

# SS Peter & Paul Orthodox Church Newsletter

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## June Council Highlights

- ✘ May's Operating Income was \$23,758.99 and Operating Expenses were \$26
- ✘ ,265.12, resulting in a net Operating Income deficit of **-\$2,506.13** for the month.
- ✘ Holy Synod approved Sbdcn. Rodion's ordination to diaconate.
- ✘ MBAS & FOCA sponsored a SS Peter & Paul Feastday/Independence Day cookout on Sunday, July 4th.
- ✘ Three catechumens received sacra-



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## Jealousy that Kills

**The Church remembers a very youthful martyr: a boy named Hyacinthus or Hyacinth, who lived in Caesarea in Cappadocia in the second century.**

Raised in a Christian family, Hyacinth had to face a terrible dilemma early in life. He was bright and articulate, and had a friendly, engaging manner. These qualities brought him to the attention of the emperor Trajan, who made him an assistant to the chamberlain in the royal court.

The dilemma, of course, was Hyacinth's faith. The emperor and his other servants were pagans, and Trajan was among those Roman rulers who hated and feared Christians. When Hyacinth stood aside and did not take part in ceremonies of sacrifice to the pagan idols, other court members were quick to notice. They were already jealous that a high position had been given to such a young person, and now they saw their chance to curry favor with the emperor.



They denounced Hyacinth, and had him brought to trial. When he refused to sacrifice to the idols and openly stated his willingness to be sacrificed

himself for Christ, the infuriated emperor had him thrown into prison. Trajan also ordered that the only nourishment Hyacinth should be given was food that had been sacrificed to idols. The emperor, not surprisingly, assumed that the boy would give in to his hunger when it became too hard to bear, and would eat the food forbidden to Christians.

But Hyacinth did not and would not touch the food he was given. He died after a number of days, still short of reaching his teenage years. It happened in the year 108.

In the first verses of Romans 14: 9-18 Saint Paul talks about the danger of passing judgment on other people. But after asking why anyone would judge a brother, he also writes: "Or you, why do you despise your brother?" The "despising" that Paul writes

about can be a form of jealousy, an attitude toward someone who is different from us and who might, we fear, have something we do not. This was the jealous fear that motivated Joseph's brothers, in Genesis, to sell him into slavery and what they thought would be his death. And it led Trajan's courtiers to bring about Hyacinth's martyrdom, though they hoped it would cause him to betray his principles when hunger became extreme.

Paul is referring in these verses to those who scrupulously keep religious laws (such as not eating meat) and then judge others who do not keep the same laws. That judgment too is a form of jealousy, a fear that even those who don't keep the laws may be accepted by God. If that happens, what advantage will the law-keepers have?

Paul urges us to abandon such concerns. He asks us "never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother" because of jealousy, but to look to the Kingdom where we find "righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

# Message from Our Rector

Beloved in Christ,

We recently concluded our celebration of Christ's Paschal Mystery and the Great Forty Days of Holy Pascha as we celebrated the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church of Christ. Having passed through the solemn and sobering days of Great Lent, having experienced the solemnity of Holy Week, having joyously celebrated the Lord's Resurrection throughout the forty days of the Paschal Season, and having just commemorated the awesome day of Holy Pentecost, we begin now to enter into the weeks of the summer with its own cycle of feasts and fasts. In preparing for the summer days and weeks ahead, I have lately been reflecting upon the Lord Jesus as the Good Shepherd who leads His flock and guides and protects us throughout the ebb and flow of the year and the seasons of our lives.

In the Gospel of John (cf. John 10) Jesus is presented as *the true Shepherd* of God's chosen flock. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep" (v. 11). He speaks about the relationship that binds him to the sheep of the flock, namely, to His disciples (that is, to us), and He emphasizes the fact that it is a relationship of mutual recognition. "My sheep" — He says — "hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish" (vv. 27-28). In carefully reading this phrase, we are able to observe that Jesus' work is explained in several actions: Jesus *speaks*; Jesus *knows*; Jesus *gives eternal life*; Jesus *safeguards*.

