

DECEMBER 1, 2024
BULLETIN – 23RD 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 – December 2-8, 2024

12/2	Mo	End of Vigil for St. Porphyrios
12/3	Tu	7:00 am – Readers Orthros 7:00 pm – Adult Choir rehearsal
12/4	Wd	6:00 pm – Vespers
12/5	Th	7:00 am – Men's Reading Group
12/6	Fr	8:00 am – Divine Liturgy – St. Nicholas of Myra
12/7	Sa	8:00 am – Men's Breakfast 5:30 pm – Learn Byzantine Tones 6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline
12/8	Su	9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – 24 th Sunday after Pentecost 10:20 am – Church School Adult Choir rehearsal 5:00 pm – St. Nicholas Celebration

Looking Ahead—

December 10 *Akathist to the Theotokos for healing*

December 12 *Vespers w/procession for St. Lucia*

December 13 *Morning Divine Liturgy*

December 14 *Women's Book Study*

December 15 *Adult Choir rehearsal*

NATIVITY SERVICES

December 24 – Prefeast of the Nativity

**9:00 am Royal Hours, followed by Typika and
Vesperal Divine Liturgy

December 25 – Feast of the Nativity of Christ

**8:00 am Nativity services, followed by
Christmas Breakfast

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**Bring a prepared sweet bread, egg dish, or
meat to share

**Enjoy church provided cider

***Adult choir rehearsal Tuesday, December 3
@ 7:00 pm***

Many Years – Birthday

Logan Cooper-Gritton December 2

Nicole Hofschneider December 4

Many Years – Anniversary

John & Jan Ivancovich December 3

VIGIL FOR ST PORPHYRIOS

TODAY, beginning at 6:00 pm, there will be an
All Night Vigil for St. Porphyrios, including
Vespers w/Litua, Orthros, and Divine Liturgy.

GOOD WORKS FOR NOVEMBER

Valley Churches United Canned Food Drive:
Bring cans of food and leave in the VCM barrel
on the north side of the parish hall.

Alms: Almsgiving is above and beyond our tithe
and is an important part of Orthodox piety.

Food For Hungry People: This is especially good
for children because they see how to practice
almsgiving, in this case for hungry people at
home and around the world. This is our
archdiocese sponsored charity. FFHP boxes are
in the narthex, so take one home today. **When
the fast is over, return the loaded box to the
Narthex for collection.**

**Friday, December 6 @ 8:00 am
Divine Liturgy for St. Nicholas of Myra**

WOMEN'S BOOKS STUDY RESUMES

The next Women's Books Study will be on
Saturday, December 14 at 8:30 am in the parish
hall. Contact Lucia Resnick at (831) 252-1684 for
more details.

RESPECT FOR HOLY VESSELS AND ICONS

Please wipe off lip products when kissing icons
or receiving the Holy Eucharist out of respect
for the holy vessels and icons.

***Akathist to the Theotokos for healing
Tuesday, December 10 @ 5:00 pm***

NATIVITY FAST – FIRST PART

November 15-December 12

- Wednesday/Friday is maintained: abstain from meat, dairy, fish, oil, and wine.
- All other days we abstain only from meat and dairy products. Fish, oil, and wine are allowed.

**Thursday, December 12 @ 6:00 pm
Vespers w/procession for St. Lucia**

HEARTY THANK YOU

Thank you to Amy Swagerty, Sh. Valerie Pflueger, and Teen Soyo for hosting, prepping, and serving the festal meal for the feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos in the Temple. Thank you to the volunteers who provided various foods, set up and cleaned up after the meal. A blessed time was had by all!

ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION

- **December 8, 5:00-6:30 pm in the barn
- **Bring non-perishable food items for VCUM barrel
- **Bring a plate of cookies to share
- **Caroling, St. Nicholas story, & a visit from St. Nicholas
- **If you are able to accompany a Christmas carol on an instrument or otherwise want to add to the joviality, please contact Darlene Johnson about the accompaniment by **Tuesday, December 3** and Keidi Lewis about the joviality.
- **Help needed moving chairs to/from barn/hall on December 8.

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.

**Friday, December 13 @ 6:00 am
Divine Liturgy – St. Lucia & St. Herman**

GIVING TUESDAY

While it is true that there are many things in our society that are contrary to Christ, it is important to identify, bless, and support those aspects of our culture that are good and spiritually beneficial. A day dedicated to charitable giving is certainly one of these. Not due to a guilty conscience for over-spending on Black Friday, but because it is pleasing to God. (see below)

Christ calls us to be charitable, caring for those in need, supporting the Church and other organizations that do this important work. We are asked to tithe to support the regular ministries of the parish, and if we are able, give charitably beyond our tithe.

I have included a few organizations for your consideration. There are many others. Please consider making charitable donations as you are able. The amount is not as important as the act of giving.

Ss Peter & Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church, Ben Lomond: [Website](#) - [Donate](#)
IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities): [Website](#) - [Donate](#)
OCMC (Orthodox Christian Mission Center): [Website](#) - [Donate](#)
Order of St. Ignatius: [Website](#) - [Donate](#)
Ancient Faith Ministries: [Website](#) - [Donate](#)
Zoe for Life: [Website](#) - [Donate](#)
FOCUS NA (Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve): [Website](#) - [Donate](#)

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” (Hebrews 13:16)

“Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.” (Matthew 25:40)

“But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him?” (1 John 3:17)

“In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” (Acts 20:35)

“Sell your possessions, and give alms; provide yourselves with purses that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.” (Luke 12:33)

+Fr. Christopher