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SS PETER AND PAUL

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Holy Communion - "Do's and Dont's"

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In His latest pastoral letter to the clergy of the Diocese of the West, Archbishop Benjamin draws our attention to proper attitude with regards to Holy Communion. Archbishop Benjamin in his caring and loving way of communicating, wrote us a letter asking clergy to educate our people on communion etiquette from time to time, either from the ambo at the end of the Liturgy or in our bulletin:

1) "There are two groups of people that present the greatest danger at communion: infants and pious, little old ladies.

a. "I would like to ask you to remind parents that their child should be held horizontally (**never upright**) with its head in the crook of the right arm. This allows the position of the child and gravity to assist in giving the child communion. Arms and legs should be gently held so there is no danger of the child hitting the chalice and causing a spill.

b. "It is a pious Russian custom to kiss the chalice (**NEVER the hand of the priest**) after receiving Communion. However, more than once I have had little old ladies try to pull the bottom of the chalice toward them with their hands in order to kiss it. This, of course, results in the upper part of the chalice tilting toward the priest and possibly spilling. **No one should EVER** touch the chalice. Arms should be crossed on the breast to keep them out of the way.

2) "Should someone want to cross themselves after receiving, they should do so **AFTER** having stepped away from it so there is no danger of hitting it accidentally and causing a spill.

3) "If the Precious Blood should splash on your clothes or clergy vestments, the place where it happened must be cut out and burned."

May God Bless us all.
Archpriest Nazari Polataiko

PARISH LIFE:

Important dates:

June 4th – Apostles' fast begins

July 7th – NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

July 12th – HOLY APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL

August 6th – OUR LORD'S TRANSFIGURATION

(Gregorian calendar)

August 15th – DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

(Gregorian calendar)

August 19th – OUR LORD'S TRANSFIGURATION

(Julian calendar)

August 28th – DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

(Julian calendar)

From the desk of Fr Nazari

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The joyous period of Pascha has come to an end. We celebrated the feast of Ascension and are preparing to celebrate the feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit and to begin the fast of the Apostles Peter and Paul on June 4th.

Summer is a period when everybody wants to relax, enjoy the sunny California weather, and go to the beach in order to regain our so much needed physical strength. And it's understandable and normal. However, I would like to encourage you to not forget to care for your spiritual well-being as well, and come to services.

Again and again I want to appeal to you, our beloved parishioners, with spiritual advice to attend Saturday vigil services and to approach the sacrament of Holy Confession on a regular basis.

I would like to draw your attention to the brief article on how to approach Holy Communion and what one should or should not do before you come to receive the Holy Body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On daily matters, I want to thank everybody who helped with preparations for the feast of Pascha: the Sisterhood and flower ladies for their ever-beautiful arrangements, everybody who participated in the cleaning of Temple, the Children's Choir preparing and singing Paschal hymns during the services, the Saturday School for providing and preparing eggs both real and chocolate and organizing the children's Paschal celebration.

As we know after Pascha several important events happened in our cathedral: The Greatest Romantic Masterpieces concert and visitation of the wonderworking icon of the Mother of God "Abbess of Mount Athos." I want to thank Li-ana and her team of volunteers and Parish Council members who prepared the Parish Hall, food, silent auction and everything else for another successful concert. Also, I want to thank everybody who helped hosting the delegation that came with the icon of the Mother of God "Abbess of Mount Athos."

As many of you know, renovations of our new parish bookstore finally ended and it was blessed by Archbishop Benjamin on Palm Sunday. Please come and visit our store as we will regularly update our inventory with new book titles, icons and devotional artifacts. In the very near future we hope to also offer you tasty coffee, tea and desserts so that you can enjoy your spiritual shopping even more. Our kiosk-bookstore is open on Sundays after Liturgy, and weekdays by appointment. Please call the office phone number 323-661-7000 to make an appointment.