The Good Shepherd — Jesus — is attentive to each one of us. He seeks us and loves us, addresses His Word to us, knowing the depths of our heart, our desires and our hopes, as well as our failures and disappointments. He accepts us and loves us as we are, with our merits and our faults. He gives eternal life to each one of

us: that is, He offers us the opportunity to live a full life, a life without end. Moreover, He keeps us safe and leads us lovingly, helping us to journey upon difficult paths and the sometimes dangerous roads that appear in life.



The words and actions that describe the way in which Jesus, the Good Shepherd, interacts with us correspond to the verbs that relate to the sheep, namely to each one of us: "hear my voice", "follow me". They are actions that show how we must correspond to the tender and caring attitudes of the Lord. Indeed, hearing and recognizing His voice, implies a deep relationship with Him. This relationship with Christ is strengthened in prayer, in the heart-to-heart encounter with the divine Master and Shepherd of our souls. This relationship with Jesus, this openness, prayerfully speaking with Jesus and prayerfully listening to Him speak to us, strengthens within us the desire to follow Him, by emerging from the rocky path of sinful ways and abandoning selfish behavior in order to set out on new paths of Christian fellowship and of self-sacrificial service, following His example.

As we begin to recover from the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic and as we try to fashion a new normal, let us not forget that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who leads us, speaks to us, knows us, gives us eternal life and safeguards us. We are His flock, and we must strive to hear His voice as He lovingly examines the sincerity of our hearts and comforts us through His presence. And from this constant and ever-deepening relationship with our Shepherd, from speaking with Him and listening to Him, springs the joy of following Him, allowing ourselves to be led to the fullness of eternal life.

As we leave behind the festal season of Pascha and Pentecost, let us turn to the Ever-virgin Mary, Mother of Christ the Good Shepherd. May she, who readily

responded to God's call, protect our parishes and our families and help us to be faithful in proclaiming the Gospel in the service of the Kingdom of Heaven.

With love in the Good Shepherd who leads and protects His Flock,

+Bishop Daniel



## SPIRITUAL VITAMINS

*"Every affliction tests our will, showing whether it is inclined to good or evil. That is why an unforeseen affliction is called a test, because it enables a man to test his hidden desires."*

- St. Mark the Ascetic

*"When you pray to God in time of temptation do not say, 'Take this or that away from me', but pray like this: 'O Jesus Christ, sovereign Master, help me and do not let me sin against Thee...'"*

- Abba Isaiah the Solitary

*"Never confuse the person, formed in the image of God, with the evil that is in him: because evil is but a chance misfortune, an illness, a devilish reverie. But the very essence of the person is the image of God, and this remains in him despite every disfigurement."*

- St. John of Kronstadt

*"Humility is the only thing we need; one can still fall having virtues other than humility — but with humility one does not fall."*

- Elder Herman of Mt. Athos

*"Do not be surprised that you fall every day; do not give up, but stand your ground courageously. And assuredly, the angel who guards you will honour your patience."*

- St. John of the Ladder

# Chrismations on Pentecost



In the fullness of the joy of Pentecost, we had the added blessing of welcoming three new members to the Orthodox Church: Mary (Nilda) de Simone, Matthew (Lyndon) VaderBeischel, and Jeremia (Jeremy) Trierweiler were received into the embrace of the Orthodox Church through their Confession of Faith, Holy Chrismation, and reception of the Holy Mysteries. We welcome them, assure them of our continued prayerful support and fellowship, and pray that the Lord will grant them many years!

*Additional photos and video can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/stspeterandpaulaz>*

# The Still Small Voice of God

Metropolitan Tikhon  
My Beloved Brethren and Blessed Children  
in the Lord,

Christ is in our midst!

It seems fitting today to say a few words about the Prophet Elijah and the still small voice of God in our lives.

The Prophet Elijah, whose memory we celebrate today, lived in tumultuous times. The people of Israel had rejected God and turned to idols, and their reigning government violently persecuted the Holy Prophet. Fleeing to the desert to seek refuge, the Lord asked him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" Elijah responded: "I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the people of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thy altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away." In response, the Lord commanded Elijah to stand on the mountain before Him. After showing the prophet a great wind, a mighty earthquake, and fire, God finally spoke to Elijah in "a still, small voice."

