

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

## BULLETIN – SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

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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 – February 17-23, 2025

- 2/17 Mo 7:00 pm – Bible Study
- 2/18 Tu 7:00 am – Readers Orthros
- 2/19 Wd 6:00 pm – Vespers  
7:00 pm – Parish Council
- 2/20 Th 7:00 am – Men's Reading Group
- 2/22 Sa 8:30 am – Women's Books Study  
5:30 pm – Learn Byzantine Tones  
6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline
- 2/23 Su 8:20 am – Orthros  
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – **Last Judgment (Meatfare)**  
10:20 am – Church School  
Meatfare BBQ  
Catechism  
Youth choir practice  
2:00 pm – Community Dinner

### Looking Ahead—

- February 24 *Morning Divine Liturgy*
- February 25 *Akathist to Theotokos for healing*  
*Adult choir rehearsal*
- February 26 *Paraklesis*
- March 1 *Men's Breakfast*
- March 2 **Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare)**  
*Adult choir rehearsal*  
*Bake sale fund raiser*  
**Forgiveness Vespers**
- March 3 **LENT BEGINS**  
**Great Compline w/Canon of St. Andrew**
- March 4 **Great Compline w/Canon of St. Andrew**
- March 5 **Presanctified Divine Liturgy followed by Soup Supper**
- March 6 **Great Compline w/Canon of St. Andrew**
- March 7 **Little Compline w/Akathist**

**Adult choir rehearsal today**

### TODAY AED TRAINING

Victor Albers will hold a training on how to use the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) today after Divine Liturgy in the Church School classroom directly behind the church office.

**Youth choir practice February 23**

**Community Dinner**  
**Sunday, February 23**  
**2:00 pm**

**Donations of non-perishable food items, money, and helpers to make and distribute the dinner needed. Leave food items in the parish hall kitchen or industrial refrigerator marked for Community Dinner, not the residential refrigerator. To volunteer, contact **Amanda Baillie at (832) 713-7583.****

### 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.

### WOMEN'S NIGHT – FEBRUARY 20

All women, please join us for a Women's Gathering on Thursday, February 20 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. Part of our Antiochian Women's mission is to support and encourage each other, and getting to know each other better makes sharing joys and burdens easier. Bring an appetizer, dessert, or beverage to share. For more information, contact Keidi Lewis at (831) 588-9575 or Sarah Steiger at (831) 588-7526.

## KOFFEE W/KHOURIA

At 10:00 am on Thursday, February 20 begin the day with an Akathist to Jesus, Light to Those in Darkness in the nave of the church, followed by coffee and snacks in the parish hall.

## **6:00 am Monday February 24 Divine Liturgy – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Findings of the Venerable Head of John the Baptist**

## MARCH 9 SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY PAN-ORTHODOX VESPERS

This year we will celebrate the Sunday of Orthodoxy with a Pan-Orthodox Vespers service on the evening of March 9. Multiple Orthodox Churches will be invited to celebrate with us. A tea and cookie reception will follow. This is in addition to our morning services, which include a procession with icons around the church.

**To all of my fellow parishioners of Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church:**

**Please accept my sincere gratitude for your recent prayers as I underwent open heart surgery to repair my mitral valve. It was a birth defect that worsened recently to the point where it was affecting my blood flow. Without repair, my life would be shortened with declining quality.**

**Thanks be to God and He hearing your prayers for me, the surgery was a resounding success and I am on the road to a full recovery and long life.**

**Your prayers were and are appreciated as greatly, as I am pleased to be a member of such a loving community, in Christ.**

**So, thank you all, "From the Bottom of My Heart..."**

**Yours in Christ,  
John Ivancovich**

## CALENDAR ITEMS

If you have anything you would like to put on the church calendar, including Trisagion prayers, please contact Dn. Anthony at [frdnranthony@gmail.com](mailto:frdnranthony@gmail.com).

## FELTON CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

St. Lawrence Church Academy students plan to clean up of all the Orthodox graves in the Felton Cemetery. Neither church has a complete record of the Orthodox buried in the cemetery. If you know of an Orthodox loved one buried there, please contact the St. Lawrence Academy (number below) and give them the plot number so they can add it to their records. They will be weeding, putting down clean wood chips where applicable, and planting a lavender plant. If you have a loved one buried in the cemetery and prefer the students **not** clean up the grave, please contact the St. Lawrence Academy at (831) 335-0238 and let them know which plot that is and your preference.

## SCHEMAMONK PAUL ORDAINED TO PRIESTHOOD

Hieromonk Paul was ordained to the holy priesthood at the Balamand Monastery in Lebanon by Patriarch John X on February 9. Metropolitan Saba has commissioned Hieromonk Paul to supervise Life-Giving Trinity Monastery in Grand Junction, Tennessee.

## LOS ANGELES FIRE RELIEF FUND

FOCUS is responding to the fires in southern California through the Los Angeles Fire Relief Fund. A donation to the Fund will directly provide: gift cards for immediate needs, essential items like food, clothing, and hygiene supplies, and rebuilding assistance to help families restore what was lost. To donate go [here](#).

## *Memory Eternal*

*February 19*

*Dn. John Tershay*

*February 22*

*Ryan Union*

**"Weep also over the sins of your fellow man; without this, no one created human being will be saved,"**

**Blessed Theophilus of Kiev**