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A Commitment to WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, SERVICE, & WITNESS

On September 1, the Church celebrates the start of a new ecclesiastical year. Appropriately, we gather in worship, asking God to grant us every blessing. Our prayer though must be accompanied by our committed activity, which brings about the blessings of the Father, by the Grace of the Holy Spirit, in the Name of the Son – all unto our salvation!

The activity befitting an Orthodox Christian is founded in a life in Christ. We are to remain prayerful and vigilant, seek opportunities to fellowship with other members of the Body of Christ, serve those in need and witness our Faith to others – not so much through words as through our entire person, which is meant to reflect Christ to each and every soul that we encounter. Through this activity - and ultimately by the Grace of God - we pray we are saved.

Some years ago, the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries of the Archdiocese of America suggested that ministries specific to our youthful stewards be based on these activities: Worship (Liturgia), Fellowship (Koinonia), Service (Diakonia), and Witness (Martyria). The “Guidelines” provided the following explanation of each characteristic:

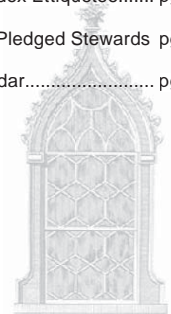
WORSHIP (LITURGIA) “*Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand*” (Psalm 95:6-7) As Orthodox Christians, we believe that God reveals Himself through Holy Tradition and Scripture . Worship is the sacramental expression of these, and is thus a very important element in [ministry].

FELLOWSHIP (KOINONIA) “*Behold how good and pleasing it is when brothers dwell in unity.*” (Psalm 133) Fellowship is the way Orthodox Christians integrate their faith with daily life. It is sacred when Orthodox Christians gather together in our Lord’s name. The relationship of the Holy Trinity is the perfect model of Fellowship. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit share perfect communion and exist in perfect love. By gathering together in fellowship, and by experiencing this love, we emulate the relationship of the Trinity, and develop our life in Christ.

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PASTORAL EMERGENCIES

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Presidents Report

TOM KELLY

The last eighteen months have been some of the most difficult in the last fifty years. If you listen to the business reports economist have been predicting that we are coming to the end of this down turn. During this period you have continued to support your church, you may not have been able to do it in the same manner as previous years, but you have been there. As we move forward we all face many difficult obstacles, but the one place that has remained constant has been our church. A place were you come and have a place to reflect on all of the things are good in our life. As in past recessions we will emerge stronger and with your continued support we will be able to move forward with the building of our Church.

AS I mentioned last month we had a very successful food festival. Each year we donate 10% of our profits to a charity as part of our stewardship to the community. This year the bulk of our donation will go to the Tommy Apostolos Fund. Each year this fund helps children spent \$150.00 each for clothes, shoes and other essentials. This year they have enough funds to help almost 200 children for back to school and again at Christmas. For all of you that have lived in Roseville for as long as my wife's family knows that this has grown from helping 10 children to there number today. On August 1st they will be looking for volunteers to help a child to spend their money on the items they most need for back to school. If you wish to volunteer please contact the church office for information on the location, time and who to contact. We are pleased that are parish is able to help an organization that has made such an impact on our community.

Thank you, for your continued support of the council's work on your behalf.

May God bless you and your families.



FUNERAL

Venetia Waldrop fell asleep in the Lord on August 11, 2009. She was laid to rest on August 18, 2009. May her memory be eternal.

TRISAGON

Harriet Vares Nelson fell asleep in the Lord on August 16, 2009. Trisagon prayers were prayed on August 26th. May her memory be eternal!

BAPTISM

Rev. Fr. Christopher Flesoras Presbyteria Krissy baptized their daughter Gianna Evangelia taking on the name Anna. Her sponsor was Diane Eckels Papegeorge.

