

MARCH 19, 2023

BULLETIN – 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT – HOLY CROSS

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

Ss Peter & Paul Mission: preserve the tradition of the Orthodox Church; practice a full liturgical life; 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 – March 20-26, 2023

- 3/20 Mon 6:00 pm – Great Compline
- 3/21 Tues 7:00 am – Readers Orthros
7:00 pm – Parish Council
- 3/22 Wed 6:00 pm – Lit. of Pre-Sanctified Gifts
followed by Soup Supper
- 3/23 Thurs 6:00 am – Men's Reading Group
- 3/24 Fri 5:00 pm – All About the Feasts
6:00 pm – Great Vespers w/4th Stasis of Akathist, Litia, Artoklasia
- 3/25 Sat 8:20 am – Orthros & Divine Liturgy for
Annunciation followed by festal meal
& retreat
6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline
- 3/26 Sun 8:20 am – Orthros
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – St. John Climacus
10:20 am – Church School
Adult choir rehearsal
Youth choir practice
2:00 pm – Community Dinner
Youth Group

Looking ahead—

- March 27 *Great Compline*
- March 29 *Little Compline, Canon of St. Andrew, Life of St. Mary of Egypt*
- *March 30 *Lit. of Pre-Sanctified Gifts followed by Soup Supper (note different day)*
- Mar. 31-Apr. 2 *Lenten AW retreat*
- March 31 *Little Compline w/Akathist*
- April 1 *Orthros & Div. Lit. for Sat. of Akathist Hymn*
- April 2 *Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt*
No Youth Choir
- April 3 *Great Compline*
- April 5 *Lit. of Pre-Sanctified Gifts followed by Soup Supper*

Many Years – Birthday

Peter Dillon March 23
Dn. Marc Wentzel March 23
Sophia Beck March 23

YOUTH CHOIR

- Choir practice every Sunday until Palm Sunday, except April 2
- Youth choir will sing the Divine Liturgy on Palm Sunday
- Youth choir will sing the Paschal Troparia w/Adult choir on Pascha

Feast of the Annunciation & Retreat

Saturday, March 25

8:20 am Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy

Festal Meal

Tuna sandwiches & Salad provided

****Please bring fruit or small, sweet treats (e.g. cookies, scones, cupcakes)****

Retreat Speaker: Fr. Seraphim Majmudar

Refreshments

**ALL are welcome to attend
No childcare will be provided**

PASCHA PLANNING TEAM

Contact Leanne Albers or Christina Salibi if you would like to be a part of the Pascha celebration planning team or would like more information about same.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Sunday, March 26

2:00 pm

Donations of non-perishable food items and helpers to make and distribute the dinner needed. Please leave food items in the parish hall kitchen or industrial refrigerator marked for Community Dinner. To volunteer, contact Sh. Karla Newberry @ (831) 431-3081 or Monica Zweers @ (831) 246-3244.

BRIGHT FRIDAY DANCE

St. Lawrence Orthodox Church is hosting a Black & White Ball at Scopazzi's Restaurant in Boulder Creek on Bright Friday, April 21, 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm. Tickets are \$60/person under 21 and \$65/person 21 years of age and older. Contact the church office for ticket purchase. Pay by check or cash; make checks payable to St. Lawrence Orthodox Church. Email song requests to claychalet.timmer@gmail.com.

ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES

Do you get lost during Great Vespers or Orthros? Do you wish you knew what the chanters were singing or reading? Do you want a better understanding of God and our relationship with Him? Look for booklets with the variable parts of Great Vespers and Orthros in the Narthex when you come in each week. These beautiful hymns of the church are a rich part of our worship that will support your worship and knowledge of God. Still confused? Fr. Christopher would love the opportunity to help you. Access online service variables [here](#) on the Antiochian Archdiocese website (Liturgics).

MUSIC FOR VARIABLES

The music for the Variables on Sundays is in a packet in the Narthex. A greeter will help you find it.

PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council will meet Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend.

MARCH-APRIL THE WORD AVAILABLE ONLINE

Go [here](#) on the Antiochian website to read the current issue of *The Word* magazine.

“Let us become like Christ, since Christ became like us. Let us become gods because of Him, since He for us became man. He took upon Himself a low degree that He might give us a higher one. He became poor, that in His poverty we might become rich.” ~ St. Gregory of Nazianzus

Tithing & Charitable Giving – Gifts of Gratitude & Love

We often hear in the scriptures about a tithe or giving a part of our income. But what does this mean? It is recognizing that our income, and all that God has given us, is a gift from God. We are offering a small portion, a tenth, back to God as an offering. Yes, the church needs this money to pay the bills, but what is most important is the opportunity to give thanks to God. It is part of our relationship with God, to give a gift back to God in appreciation. And, just as when we give gifts to our friends, it is a gift that is joyful and given with gratitude.

Charity (alms) is given in addition to our tithe, to help our neighbor. In this way we provide for the hungry and thirsty, clothe the naked, and in showing love to our neighbor in need, we show it to Christ.

When we offer these gifts to God, he multiplies it. The five loaves and two fish became a meal for thousands, including those that offered it! All ate and were satisfied, with 12 baskets left over.

Opportunities such as OCMC, IOCC, FOCUS-NA, Order of St. Ignatius, OCPM, and ZOE for Life are all charities that need our support, in addition to your tithe, which helps keep the local ministries of the parish going.