

• TASKS TO DO ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS:

Replace burned out light-bulbs on the outside of the Protection Church and one on the pergola walk-way; paint altar side door; collect cups, plates and utensils from the yard on Sunday after lunch; join Matushka Ann's gardening crew; windex the church windows; offer olive oil for use in the lamps; offer a case of *sacramental wine* for the Eucharist; scrape the grass clumps growing in the parking lot holes. And there are many other things too...

• THANKSGIVING OFFERING:

For many years our parish has provided 100 Thanksgiving Dinner boxes to those in need (distributed by Catholic Charities). This year we are unable to organize the project. However, it would be a blessing for us to instead send a financial offering directly to our partners at Catholic Charities (CC) so they could take this on. It's estimated (by various agencies) that a Thanksgiving Dinner for ten people costs about \$60 this year. A worthy goal would be to provide CC with funds for **forty dinners**, which is \$2,400. Please indicate on your check or digital offering ([HERE](#)) that this is for "Thanksgiving."

—Fr Lawrence

Orthodox Sacred Arts Series

Part Two: Byzantine Chant: The Ancient Foundation of Christian Liturgical Music

Speakers: Experienced Cantors Nicholas and Nathaniel Baba



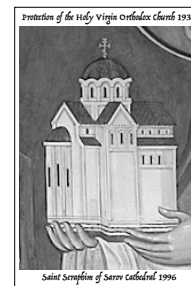
Sunday, December 4th, 2022 at 5PM

Saint Seraphim Cathedral
90 Mountain View Ave
Santa Rosa, CA 95407

Dinner provided. Please RSVP at STS.Y2AM@gmail.com by December 1st so we can prepare accordingly!

ST. SERAPHIM CATHEDRAL

PROTECTION OF THE HOLY VIRGIN ORTHODOX CHURCH



November 13, 2022



Feast of St. John Chrysostom

• TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION, Tone Five:

Let us the faithful praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death and to raise the dead, by His glorious Resurrection.

• TROPARION OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, Tone Eight:

Grace shining forth from thy mouth like a beacon hath illumined the universe, and disclosed to the world treasures of uncovetousness, and shown us the heights of humility; but while instructing by thy words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede with the Word, Christ our God, to save our souls.

• KONTAKION OF JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, Tone Two:

From the heavens hast thou received divine grace and by thy lips thou dost teach all to worship the One God in Trinity, O John Chrysostom, all-blessed righteous one. Rightly do we acclaim thee, for thou art a teacher revealing things divine.

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ACTIVITIES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Saturday, Nov. 12: 3:30 PM, Catechism: *On Jesus the Son of God*
5 PM, Great Vespers/Confessions
- Sunday, Nov. 13: 9:40 AM, Third and Sixth Hours
10 AM, Divine Liturgy (No Agape Meal)
11:30 AM, Church School
3 PM, Wedding of Raquel and John
- Monday, Nov. 14: Scaffold goes up at north transept
- Tuesday, Nov. 15: 10 AM, Funeral for David Wright
6 PM, Supplicatory Canon for Advent and the beginning of the Christmas Fast
- Wednesday, Nov. 16: 6 PM, Vespers
7 PM, Book Club (*Lost in the Cosmos*, W. Percy)
- Thursday, Nov. 17: 6 PM, Supplicatory Canon for Advent
7 PM, On-line Bible Study with Fr. James
- Friday, Nov. 18: 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions

• CHRISTMAS—STEPS OF THE JOURNEY:

We begin with the *Forty Day Fast* on November 15. We abstain from meat, dairy, eggs, and on most days, wine and oil as well. It's a relief to abstain from social media and computer games. The *Pre-feast* begins on Dec. 20th, (a Winter Holy Week) with Vespers and Matins on each of the five days before Christmas. Vespers will be served late morning on the day before Christmas. On Christmas Eve at 5 PM we will celebrate the Festal and very joyous Matins. On the day of Christmas—this year a Sunday—we will serve the Divine Liturgy at 10 AM. The following day, December 26, the Liturgy is celebrated in honor of the Theotokos, whose part in the incarnation is so central. If we had daily Vespers and Matins after Christmas, we would be singing the hymns of the Feast each day. The *Leave-taking* of Christmas is December 31. There is no fasting all week, not until just before Theophany on January 6.

• NOVEMBER 21 ~ FEAST DAY AND ORDINATION:

With thanks to Almighty God, His Eminence Archbishop Benjamin will

preside at the Festal Divine Liturgy for the *Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos*, Monday, November 21. The Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will begin at **9:30 AM sharp**. His Eminence will ordain our hard-working and devout intern Josef Candelario to the Holy Diaconate during the Liturgy. A festal meal will follow. Please keep Josef and Effie in your fervent prayers, as they prepare for this momentous spiritual event. In January they will leave us to attend St. Vladimir's Seminary. We are sad to see them leave, thank them for all they have done here, and wish them all of God's blessings.

• THANKSGIVING DINNER HERE:

The Divine Liturgy will be served on Thanksgiving Day, 9:30 AM, in St. Seraphim. A Thanksgiving Day Dinner will be held in our lovely parish hall at 5 PM. It's a joy to celebrate this holiday together, and all are invited. Simply let us know if you plan to attend, so that we can prepare. Our organizers this year are John Gilluly and Ania Rademacher. —*Fr Lawrence*

• ADVENT ALMS

Our Lord was born in humble circumstances to an Unwedded Bride. As we journey to meet Him as a newborn Child, let's also meet the needs of mothers and children here in Sonoma County. St. Seraphim is organizing a **Diaper Bank** to serve local families, and we want to be well-stocked when we begin operation in the New Year. Please bring packages of diapers and wipes, and/or bottles of infant formula, to the hall during the Nativity Fast (November 15–December 24). There will be a shelf for your offerings. If you are interested in serving families by volunteering with the diaper bank program, please contact Catie DeCarlo. Additionally, help sorting donations, financial help, and especially bilingual volunteers to assist on distribution days are eagerly welcomed. This “Diaper Bank” will be an on-going project, God-willing, for our parish throughout the year. May the Lord reward you for your generosity! —*Catie DeCarlo, (707) 703-9516*

• PAINTING THE NORTH WALL:

Scaffolding will be erected on Monday, Nov. 14, in preparation for painting the north wall (by the confession stand). Apologies for the inconvenience. Painting will commence after Thanksgiving.

• ADVENT RETREAT AT HOLY TRINITY:

Holy Trinity Cathedral in SF will host an Advent retreat on Saturday, **December 3**. A flyer is in the Narthex, or see the online [LINK](#).