Again we pray for health, salvation, and fertility for the servants of God:

Rev. Peter & Presyberta Victoria	Thalia & Andrew
Joshua & Michelle	Polyxeni & Demetrios
Kyriakos & Virginia	Anthony & Alexis
Vasiliki & Scott	Irene & Hector
Georgine & Jeff	Theodora & John
Dianne & Peter	Stephen & Fotini
John & Lisa	Patti & Peter
George & Donna	Lindsay & Rick
Sukjit and Jamie	George & Androniki
Alexander & Arete	Anthony & Karena
Robert & Andrea	Christine & Guilhem
Georgia & Timothy	Carleen & James
Nicholas & Nicoletta	Alexander & Alexandra
Alex & Georgianna	Bill & Evie
Constantine & Irene	Vicki
Jim & Stephanie	Lori
Sue & Suong	Robin
Spiro & Alyssa	Fifi
Nicholas & Anna	Sara
Maria	Kristine & Gerry
Sara & Patrick	Vicki & John
Paraskevi & Michael	Lemonia & John
Nicoletta	Kristine
Spiros & Anssa	Jason & Lorie
William & Anna	Aristidis & Theophany
Michael	Elias & EvelyN
Kolimira & Vasilios	Laurie & Jason
Louis & Toula	Dan & Mary Beth
Gregory & Sarah	Andreas & Tabatha
Dimitri & Helen	Brett & Athina
Fredick & Sarah	Effie
Georgia & Phillip	Jason & Laurie
	Stephanie & Nicholas

A Blessed Feast

In September we wish a blessed feast to the following stewards

**September 1st – 40 Holy Women
Martyrs of Thrace** – Peggy Asselanis & Margaret Mueller

**September 5th – Holy Martyrs
Zacharias and Elizabeth**
– Melissa Alexiou & Zachary Stamas

**September 14th – Elevation of the
Holy Cross** – Stavros Lovett

**September 15th – Holy Martyr
Niketas** – Nikitas Loudaros

**September 17th – Holy Martyrs
Sophia, Faith, Hope and
Agape** – Agnes Kalfakis, Sophia George, Sophie Ruocco-Brown, Agape Mort, Sophia Portolos & Sophia Vangelos-Young

**September 23rd – The Righteous
Xanthippe & Polyxene**
– Jennie Econome

Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, safekeeping, protection, pardon and remission of sins of all pious Christians, for the servants of God (names):

Christos	Nicollete	Fotini	Catherine
Angelo	Nicholas	Despina	Catherine
Eleni	Anastasia	Constadina	Barbara
Gabrielle	Antonia	Constantine	Eleni
Olga	Fotini	George	Eleni
Gennady	Anthony	Angeline	Sophia
John	Shirley	Daniel	Joanna
Antonia	Constantine	Panagiota	Sheri
Anthony	Timothy	Panagioti	Pari
Photini	Maxine	Pauline	Anastasios
Mary Anne	Dane	Katherine	Janet



SERVICE (DIAKONIA) *“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve . . .”* (Mark 10:45) Christ came to serve, not to be served...We can honor and glorify God by loving and serving humanity in His name. [We] should use their God-given charismata (gifts) to serve. [We] serve God by serving the Church. For Orthodox Christians, service to God and community is the way of life, the way of living one’s faith. As Jesus Christ our Lord said, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16). For this reason, service is an integral part of the Orthodox Christian’s life.

WITNESS (MARTYRIA) *“For you will be His witness to all men of what you have seen and heard.”* (Acts 22:15) Man is both a spiritual and physical being. The spiritual reality is not always expressed in the material world. In order to be true to oneself and to the Orthodox Christian Faith, young people should strive to exemplify faith. They must be a witness to their faith, offering a convincing word and verbal expression of this faith, to those they come in contact with.

Although these activities are essentially Orthodox common sense, especially when it comes to the process of Christian formation, it was a blessing that it was clearly stated once and for all. Having said this though, it’s far too easy for parishes to loose sight of these fundamentals, be it for the youth and young adults, if not for the entire Parish family.

As we advance into the new ecclesiastical year, I ask Dn. Joseph, the Parish Council and each and every steward who calls Saint Anna Church his/her spiritual home to be deliberate in activity. We spend far too much time in our homes, the workplace, with friends and even at the parish in idle activity. Ultimately, if we are to mature as Orthodox Christians, we must commit ourselves to worshiping God, fellowshiping with one another, serving those in need, and sharing our Faith.