At the beginning of June we are going to start finishing our church's hardwood floor. From June 4th till June 9-10, services will be held in the Parish Hall. In order for this renovation to go smoothly, we will need your assistance starting the week of Monday, May 28th. All liturgical icons, items and furnishings will have to be moved from the church building. I appeal to all who are able to help with carrying; please come and help on the dates which will be announced at a later time.

From June 22nd to July 6th I will be on vacation. God willing, on June 24th-25th I will be serving at the cradle of Orthodox monasticism in the lands of Rus in the Kiev Caves Lavra. If anybody would like to pass commemoration slips with the names of your relatives and your close ones you are welcome to do so, so that I can commemorate them during Divine Liturgy.

During my absence Father Arkady Mironko will be substituting for me for the Sunday services, and in case of pastoral emergencies please call Father Yousuf Rassam at 714-308-6778 or 818-881-1123.

Thank you all for your prayers and assistance.

Archpriest Nazari Polataiko

Sisterhood news

We have a new burgundy altar table cover and plan to order more in various colors according to the feast days. One set of new priest vestments also arrived from Ukraine. Fr. Nazari was able to wear the purple one during the Fast. They are really beautiful and very festive. The Sisterhood Feast Day will be celebrated on Monday following Pentecost with a Molieben at 6:30 pm and dinner in the Hall. The ladies have been working very hard expanding the menu for our Sunday luncheons.

On many occasions we have sold all our food. We still need more help in the kitchen and people serving. We invite and welcome ladies to join us. Our dues are \$25.00 a year.

Irene Gregory

Fundraising Committee

Another successful event from Micheltorena Concert Series -The Greatest Romantic Masterpieces concert was held on May 6th by Vladimir Khomyakov and Siuzanna Iglidan.

It was an unforgettable performance and we are very grateful to everyone who made this concert possible. Thank you all for supporting our fundraising effort.

Saturday School

Our Commencement ceremony will take place on May 26th and will feature a performance on the subject "Slavic writing and culture". This year we have 2 graduates, we wish them a bright and successful adult life.

New 2018-19 academic year will begin on September 8th. ***Registration will be held on Saturdays: August 18th and 25th, September 1st from 10 am to 3 pm.*** You are welcome!

Irina Usova, Coordinator

Sunday School

Sunday School classes will meet in June on 6/3 and 6/24. Classes will resume in September after the summer break. The Sunday School staff wishes everyone a refreshing and renewing summer.

Marie McEntire, Coordinator

Charity Committee

Our June charity collection will go to St. Herman's Seminary. St. Herman's Seminary offers a four-year program of theological, liturgical, patristics, and Biblical studies in a progression of one year programs. A one-year program prepares students to serve as readers and singers. This year is followed by a year of further Biblical studies, Church history and doctrine for teachers and catechists. As a diaconate program, the third year continues with classes in higher level theology and liturgical experience, and includes training in substance abuse counseling with a certification. The fourth year priests program emphasizes pastoral ministry and theological education, and includes mentoring in prison and hospital ministry and in parish life and administration.

Please stop by the Charity Committee bulletin board in the hallway outside the office to learn about all the charities we support.

Marie McEntire, Chairman

<u>BAPTISMS:</u>	Sullivan Crawford	March 17 th
	Matthew Buinikis.....	April 14 th
	Valerie Litovsky	April 18 th
	Noah Salinas.....	April 7 th
<u>MARRIAGES:</u>	Vlad Caley and Yelena Patek	April 21 st

Many years!

<u>FUNERALS:</u>	Alexander Reviakin.....	April 2 nd
	Nathaniel Washington.....	March 10 th
	Vadim Karpenko.....	March 28 th
	Melissa Peterson	May 21 st

Memory eternal!

