

MARCH 23, 2025

BULLETIN – 3RD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT – VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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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 – March 24-30, 2025

- 3/24 Mo 6:00 pm – Great Compline
- 3/25 Tu 10:00 am – Akathist for Healing
5:00 pm – All About the Feasts
6:00 pm – Vespersal Divine Liturgy for Annunciation followed by festal meal
- 3/26 Wd 6:00 pm – Presanctified Divine Liturgy followed by Soup Supper
- 3/27 Th 7:00 am – Men’s Reading Group
- 3/28 Fr 6:00 pm – Little Compline w/Akathist
- 3/29 Sa 6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline
- 3/30 Su 8:20 am – Orthros
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – 4th Sunday of Lent – John Climacus
10:20 am – Church School
Adult choir rehearsal
2:00 pm – Community Dinner

Looking Ahead—

- March 31 *Great Compline*
- April 2 *Little Compline w/Canon of St. Andrew & Life of St. Mary of Egypt (Note change)*
- April 3 *Presanctified Divine Liturgy followed by Soup Supper (Note change)*
- April 4-6 *AW Lenten Retreat @ Frazier Park*
- April 4 *Little Compline w/Akathist*
- April 5 *Men’s Breakfast*
- April 6 *5th Sunday of Lent – St. Mary of Egypt Adult choir rehearsal*
- April 7 *Great Compline*
- April 8 *Akathist of Healing*
- April 9 *Presanctified Divine Liturgy followed by Soup Supper*
- April 11 *Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy Adult choir rehearsal*

<i>Many Years – Birthday</i>	
<i>Alex Mcauliffe – Belated</i>	<i>March 17</i>
<i>Dn. Marc Wentzel</i>	<i>March 23</i>
<i>Peter Dillon</i>	<i>March 23</i>
<i>Sophia Beck</i>	<i>March 23</i>
<i>Nicholas White</i>	<i>March 28</i>
<i>Dn. Antonio Rivera</i>	<i>March 29</i>

YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL

Parents check with Kh. Claire regarding the rehearsal schedule for Palm Sunday.

**Feast of Annunciation
Tuesday, March 25**

**5:00 pm – All About the Feasts
6:00 pm – Vespersal Divine Liturgy
Followed by Festal Meal**

Bring a side dish or salad to share

**Community Dinner
Sunday, March 30 @ 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 Rory McCarthy (559) 786-7116 or Hayley McCarthy (559) 901-1452.

LOST & FOUND

Please check the table in the parish hall for lost and found items and dishes that belong to you. All remaining items will be donated on March 31. If you are missing any small items please check with the church office.

TIMES FOR CONFESSION

- *Wednesdays* – after Vespers by appt.
- *Saturdays* – after Great Vespers
- *During the week* – by appt.
- *During Orthros, prior to 9:15 am* – send a message via a deacon to one of the priests at the altar

PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE: DLAW SENIOR ORATORICAL FESTIVAL ENTRY

The Diocese of Los Angeles and the West under Bp. Anthony's direction has asked churches to send contestants to the PLC Oratorical Festival, especially the senior division (16-19 yrs.). The PLC will be June 25-29 in San Francisco. The winner of the Teen Division will represent DLAW at the archdiocese convention in Chicago, July 20-27. A stipend to cover some of the expenses of entry/travel to the archdiocese convention are provided by DLAW. The oral presentation is based on the conference theme. Fr. Christopher would love to work with contestants who would like to participate.

GOOD WORKS FOR LENT

- Food For Hungry People (FFHP) donation boxes
- Valley Churches United (VCU) food barrel donations
- Donations of soup/bread/salad for Soup Suppers
- Donations for flowers, liturgical items, Bible Bowl, icons

Adult choir rehearsal today

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN FUNDRAISER

Our AW thanks you for your generous support at the Cheesefare bake sale. \$543 was raised to be divided between the Widowed Clergy Wives Endowment Fund and the FOCUS-Los Angeles Fire Relief Fund. Fr. Christopher matched our amount from the Benevolence Fund to further support these causes. You may still contribute, either from the church website or via check with the memo "AW Fundraiser."

DID YOU KNOW?

At Vespers, you see the priest leave the altar carrying a lighted candle and say, "Wisdom! Attend." "O Gladsome Light" is sung at that time. It is one of the oldest Christian hymns still in use today. It is debated when and who wrote this hymn. Basil the Great (330-379 AD) refers to it as a "cherished tradition of the church" thus considering it old even in his lifetime. As the priest re-enters the altar, we sing this special hymn of thanksgiving concerning the promise of the Savior's coming, His being God's Wisdom and His brilliant light. This hymn is sometimes called the "Lamp-lighting Hymn." At the time of St. Basil, a lamp in Jerusalem was kept perpetually burning in the empty tomb of Christ, its glow a symbol of the living light of Christ. As Christians gathered to worship, the hymn was sung and, in a tradition known as the lighting of the lamps, a candle lit from the lamp was brought forth from the tomb, its bright, solitary flame calling the Church to celebrate the risen Lord.

FR. JOHN FINLEY'S BOOK AVAILABLE

The Inner Heaven of Man: A Companion to the Prologue of Ohrid by Fr. John Finley is now available in our church bookstore. This is the book he spoke from at the recent seminar at St. Lawrence Orthodox Church in Felton.

"From the sacrament of the cross you receive both food and drink; let the wood, which availed at Mara in a figure for sweetening the taste, avail you in truth for soothing the softened breast, and you will not labor for the remedy for increasing the health. Cure yourself at the source from which you had been wounded. Love those whom you hated before; esteem those whom you envied with unjust disparagements. Imitate the good, if you can follow them; if you cannot follow them, surely rejoice with them and congratulate your betters. Your debts will be forgiven you, when you yourself shall forgive. Your sacrifices will be accepted, when you shall come to God as a peacemaker." ~ St. Cyprian of Carthage

Memory Eternal

March 24

William Steiger