

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

## BULLETIN – 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & 9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LUKE

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### This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul – November 23-29, 2020

11/24 Tues	6:00 am – Reader's Orthros 7:00-8:30 pm – Zoom Women's Book Study
11/25 Wed	6:00 pm – Akathist of Thanksgiving
11/26 Thurs	Thanksgiving
11/28 Sat	6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline
11/29 Sun	8:20 am – Orthros 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost & 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke

### Looking Ahead –

December 1 Reader's Orthros

December 6 St. Nicholas Celebration

December 13 Choir & Chanter Appreciation Sunday

### COLLECTION FOR ROOF REPAIRS

Repairs have begun on the north side roof of the church. We are collecting donations to supplement the funds we already saved in order to meet the 32K+ repair costs. So far, we have collected \$8,695. Glory to God!

**Akathist of Thanksgiving  
Wednesday, November 25  
6:00 pm**

**"The time of separation does not grieve him who frees himself from everything earthly...**

**The righteous, the holy, and the ascetics rejoice at the hour of death and separation, having the great labors of their asceticism, vigils and prayers, fast and tears, sackcloth and the subjection of their bodies to hardship before their eyes. Their souls leap up, for they are prepared to go out of their bodies for their rest."**

**St. Ephraim the Syrian**

*Thanksgiving  
Community Dinner  
TODAY  
To-Go Meal Served at  
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 marked as such. Contact Kriss Saad at 419-2677 to volunteer.*

### ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

- *Holy Angels* book study: next meeting November 24, 7:00-8:30 pm via Zoom only. All women welcome to join the discussion. Books available in church bookstore or online. Sarah Steiger will email the Zoom link to access the meeting.

### PARISH COUNCIL SNAPSHOT

1. The Parish Council established a new ministry team: Facility/Building Future Development.
2. Jan & John Ivancovich are making progress with an architect on the Narthex plans.
3. Fr. Christopher explained the debris flow danger to the church location with information from the County of Santa Cruz.

### CHURCH SCHOOL UPDATE

In an effort to be consistently faithful to our bishop, in light of local rising COVID-19 cases, Church School will be postponed for now.

## Ss. Philemon, Apphia, Archippos & Onesimus

On November 22 in the Holy Orthodox Church we continue to celebrate the Entrance of the Theotokos, and we commemorate the holy Apostles of the Seventy: Philemon, Apphia, Archippos and Onesimus, disciples of Apostle Paul.

Philemon was a wealthy nobleman from Colossae in Phrygia; Apphia was his wife who cared for the sick and vagrants. Philemon became Bishop of the Church in Gaza; Archippus became Bishop in Colossae. Onesimus, who was formerly an unbeliever and slave of Philemon stole certain of his vessels and fled to Rome. However, on finding him there, the Apostle Paul guided him onto the path of virtue and the knowledge of the truth, and sent him back to his master Philemon, to whom he wrote an epistle (one of the fourteen biblical epistles of Saint Paul). In this epistle, Paul commended Onesimus to his master and reconciled the two. Onesimus was later made a bishop; in Greece he is honored as the patron Saint of the imprisoned. All these Saints received their end by martyrdom in the first century.

By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

### Memory Eternal

November 22 Hieromonk Athanasius  
November 24 Deacon Joseph Kerns

## St. Nicholas Celebration

Sunday, December 6

Reading of the St.

Nicholas Story & a Visit

from St. Nicholas

*At the conclusion of the Liturgy on Thanksgiving Day 1983, Father Alexander Schmemmann took from his pocket a short, written sermon in the form of a prayer, which he proceeded to read. These were his words, which proved to be the last ever spoken by him from the ambo in church:*

## Thank You, O Lord!

Everyone capable of thanksgiving is capable of salvation and eternal joy.

Thank You, O Lord, for having accepted this Eucharist, which we offered to the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and which filled our hearts with the joy, peace and righteousness of the Holy Spirit.

Thank You, O Lord, for having revealed Yourself unto us and given us the foretaste of Your Kingdom.

Thank You, O Lord, for having united us to one another in serving You and Your Holy Church.

Thank You, O Lord, for having helped us to overcome all difficulties, tensions, passions, temptations and restored peace, mutual love and joy in sharing the communion of the Holy Spirit.

Thank You, O Lord, for the sufferings You bestowed upon us, for they are purifying us from selfishness and remind us of the "one thing needed"; Your eternal Kingdom.

Thank You, O Lord, for having given us this country where we are free to worship You.

Thank You, O Lord, for this school, where the name of God is proclaimed.

Thank You, O Lord, for our families: husbands, wives and, especially, children who teach us how to celebrate Your holy Name in joy, movement and holy noise.

Thank You, O Lord, for everyone and everything.

Great are You, O Lord, and marvelous are Your deeds, and no word is sufficient to celebrate Your miracles.

Lord, it is good to be here! Amen!