A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

Accept our sincere gratitude for your prayers on the occasion of the baptism of our daughter, Gianna. It was truly special celebrating this Mystery on the Feast of our Parish with His Eminence and brother clergy, in addition to our family, parish family and friends who were in attendance.

We were humbled by the generosity of those who made donations in her honor to Hogar Rafael AYAU in Guatemala, the Theopholeon Brotherhood at the Skete of Saint Anna, Mount Athos, the Dean Adraktas Fund (ALS), and to our Parish. Over \$2000 was forwarded to the orphanage, the monastery, and ALS.

I would also be remiss were I not to thank those who offered their time and talent in preparing for the Baptism and the reception that would follow. Thank you to those who assisted with set-up, clean-up as well as the preparation of some truly delicious appetizers and desserts.

Again, thanking you for the great kindness shown to our family on this most special occasion. May God grant Gianna many years with every blessing unto her salvation. And, may our Lord continue to bless and inspire each of us in our offerings to Him, the Church, and to one another; all to His glory!

Respectfully,
Fr. Christopher & Krissy Flesoras

Philoptchos News

Events – Pennies and Prayers Fundraiser – Please look for collection cups that will be distributed at church in early August. There will be a two to three week period during which to participate. Please take home one of these collection cups and help to make this fundraiser a success.

Catering Fundraiser at Sunset Whitney Oaks Country Club – Angie Tinios is coordinating this catering event entitled “Party at the Parthenon”. This is a private party that specifically wanted a Greek theme/meal. There will be 144 people attending at \$17.50 per plate. The event will be held on Saturday, August 22nd. If you can help Angie with this, please contact her as soon as possible at 967-6435.

Prayer Shawl Meetings – The next Prayer Shawl meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 3rd, 6:30 PM at St. Anna’s. In October, the meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8th. Be sure to RSVP to Gigi Gafkides or Vassie Kyritsis if you plan to attend.

Monthly Philoptchos Meetings – Monthly meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month. Our next meetings will be held on September 1st, October 6th and November 3rd at 6:30 PM at St. Anna’s.

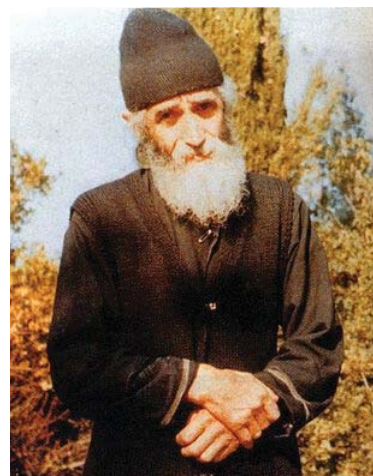
“KAIROS”... a weekly reflection on our Orthodox Christian Spirituality

I've been reading "With Pain and Love for Contemporary Man" the spiritual counsels of Elder Paisios of Mount Athos. It's an outstanding and truly humbling read. Part Four of his compilation addresses the Church in our times; the second chapter of this section specifically addresses the clergy.

In reading and re-reading this section, I'm humbled as I reflect upon my own shortcomings that not only hinder my ministry, but also my personal relationship with Christ. I'll admit that I'm troubled in many an instant because what I preach isn't always what I live...simply, I fall short. I must maintain hopeful though that through a more committed and sincere prayer life, a better understanding of my Orthodox Faith, and through identifying more opportunities to serve my family, parishioners and others, I'll refine my identify as a Christian and as a priest.

I was inspired some years ago by an initiative put forth by my koumbaro and class-mate, Fr. Peter Spiro (who visited our parish with his family earlier this summer) when he transitioned to St. Athanasius Church in Aurora, IL. At the close of Orthros prior to the start of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday mornings, he prepared and offered a 10-15 minute lesson (this was in addition to the homily that was offered later in Liturgy). The lessons varied from answering questions that had been raised by stewards to offering reflections on prayer, the services, the saints, or Christian virtue – many an item not addressed in "breaking the word" in a traditional sermon. Since becoming familiar with his practice and the receptiveness of the faithful, I've wanted to do something similar at our parish.

