

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

BULLETIN – SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE 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–Sept. 16-Sept. 22, 2024

9/16 Mo 7:00 pm – Bible Study
9/17 Tu 8:00 am – Divine Lit. - St. Sophia & Daughters
9/18 Wd 6:00 pm – Vespers
9/19 Th 7:00 am – Men's Reading Group
10:00 am – Koffee w/Khouria
9/21 Sa 6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline
9/22 Su 8:20 am – Orthros
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – 13th Sunday after Pentecost
10:20 am – Church School
Harvest Festival
Catechism

Looking Ahead—

September 23 Bible Study
September 24 Akathist of Healing
September 25 Paraklesis
September 26 Morning Divine Liturgy
September 29 Youth choir practice
Community Dinner
September 30 Bible Study
October 1 Morning Divine Liturgy
October 5 Men's Breakfast
October 6 Youth choir sing Divine Liturgy

COMMUNITY DINNER

Sunday, September 29 - 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 @ (831) 713-7583 or Linda Matthews @ (530) 249-4687.

Many Years – Birthday

Frank Hagg September 17
Fr. George Washburn September 17
AnaGrace Beck September 19

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH

The Annual Meeting of the parish will be on **TODAY** immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Please stay and participate as we need a quorum. We will vote on the proposed budget and draw new PC members' names.

**Divine Liturgy – St. Sophia & Daughters
Faith, Hope & Charity
8:00 am – Tuesday, September 17**

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Update your vital statistics and photo at sspeterandpaulorthodox.breezechms.com in Breeze so that our new directory will be complete.

45th ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL

The 45th Annual Harvest Festival begins immediately following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 22. There will be a tug of war competition, a three-legged sack race, a kids' jump house, and apple pressing. Please save your apples to bring to the event. No one has signed up to make a pie for an auction. If you are interested in making a pie to auction, call the church office. Contact Dn. Dave Newberry (831-431-3080) if you hear apples dropping in your neighborhood and to volunteer.

THE WORD MAGAZINE

The September-October 2024 issue is now available online. Go [here](#) on the Antiochian archdiocese website to access.

*Thursday, September 19
Koffee w/Khouria: [meet in the nave](#)
Praying "Akathist to Jesus Light to Those
in Darkness"*

*Divine Liturgy – Falling Asleep of St.
John the Evangelist & Theologian
6:00 am – Thursday, September 26*

AL-ANON REMINDER

On Monday evenings at 6:00 pm we open our parish hall to Al-Anon, an anonymous group that supports families and friends of alcoholics. Please respect the privacy of the group by not entering the kitchen or hall during their meetings. Thank you for your cooperation.

***Archdiocese Convention
July 20-27, 2025, Chicago, IL***

FALL RETREAT REGISTRATION

Our keynote speaker will be Fr. Josiah Trenham. Due to the popularity of this speaker, church members need to take advantage of the early bird registration and **do so by October 1**. You can register at <https://forms.gle/WXJ4Rv3rgtygfVr57> or in the parish hall on the remaining Sundays of September.

*Fall Gathering ~ October 11-13
St. Mark Orthodox Church
Irvine, CA*

DID YOU KNOW?

Kontakions—abbreviated hymns glorifying God and praising His saints—are sung each Divine Liturgy. Who wrote these? One night the Virgin Mary appeared in a dream to St. Romanos, a deacon in the Church of Beirut. She handed him a scroll and said, “Open your mouth and eat this grace that I am about to give you.” In the dream, he swallowed the scroll and when he awoke, he realized the dream meant he was to chant from the pulpit. People hearing his sweet voice knew this must be a melody given to him as a gift from heaven. Beginning with the Kontakion for Nativity, he composed the Kontakia for the feasts, the Virgin, and many saints, totalling over a thousand hymns, many of which the church adopted in her yearly services. St. Romanos reposed in 510 A.D.

***Next catechism Sunday, September 22
at coffee hour***

AKATHIST OF HEALING

At 10:00 am on the last Tuesday of the month there is an Akathist of Healing in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to come and pray.

POSTURE OF PRAYER

In the Orthodox Church, the primary posture of prayer is standing. We stand in honor and reverence before God, our King, who is enthroned in heaven and is mystically present with us. We should try to stand for as much of the service as we are able. If you need to sit for a time, that is perfectly fine. However, there are times when it is not appropriate to sit unless absolutely necessary. These include:

- “Blessed is the Kingdom” at the beginning of the Liturgy
- During the Little Entrance (the procession of the priest and altar boys with the Holy Gospel)
- When the clergy cense the altar, icons, and congregation throughout the Divine Liturgy
- During the reading of the Gospel
- The Great Entrance (the procession of the priest and altar boys with the Holy Gifts)
- The Anaphora (includes the consecration of the Holy Gifts)
- During Holy Communion (when the clergy and the other faithful are receiving the body and blood of Christ)
- During any special services such as memorials, artoklasia, special doxologies, etc.)

The general rule is that whenever the priest or deacon is outside the holy altar either with the censer, giving a blessing, or leading the people in prayer, we should be standing and limit movement. Whenever a hierarch is visiting the parish, out of respect follow his example and stand and sit when he does.

*Divine Liturgy
St. Romanos the Melodist
8:00 am - Tuesday, October 1*

Memory Eternal

***September 15
September 17***

***Fouad Aziz Saad
Kh. Judy Hillhouse***