

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

BULLETIN – SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS

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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–September 18-24, 2023

- 9/18 Mon 6:00 pm – Bible Study - Romans
9/19 Tues 7:00 am – Readers Orthros
9/20 Wed 6:00 pm – Vespers
9/21 Thu 6:00 am – Men's Reading Group
10:00 am– Koffee w/Khouria
9/23 Sat 8:00 am – Divine Liturgy for the
Conception of John the Baptist
6:00 pm – Great Vespers w/Litia
9/24 Sun 8:20 am – Orthros
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – Proto-
martyr Thekla, equal-to-the-Apostles
Adult catechism
Youth Choir practice
2:00 pm – Community Dinner

Looking ahead—

- September 25 Bible Study
September 26 6:00 am Divine Liturgy – No Readers
Orthros (*note time change*)
Women's Evening Book Study
September 27 Paraklesis
October 1 Baptisms
October 6 Morning Divine Liturgy
October 8 Harvest Festival (*note date change*)
October 10 Women's Evening Book Study

LOST & FOUND

If you have misplaced something on the church grounds, look in the box below the church mailboxes in the parish hall. If the item is small, like sunglasses, a watch, keys check with the church office.

CALENDAR ITEMS

If you have anything you would like to put on the church calendar, including Trisagion prayers, contact Dn. Anthony frdnranthony@gmail.com.

Many Years – Birthday

Fr. George Washburn	September 17
Frank Hagg	September 17
AnaGrace Beck	September 19
Marilyn Surgeon	September 22

HARVEST FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 8

The festival begins right after the Divine Liturgy. There will be games and activities for kids and an **inflatable water slide!** Kids, bring your bathing suits and towels. Parents consider donating to cover the cost of the slide as prices have gone up this year. Bring apples to press for juice, casseroles, salads, side dishes, desserts to share—your choice. Bring your own meat if you want to barbecue; grills will be hot. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help in any aspect of the festival, please contact Dn. Dave Newberry at 431-3080.

Community Dinner Sunday, September 24 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 in the residential refrigerator*. To volunteer, contact Keidi (831) 588-9575 or Amy (831) 713-9021.

FUN FACT

Did you know that St. Nectarios of Pentapolis we commemorate at the end of the Divine Liturgy is also known as St. Nectarios of Aegina? His icon is in the south transept.

**Adult catechism on September 24 at
coffee hour!**

FALL GATHERING – OCTOBER 13-15

This year's gathering is hosted by St. James in Modesto at 4100 Salida Blvd. A block of rooms has been reserved at a discount, but **reservations must be made by Wednesday, September 27.** Mention "St. James room rate." Rooms include free parking and complimentary breakfast. Reservations made after that date will not be discounted.

[Download the registration form](#)

[Book the hotel](#)

Schedule of Events

- ***10/13:** 3-6 pm arrival, registration
6 pm Vespers @ St. James
7 pm welcome reception @ St. James
- ***10/14:** 8 am registration & continental breakfast @ St. James
9 am morning prayers & opening address
9:30 am-1 pm Diocesan organizations meet
1 pm lunch provided by St. James
2-5 pm Sacred Music workshop w/Mareena Boosamra Ball, Antiochian Archdiocese Chairman of Department of Sacred Music, & Antiochian group activities
6 pm Great Vespers @ St. James
6:30 pm dinner @ St. James (ticketed event)
- ***10/15:** 9 am Orthros @ St. James
10 am Divine Liturgy
11:30 am Fellowship Lunch provided by St. James

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Make every effort to be present **today**, September 17 so that you may be updated on parish ministries and current projects, and so that we have a quorum for approving the proceedings. The general meeting will follow the Divine Liturgy.

BOOKSTORE SPOTLIGHT

Christ Among Us, Newrome Press

Proper nourishment during an individual's childhood sets the foundation for good health for the remainder of his life. Similarly, a conscious participation in the Divine Liturgy from a person's childhood sets the foundation for his spiritual health and progress—it provides all the spiritual provisions for a lifetime. This book is offered as a small contribution and aid for every young person who wishes to place the Divine Liturgy at the center of his life, as well as for parents and catechists who work closely with children. This book was based on *The Divine Liturgy: A Commentary in the Light of the Fathers* by Hieromonk Gregorios.

**Reflections on the Morning Prayer of St.
Philaret of Moscow**

*"O Lord, grant me to meet the coming day in peace. Help me in all things to rely upon Your holy will. In every hour of the day, reveal Your will to me. **Bless my dealings with all who surround me.** Teach me to treat all that comes to me throughout the day with peace of soul and with firm conviction that Your will governs all. In all my deeds and words, guide my thoughts and feelings. In unforeseen events, let me not forget that all are sent by You. Teach me to act firmly and wisely, without embittering and embarrassing others. Give me strength to bear the fatigue of the coming day with all that it shall bring. Direct my will, teach me to pray, pray You Yourself in me. Amen."*

To be blessed is to be set in the right order and relationship to God and His creation. We ask God to bless our interactions with others so we might approach our neighbor in a Christ-like manner. Our neighbor, spouse, children, co-workers and classmates are a large part of our salvation. In our dealings with them, we have opportunities to be humble, loving, compassionate, forgiving, and repent when we fail to do so.

Memory Eternal

September 17

Kh. Judy Hillhouse