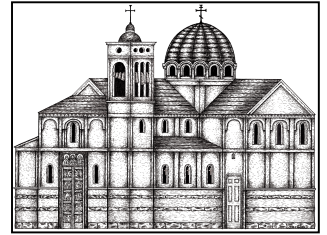


ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ August 30, 2026



- RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION, Tone Four:

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse, and elatedly told the Apostles: death is overthrown, Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

- TROPARION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, Tone Two:

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner. For thou wast shown to be truly even more venerable than the Prophets, since thou wast granted to baptize in the waters Him Whom they proclaimed. Wherefore, having contested for the truth, thou didst rejoice to announce the glad tidings even to those in Hades: that God hath appeared in the flesh, taking away the sin of the world and granting us great mercy.

- TROPARION OF ST. ALEXANDER NEVSKY, Tone Four:

Recognize thy brethren, O right-believing Prince Alexander, thou "Russian Joseph" who reignest not in Egypt, but in heaven; and accept their entreaties, increasing the harvests of thy people through the fertility of thy land, and protecting the cities of thy dominion by thy supplications. And together with our Orthodox hierarchs do battle against all heresies.

SCHEDULE

- Friday, August 28: *Holy Dormition Parish, Rose Ave, Parish Feast Day Liturgy, 9 AM*
11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions
6 PM, Vespers for the Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist
- Sat., August 29: Strict Fast Day in honor of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist
In SF, at Christ the Savior, Parish Feast Day Liturgy, 9:30 AM
4 PM, Q&A for Catechumens and Inquirers
5 PM, Vespers ONLY / Confessions
- Sunday, August 30: 8 AM, Divine Liturgy in the Protection Church
9 AM, Choir Rehearsal
9:40 AM, Reception of Catechumens / 10 AM, Divine Liturgy in the Cathedral
Noon, Agape Meal
3 PM, Wedding of Juliana and Zachary
- Tuesday, Sept. 1: 6 PM, *Akathist Glory to God for all things*, for the Church New Year
- Wed., Sept. 2: 5:30 PM, Akathist for St. Olga of Alaska / 6 PM, Vespers
- Thurs., Sept. 3: 7 PM, Online Bible Study with Fr James
- Friday, Sept. 4: 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions

Whether you are searching for a new church home or just visiting, we welcome you and hope your experience at the Divine Liturgy will be edifying and spiritually nourishing. If you have a prayer request, are

looking for more information about the Orthodox Faith, would like to join the parish, or would like to speak with Fr Lawrence or one of the other priests, we invite you to fill out a visitor information card and leave it at the candle desk, and to join us for lunch following the Divine Liturgy. Please be aware that Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by fasting, prayer and a recent Confession.

Many years and congratulations to those who will be received as Catechumens on Sunday at 9:40 AM: Jack, Emma, Leo and Melody Vargas. Lina, David J. and David (David J's dad). Joshua, Makenna and Natalie. They join the catechumens: John Caleb, Deborah, Kelly. Orissa, Shilo and Lilly Laws. Stephanie, Oliver. Cooper, Annabelle and Edith Gore. Kiernan, Jack and Trevor.

On Sundays when the Catechumens “depart” as instructed by the Deacon (during the Liturgy), they go to the Protection Church for a brief lesson, taught by one of our catechists. Topics the next few weeks are: Liturgical Posture: standing, kissing, bowing (Matushka Esther Carr); What are Prospora and why? (Lara Anderson); Obvious and unique features of the Orthodox Church (Protodeacon Jeremiah); How to make the sign of the Cross, and what it means (Reader Andrew Mikrikov); What is the Feast of the Protection/Parish Feast (Gretchen M.); How to venerate an icon (Diakonissa Alejandra); What is a Godparent, How to choose one (Timothy Danford).

Our Parish Church School classes for K–12th Grade, will begin this year on **Sunday, September 13**. Classes for the younger students meet after the Divine Liturgy. The key ingredient to making Church School a fruitful experience of faith is parental teaching at home. A functional prayer life can only be learned at home. We cannot out-source religious education. The Orthodox Christian faith is only reinforced at Church School. Historically, church school is a rather recent development, and yet Church history is full of saintly families. Parents, make your home a little church, a place where God comes first, a place of prayer, of love for one another, of peace and of learning about God and His saving providence.