Through this account, the example is given to us of how we, as the Body of Christ, should reveal God to the world through our words. When we perceive that our society has reverted from Christianity to idolatry, and when we sense that some levels of government in our society are treating Christians unfairly, our task as the Church is not to manifest God through tempestuous outrage, earth-quaking tirades, or emotionally-fired speech. Neither, as Elijah was tempted to do, should we give in to self-pitying or defeatism. Rather, as the Church it is our task to manifest God's presence through a still, small voice.

God's still small voice is not condescending, it is not insulting, it does not seek to harm. It is not profane, rude, or violent.

Rather, God's still small voice is still, because it is balanced and considerate. It is small, because it is humble and often rejected.

But it is nevertheless a voice! And indeed, when we have words to say that glorify God and manifest Truth to the world, then indeed, we should open our mouth, and the Spirit will inspire us to be the heralds of God's love.

Engaging with one another by remote and online means more than ever in these months, in the midst of forceful and loud storms in society, let us first allow the Lord to speak to us in a still small voice, through engaging with Him in prayer, silence, and contemplation. Then, let us allow Him to speak through us, through whatever physical or media means we are using, to be the vehicles of His still small voice. Through the use of kind words, through the use of considerate speech, through the use of reason - logos - rather than emotion, we fulfill our role as Christ's Church to be God's voice.

The Church will always be "small" in the world's eyes; appearing foolish or irrelevant. Yet we know the truth hidden to the world: Our Church's authentic voice is the most rational and true voice in the world. This paradox exists because our wisdom does not belong to the world, as Saint Paul says: "Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is folly with God" (1 Corinthians 3:18-19). Our wisdom is found in the paradox of Christ on the Cross: His death appeared foolish, it appeared irrelevant, but in reality, it was the most important historical event that has ever happened. It ushered in the new Creation, bringing about the Resurrection of all. His death and resurrection, indeed, are the vivid manifestation of God's still small voice: by

appearances small and despised, but in reality, Truth and Life-giving.

So, let us follow the Divine command, and "be still, and know that I Am God" (Psalm 45/46:10). And by our living as still and small men and women of prayer in the midst of the tumults of the world, our great and mighty Lord will paradoxically be manifested to the world through us.

May the Holy Prophet Elijah intercede for us so that we might all humbly transmit the still small voice of our almighty, all-powerful, and all-loving God so that the world might come to know He Who Is.

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## PENTECOST IN PICTURES

The Liturgy on Pentecost includes the customary "Kneeling Prayers" in which we pray for all people and invoke God's blessing upon the work of the Church—the sanctification of souls.



Additional photos and video can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/stspeterandpaulaz>✠

## Holy Wonderworking Unmercenary Physicians Cosmas and Damian at Rome

The Holy Martyrs, Wonderworkers and Unmercenary Physicians Cosmas and Damian were born at Rome, brothers by birth, and physicians by profession. They suffered at Rome in the reign of the emperor Carinus (283-284). Brought up by their parents in the rules of piety, they led strict and chaste lives, and they were granted by God the gift of healing the sick. By their generosity and exceptional kindness to all, the brothers converted many to Christ. The brothers told the sick, "It is not by our own power that we treat you, but by the power of Christ, the true God. Believe in Him and be healed." Since they accepted no payment for their treatment of the infirm, the holy brothers were called "unmercenary physicians."

Their life of active service and their great spiritual influence on the people around them led many into the Church, attracting the attention of the Roman authorities. Soldiers were sent after the brothers. Hearing about this, local Christians convinced Saints Cosmas and Damian to hide for a while until they could help them escape. Unable to find the brothers, the soldiers arrested instead other Christians of the area where the saints lived. Saints Cosmas and Damian then came out of hiding and surrendered to the soldiers, asking them to release those who had been arrested because of them.

At Rome, the saints were imprisoned and put on trial. Before the Roman emperor and the judge they openly professed their faith in Christ God, Who had come into the world to save mankind and redeem the world from sin, and they resolutely refused to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. They said, "We have done evil to no one, we are not involved with the magic or sorcery of which you accuse us. We treat the infirm by the power of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and we take no payment for rendering aid to the sick, because our Lord commanded His disciples, 'Freely have you received,

freely give' (Mt. 10: 8)."