After numerous conversations with fellow stewards, it seems that this new ecclesiastical year is the perfect time to start! The lesson will be titled "Kairos" which is an ancient Greek word meaning "a decisive point in time" that is found throughout the Old and New Testaments. Each and every moment has been given to us by God and is therefore a point in time that should be spent wisely - unto salvation. As I welcome your suggestions for these lessons (frchris@saintanna.org), I will begin by addressing the topic of prayer, which according to Fr. Paisios and the Saints of our Christian Tradition is the means by which we establish a strong spiritual state in each of our lives. Sunday Orthros will therefore begin at 8:45am as of September 5. At the close of Orthros, a lesson will be preached for approximately 10 minutes. Again, I welcome your suggestions and pray that this effort bears fruit for all of us.



Father Emmanuel, “Fr. Papou” Memorial Rose Garden

Our Memorial Rose Garden was established in loving memory of Father Christopher's Papou, Father Emmanuel, who would attend services at St Anna's frequently and always brings us smiles with his wit and humor.

We collect names in the Fall for those who wish to add a loved one to the garden, and pray Memorial Services throughout the year on behalf of those fallen asleep in the Lord. A second plaque is currently being sourced and will be placed in the garden area sometime within the next few months. But because roses are best planted in the Winter, we will be placing the next collection of roses around February with a memorial service to follow

If you would like to add a name to the garden please send your check for \$200, along with the spelling as you'd like to see it on the name tag, to the Church Office. The \$200 amount not only covers the cost of the rose, brass name tag, and part of the plaque, but also allows for a small portion of upkeep for the rose garden area. The tags are generally for one name or "Mr & Mrs" may fit with smaller names. NAMES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY DECEMBER 13th - please, no exceptions.

“Senior Camp” is Approaching... “Vaya Con Dios!... Go with God!”

Monday, September 21 - Friday, September 25
St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat, Center Dunlap, CA

Join seniors from around the Metropolis of San Francisco at the Fr. Thomas J. Paris “Senior Camp” at St. Nicholas Ranch.

The 5-day/4-night Senior Week program includes wonderful food, dancing, nature walks, field trips to the Monastery of the Theotokos the Life Giving Spring, the Giant Sequoias and other local attractions, campfires and songs, cooking classes, arts and crafts, the ever-famous talent show, stimulating lectures and much more!

End each day and begin each evening with Happy Hour by the pool. As each evening's event eclipses the other, there remains our final night - The Lakeside Fiesta and Mexican BBQ.

All rooms come with a private bath, individual air-conditioning and heating, with twin beds. All the lodge rooms, dining and classrooms are located together on level ground. All meals are included in the registration fee. To register, please call (559) 338-2103 or email info@stnicholasranch.org.

ARCHANGEL GABRIEL BOOKSTORE

“Spread the Good News!”

Orthodox Bookclub News



The Orthodox Bookclub ~ Our current read is Elder Paisios of Mt Athos Spiritual Counsels, With Pain and Love for Contemporary Man. This book guides us personally toward a greater understanding our purpose as God’s children and a strengthening renewal in faith.

It is good to have the intellectual powers that take man to the moon costing billions of dollars in fuel expenses and so on, but it is better to have the spiritual powers that raise man to God, his ultimate destination, with only a bit of fuel, a mere dried piece of bread.

—Elder Paisios

The Bookclub meets on the third Thursday of the month. Due to the activity around our Feast Day Celebration and Sip n Savor we will not be meeting in July. If you’d like to join The Orthodox Bookclub please contact Cynthia at casheffer@comcast.net or call 916 967.4567. Our next read will be announced soon via email.



WE HAVE SOME WONDERFUL “READS” TO BE CONSIDERED FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY:

Enter In: Exploring the Feasts of the Church is a set of integrated resources that teach about the twelve major feasts of the Orthodox Church. This web page accompanies a set of sixteen video presentations. This program is a production of the Department of Religious Education. It was made possible by a generous grant from Leadership100. Follow the link below to learn more about the twelve major feast of our Church. <http://www.goarch.org/archdiocese/departments/religiouised/feasts>

The Planner 2009 – 2010 for the new Ecclesiastic year will soon be in stock. Keep track of all your schedules as well as Feast & Saints Day celebrations, the daily Gospel and Epistle readings, and review a wealth of Orthodox resources. Quantities area limited.

