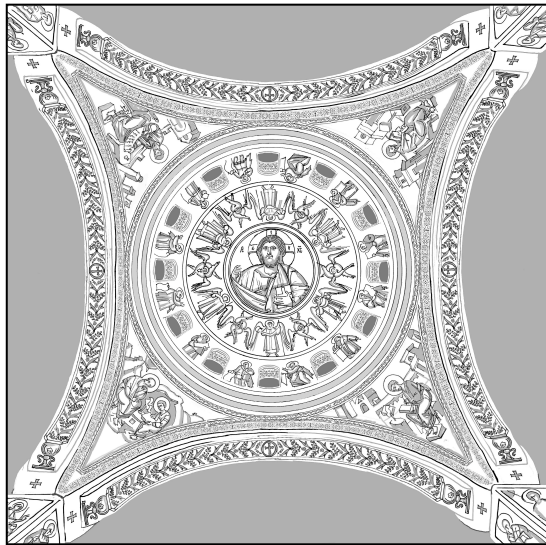


## TASKS TO DO

- ➡ Let's keep our parish kids safe from getting stung by yellow jackets (which typically "bug" us this time of year): the traps need to be taken down, cleaned and refilled with bait.
- ➡ Help is needed on Sundays after the Agape Meal to clean up outside: Please collect plates, cups, utensils, clothes, and trash, etc.
- ➡ Dump the outside trash containers into the dumpster.
- ➡ Volunteer to work the live-stream (schedule a time to get a lesson with Timothy or Travis).

**The latest news** from Anton Daineko, is that he and his wife Ekaterina will return to Santa Rosa to paint at Christmas time. We had hoped they would return to us in November, but there are other obligations to complete. The plan will be for Fr. Patrick to prepare the drawings of Sts. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John on the pendentives (the triangles under the dome) for Anton to paint. Fr. Patrick will continue his work in the aisles and north transept. Of the four saints, only St. Luke has been commissioned. Each pendentive/saint fresco will be \$15,000. The four arches will be painted with decorative patterns, and they will be \$6,000 per arch.

Now is the time to reserve a fresco in memory of a beloved family member, or simply as a generous gift to the Parish. Please see me if you are interested in commissioning such a prominent and important fresco. —*Fr. Lawrence*



# ST. SERAPHIM CATHEDRAL

## PROTECTION OF THE HOLY VIRGIN ORTHODOX CHURCH



**September 17, 2023**

Post-Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross



- TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION, Tone Six:  
The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hades, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin granting life. O Lord who didst rise from the dead: Glory to Thee.
- TROPARION OF THE CROSS, Tone One:  
O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance. Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by virtue of Thy Cross, preserve Thy habitation.
- KONTAKION OF THE CROSS, Tone Four:  
As Thou wast voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Thy Name, O Christ God; make all Orthodox Christians glad by Thy power, granting them victories over their adversaries by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace!

## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Friday, Sept. 15: *No Confessions today*
- Saturday, Sept. 16: 5 PM, Great Vespers/Confessions
- Sunday, Sept. 17: 10 AM, Divine Liturgy & *Pot-luck* Agape Meal  
3 PM, Wedding (out-of-town bride and groom)
- Tuesday, Sept. 19: ~~Noon, Senior Lunch-Postponed~~
- Wednesday, Sept. 20: 5:30, Akathist to Blessed Matushka Olga  
**6 PM, Panikhida/Stephen Tom Pellizzer**
- Thursday Sept. 21: **10 AM, Funeral for Tom Pellizzer; burial in Sebastopol; Memorial Meal here**  
~~Parish Council Meeting-Postponed~~  
7 PM, Online Bible Study WILL be held
- Friday, Sept. 22: 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions  
6 PM, Vespers for the Feast of the Conception of St. John the Baptist

**We sorrow and mourn** at the repose of the faithful servant of God, Stephen Tom Pellizzer, on Friday—providentially on the feast of the *Uncovering of the Relics of the Protomartyr Stephen*. Our grief is mixed with hope, for we look for and anticipate the life of the age to come and the resurrection from the dead. A full obituary will be given in due time, but for now, let us remember that Tom and Denise and their children were received into the Orthodox Church on February 14, 1998. Since that time, both Tom and Denise have faithfully served the Church and the community of Santa Rosa in ways too many to recount: liturgical, social, charitable, electrical, prayerful support of his brothers and sisters within and outside of the parish. Tom especially loved the services of the Church, and rarely missed a feast day, panikhida, wedding or baptism. It was a joy to sing with him for so many of us for all these years. May the Lord grant him Paradise, and to his family and many Godchildren and friends, consolation and comfort. Memory Eternal.

**Many thanks** to those who came to set up the parish hall for the memorial meal on Wednesday, following the funeral of Matushka Priscilla Shipley.

**The “liturgical day,”** which is to say, the day as God created it, begins in

the evening with the setting of the sun, following the Biblical account of creation: “And there was evening and there was morning, one day” (Gen 1.5). Vespers is the first service of the Daily Cycle, and it takes place in the early evening. It begins with the chanting of the evening psalm: “... the sun knows its time for setting, Thou makest darkness and it is night ...” (Ps 103.19–20). Glorifying God’s creation of the world and thanking Him for it, this psalm is mankind’s first act of worship, for we first of all meet God as our Creator. The service of Vespers takes us through creation, sin, and salvation in Christ. On Saturday evening it guides us in our meditation and celebration of the incarnation, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ—this is the Gospel message in song and psalms. On other days, Vespers directs us to praise God for the particular saints whose memories we celebrate. It prepares us for the sleep of the night and the dawn of the new day to come—the Day of the Lord, which is the Resurrection. It begins our movement into the most perfect communion with God in the Eucharistic mystery of Holy Communion. Resurrectional Vespers is every Saturday at 5 PM.

**The St. Seraphim Book Club** will meet on Wednesday, September 27 at 6:30 PM, Parish Hall. All are welcome.

**The monthly gathering** for dinner of the St. Seraphim Men’s Fellowship will be on Thursday, September 28 at 6 PM. If you plan to attend, please send a confirmation to Daniel DeCarlo, at (716) 861-4046.

**Keep our Catechumens** in your prayers: Stephanie and Duke Geoffrion; James, Roxanne and Liliana Weaver; Skylar Skikos, William Rogers, Sadik Bradbury, David Dehnert; Joseph, Jackson, Dallas and Noah Zeni; Gigi Williams, Frances Ann Edmonston. ...*make them worthy in due season of the washing of regeneration, the forgiveness of sins, and the robe of corruption. Unite them to thy holy, catholic, and Apostolic Church, and number them with thy elect flock, that with us they may glorify thine all honorable and majestic Name...*

**A special presentation** is planned for the Senior Lunch, moved to Tuesday, **October 31**. Lunch will feature a 30 minute presentation by Catherine Ostling on “Symbols in Christian Art.” We will start with the presentation at noon. Catherine is Professor Emeritus at SRJC where her art history students gave her glowing reviews. —*Karla Van Meter, Senior Lunch Coordinator*

