

- NEW MINISTRY:

Many months ago I challenged the Parish membership to begin a new ministry, in which we could humbly and simply begin to do outreach to pregnant and postpartum women in need. There are many, many and various organizations which do this kind of work—I believe our parish is now ready to participate. There are well-funded and developed Orthodox organizations such as [Zoe for Life](#), currently—we are looking at how they started their own work. Since that “appeal” which I offered during the summer, I have had the pleasure of meeting with some of our members on the how/what/when of developing outreach. We decided to begin in a manageable and simple way with a “diaper bank” (obviously, with diapers, wipes and some other necessary items), with the launch date during the Nativity Fast. Our committee will have a brief meeting after Vespers on Saturday, Oct. 22. —*Fr Lawrence*

- ICONOGRAPHERS RETURNING:

Our Minsk Icon painters, Anton and Ekaterina Daineko, will be returning to us on November 23. Fr Patrick decided that he and Anton will work on the north wall of the transept, starting as soon as possible after their arrival. We hope that they will be with us for at least four months.

- ST. JAMES THE BROTHER OF GOD:

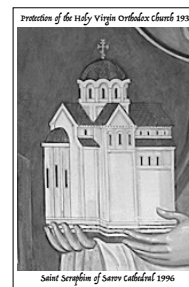
Saint James the *Brother of God*, was the first bishop of Jerusalem. He was the son of Joseph, the betrothed of the Most-Holy Theotokos, by his first wife, and was considered by the Jews as the brother of the Lord Jesus Christ. He was also called the *Brother of God* for the following reasons: First, for his wonderful state of being and many virtues, on account of which he was also called “Just.” Second, since he was not numbered among the the Twelve Apostles, he was thus given the privilege of being called “Brother of God.” He was honored more than all of his brothers and also by all the Apostles, and his opinion was taken into serious account, as witnessed in the Acts of the Apostles. —*borrowed*

- HALL RENTAL:

The Hall will be used by our choral friends, *Cantiamo*, on Saturday, November 5, all day. They also plan to sing two concerts here, December 2 and 2. Please see this [LINK for tickets](#).

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Holy Apostle James, Brother of the Lord



- TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION, Tone Two:

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life-Immortal, Thou didst slay hades with the splendor of Thy Godhead; and when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of Heaven cried out: O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to Thee.

- TROPARION OF THE APOSTLE JAMES, Tone Four:

As a disciple of the Lord, O righteous one, thou hast received the Gospel. As a Martyr thou art never turned away. As the Brother of God thou hast boldness. As a hierarch thou canst intercede. Do thou intercede with Christ God that He save our souls.

- KONTAKION OF THE RESURRECTION, Tone Two:

Hades became afraid, O Almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb. The dead arose, creation with Adam beheld this and rejoiced with Thee; and the world, O my Savior, praises Thee forever.

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- KONTAKION OF THE APOSTLE JAMES, Tone Four:

The Word of God, the Father's Only-begotten Son, came down and dwelt here in our midst in these last times. He then appointed thee as the first shepherd of all-holy Jerusalem, and He made thee her teacher and a faithful steward of lofty spiritual mysteries. For this cause, as is meet, O wondrous James, O blessed Apostle, we all praise and honor thee.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Sat., Oct. 22: 3 PM, Wedding Shower in Hall
3:30 PM, Catechism *On the True God*
5 PM, Great Vespers / Confessions
6 PM, Women's Support Group Mtg.
- Sun., Oct. 23: 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy
11:15 AM, Church School
11:30 AM, Agape Meal
12:30-ish, Parish Council Meeting
- Tues., Oct. 25: 6 PM, Great Vespers with Litya (blessing of bread, wheat, wine, oil) for St. Demetrios
- Wed., Oct. 26: 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy for the Great Martyr Demetrios
4 PM, Redwood Empire Food Bank
6 PM, Daily Vespers
6:45 PM, Presentation on the ancient holy sites of Italy (*with Matushka Ann and Fr. Lawrence*)
- Thurs., Oct. 27: 6 PM, Supplicatory Canon (Protection Church)
7 PM, Bible Study with Fr. James
7 PM, in Calistoga—Panikhida for Serge Moroz
- Fri., Oct. 28: 11 AM, in Calistoga—Funeral for Serge Moroz

- BRIDAL SHOWER TODAY:

Eleni Rose cordially invites the parish women to a Bridal Shower for Raquel Llamas (wedding to Dr. John Fullerton is Nov. 13) in the Parish Hall from 3–4:30 PM. Please bring “finger food” to share. Raquel is registered at

<https://tinyurl.com/3vyeunap>

- PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The Council will meet on Sunday in the Parish Library. Serge Anderson will gather us together at about 12:30 PM or so.

- FUNERAL SERVICES FOR SERGE MOROZ:

Due to the funeral on Friday, Oct. 28, there will be no confessions here.

- MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BEING ORGANIZED:

The men of the parish—of all ages—are invited to attend a brief organizational meeting **Sunday, Oct. 30**, about Noon (we will probably gather at a picnic table outside). Our goal will be to discuss some of the service, fellowship and pilgrimage activities we might do in the next six months. Please speak with Ole Kern or Daniel DeCarlo if you have any questions.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

- SACRED SITES OF ITALY: Wednesday, Oct. 26, 6:45 PM: Following Vespers, Matushka Ann and I will offer a brief survey of the sacred and ancient sites of Italy, with photos from our recent trip there. —*Fr L*
- ICON PRESENTATION: Sunday, Oct. 30, 4 PM: Come and participate in a presentation by Fathers Patrick and Moses on the paintings just completed, with a word on beauty, as expressed in icons, hymns, vestments, carving and singing. A flyer has been posted. We will live-stream the event.
- SQUARE DANCE: Friday, Nov. 4, 6:30 PM: Our sister parish of St. Nicholas in San Anselmo will be hosting a *Square Dance* on Friday, November 4th—outside in the courtyard, weather permitting. Join them for a night of fun and fellowship! Come at the start to become familiar with the basics. It's easy to catch on, don't be shy! The event is free. Children are welcome. Please bring a vegetarian snack or beverage to share. “Western attire” is encouraged! Invite your friends. Be there or be square! See more [HERE](#).

- TREE REMOVAL:

Many thanks to Andrew Merriss and John Gilluly and the crew that cut down and chipped the catalpa and the silver oak trees this week. We are very sad to see these beautiful trees be removed, but it was necessary due to decay. New trees will be planted in their place.