

DECEMBER 3, 2017

## SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

METROPOLITAN JOSEPH, PRIMATE; REVEREND FATHER NATHAN THOMPSON, PASTOR;  
REVEREND FATHER GEORGE WASHBURN, REVEREND FATHER THOMAS LINDSAY

*“Since illnesses are cured by their opposite remedies, as we had been put to death by the wicked counsel of the evil one, we were made alive again by the good counsel of the good Lord. The deadly counselor had at his disposal pleasure, glory and comfort, which enchanted mankind and dragged it down. So the Counselor of true life Himself led the way along the strait and narrow way which leads to life above and guided us in it. ‘Strive,’ He says, ‘to enter in at the strait gate’, and ‘strait and narrow is the way that leads to life, for wide and broad is the way that leads to destruction’. Elsewhere He warns more clearly against that path, saying, ‘Woe to you who are rich! Woe to you who are full! Woe to you when all men shall speak well of you’, thus declaring wretched all lovers of glory, pleasure and money.” -- St. Gregory Palamas*

**Welcome. . .to all our visitors worshipping with us this morning!** Please sign our Guest Register as you enter the church and be our guest in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and refreshments this morning after the service is over. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you personally to Ss. Peter and Paul.

### Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom—Hymns & Scriptures

**Variable Hymns** – see music in packet

Troparion of Resurrection, Tn. 1, Russo-Greek; Troparion of Resurrection, Tn. 1, Byzantine; Troparion of Ss Peter & Paul, Tn. 4; Kontakion of the Preparation of Christ’s Nativity, Tn. 3

#### **Epistle—Ephesians 5:8-19**

Brethren, walk as children of light—for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true—and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it is said, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.” Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

#### **The Holy Gospel – St. Luke 18:35-43**

At that time, when Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” And he cried, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me receive my sight.” And Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.”

**Receiving Holy Communion:** Only Orthodox Christians prepared through prayer, fasting, and a recent sacramental confession should approach the chalice for the Eucharist. The Orthodox Church does not practice “open communion” and has no intercommunion with non-Orthodox churches.

**After taking Communion:** Please return to your place and continue standing until the announcements.

### ***Today’s Commemorations and Prayer Requests***

*Take this list of prayer requests home with you and keep these people in your prayers this week. Some names are not Orthodox Christians and thus are not remembered in the Great Entrance, but are remembered in the other litanies during the services throughout the week.*

**For the living:** Archps. Alban, Moheen, & Jirius; Prs. Stephen, George, Tom, Raphael, Patrick, Simeon, & Dimitri; Presbs. Mary, Mandy, & Maria; Sh. Camille-Anna, Stuart, Matthew & Amy, Xavier, John & Darlene, Fiona, Joshua & Amy, Roger, Nathan & Jessica, Hugh, Nicholas & Nikoletta, Mark & Alisa, Samson, CaitlinCharity, Dane, Jameson, Cherice, Charles, James & Cheryl & Dane, Lynne, Judith, Anna, Letitia, Barbara, Daniel, Katie, Romina, Patrick, Katrina, Eric, Alder, Adria, Melissa, Cody, Cora, Aubree, Autumn, Luba, Matt, Valerie, Don & Marie, Peter & Georgie & family, Braden, Lauren, Evelyn, Braylin, Wendy, Nancy, Maria, Sara, Larry.

**For the resposed:** Archp. Gordon; Prs. Basil, Terry, David, John; Hmk. Athanasios; Dns. Nathaniel, David, Joesph & Michael;

Presb. Terry Elizabeth, Tatiana, Lou, Christopher, Douglas, Lily, Ronald, Rachel, William, Chester, Betty, Emma, Gardner, Karen.

**For those who are pregnant and their unborn children:** Anna Marie, Kristy.

**For those serving in the Armed Forces:** Richard, Shane Jeremiah, Jacob, David, Gregory, Daniel, Preston, Saba, Aaron, Zoe, Don, Nick, Scott, Michelle.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS - 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LUKE

### Happy Birthday To:

<i>Cherice Lachmund</i>	<i>December 3</i>
<i>Eloise Haskin</i>	<i>December 6</i>
<i>Marilyn Nicholas</i>	<i>December 8</i>
<i>Shane Jeremiah Johnson</i>	<i>December 9</i>