The Feast of the Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on August 15 each year. The Feast commemorates the repose (dormition and in the Greek kimisis) or “falling-asleep” of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord. The Feast also commemorates the translation or assumption into heaven of the body of the Theotokos.

A most special book that should be in every home library is:

The Live of the Virgin Mary, the Theotokos by Shannonmary Winchester-Lennert:

The life of the Virgin Mary will inspire anyone who is seeking to experience a true relationship with the Holy Trinity. The life of the Theotokos is a perfect example of the natural relationship between God, his grace, and her willingness to serve him. Anyone who reads this book will be blessed.

As the Ecclesiastic Year begins again this September we recommend these reads to reacquaint you with the “feasts of our faith”:

The Year of Grace of the Lord: On the basis of worship of the Orthodox Church, The Year of Grace of the Lord takes the reader through the Sundays and feast days from the beginning of the year in September to the time of its completion after Pentecost. It is a guide to the scriptural readings and prayers of the calendar year and reveals the spiritual growth in Christ that is opened to us in them. In the author’s words, the liturgical year is “an abridgement of the history of salvation.” A helpful list of reference notes, including historical and theological material, is given at the end of each chapter. This book will be of interest to anyone who wishes to know more about the development and pattern of the Orthodox liturgical year.

Seasons of Grace: Reflections on the Orthodox Church Year: The Author, Donna Farley helps us to weave together the great feasts into the fabric of our lives. There is enormous tension between entering fully into the Church Year and the pressures of society. We sometimes find ourselves walking a tight rope between what we think is the ideal of a holy life and the demands of our post-modern world. The beauty of the Church seasons is that they teach us how to balance our life.

USED BOOK SHARE PROGRAM:

We now offer used Orthodox books for you to borrow & return to share with another “rabid reader”. They will be located in the long basket on the floor. If you’d like to donate to the Book Share Program, please mark the book with “Archangel Gabriel Bookclub” on the inside cover and place it in the basket. Orthodox books only please.

About our Parish Family

PARISH PROFILES: PAUL & SHERRY PEGADIOTES & MICHELLE HAWE

Name: Paul & Sherry Pegadiotes
Baptismal/Chrismated Name &
Feast Day: Paul & Sherry, the Feast
of St. Paul & All Saints

Place of Birth: Paul- Arcadia,CA
Sherry-Fallbrook,CA

If relocated to our area, when and
from where: We lived in Pleasanton,
CA, and attended The Resurrection
Greek Orthodox Church in Castro
Valley,CA

Vocation: Paul is an Air Traffic
Controller/Supervisor and Sherry is
a stay at home Mom.

About myself/our family: We were
married in May of 1988 in Castro
Valley, Greek Orthodox Church
by Father Tom Avramis. We set-
tled in Pleasanton close to family
and friends. Paul is employed by
the FAA and controlled aircraft at
the Oakland airport, while Sherry
worked at a local dentist office. 3yrs
later, our son Joshua was born in
1991, then 21 months thereafter, our
daughter Jessica arrived in 1993.
Becoming parents and having our
family was the greatest gift to us
both. Parenting came easy with
loving, healthy children. In 2002
we moved to El Dorado Hills due to
a relocation of Paul's job. In facing
the challenges of careers, marriage
and raising a family, we have found
guidance and strength from within
our faith and continued blessings
from God. We love our St. Anna's
parish and are so grateful
for the love and support from our
friends and family.

Hobbies/interests: We enjoy church
services, various outdoor activities;
boating, snow and water skiing, hik-
ing, as well as, RC planes, traveling,
board games and just being together
with family and friends.

How I came to the Orthodox Church:
Paul was born into his Orthodox
faith and Sherry converted from
the Catholic faith prior to marriage.
It was important to us to have our
married life and the upbringing of
our children under one, true faith.

