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BULLETIN – SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul – September 20-26, 2021

- 9/21 Tues 7:00 am – Readers Orthros
9/22 Wed 6:00 pm – Paraklesis
9/23 Thurs 6:00 am – Men’s Reading Group
9/24 Fri 9:00 am – Divine Liturgy w/children’s catechism
9/25 Sat 6:00 pm – Great Vespers w/Litia
9/26 Sun 8:20 am – Orthros
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – Repose of St. John the Evangelist & Theologian
10:20 am – Church School
2:00 pm – Community Dinner
Youth Group

Looking ahead—

- September 28 7:00 am Readers Orthros
Women’s Book Study
October 2 Men’s Breakfast
Youth Choir
October 3 Trisagion Prayers for Bp. ANTOUN & Kh. Terry Elizabeth

+ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TODAY+

FALL GATHERING – OCTOBER 8-10

His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH will be with us for our Fall Gathering at St. John the Evangelist Orthodox Church at 501 Moraga Way in Orinda. Go [here](#) (found on “Antiochian Women Diocese of Los Angeles & the West” Facebook page) for the latest information on the gathering and to register. The registration fee is \$30 and if you stay for the Saturday dinner there is an extra fee of \$25. The link also takes you to a list of local hotels with their cost. If you attend, be advised that everyone is required to wear a mask while indoors, hand sanitizer will be readily available and social distancing will be observed as much as possible.

Many Years – Birthday

AnaGrace Beck	September 19
Marilyn Spurgeon	September 22
Cicily Oakes	September 24
Alexander Polosjuk	September 25

Many Years – Anniversary

Victory & Leanne Albers	September 24
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ORTHODOX WITNESS TO CHRIST PROGRAM

A further opportunity to increase your knowledge and understanding of the Orthodox faith, these four semesters led by His Grace Bishop JOHN will help prepare you to nourish and share the faith in the 21st century. Go [here](#) to download the informational flyer, to register, and to sign up for program updates. Questions? Email admin@witnesschrist.org.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Sunday, September 26

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/industrial refrigerator marked for Community Dinner. Contact Marc Sacoolas at (831) 438-3455 to volunteer.

ASSEMBLY OF BISHOPS ANNOUNCES 10TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING

Please pray for our Orthodox hierarchs as they gather to pray, network, and make joint decisions about the Church in North America October 2-5. For more information about this meeting go [here](#) (Antiochian website).

PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER WALK/5k RUN FUND RAISER

◆ Saturday, September 25, 10:00 am – walk/run (or sponsor a walker/runner) from Shrine of St. Joseph Church, Westcliff Drive in Santa Cruz (www.prcwalk.org).

ST. ATHANASIUS COLLEGE – ZOOM COURSE ON SPIRITUAL WARFARE

- 10/4: Fighting the Good Fight
- 10/11: Stretching Out with Our Feelings: Promise & Pitfall
- 10/18: Completing Our Training
- 10/25: The Seductive Dark Side of Sin

Course is four weeks, Mondays @ 8:00 pm EST, 60 minutes each, and is taught by Fr. Michael Nasser, pastor of St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Cost is \$50. Go [here](#) (Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America website) to register and for more information.

**Fr. Christopher does not want the fee to be a hindrance to participation. Please contact him about this if you would like to take the course.*

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

- Sunday, September 26—Meeting during coffee hour

Now that summer has wound down, it is time to look ahead and plan for events, outreach, service and fellowship. Business items also need addressing. Please contact Sarah Steiger at steiger2008@gmail.com in advance if you have items to put on the agenda.

SAVE THE DATES

- 2 October — Youth Choir Rehearsal @ 5:00 pm in the church
- 20 November — Advent Retreat. More information forthcoming in October.

MINISTRY TEAM ADDITIONS

As you read through the ministry team reports, please consider where your talents might best be used to the glory of God in the Church. All ministry teams need more helpers. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Parish Council Chairman, one of the ministry team leaders, or me.

+Fr. Christopher

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER EDITION OF THE WORD AVAILABLE ONLINE

Go [here](#) (Antiochian website) to access the latest edition of our archdiocese periodical *The Word*. This issue continues a teaching on almsgiving and adds articles about keeping the youth in the Church, grief, the historicity of the priesthood, as well as current events throughout the archdiocese.

READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

With the blessing of Fr. Christopher, Sarah Steiger is inviting anyone interested in reading the Bible in a year to join her in following a reading plan ([see outline here](#)) developed by St. Andrew Orthodox Christian Church in Riverside, California. The plan has daily readings of the Old Testament, Psalms, Proverbs and New Testament using the Orthodox Study Bible. Group members will read on their own but also be able to encourage each other and meet occasionally. Fr. Christopher may also periodically meet with the group for discussion or answer individual questions. If you are interested, please contact Sarah at steiger2008@gmail.com or (831) 588-7526.

*Friday, September 24
9:00 am Divine Liturgy
with Children's Catechism*