### Happy Anniversary To:

<i>John &amp; Jan Ivancovich</i>	<i>December 3</i>
<i>Ric &amp; Eunkyung Otte</i>	<i>December 7</i>

### NATIVITY FAST

The Nativity Fast is divided into two periods. The first period is November 15 through December 19 when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine and oil) is observed with katalysis for wine and oil on Tuesday and Thursday, and for fish, wine and oil on Saturday and Sunday. The second period is December 20 through 24 when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine and oil) is observed Monday through Friday, but with the katalysis for wine and oil on Saturday and Sunday. [Katalysis is Greek, meaning "relaxation".] We encourage both believing Orthodox and inquirers to review the reflections and resources on the archdiocese website: [www.antiochian.org](http://www.antiochian.org). For additional general resources on the Orthodox Christian tradition of feasting and fasting, visit the Feasts and Fasts section of Discover Orthodox Christianity, also on the archdiocese website.

### AOCWNA BOOK STUDY

Except for the third Tuesday of the month, the women's book study continues each week in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday mornings immediately following Morning Prayers. They are reading Becoming A Healing Presence by Albert Rossi, PhD. Our bookstore will have the book soon if you need a copy. Please consider joining the book study for education, edification, and fellowship.

### ST NICHOLAS DAY CELEBRATION

Please help make our St. Nicholas Day Celebration with a visit from the saint and Christmas caroling with bells even more special by signing up to bake and bring cookies for the event. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

### WOMEN'S TUESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Kh. Maria Lindsay is opening her home Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm for a casual women's fellowship time. All women are welcome to come any time between those hours. Even a short visit is welcome. Tea will be available and you are welcome to bring something to share (but only if you want to). The address is 5995 Plateau Drive, Felton. Please park on the street and enter through the white gate with the arbor. Kh. Maria suggests you wear flat shoes because of the soft, garden soil. If you have questions, please call the Lindsay home at 831-335-2651 and leave a message.

### ORTHODOX PRISON MINISTRY

As you put out your Nativity set or listen to the Christmas music on the radio, may you be reminded to say a prayer for the men and women in prisons and jails who are separated from their families. Please consider a gift to OCPM. Your gift will help OCPM reach out to thousands of incarcerated souls and their families with the true meaning of Christmas. Prison cells will be decorated with the cards,

letters, and icons from OCPM. You will be helping each of them to experience that amazing Joy as they "receive the King of Kings!" You can make a donation at [www.theocpm.org/donate](http://www.theocpm.org/donate) or use one of the envelopes in the narthex leaflet rack and send a donation through the mail.

### BOOKSTORE NEWS

Orthodox Nativity ornaments are in! Come check out these beautiful additions for your tree. Also, some crosses are 25% off, and there are many excellent books to read in preparing for the coming of Christ.

### NEW BABY

Congratulations to Luba and Matt Marizihina on the birth of their daughter, Valerie, Saturday, November 25. May God grant them many years!

### This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul – Dec. 4-10, 2017

12/4	Mon	6:00 pm – Vespers for St. Nicholas of Myra
12/5	Tues	6:00 am -- Orthros 9:00 am – Morning Prayers 9:30 am – AOCWNA Reading Group
12/6	Wed	6:00 pm – Vespers
12/7	Thurs	6:00 am – Men's Reading Group 9:00 am -- Orthros
12/9	Sat	6:00 pm – Great Vespers 7:00 pm – Compline
12/10	Sun	8:20 am – Orthros 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy –10th Sunday of Luke Church School after Eucharist Choir practice 20 min. after Div. Lit. 5:00 pm – St. Nicholas Celebration

### Looking Ahead ---

Dec. 14	Clergy Meeting @ Thompson's
Dec. 22	Royal Hours of the Nativity of Christ
Dec. 23	Great Vespers w/ Litia/Artoklasia
Dec. 24	Festal Orthros & Divine Liturgy for Nativity
Dec. 29	Adult Nativity Celebration
Jan. 5	Royal Hours for Theophany Vesperal Divine Liturgy for Theophany w/ Blessing of Water
Jan. 6	Theophany & Blessing of Waters

**Annual Parish Life Conference**  
**Diocese of Los Angeles & Eagle River**  
**July 4-8, 2018**  
**Hosted by St. George Church, Portland, OR**

Women's Retreat -- March 10, 2018  
At Holy Assumption Monastery in Calistoga