

JANUARY 26, 2025

BULLETIN – 32ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (ZACCHAEUS)

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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 27-February 2, 2025

- 1/27 Mo 7:00 pm – Bible Study – James
- 1/28 Tu 7:00 am – Readers Orthros
10:00 am – Akathist to the Theotokos for healing
6:30 pm – Adult choir rehearsal
- 1/29 Wd 6:00 pm – Vespers
- 1/30 Th 6:00 am – Divine Liturgy – Three Hierarchs
- 2/1 Sa 8:00 am – Men's Breakfast
5:30 pm – Learn Byzantine Tones
6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline
- 2/2 Su 8:20 am – Orthros
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – Presentation of Christ
Youth choir sings Divine Liturgy
10:20 am – Church School
Adult choir rehearsal
6:00-8:00 pm – Barn Game Night

Looking Ahead—

February 3 **No Bible Study**

February 9 **Lenten Triodion Begins**

February 10 Morning Divine Liturgy

February 11 Akathist to the Theotokos for healing
Adult choir rehearsal

February 14-16 Youth Winter Camp @ St. Nicholas Camp

February 16 Adult choir rehearsal

COMING SOON

Look for *A Life Testimony* at the Antiochian Village Bookstore. Written by Metropolitan Saba, it reveals his spiritual journey, pastoral experiences, vision for spiritual renewal, and insights into the Orthodox Christian faith.

Many Years – Birthday

Gabriella Garcia January 28

Many Years – Anniversary

Dn. Antonio & Sh. Lucia Rivera January 27

**New Bible Study on the Book of James
Mondays @ 7:00 pm**

CATECHISM RESUMES

Sunday catechism has resumed. The class meets every **second and fourth Sunday** after the Divine Liturgy, usually in the nave of the church.

**6:00 am Thursday, January 30
Divine Liturgy – Three Hierarchs**

Community Dinner

Today @ 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 Nicholas Salibi at (831) 359-0088

THE WORD MAGAZINE

The January/February issue of *The WORD* is now available online. You can access it [here](#) or on the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America website.

Youth choir practice today

HOUSE BLESSINGS

It's that time of year again! Please talk to those in your neighborhood so that you can coordinate house blessings.

6:00 am Monday, February 10
Divine Liturgy – Hieromartyr Haralambos

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS & INFORMATION

If you are having trouble logging into your Breeze account and you want to include an updated photo in the new church directory, please email the photo to Terry Cleary: tlcleary@gmail.com. If your family information—birth dates and years, anniversary date and year, contact information, etc.—are not up to date and you can't log into your account, let Terry know and she will send you a new link to the Breeze website, the site where we keep our church membership data. If you have forgotten your password, you will have an opportunity to create a new one when you log into Breeze.

January 28 – Adult choir rehearsal

PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

JUNE 25-29

HYATT REGENCY SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT

HOSTED BY ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

[WWW.LAPLC.ORG](http://www.lapl.org)

KITCHEN DONATIONS

There will be a donation jar in the parish hall to collect donations towards the kitchen refurbishment. Please contribute as you are able.

LOS ANGELES FIRE RELIEF FUND

The Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve (FOCUS) is united in faith and joined by a desire to provide solutions to poverty in communities across America. 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](#).

House Blessings

Why do we bless homes?

We spend a good amount of time in our homes. Some work from home, raise children, study, pray, eat meals, and sleep. We want these activities to take place in a blessed context. As Christ sanctified the waters of the Jordan by his presence, we bless our homes with holy water to cleanse it from anything evil or sinful.

I had my home blessed last year. Why does it need to be blessed again?

Throughout the year we think, say, and do things that are sinful in our home. These things tarnish the purity of the home, in addition to ourselves. Some did not have their homes blessed last year which means they are especially in need of God's blessing and purity. If your home has never been blessed (especially if you moved or you are new to Orthodoxy), there is a special blessing that is done. Please let the priest know if this applies.

What do I need to do before the priest arrives?

It is customary to pick up around the home before the priest arrives. This not only allows a clear path to walk through the house, but also allows all the surfaces to be blessed. If you are able, have a small surface near your icon corner where the priest can set Holy Water, a candle, and cross. You may have a cloth and your own candle set-up if you like.

The service text for the house blessings can be found at this link: <http://www.dowama.org/sites/docs/TheophanyHouseBlessing.PDF>

Biennial Archdiocese Convention

July 20-27

Hyatt Regency O'Hare Chicago

Hosted by St. George Church, Cicero, IL

www.ac2025chicago.org

Memory Eternal

January 28

Sara Beth Wentzel

January 28

Joseph Snyder

January 31

George Genereux

January 31

Alexander Pflueger

"The friendship which can cease has never been real." ~ St. Jerome