

MARCH 3, 2019

BULLETIN – SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT

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Deadline for Bulletin Submissions -- 10:00 am Thursday ♦ Father's Office Hours – Tuesday 10:30 am-1:30 pm

Happy Birthday To

Victor Albers	March 3
Avery Machnee	March 6
Amanda Baillie	March 7

Happy Anniversary To

James & Cheryl Paquette	March 6
Dn. Anthony & Sh. Camille Livingston	March 7

- Youth Groups from Ss Peter & Paul, Prophet Elias, St. Lawrence
- \$175 registration fee
- Contact: christinasaad89@gmail.com or www.yesnorthamerica.org or Kbitar@focusna.org.

VISIT TO ST JOHN MAXIMOVITCH

Saturday, March 9, Hieromonk James Corazza will lead us on a walk in the footsteps of St. John of Shanghai and San Francisco. All are welcome and encouraged to participate. Pick up a flyer in the narthex as you leave church for details.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

A schedule of Great Lent services and a booklet explaining fasting and Great Lent are available in the narthex.

Forgiveness Vespers
Sunday, March 10
6:00 pm

CAMP ST. NICHOLAS REGISTRATION

Registration for summer camp at Camp St. Nicholas is now open. Scholarships are available both from the Antiochian Archdiocese and from Ss Peter & Paul. Speak to Fr. Nathan if you are interested in a camp scholarship.

MARCH CALENDAR

The March calendar is now in your church mailbox. Fish is not allowed on Sunday, March 24 so please correct your calendar accordingly. Please remove outdated information and personal items from your box as well.

YES (Youth Equipped to Serve)

- Friday, March 22 - Sunday, March 24
- Ministering to the people of Santa Cruz
- 13 years to college age

BOOK REVIEW

The Unrivalled Protectress, St. Anthony's Greek Orthodox Monastery, Florence, Arizona

This book has 15 amazing stories to tell about miracles the Theotokos has performed. It's a fast read yet interesting, and the miracles occurred for people in all walks of life. Some are dramatic, while others are less so, but all demonstrate the care of the Mother of God for us when we turn to her.

There is also a prayer at the back of the book by Saint Nektarios that honors the Theotokos and asks for her intercession. Here is a partial quote: "Console me, O daughter of the King, who are the immediate consolation of all who sorrow [, t]he hope of the hopeless, the solace of the suffering, the ready protectress of those seeking refuge in thee."

God loves His mother, and those who respect and honor her find favor with Him. When we bring our cares to the Theotokos, we find a ready intercessor, one who is heard by the Lord of the universe. But it's more even than that. Throughout all the ages, the Theotokos is the one person who God chose to be His mother. She is an example to all generations of humility, kindness, obedience and godliness. When we honor her and ask for her intercession, we draw closer to God and closer to her, so that some of her humility and kindness can clip into our own soul.

Memory Eternal

March 5
March 7

Marjorie Hardenbrook
Daniel Alton Oakes

This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul – March 4-10, 2019

- 3/5 **Tues.** 6:00 am – Reader’s Orthros
3/6 **Wed** 6:00 pm – Vespers
3/7 **Thurs.** 6:00 am – Men’s Reading Group
9:00 am – Orthros
3/9 **Sat.** 8:00 am – Men’s Breakfast
10:30 am – Visit with St. John
Maximovitch in San Francisco
6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline
3/10 **Sun.** 8:20 am – Orthros
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy –
Forgiveness Sunday
10:20 am – Church School
Choir rehearsal 20 minutes after Divine
Liturgy

Looking Ahead –

- March 11** **Great Lent Begins**
March 11-12 Great Compline & Canon of St. Andrew
March 13 Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified
Gifts
March 14 Great Compline & Canon of St. Andrew
March 15 Little Compline w/Akathist
March 17 **Sunday of Orthodoxy**
Trisagion for Metropolitan PHILIP
March 18 Great Compline
March 19 Parish Council Meeting—first with the
new council members
March 20 Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified
Gifts
March 22-24 YES Youth Group Ministry in Santa
Cruz
March 22 Little Compline w/Akathist
March 24 **Sunday of Gregory Palamas**
March 25 **Annunciation**
Great Compline
March 27 Divine Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified
March 29 Little Compline w/Akathist
March 31 **Sunday of the Cross**
Community Dinner

“Have you ever observed the life of the heart? Try it even for a short time and see what you find. Something unpleasant happens, and you get irritated; some misfortune occurs, and you pity yourself; you see someone whom you dislike, and animosity wells up within you; you meet one of your equals who has now outdistanced you on the social scale, and you begin to envy him; you think of your talents and capabilities, and you begin to grow proud....

“All this is rottenness: vainglory, carnal desire, gluttony, laziness, malice—one on top of the other, they destroy the heart. And all of this can pass through the heart in a matter of minutes. For this reason one ascetic, who was extremely attentive to himself, was quite right in saying that ‘man’s heart is filled with poisonous serpents. Only the hearts of saints are free from these serpents, the passions.’

“But such freedom is attained only through a long and difficult process of self-knowledge, working on oneself and being vigilant towards one’s inner life, i.e., the soul.

“Be careful. Watch out for your soul! Turn your thoughts away from what will soon pass away and turn them towards what is eternal. Here you will find the happiness that your soul seeks, that your heart thirsts for.”

St. John Maximovitch

AOCWNA LENTEN RETREAT
CAMP ST. NICHOLAS
FRAZIER PARK, CALIFORNIA
APRIL 12-14, 2019