

JANUARY 5, 2025
BULLETIN – SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

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Bulletin Submissions Deadline – **10 am Wed.** ♦ church website: <https://ssppaoc.org>

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 – January 6-12, 2025

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| 1/6 | Mo | 8:20 am – Orthros, Divine Lit., Blessing of the Waters for Theophany |
| 1/7 | Tu | 7:00 am – Readers Orthros |
| 1/8 | Wd | 6:00 pm – Vespers |
| 1/9 | Th | 7:00 am – Men's Reading Group |
| 1/11 | Sa | 11:00 am – Blessing of the Waters at Rio Del Mar Beach
5:30 pm – Learn Byzantine Tones
6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline |
| 1/12 | Su | 8:20 am – Orthros
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – Sunday After Theophany
10:20 am – Church School Catechism
6:00-8:00 pm – Barn Game Night |

Looking Ahead—

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| January 13 | Bible Study |
| January 15 | Parish Council |
| January 17-19 | Young Adult Winter Retreat |
| January 17 | Morning Divine Liturgy |
| January 19 | Adult choir rehearsal |
| January 20 | Bible Study |
| January 21 | Morning Divine Liturgy |
| January 22 | Paraklesis |
| January 25 | Walk for Life |
| January 26 | Catechism
Youth choir practice |
| January 27 | Bible Study |
| January 30 | Morning Divine Liturgy |

HOUSE BLESSINGS

It's that time of year again! Please talk to those in your neighborhood so that you can coordinate house blessings. Plan to get them on the calendar after January 6.

<i>Many Years – Birthday</i>	
Fr. Christopher Dillon	January 5
Joe Polwrek	January 7
Krista Perez	January 8
Alfonso Rivera, Jr.	January 8

WITH GRATITUDE

Thank you to Amy Nicholas, Monica Zweers, Sh. Karla Newberry, and all the helpers who decorated the church and hall for Nativity. Thank you to the clergy, chanters, and choir who served and sang, glorifying God in “songs, hymns, and spiritual songs.” Thank you to all who brought food to share and celebrate the feast after the Divine Liturgy. Glory to God in the highest!

Monday January 6
Feast of
Theophany
8:20 am Orthros
9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Followed by festal meal — ham and side dishes — provided by Feast Day Ministry Team

FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE BOXES

Please return your loaded FFHP boxes to the Narthex to be counted and included in our church's contribution to the program.

Church office closed through
January 6, 2025

6:00 - 8:00 pm – Sunday, January 12
Barn Game Night

SUMMER CAMPING TRIP

This year's summer camping trip will be at Arroyo Seco. The dates are June 9-13. If you want to join the group camp site, please contact Kh. Claire at (760) 408-5973.

6:00 am Friday, January 17
Divine Liturgy – Anthony the Great

PARISH COUNCIL

All are invited to the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday, January 15 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.

21st Annual
Walk for Life
January 25, 2025

Featuring Speakers
Ryan Bomberger, Kelly Lester,
Sister Deirdre Byrne,
Rev. Cleonard Childress

More info [here](#)

CATECHISM RESUMES

Sunday catechism resumes next Sunday, January 12. Class meets after the Divine Liturgy, usually in the nave of the church.

DONATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE & BUILDING

Designate cash/check donations for regular church maintenance as "Maintenance Fund." Designate cash/check donations for long term building project as "Building Fund."

New Bible Study on the Book of James begins Monday, January 13

Coming to Communion

We all know that receiving the body and blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist is a holy sacrament that should be done with reverence and humility. But what does that look like?

In addition to preparing ourselves with prayer, fasting, and a recent confession, there are a few ways we, who are unworthy, should approach the chalice.

+We stand in the presence of Christ. While the clergy are receiving, while we wait for our turn, and while others are receiving after us, it is proper to stand in reverence while the hymns are sung.

+We do not need to cross ourselves before or after receiving the Holy Eucharist. Receiving the body and blood of Christ is the greatest blessing we can receive. When we cross ourselves, we ask God's blessing on ourselves. It is unnecessary to bless ourselves before or after receiving the greatest blessing of the Holy Eucharist. There is also a danger of hitting the chalice with our hand and spilling the holy gifts. Simply come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.

+When you approach the chalice, it is a good practice to say your baptismal name, even if the priest knows it. Sometimes the multitude of names is overwhelming for the clergy.

+If you are not prepared to receive Communion, please approach the chalice as usual and say "Father Bless."

+After the dismissal, post-communion Prayers of Thanksgiving are read. All are welcome and encouraged to stay for these prayers. If you are not staying to pray, please take conversation outside so as not to disturb those who are praying.

+Fr. Christopher

Memory Eternal

January 8

Steven Petras

January 10

Marshall Hardenbrook

January 11

Clifford Albers