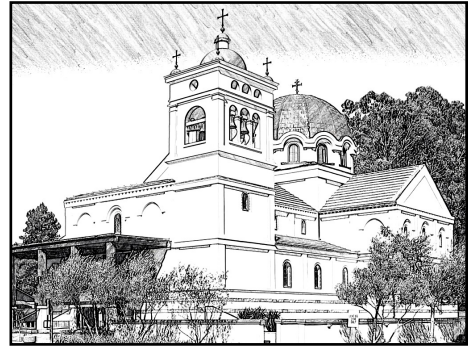


ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, June 26, 2022

All Saints of Russia and America



- TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION, Tone One:

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ; glory to Thy kingdom; glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind.

- TROPARION OF ALL SAINTS of RUSSIA & AMERICA, Tone Eight:

As a beautiful fruit of the sowing of Thy salvation, our land doth offer Thee, O Lord, all the saints that have shone in it. By their prayers keep the Church and our land in peace, through the Theotokos, O Most Merciful One.

- KONTAKION OF ALL SAINTS, Tone Three:

Today the choir of saints who pleased God in the lands of Russia and America stands forth in the Church and invisibly prays to God for us. With them the angels glorify Him, and all the saints of the Church of Christ keep festival, and together they pray to the Eternal God for us.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Saturday, June 25: 11 AM, Baptism of Kassiani Ramirez
5 PM, Vigil for the Resurrection and All Saints
- Sunday, June 26: 9:40 AM, Hours
10 AM, Divine Liturgy
Noon, Agape Meal
- Tuesday, June 28: 6 PM, Vespers for the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul (in St. Seraphim)
- Wed., June 29: 9 AM, Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul
6 PM, Daily Vespers (**Please note new time**)
- Friday, July 1: 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions

- MANY YEARS:

Congratulations to Mica Anastasia and Tito Vincente and the whole family on the occasion of the baptism of their daughter Kassiana, Saturday, June 25. Many Years.

- CHURCH CAMP:

Some of our parish youth will be going to the Deanery Church Camp, leaving here on Sunday

afternoon, returning on Saturday before the Vigil (hopefully, depending on traffic). I will also attend camp, so will be away this coming week. If any pastoral needs arise, please call Fr. Nicholas at (707) 318-5391. —*Fr Lawrence*

- JULY 4th PILGRIMAGE at FORT ROSS:

There will be a Divine Liturgy at the Fort Ross chapel on July 4, 10:30 AM. Bring a hat, umbrella and a folding chair. Pack a picnic to enjoy after the Divine Liturgy.

- ON THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS OF RUSSIA AND AMERICA:

Reverently the Church watches for any signs of grace which witness and confirm the earthly struggle of the departed. By an inner sight the Church recognizes both the righteous living and departed, and the feeling of the Church is sealed by the witness of the priesthood of the Church. In this recognition of its brothers and members who have “attained to perfection” consists the mystical essence of that which in the Christian West is termed the “canonization of saints,” and which is understood by the Orthodox East as their glorification, magnification and blessedness. And firstly it is a glorification of God “Wondrous is the Lord in His saints.” “God’s saints,” said St. John of Damascus, “reigned over and mastered their passions and kept uninjured the likeness unto the image of God, according to which they were created; they of their own free will united themselves with God and received Him into the habitation of their heart, and having thus received Him in communion, through grace, they became in their very nature like unto Him.” In them God rests—and they became “the treasures and the pure habitations of God.” In this the mystery was accomplished. For as the ancient fathers said—*the Son of God became man so that men could be deified, so that sons of men should become sons of God*. And in the righteous who attain to love this measure of growth and “likening” unto Christ is fulfilled. “The Saints in their lifetime already were filled with the Holy Spirit,” continues St. John of Damascus, “and when they died the grace of the Holy Spirit was still present with their souls and with their bodies in the graves, and with their images and with their holy ikons not because of their nature but because of grace and its activity... the saints are alive and with daring they stand before the Lord; they are not dead ... the death of saints is more like falling asleep than death,” for they “abide in the hand of God,” that is, in life and in light... and after He Who is Life itself and the source of life was ranked among the dead, we consider no more as dead those who depart with a hope of resurrection and with faith in Him.” And it is not only to get help and intercession that the Holy Spirit teaches every believer to pray to the glorified saints but also because this calling on them, through communion in prayer, deepens the consciousness of the catholic unity of the Church. In our invocation of the saints our measure of Christian love is exhibited, a living feeling of unanimity and of the power of Church unity is expressed; and, conversely, doubt or inability to feel the intercession of grace and the intervention of saints on our behalf before God witnesses not only to a weakening of love and of the brotherly and Church ties and relationships but also to a decrease in the fulness of faith in the Ecumenical value and power of the Incarnation and Resurrection. —*Fr*

Georges Florovsky

- COUNTING THE COST

...we will never make a more important decision in our lives. How we live now, and where we will live in the future—that is to say spend eternity—will depend on how we respond to Christ. “Follow Me,” said Jesus, “because I offer you salvation. Follow Me because I bring you the life-giving message of Truth. Follow Me because I need witnesses in this land where God is being stricken from all formal teachings in schools and the public square.” There is a strange psychology being promoted in our land, and it’s this:

the person who holds and makes and commits to certain religious convictions regarding Christ, and who lives in accordance with the Gospel, is called narrow minded. But the individual who cannot make up his mind, who lives in accordance with the world one day and in accordance with his own philosophy another day is called broad-minded, open-minded. Jesus shattered that sophomoric approach to the Christian Gospel forever when He said, “He who is not with me is against me.” Glory be to Him Who has come, and has revealed Himself in the multitude of saints; glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen. —*Fr. Michael Margitich (student of Fr Georges Florovsky, from a sermon in 2010)*

