

• TRUE SALVATION:

The Resurrection of Jesus, my Beloved, was the *ultimate* human experience. For the first time, a human brain and a human nervous system were suffused from within by the energies of the Resurrection. The whole, material universe begins to be transformed from that moment to what Paul will call “the fullness of Christ.” For the first time, a human heart pulsed with a life beyond the power of death, the pulsation of a heart which will never stop. For all eternity that heart will beat. Jesus was thereby manifest as the “firstborn from the dead” as he is called in the book of Revelation. His experience of rising from the dead, the first man to do so, is the secure promise of the glory that awaits all those who are joined to him in faith and Divine Grace. This will be the final stage of Salvation. The final stage of Salvation will come only at the end of the world. You see, even dying and going to heaven is not the last stage. It’s a rather *important* one, but it’s not the last stage. True *Soteria*—True Salvation—is found when our bodies will rise in glory.

—[Father Patrick Henry Reardon](#)

• GLENDI PARISH BBQ:

Once again the parish will host a “Glendi BBQ” on the third Sunday of September, 9/18/22. There will be games for kids starting at 2 PM, and the BBQ from 4–7 PM. More info to follow.

• CONTEMPLATION:

Learn how to “profit” from moments of beauty. Such moments dispose the soul to pray. They make her delicate, noble and poetic. Rise up in the early morning. Go to gaze on the rising of the Sun, the king, in purple hue above the sea. When beautiful scenery, a small chapel or anything lovely inspires your enthusiasm, do not delay. Go beyond the object itself: for everything of beauty, give glory so as to live with the only true Beauty. All is holy, the sea, swimming in the sea and our food. Be joyful in everything. All things enrich us, everything draws us to the great Love, everything draws us to Christ!

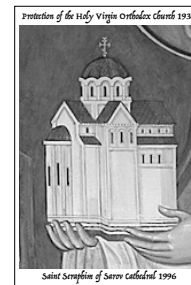
—*St. Porphyrios*



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August 21, 2022

Post-Feast of the Dormition



• 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 THE DORMITION, Tone One:

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity. In falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos. Thou wast translated to life, O Mother of Life, and by thy prayers thou dost deliver our souls from death.

• TROPARION OF THE APOSTLE THADDEUS, Tone Three:

O holy Apostle Thaddaeus, intercede with the merciful God, that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offenses.

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- KONTAKION OF THE DORMITION, Tone Two:
The grave and death, could not hold the Theotokos, who is unsleeping in her intercessions, and an unfading hope in her mediations. For as the Mother of Life, she was translated to Life by the One Who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Saturday, August 20: 5 PM, Vespers for the Lord's Day/Confessions
- Sunday, August 21: 10 AM, Divine Liturgy
11:45 AM, Agape Meal
3–8 PM, Area Teen Get Together/BBQ
- Wednesday, August 24: 6 PM, Vespers
7 PM, Reading Group (Hall or Library)
- Thursday, August 25: 6 PM, Supplicatory Canon (Protection Church)
7 PM, Parish Council Meeting (Hall)
- Friday, August 26: 11:30–1 PM, Confessions (Protection Church)

- TEEN EVENT:

Our parish will host Orthodox teens from Deanery Parishes on Sunday, August 21, from 3–8 PM. We could use volunteers to help with food prep, set up and cleaning. Please let me know ASAP if: 1) you have a teen who would like to attend and/or 2) you are available to help in any way. We started these monthly activities for our teens last year and they were a huge success. You can register [HERE](#). —*Vicky Basch, (707) 291-2369*

- READING GROUP:

We will begin a reading group on Wednesday, August 24 at 7 PM, in the Parish Library, starting with the book *Laurus*. Daniel DeCarlo will be the coordinator and moderator for this group. All are welcome. Josef Candelario has copies of this book for sale.

- PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON THURSDAY:

Parish Council Members, please mark your calendar for the monthly meeting on Thursday, August 25 at 7 PM.

- MASTER PLANNING:

Also upcoming is a Master Planning meeting on Sunday, August 28 at 1

PM. The discussion will focus on the use of area behind the Parish Hall.

- CHURCH SCHOOL:

Church School Classes begin on Sunday, September 11. Register after the Divine Liturgy. An online registration is available: Use your phone camera (once you get your phone out of the car, where it's been during the Liturgy), open the camera app, and scan the QR code posted by the door. It will take you to the online registration.

- START TIME OF SUNDAY LITURGY:

We are going ahead with proposed 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy—starting Sunday, September 4. In one sense, this half-hour earlier represents a major change, in that we've had a 10 AM Liturgy for about forty years. On the other hand, it is only a half-hour difference in time, which for some will be inconvenient, and for one or two, perhaps not even possible. For most, the change is not radical, considering that work and school during the weekdays begin much earlier than 9:30 AM. I encourage you to be open to the possibility that we, as a parish, might get used to the change. It was suggested to me that those folks who come to services late (that's a bad habit for most, although for a few, unavoidable because of responsibilities) will end up arriving at Liturgy much later. That's a choice that our late-comers will have to consider. I remind you, that whatever hardship the half-hour change presents, this Sunday 9:30 switch is for a trial period. Originally, I indicated three months, however, let's evaluate the change after **two months**. Two additional time changes will also be made, which I think many will be happy about: First, on Saturday evening we return to the celebration of a full Vespers, rather than the greatly abbreviated and poorly-attended Vigil that we have been doing for the last two years. Vespers is a wonderful beginning of the celebration of the Lord's Day, and as such a part of our preparation for receiving Holy Communion. It is also "just right" for inviting guests, visitors and inquirers. Secondly, we will also begin **weekday Liturgies** at 9:30 AM, simply for consistency. —*Fr. Lawrence*

- PILGRIMAGE:

Matushka Ann and I will be going on a pilgrimage to the ancient sacred sites of Italy, September 20–October 6. You can see details of this pilgrimage, led by Fr. Ilya Gotlinski of Orthodox Tours [HERE](#). Matushka Eleanor will also be traveling. She will visit my brother and his family in Plymouth, MA, departing here Sept. 19. —*Fr. Lawrence*