The emperor, however, continued with his demands. Through the prayer of the holy brothers, imbued with the power of grace, God suddenly struck Carinus blind, so that he too might experience the almighty power of the Lord, Who does not forgive blasphemy against the Holy Spirit (Mt. 12:31). The people, beholding the miracle, cried out, "Great is the Christian God! There is no other God but Him!" Many of those who believed besought the holy brothers to heal the emperor, and he himself implored the saints, promising to convert to the true God, Christ the Savior, so the saints healed him. After this, Saints Cosmas and Damian were honorably set free, and once again they set about treating the sick.

But what the hatred of the pagans and the ferocity of the Roman authorities could not do, was accomplished by black envy, one of the strongest passions of sinful human nature. An older physician, an instructor, under whom the holy brothers had studied the art of medicine, became envious of their fame. Driven to madness by malice, and overcome by passionate envy, he summoned the two brothers, formerly his most beloved students, proposing that they should all go together in order to gather various medicinal herbs. Going far into the mountains, he murdered them and threw their bodies into a river.

Thus these holy brothers, the Unmercenary Physicians Cosmas and Damian, ended their earthly journey as martyrs. Although they had devoted their lives to the Christian service of their neighbors, and had escaped the Roman sword and prison, they were treacherously murdered by their teacher.

The Lord glorifies those who are pleasing to God. Now, through the prayers of the holy martyrs Cosmas and Damian, God grants healing to all who with faith have

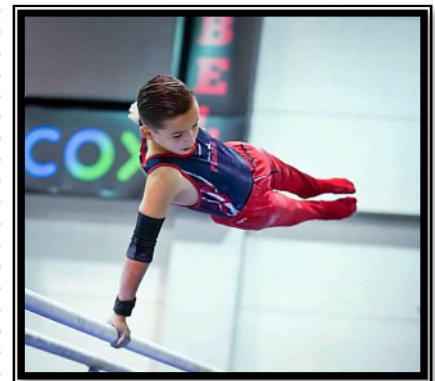
recourse to their heavenly intercession.

The Unmercenary Saints Cosmas and Damian of Rome should not be confused with the Unmercenary Saints Cosmas and Damian of Asia Minor (November 1), or the Unmercenary Saints Cosmas and Damian of Arabia (October 17).

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### BUDDING OLYMPIAN

On June 11<sup>th</sup>, ten year old Dylan Arango and his teammates competed in the National Gymnastics Association National Championships in Orlando, Florida. His team dominated and won 1st place. Dylan rocked the meet! He placed 1st on Vault (his favorite event), 2nd All-Around, 2nd on Rings, 2nd on Parallel Bars, 3rd on High Bar, and 4th on Floor and Pommel. Dylan's team also won in State and Regionals. Way to go, Dylan!



## Bits . . .



**Grace Angela Weiss**

*Grace graduated from ASU Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation with a Bachelor of Science, Health Care Coordination on May 3, 2021. Having worked in the healthcare field for 20 years, Grace wants to continue working with Native Americans and Alaskan Native people to make a difference in their everyday health.*

Glory to Jesus Christ!

I know many of you have asked how I am doing so I thought I'd bring you an update.

I am well, for 92 years old. I am told I forget things and my memory is not what it used to be...but I really don't remember. I have a great wife who helps me. She takes great care of me and is always available. I have been bed ridden since December, due to weakness in my legs, but other than that I am A-Ok. Even my nurse is amazed.

I am grateful to His Grace, Bishop Daniel and the entire community of Sts. Peter and Paul for the prayers. I am blessed to have received them. I have received communion from Fr. David and I like it when he and Mts. Mary stop by. She

calls me "Trouble"...it makes me laugh.

I am unsure if I will ever return to Sts. Peter & Paul but I am happy to have moved to Arizona, 5 years ago, and to be welcomed by such a thriving Orthodox community. This community truly embodies the Holy Spirit and I am blessed to have been amongst you.

