

AUGUST 4, 2024

BULLETIN – 6TH 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–August 5-11, 2024

- 8/5 Mo 5:00 pm – All About the Feasts  
5:00 pm – Orthros & Divine Lit. –  
Feast of Transfiguration followed by  
festal meal
- 8/6 Tu **No** Readers Orthros
- 8/7 Wd 6:00 pm – Paraklesis
- 8/8 Th 7:00 am – Men’s Reading Group  
10:00 am – Koffee w/Khouria
- 8/9 Fr 6:00 pm – Paraklesis
- 8/10 Sa 6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline  
followed by summer BBQ
- 8/11 Su 8:20 am – Orthros  
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – 7th Sunday  
after Pentecost  
Catechism

Looking Ahead—

- August 12 Paraklesis
- August 14 All About the Feasts; Orthros & Divine  
Lit. Dormition & festal meal
- August 17 Summer BBQ
- August 19 Adult choir rehearsal
- August 21 Parish Council
- August 23 Morning Divine Liturgy
- August 25 Catechism  
Youth choir practice  
Community Dinner
- August 27 Akathist for Healing
- August 28 Morning Divine Liturgy
- August 31 Last Summer BBQ
- September 6 Morning Divine Liturgy

**Bring grapes to be blessed in  
the Divine Liturgy on the  
Feast of Transfiguration**

*Many Years – Birthday*

- Leanne Albers August 5
- Dn. Anthony Livingston August 5
- Sh. Barbara Schmidt August 7
- Siobhan Oakes August 10
- James Dillon August 10
- Frankie Hagg August 10

*Many Years – Anniversary*

- George & Kriss Saad August 4

***Koffee w/Khouria 10:00 am August 8***

**WHY WE FAST BEFORE DORMITION**

In a close-knit family, news that its matriarch is on her deathbed brings normal life to a halt. Otherwise important things (parties, TV, luxuries, personal desires) become unimportant; life comes to revolve around the dying matriarch. It is the same with the Orthodox family; word that our matriarch is on her deathbed, should have a similar effect on us. We fast, not to get what we want, but to prepare ourselves to receive what God wants to give us. Fasting is intended to bring us to the realization of “the one thing needful.” It is to help us put God first and our own desires second, if not last. It also serves to prepare us to be instruments of God’s will, as with Moses in his flight from Egypt and on Mt. Sinai, as well as our Lord’s fast in the wilderness. Fasting turns us away from ourselves and toward God. It helps us become more like the Theotokos, an obedient servant of God, who heard His word and kept it better than anyone else has or could. (Excerpt from *The Ascetic Life Of Motherhood.*)

**MEALTRAIN**

Congratulations to Christina Belbea on the birth of Magdalena! Please sign up [here](#) to bring a meal to Christina and family.

# Feast of Transfiguration

Monday, August 5

5:00 pm – All About the Feasts

5:00 pm – Orthros & Divine  
Liturgy

Followed by festal meal—sign up to  
bring food below

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0948ADAF2FA20-50436017-feast>

## PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

We need nominations for qualified parishioners to serve on the Parish Council. These are the requirements:

- At least 25 years of age
- A voting member of the parish for a period of two years or more
- A member in good standing
- Active in the worship and sacramental life of the church (i.e., regular and frequent participation in the services, communion, and confession)
- Cannot be living in contradiction to the faith

The Parish Council is a service ministry of the Church, and as such requires Christ-like love, humility, and faithfulness in the service of the Church.

These eligibility requirements come from the current parish constitution and clarification from the archdiocese.

There are two openings for nominations. Fr. Christopher will also appoint one member.

Hand your Parish Council nominations to one of the Nominating Committee: Fr. Christopher, Keith Evans, or Frank Hagg. Lilac colored nomination forms in Narthex.

## ST. LAWRENCE FEAST

We are invited to attend the feast day celebrations with the faithful of St. Lawrence on Aug 9, Great Vespers at 6pm, and Aug 10 8:45 Orthros & Divine Liturgy.

## FALL GATHERING

This year's Fall Gathering will be hosted by St. Mark Orthodox Church in Irvine. Mark your calendar for the weekend of October 11-13. This is a good time to reconnect with Antiochian Orthodox friends and a chance to make new friendships. Teen Soyo, Antiochian Women, and Antiochian Men usually have a presentation or activity during the gathering. Look for updates about the event in the coming weeks.

## REIMBURSEMENT NOTICE

Reimbursement receipts for the fiscal year ending August 31, *must* be submitted to the Church Office by August 25 in order to be paid. Reimbursements for the last fiscal year (9/1/23-8/31/24) will not be paid after that date.

## **Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos**

**Wednesday, August 14**

**5:00 pm – All About the  
Feasts**

**5:00 pm – Orthros &  
Divine Liturgy**

**Followed by festal meal**

Memory Eternal

August 6

Deborah Bogart