Prayer Request list:

Irene Gregory, Marina Dobis, Mary Kokayko, Alexander, Maria, Elena, Theodore, Ann Brown

**The Parish Council Would Like to Thank the Following Persons
for their BUILDING Fund and CENTENNIAL Fund Contributions**

Irene Gregory in memory of Leonid Gregory	1,500
Miliza Protasov in memory of departed husband and family	1,000
Ronald Vroon	1,000
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Michael Beaulieu.....	50
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Eugene Zykov.....	20
Maureen Mikita	10

JUNE 2018

2	Sat	5:00 pm	Vigil	1st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST All Saints
3	Sun	10:00 am	Liturgy	
<i>Apostles' fast begins on June 4th</i>				
5	Tue	7:00 pm	Akathist before the icon of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos "Rescuer of the Perishing"	
9	Sat	5:00 pm	Vigil	

10	Sun	10:00 am	Liturgy	2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST All Saints who shone forth in North America and Russia
12	Tue	7:00 pm	Akathist before the icon of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos “Rescuer of the Perishing”	
16	Sat	5:00 pm	Vigil	3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
17	Sun	10:00 am	Liturgy	
19	Tue	7:00 pm	Akathist before the icon of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos “Rescuer of the Perishing”	
23	Sat	5:00 pm	Vigil	4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
24	Sun	10:00 am	Liturgy	
26	Tue	7:00 pm	Akathist before the icon of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos “Rescuer of the Perishing”	
30	Sat	5:00 pm	Vigil	

JULY 2018

1	Sun	10:00am	Divine Liturgy	5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
3	Tue	7:00pm	Akathist before the icon of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos “Rescuer of the Perishing”	
7	Sat	10:00am 5:00pm	Divine Liturgy Vigil	NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
8	Sun	10:00am	Divine Liturgy	6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
10	Tue	7:00pm	Akathist before the icon of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos “Rescuer of the Perishing”	
11	Wed	7:00pm	Vigil	HOLY APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL
12	Thu	10:00am	Divine Liturgy	
14	Sat	5:00pm	Vigil	
15	Sun	10:00am	Divine Liturgy	7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
17	Tue	7:00pm	Akathist before the icon of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos “Rescuer of the Perishing”	
18	Wed	10:00am	Divine Liturgy	Ven. Sergius of Radonezh; Martyrs Elizabeth & Barbara
21	Sat	5:00pm	Vigil	
22	Sun	10:00am	Divine Liturgy	8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
24	Tue	7:00pm	Akathist before the icon of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos “Rescuer of the Perishing”	
28	Sat	10:00am 5:00pm	Divine Liturgy Vigil	Holy Great Prince Vladimir, Equal-to-the-Apostles
29	Sun	10:00am	Divine Liturgy	9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
31	Tue	7:00pm	Akathist before the icon of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos “Rescuer of the Perishing”	

AUGUST 2018

1	Wed	10:00am	Divine Liturgy	Ven. Seraphim of Sarov
4	Sat	5:00pm	Vigil	
5	Sun	10:00am 5:00pm	Divine Liturgy Vigil, fruit blessing	10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
6	Mon	10:00am	Divine Liturgy, fruit blessing	OUR LORD’S TRANSFIGURATION (Gregorian calendar)
7	Tue	7:00pm	Akathist before the icon of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos “Rescuer of the Perishing”	
9	Thu	10:00am	Divine Liturgy	Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon
11	Sat	5:00pm	Vigil	
12	Sun	10:00am	Divine Liturgy	11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

14	Tue	7:00 pm	Vigil	DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS (Gregorian calendar)
15	Wed	10:00am	Divine Liturgy	
18	Sat	5:00pm	Vigil	12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OUR LORD'S TRANSFIGURATION (Julian calendar)
19	Sun	10:00am	Divine Liturgy	
21	Tue	7:00pm	Akathist before the icon of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos "Rescuer of the Perishing"	
22	Wed	10:00am	Divine Liturgy, Moleben & cross-procession to the Chapel	Apostle Matthias; Ven. Herman of Alaska
25	Sat	5:00pm	Vigil	
26	Sun	10:00am	Divine Liturgy	13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
28	Tue	10:00am	Divine Liturgy	DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS (Julian calendar)
		7:00pm	Akathist before the icon of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos "Rescuer of the Perishing"	

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