

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

BULLETIN – 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Bulletin Submissions Deadline – **10 am Wed.** ♦ church website: <https://ssppaoc.org>

Ss Peter & Paul Mission: preserve, practice, and proclaim the Gospel of our Lord, God, & Savior Jesus Christ in order to glorify God in the parish and wider community.

This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul–Sept. 23-Sept. 29, 2024

9/23 Mo 7:00 pm – Bible Study - Philippians
9/24 Tu 7:00 am – Readers Orthros
10:00 am – Akathist of Healing
9/25 Wd 6:00 pm – Paraklesis
9/26 Th 6:00 am – Divine Lit. – Falling Asleep
of St. John
9/28 Sa 6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline
9/29 Su 8:20 am – Orthros
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – 14th Sunday
after Pentecost
10:20 am – Church School
Trisagion prayers for Bp. Antoun
Youth choir practice
2:00 pm – Community Dinner

Looking Ahead—

September 30 Bible Study

October 1 Morning Divine Liturgy

October 5 Men's Breakfast

October 6 Youth choir sing Divine Liturgy

Barn Game Night

No catechism today

45th ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL

Today the Harvest Festival begins immediately following the Divine Liturgy. **BYOMeat, BBQ will be on, bring salads and sides to share. If you bring a dessert, it will be auctioned to raise funds for a Teen Soyo snow trip.** There will be a tug of war, a three-legged sack race, inflatable water slides—one for little kids, one for bigger kids, and apple pressing. Parents are responsible to supervise their children around the slides. Suggested donation to defray slides cost is \$10-\$20 per family. **Bring your apples to press! To volunteer contact the Newberrys @ (831) 431-3081.**

Many Years – Birthday

Marilyn Spurgeon September 22

Cicily Oakes September 24

Alexander Polosjuk September 25

Many Years – Anniversary

Victor & Leanne Albers September 24

FALL RETREAT REGISTRATION

Our keynote speaker will be Fr. Josiah Trenham. Due to the popularity of this speaker, church members need to take advantage of the early bird registration and **do so by October 1.** You can register at <https://forms.gle/WXJ4Rv3rgtygfVr57> or in the parish hall on the remaining Sundays of September.

AKATHIST OF HEALING

At 10:00 am on the last Tuesday of the month there is an Akathist of Healing in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to come and pray.

BAPTISM

On Saturday, October 5, Nico Hofschneider will be baptized at 11:00 am. All who would like to attend the baptism, please RSVP via this link <http://evite.me/hJAdc1c7cs>.

**Divine Liturgy – Falling Asleep of St. John the Evangelist & Theologian
6:00 am – Thursday, September 26**

AL-ANON REMINDER

On Monday evenings at 6:00 pm we open our parish hall to Al-Anon, an anonymous group that supports families and friends of alcoholics. Please respect the privacy of the group by not entering the kitchen or hall during their meetings. Thank you for your cooperation.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Sunday, September 29 – 2:00 pm

Donations of non-perishable food items, money, and helpers to make and distribute the dinner needed. Leave food items in the parish hall kitchen or industrial refrigerator marked for **Community Dinner not the residential refrigerator**. To volunteer, contact **Amanda Baillie @ (831) 713-7583** or **Linda Matthews @ (530) 249-4687**.

THE WORD MAGAZINE

The September-October 2024 issue is now available online. Go [here](#) on the Antiochian archdiocese website to access.

Divine Liturgy

St. Romanos the Melodist

8:00 am – Tuesday, October 1

DID YOU KNOW?

Kontakions—abbreviated hymns glorifying God and praising His saints—are sung each Divine Liturgy. Who wrote these? One night the Virgin Mary appeared in a dream to St. Romanos, a deacon in the Church of Beirut. She handed him a scroll and said, “Open your mouth and eat this grace that I am about to give you.” In the dream, he swallowed the scroll and when he awoke, he realized the dream meant he was to chant from the pulpit. People hearing his sweet voice knew this must be a melody given to him as a gift from heaven. Beginning with the Kontakion for Nativity, he composed the Kontakia for the feasts, the Virgin, and many saints, totaling over a thousand hymns, many of which the church adopted in her yearly services. St. Romanos reposed in 510 A.D.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Update your vital statistics and photo at sspeterandpaulorthodox.breezechms.com in Breeze so that our new directory will be complete.

Fall Gathering ~ October 11-13

St. Mark Orthodox Church

Irvine, CA

Posture of Prayer

In the Orthodox Church, the primary posture of prayer is standing. We stand in honor and reverence before God, our King, who is enthroned in heaven and is mystically present with us. We should try to stand for as much of the service as we are able. If you need to sit for a time, that is perfectly fine. However, there are times when it is not appropriate to sit unless absolutely necessary. These include:

- * “Blessed is the Kingdom” at the beginning of the Liturgy
- * During the Little Entrance (the procession of the priest and altar boys with the Holy Gospel)
- * When the clergy cense the altar, icons, and congregation throughout the Divine Liturgy
- * During the reading of the Gospel
- * The Great Entrance (the procession of the priest and altar boys with the Holy Gifts)
- * The Anaphora (includes the consecration of the Holy Gifts)
- * During Holy Communion (when the clergy and the other faithful are receiving the body and blood of Christ)
- * During any special services such as memorials, artoklasia, special doxologies, etc.)

The general rule is that whenever the priest or deacon is outside the holy altar either with the censer, giving a blessing, or leading the people in prayer, we should be standing and limit movement. Whenever a hierarch is visiting the parish, out of respect follow his example and stand and sit when he does.

“If you bear your cross with perseverance and seek comfort only from Him, then He, through His mercy, will not abandon you but will touch your heart and will impart to you the gifts of the Holy Spirit.” ~ St. Innocent of Alaska

Memory Eternal

September 24

Tom Mathews