Father Daniel will be teaching the High School students this year with a focus on a book of scripture. So that the students have an opportunity to spend time with each other after the Liturgy, the class will be taught from **9–9:40 AM on Sundays** (excepting the first Sunday of the month. This timing will also give those who serve in the altar and choir to participate in those ministries. Also it will give the students the opportunity to help out in other ways (kitchen, candle desk or in the younger church school classes), basically helping to bridge their interactions in church as they grow from teen to young adult. The plan is to start this program Sunday September 13th. *Any questions, please see Vicky Basch, Church School Coordinator*

The Church School Teachers invite all our parish parents and students to a BBQ dinner on Sunday, September 6 at 4 PM, here at the church. RSVP by August 30, to Vicky Basch at (707) 291-2369 or vabasch@gmail.com. My thanks to the *St Seraphim Men's Fellowship* ahead of time for sponsoring and preparing the BBQ. —Fr Lawrence

On Wednesday evening, Sept. 9 at 6:45 PM, Innokentia-Robin Joy (from Fort Ross) will give a *Pilgrimage to Russia* presentation. She just recently returned from a whole month in Russia, where she visited many Orthodox churches and monasteries. This is her 20th plus pilgrimage to Russia, including Siberia, home to St Innocent of Alaska and Moscow. She also participated in services in Russia's big cities and reconnected with many of her friends in the Russian clergy. She will share accounts of a few miracles along the way! There will be time for a Q&A after her presentation. Bring a sandwich and beverage (not a potluck). For those coming from another area or church, it's not a prerequisite to attend the service, but you are certainly invited. Any questions please call Joseph Marino at 707-331-4030.

PROTECTION OF THE HOLY VIRGIN MARY ORTHODOX CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 – St. Alexander Nevsky • 8 AM, Divine Liturgy •9:40 AM, Receive Catechumens • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • Noon, Agape Meal • 3 PM, Wedding	31 	SEPTEMBER 1 Church New Year • 6 PM, Akathist <i>Glory to God</i>	2 • 5:30 PM, Akathist to St. Olga • 6 PM, Vespers	3 • 7 PM, Online Bible Study begins again	4 • 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions	5 • 5 PM, Vigil/Confessions
6 – Archangel Michael • 8 AM, Divine Liturgy • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • 11:30 AM, Church School • Noon, Agape Meal <i>• 12:30, What is a Catechumen and how to join the Church</i> • 4 PM, Church Sch BBQ	7 • 6 PM, Vigil for the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos	8 – Nativity of the Virgin • 9 AM, Divine Liturgy for the Feast	9 • 5:30 PM, Akathist to St. Olga • 6 PM, Vespers <i>• 6:45 PM, Talk on a Russian Pilgrimage</i>	10 • 7 PM, Online Bible Study	11 • 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions	12 • 5 PM, Vigil/Confessions
13 – Forefeast of the Cross • 8 AM, Divine Liturgy • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • 11:30 AM, Church School • Noon, Agape Meal	14 – CROSS FEAST • 9 AM, Divine Liturgy for the Feast <i>Strict Fast Day</i>	15 	16 • 5:30 PM, Akathist to St. Olga • 6 PM, Vespers	17 – St Sophia • 9 AM, Liturgy • 7 PM, Online Bible Study	18 • 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions	19 • 11:30 AM, Sisterhood Meeting • 5 PM, Vigil/Confessions
• 4 PM, Vigil for the Cross						
20 – Great Martyr Eustathius • 8 AM, Divine Liturgy • 9 AM, BAPTISMS • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • 11:30 AM, Church School • Noon, Agape Meal	21 	22 • 6 PM, Parish Council Meeting	23 • 5:30 PM, Akathist to St. Olga • 6 PM, Vespers	24 – Sts Thekla & Silouan • 9 AM, Liturgy • 7 PM, Online Bible Study	25 • 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions	26 • 5 PM, Vigil/Confessions
27 – Martyr Callistratus • 8 AM, Divine Liturgy • 10 AM, Divine Liturgy • 11:30 AM, Church School • Noon, Agape Meal	28 	29 	30 • 4 PM, Diaper Bank • 6 PM, Vigil for the Protection	OCTOBER 1 Protection of the Theotokos • 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy for the Feast	2 <i>No confessions today</i>	3 • 5 PM, Vespers ONLY / Confessions

• Mamushka Ann and Fr Lawrence will be away on vacation and a pilgrimage from September 17–October 5.