- ATTITUDE OF A SAINT:

We are not enjoined to adjudicate and control the world. And we are also not called to revolution, but to prayer. We mustn't compel, but impel by love. Neither punching down nor punching up—this is our way. And when pressured to disobey God, we are called to accept humble martyrdom instead of rising up with violence. No other ethic has been given us. —*borrowed*

- ORTHODOX LIFE SCHOOL:

This year marks the return of the [Orthodox Life School](#), last held in 2019. Our parish was represented by the Svanes, the Candelarios, and James Carr at the recent event. Twelve young adults came to the Monastery of St John in Manton from all over the country for a week of prayer, spiritual formation, labour for Christ, and community service. If you weren't able to make it, we encourage you to register next year. And if you've never been to the monastery in Manton, we encourage you to go as often as possible. —*Josef Candelario*

- YOUNG ADULTS: PARAKLESIS & PIZZA~JULY 7TH, 6PM:

Come and join us for an evening of hymning the Theotokos, food and fellowship, and a talk by our own missionary priest Fr Theodor Svane on Orthodoxy in Norway. All are welcome regardless of age. RSVP to STS.Y2AM@gmail.com so that we can prepare accordingly. Let us know if you're gluten free.

- HUMAN LIFE IS SACRED AND INVIOABLE:

The recognition of each human person as created in the image and likeness of God, destined for eternal life and therefore, sacred and inviolable, is a cornerstone of Christianity. Through the Church's canons, dogma, and moral code across the centuries, we have affirmed this understanding of human life from the womb to the tomb. These convictions are taught and witnessed by the Orthodox Church in all its manifestations around the world today. All human life is both sacred and inviolable, regardless of age, health, or any other status. Human life, including free will, is rightly understood as a gift from God, meant to be cherished and respected. We are all meant to “have life, and have it abundantly,” as we know from our Good Shepherd (John 10:10-11). When human life is understood in this way, we are inclined to care deeply for one another and to cherish and protect each and every person. —*Excerpt from the June 19, 2022 statement from the Assembly of Orthodox Bishops in America*

...the pro-life cause is built upon natural and moral realities: scientific facts about when new human life begins and sound philosophy about the profound dignity and worth of every member of the human family. Yes, many religious traditions witness to these same truths. And if secularists can't accept these realities, so much the worse for secularism. But laws banning fetal homicide are no more and no less an establishment of religion than laws banning adult homicide. Laws protecting people from the violence of abortion are no more and no less the imposition of morality than laws protecting people from other forms of violent assault. —*R. Anderson, First Things magazine*

PROTECTION OF THE HOLY VIRGIN MARY ORTHODOX CHURCH

JULY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 – All Saints of Amer/Russia • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • Noon, Agape Meal <i>Depart to Church Camp</i>	27	28 • 6 PM, Great Vespers for the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul	29 – Sts. Peter and Paul • 9 AM, Divine Liturgy for the Feast (end of the Apostles Fast) • 6 PM, Vespers	30	JULY 1 • 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions in Protection Church	2 – St. John of San Francisco <i>Services at Holy Virgin Cathedral in SF</i> • 5 PM, Vigil/Confessions
3 – Martyr Hyacinth • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • Noon, Agape Meal	4 – St. Andrew of Crete <i>10:30 AM, Divine Liturgy and BYO picnic at Fort Ross</i>	5	6 • 6 PM, Vespers	7 • 6 PM, Young Adult Gathering: <i>Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos & BBQ</i>	8 • 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions	9 • 5 PM, Vigil/Confessions
10 – St Anthony of Kiev • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • Noon, Agape Meal	11	12 • 9:30 AM, Liturgy at Sts. Peter and Paul on Stony Point Rd. for the patronal feast	13 • 4 PM, Redwood Empire Food Bank • 6 PM, Vespers	14	15 • 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions	16 • 5 PM, Vigil/Confessions
17 – Royal Passion Bearers • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • Noon, Agape Meal	18 • 6 PM, Vigil for St. Seraphim	19 – St. Seraphim Day • 9 AM, Divine Liturgy for St. Seraphim (anniversary of his glorification)	20 - Prophet Elijah • 6 PM, Vespers	21	22 <i>No Confessions</i>	23 • 5 PM, Vigil/Confessions
24 – Martyr Christina of Tyre • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • Noon, Agape Meal • 1 PM, Parish Council Mtg	25 • 6 PM, Vespers for St. Jacob of Alaska	26 – St. Jacob of Alaska • 9 AM, Divine Liturgy for St. Jacob	27 • 4 PM, Redwood Empire Food Bank • 6 PM, Vespers	28 – Consecration Day • 9 AM, Divine Liturgy, Anniv. of Consecration of St. Seraphim	29 • 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions	30 • 5 PM, Vigil/Confessions
31 – St. Germanus of Auxerre • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • Noon, Agape Meal	AUGUST 1 Dormition Fast Begins	2 • 6 PM, Supplicatory Canon	3 • 6 PM, Supplicatory Canon	4 • 6 PM, Supplicatory Canon	5 • 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions • 6 PM, Vigil for Transfiguration	6 – Transfiguration • 9 AM, Divine Liturgy, blessing of fruit/vineyard • 5 PM, Vespers only

- Fr Lawrence will be at the Diocesan Church Camp from **June 27–July 2**, and attending the All American Council of the OCA in Baltimore from **July 15–22**
- Please note that weekday evening services are now at 6 PM. Saturday evening Vigil remains at 5 PM
- We are expecting the fresco painters from Minsk, Ekaterina and her husband Anton Daineko, to arrive here July 18.