood of Aaron (Hos. 3:4-5), and that the knowledge of the True God would spread through all the earth (Hos. 2:20-23). Hosea spoke also about Christ, how He would return from out of Egypt (Hos. 11:1; compare Mt. 2:15), that He would be resurrected on the third day (Hos. 6 and especially Hos.6:2; compare with 1 Cor. 15:4), and that He would conquer death (Hos.13-14; compare [1 Cor. 15:54-55](#)). The prophesies of Saint Hosea are included in the book that bears his name. The prophetic service of Saint Hosea continued for more than sixty years. The God-inspired prophet died in deep old age, having devoted all his life to fulfilling the will of God. —*oca.org*

• REGARDING THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER, LUKE 8:5:

...although we may have a heart that is cold and calloused, or a heart that is shallow and superficial, or a heart that has become infected by worldly affections, it is still possible for us to overcome these deficiencies. There is hope for us to move ourselves from a state of spiritual barrenness to a state of spiritual fruitfulness, if only we are willing to work with God in order to make it happen. And so, everything in this parable therefore points to the task of preparing, cleansing, and nurturing the soil so that the seed of God's word might come to life and blossom in the way it should. This, too, is why we practice the ascetical disciplines within the life of the Church....we begin our life of faith by keeping God's commandments (the commandments "heal" the heart that has been "asphalted" by habitual sin). Prayer, fasting, and the liturgy of the Church deepen and furrow the heart in preparation for the implantation of the word. —*Fr Paul Jannakos*

• CONCERTS HERE:

The outstanding *Cantiamo Sonoma Choir* will give a free concert here this Sunday, in front of the Cathedral, at 3 PM. The program will include a variety of *a cappella* choral music spanning from the Renaissance to the present.

The Cathedral will also host a concert (inside the church) by the Sonoma Bach [Green Mountain Singers](#) next Saturday, Oct. 23 at 7:30 PM, and Sunday, Oct. 24 at 3 PM. This very fine small ensemble will sing Tomás Luís de Victoria's *Requiem* composed in 1603. Space is limited, so purchase tickets now.