Yours in Christ,

**Rdr. Stephen Bock**



## Around SS Peter & Paul

### JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- July 14 Barbara Harp  
Azuriah Merriwether  
Paul Sims
- 16 John Yavornitzky
- 20 Wesley Holmes  
Matushka Mary Balmer  
Fr David/Matushka Mary Balmer
- 22 Nadya Moriarty  
Jarrod Zaremba
- 23 Nicholas Enoch Sr.
- 25 Sbdn. Rodion Pfeiffer
- 27 Phil O'Brien  
Tammy Lynn Horton
- 29 David Homyak
- 31 Sammy Valencia

**Многая лета! Many Years!**

### CONGRATULATIONS!

July 1<sup>st</sup> marks  
Bishop Daniel's  
fifteenth anniversary at  
SS Peter and Paul!

Many years!

**Многая лета!**

### PRAYER LIST

We offer prayers to all of our parishioners who are ill or unable to attend services:

+Metropolitan Herman  
Stephen Bock  
Jamie Arango  
Antonia Adams-Clement  
Rose Kurowski  
Tammy Horton  
Frank (Kirill) Bolton

*May Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician of our souls and bodies, reach out his healing hand and bless these, His servants.*

If you know anyone else in need of our prayers, please contact Bishop Daniel.

## ... and Pieces

**ORDINATION TO HOLY DIACONATE** On Sunday, July 11, Subdeacon Rodion Pfeiffer will be ordained to the Holy Diaconate, the same diaconal service established by the Holy Apostles. I ask your prayers for him and for his wife (Heather) Elizabeth as they offer themselves for further service to the Church. We also look forward to welcoming Father Thomas Frisby and members of the Holy Cross community, including Subdeacon Rodion's mother, Matushka Mary Ann, his sister Julianna, and other clergy, family, and friends.

A festive luncheon honoring the occasion will take place following the Divine Liturgy. I look forward to leading you in the prayer of the Divine Liturgy and as we celebrate this ordination, giving thanks to the Lord for the gift of ministry within His Church.

### **BACK-TO-SCHOOL OUTREACH PROGRAM**

As you probably know, the parish has 'adopted' the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class at Whittier Elementary school near us. The class will have about 50 students which is double the number of students we've supported in the past school programs. Therefore, we need each parishioner to be more charitable than ever. We will be spending about \$50 per student for a quality backpack loaded with school supplies, i.e., about \$2,500 in total. To date we have only collected about \$2,000 and we will need to deliver the supplies in about two weeks, prior to school opening in early August. Note that the student population at Whittier is 96% minority and 78% economically disadvantaged. They can really use our support. If you haven't yet contributed, but can help, please send an email to David Bieber ([Odavidbieber0@gmail.com](mailto:Odavidbieber0@gmail.com)) with the amount you can pledge for this effort, and then get a check to David Homyak drawn to Sts. Peter & Paul with the notation "school supplies". Thank you very much in advance. Many blessings.

**BOOKSTORE UPDATE** Now that we are back in full swing, the bookstore will be replenished by the end of July! Also, as a reminder, we have a library filled with titles in the conference room.

**VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE UPDATE** On Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, about 12 parishioners were led by Nick Bock in giving the church hall a deep cleaning. The tables were power washed, chairs were wiped down, walls were washed, doors and windows were cleaned, the floor was washed, the fans were dusted, the garbage cans were disinfected, the kitchen pantry was organized thanks to Rita and a small crew, and the patio was powered washed. The power washer was courtesy of Jeremy, a newly christmated parishioner. Thanks to all those who participated. The kitchen will be deep cleaned in late September—put on your volunteer hat!

**SUMMER STEWARDSHIP** Throughout the summer months, many of our parishioners will be taking vacations, seeking cooler climates, or visiting family and friends throughout the country and world. It is also during the summer, when church attendance decreases because of vacations, that our parish expenses rise, due to the greater use and higher cost of electricity in the heat of the summer. However, the life and work of your parish community continues even when you are traveling and away and enjoying your vacation. You are asked to kindly remember this and to maintain—and even increase—your stewardship during the summer months. May the Lord bless your travels and bring you safely home.

**BLESSING OF VEHICLES** It is our parish custom to bless vehicles on the Sunday nearest to the Feast of the Holy Prophet Elijah. This year, that commemoration falls on Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. Cars and other vehicles will be blessed that day, following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy.

**MID-YEAR STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS** through June 30, 2021 have been sent out. For those with an e-mail address on record, they were sent by e-mail. Otherwise, they were mailed out.

