

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, July 30, 2023



- TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION, Tone Seven:

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy.

- KONTAKION OF THE RESURRECTION, Tone Seven:

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: “The Savior has come to those in faith; enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

We welcome our guests and visitors, and trust that you will have a good experience at the Divine Services—please speak with one of our priests if you have any questions. Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by prayer (Pre-Communion Prayers), fasting and a recent Confession (at least within a month’s time). With the fear of God, with faith and with love, draw near.

On August 1 the Church begins the fifteen day fast in preparation of the Feast of Dormition. We would do well to keep this fast. Don’t miss the grace that comes with fasting. On August 1 we also celebrate the *Feast of the Procession of the Precious Cross* and the commemoration of the Holy Maccabee Martyrs (our version of Hanukkah). In ancient times, during times of epidemic, especially in August, a piece of the True Cross would be carried throughout the city of Constantinople to bless and heal those who were sick. A water blessing also took place. Our celebration this year includes the bringing out of the Cross on Monday, July 31 at 6 PM at Matins and the brief service of the blessing of Holy Water on Tuesday, August 1 at 6 PM.

Participation at Vespers on Saturday evening can be a wonderful gift of prayerful fellowship to us and an extremely helpful aspect of our preparation for receiving Holy Communion on Sunday. Each Saturday we hear a wealth of deep and inspiring theology sung by the choir, in eight sets of changing hymns, praising the Lord Jesus Christ for His incarnation, Passion on the Cross, death and resurrection. The Sunday Liturgy is the culmination of what is celebrated, sung about and taught at Great Vespers the night before. —*Fr. Lawrence*

The Feast of the Lord’s Transfiguration is next weekend, with the Vigil at 5 PM on Saturday, August 5 and the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, August 6. At the conclusion of the Liturgy we will be blessing of fruit (bring a basket) and the vineyard.

As Fr. Nicholas Cragle departs from from us to return to his family, we give thanks to God for his pastoral ministry in our parish and deanery during July. We hope he will return to the Diocese in due time.

PROTECTION OF THE HOLY VIRGIN MARY ORTHODOX CHURCH

AUGUST 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 – Apostle Silas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • Noon, Agape Meal 	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 PM, Matins with the Bringing out of the Precious Cross 	1 – Cross Procession Dormition Fast Begins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 PM, Lesser Blessing of Water 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 PM, Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 PM, Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions • 6 PM, Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 PM, Vigil for Transfiguration
6 – Transfiguration of Christ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • Blessing of Vineyard • Noon, Agape Meal 	7 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 PM, Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30 PM, Akathist to Matushka Olga • 6 PM, Vespers 	10 – St. Lawrence <i>Liturgy at St. Lawrence Church in Felton</i>	11 <i>No confessions here</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 PM, Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 PM, Great Vespers / Confessions
13 – St. Hieromartyr Benjamin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • Noon, POT-LUCK Agape 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 PM, Vigil for Dormition 	15 – Dormition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 AM, Divine Liturgy for Dormition <i>9 AM Liturgy at the Calistoga Monastery</i>	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30 PM, Akathist to Matushka Olga • 6 PM, Vespers • 7 PM, Book Club 	17 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 PM, Great Vespers / Confessions
20 – Prophet Samuel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • Noon, Agape Meal 	21 	22 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30 PM, Akathist to Matushka Olga • 6 PM, Vespers • 6:30 PM, Book Club 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 PM, Men's Fellowship Dinner 	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 PM, Great Vespers / Confessions
27 – Ven. Pimen the Great <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • Noon, Agape Meal 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 PM, Great Vespers with Litya 	29 – Beheading of St John <i>Strict Fast Day</i> <i>Parish Feast at Christ the Saviour in SF</i>	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 PM, Diaper Bank • 5:30 PM, Akathist to Matushka Olga • 6 PM, Vespers 	31 	SEPTEMBER 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions • 6 PM, Akathist <i>Glory to God</i> for Church New Year/Creation 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 PM, Great Vespers / Confessions