

OCTOBER 1, 2023

BULLETIN – 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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 25-October 1, 2023

10/2	Mon	6:00 pm – Bible Study - Romans
10/3	Tues	7:00 am – Readers Orthros
10/4	Wed	6:00 pm – Vespers
10/5	Thu	6:00 am – Men's Reading Group
10/6	Fri	8:00 am – Divine Liturgy
10/7	Sat	6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline
10/8	Sun	8:20 am – Orthros & baptisms 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – 18 th Sunday after Pentecost 10:20 am – Church School Harvest Festival

Looking ahead—

October 9	Bible Study
October 10	Women's Evening Book Study
October 11	8:00 am Divine Liturgy
October 12	Women's Morning Book Study
October 13-15	Fall Gathering
October 14	Prayer-cise workshop
October 18	Parish Council
October 19	Morning Divine Liturgy Koffee w/Khouria

**FAMILY GAME NIGHT
IN THE BARN
TONIGHT, 6:00-8:00 pm**

CHILI COOK-OFF

Break out your chili recipes. Sunday, October 29 we will have our annual Chili Cook-off during coffee hour. Save the date. Look for more details about the cook-off in the bulletin in the coming weeks!

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 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

TIMES FOR CONFESSION

Confessions are heard after Vespers on Wednesday evenings (by appointment), on Saturday evenings following Great Vespers and by appointment during the week. If you desire to go to confession during Orthros, come prior to 9:15 am and send a message to one of the priests through one of the deacons.

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; the 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.

THANK YOU!

Thank you Gerry Elwell and Sh. Donna Wentzel who completed their terms of service in the Parish Council. Welcome back newly chosen Parish Council members Leanne Albers and Keith Evans who join currently serving members Victor Albers, Frank Hagg, Philip Salibi, Marc Sacoolas, Jonathan Pflueger, and Kh. Ellen Stieger

OCTOBER 14 PRAYER-CISE WORKSHOP

For those not attending the Fall Gathering, Dn. Rich Schmidt will offer a workshop on prayer and exercise in the parish hall, Saturday, October 14, 9:00-11:30 am.

THE WORD MAGAZINE

The September/October issue of *The Word* is available on the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese website. You may read it online [here](#).

VCUM FOOD BARREL

Our church contributes all year to the Valley Churches United Missions food collection for families in need in the San Lorenzo Valley. You may leave canned and boxed food items in the VCUM food barrel, kept on the decking by the north door of the parish hall. All food donations are collected each Sunday by VCUM. If you would like to make a cash donation, please contact **Marilyn Spurgeon** at 345-5448.

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.”

Whether big or small, daily life tends to have bumps and potholes which we must navigate. We can allow them to throw us out of balance, becoming agitated by their existence, or we can acknowledge them as part of God’s will for our salvation. Having aligned our will with God’s, we allow His will to govern all things and we don’t sweat the small or big stuff, but have peace of soul.

“The bond between friends cannot be broken by chance; no interval of time or space can destroy it. Not even death itself can part true friends.”

St. John Cassian

Memory Eternal

October 5

Kh. Jerry Elizabeth Beck

October 6

Presb. Barbara Hardenbrook