**A/C REMINDER** When running the Hall's A/C remember to keep all doors closed and returning thermostats to their original setting after use.

**FOCA** Thank you to everyone who participated and brought the delicious food to share to celebrate the Fourth of July. It was wonderful to be able to enjoy the fellowship with our church family.

**HOSTING COFFEE HOUR** Now that coffee hour has resumed in the church hall, the sign up sheets for the remainder of the year are available in the blue folder, on the microwave in the kitchen. Throughout the year, people help support coffee hour by donating items such as liquid coffee creamers, small snacks, or other items that are used each week. A family or group can also choose to host coffee hour for a Sunday, which may entail providing light brunch items or a full lunch. Many people choose to host a coffee hour to celebrate a special occasion or as a remembrance of a reposed loved one. If you would like to learn more about hosting a coffee hour or ways you can help with coffee hour, please speak to one of the ladies in the Myrrh Bearers Altar Society. Please note the sign-up for hosting coffee hour is separate from the sign-up for coffee hour clean-up. If you are interested in helping with the coffee hour clean up, please see David Bieber.

**FRY'S COMMUNITY REWARDS** *If you haven't already done so, please link your VIP card to SS PETER & PAUL E ORTHODOX CHURCH online at [www.frysfood.com](http://www.frysfood.com).* Every time you shop for groceries, certain gift cards, and prescriptions at the pharmacy you automatically start earning. Your purchases will begin earning rewards within 7 to 10 business days of registering your VIP number. We currently have 8 households registered. For the period March 1—May 31, 2021, we earned \$25.36.

**WE WELCOME** all visitors to SS Peter & Paul. We hope your visit was enriching and enlightening. Please join us in the Cultural Center, behind the church, for our Fellowship Hour. It's a chance to meet some of our members, other visitors, and enjoy some coffee and fellowship. We invite you to visit our website at [www.sspeterpaulaz.org](http://www.sspeterpaulaz.org).

# July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><b>CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES OF 2021!</b>            Natalya Delsante            Olivia Weiss            Katie Enoch            Grace Weiss</p> <p>Please join us as we celebrate them Sunday, July 18th, after liturgy.</p>				1	2	3 5:00pm Vespers
4 All Saints of America All Saints of Russia 9:00am Divine Liturgy  <b>SS PETER &amp; PAUL FEAST DAY POT LUCK LUNCHEON</b>	5 Ven. Athanasius of Mt. Athos Relics Ven. Sergius of Radonezh	6	7	8 Kazan, Sitka-Kazan Icons and other Kazan Icons	9	10 Ven. Anthony of the Kiev Caves  5:00pm Vespers
11 Greatmartyr Euphemia 9:00am Divine Liturgy  <b>LUNCHEON TO CELE- BRATE ORDINATION</b>	12	13  6:00pm Council Mtg	14	15 Great Prince Vladimir, Equal-to-the-Apostles	16	17 Royal Passionbearers, Tsar Nicholas and his family  5:00pm Vespers
18 Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils 9:00am Divine Liturgy  <b>GRADUATION CELEBRATION</b>	19 Relics Ven. Seraphim of Sarov	20 Holy Prophet Elijah	21	22	23 Pochaev & Joy of All Who Sorrow Icons	24 Martyrs & Passion- bearers Boris & Gleb  5:00pm Vespers
25 Dormition of Righteous Anna, Mother of the Theotokos 9:00am Divine Liturgy  <b>BLESSING OF CARS</b>	26 St. Jacob Netsvetov of Alaska	27 Greatmartyr & Healer Panteleimon	28 Smolensk- Hodigitria Icon	29	30	31 Forefast Procession of the Lifegiving Cross  5:00pm Vespers
<p><b>We welcome all of our guests and visitors. Please join us in the Cultural Center for Fellowship Hour following Divine Liturgy each Sunday.</b></p>						
1 <b>Beginning of Dormition Fast</b> Procession of the Lifegiving Cross 9:00am Divine Liturgy  <b>FOCA Meeting</b>	2	3	4	5 Forefast Transfiguration  6:00pm Vespers	6 <b>TRANSFIGURATION</b> OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST 9:00am Divine Liturgy Blessing of Fruit  	7  5:00pm Vespers