Favorite passage from Scripture:
Who is the greatest?
Matthew 18: 1-5.

Name: Michelle Hawe
Baptismal/Chrismated Name &
Feast Day: Eftimhia, January 20

Place of Birth: Long Beach, Cali-
fornia

If relocated to our area, when and
from where: I just recently moved
from Fresno to the area to continue
my education at Drexel University in
Sacramento.

Vocation: Student/Youth Director/
Future Teacher

About myself/our family: I was born
in Long Beach, California on July 18,
1986 to my parents Katina Siames
and Jim Hawe. We relocated to
Fresno when I was 5 years old. In
1992 my sister Melanie was born. I
graduated from CSU Fresno with a
Bachelor's degree in Liberal Stud-
ies. I was the youth director at St.
George Greek Orthodox Church in
Fresno for 4 years before becoming
your Youth director. During my time
as Youth Director I also became
the Metropolis Oratorical Festival
Director, Co-program director of the
summer camp, and I am a member
of the Folk Dance Festival Manage-
ment Team.

Hobbies/interests: I love cooking,
swimming, hanging out with friends,
being crafty, and exploring new
places.

How I came to the Orthodox Church:
I was baptized at 1 ½ years old. I
was raised going to church every
Sunday and being involved with
many different ministries within the
church.

A ministry that I enjoy/would enjoy
at the parish: The Youth and build-
ing community, not only in our own
parish and local city but with other
parishes from throughout the Me-
tropolis.

Preschool News

Our official school year begins
September 1st and we are excited to
meet all the new children that
have recently enrolled. Many
of our five year olds began Kin-
dergarten and we were sad to
see them leave, as many of our
children had been with us since
the first day we opened, almost
3 years ago. We have been truly
blessed by our most holy mother,
Saint Anna, with our continued
prosperity. The preschool is a
extension of the many ministries
of our church and we are happy
to reach out and offer a quality
program to our Roseville com-
munity.

September themes will include,
the change of seasons and Com-
munity Helpers. The children
will be learning about the people
who work in our community
,therefore once again we will be
inviting our local fire department
to our school. We will also offer a
field trip to .Raleys Supermarket
where children can actually see
what goes on behind the various
departments. Our parents who
have various professions our en-
couraged to share their job with
the children. We will resume of-
fering gymnastics and karate at a
nominal cost once a week. A new
addition to our program is pick-up
service from our local elemen-
tary school, Stone Ridge. As
of September we will be picking
up five Kindergarten children at
noon. Please see Lily Gallagher
or call 772-9304 if you should
have any questions regarding our
preschool or daycare.

Lily Gallagher
Director





GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΦΡΑΓΚΙΣΚΟΥ

ENCYCLICAL

Feast of Indiction 2009

Christ Savior, Lover of humankind, who brought all things into existence from nothing, and with ineffable wisdom arranged for each one to accomplish unerringly the goal which you laid down in the beginning, as you are powerful, bless the whole creation which you fashioned.

Kekragarion of the Environment

Grant, Master, that with the start of the year we may offer you the first fruits of a lift that is pleasing to you.

Troparion of Ode 6, Canon of the Indiction

Dearly Beloved,

The beginning of September is a significant time for Orthodox Christians in the United States, presenting for our spiritual consideration three commemorations. First, following a 5th century edict of Emperor Leo I, September 1 is considered to be the beginning of the year, because according to the Church's tradition, this was the first day of creation. Less than a century later, Emperor Saint Justinian the Great decreed that all dates must include a reference to the Indiction as a way of linking human events to God's initial act of creation. Second, in 1989 His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Demetrios, of blessed memory, dedicated September 1 as an annual day of thanksgiving and supplication for the environment and all creation. Third, beginning in 1895, the United States government has set aside the first Monday in September as a national holiday, Labor Day, to remember the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity and well-being of our country.

These three observances converge to remind us that all creation is a gift from God, that humans have been commissioned to "till and keep" creation (Genesis 2:15), and that our stewardship of creation is to be guided by God's saving goal, that all things may be filled with God's self (Anaphora of Saint Basil the Great) rather than by human greed that threatens to destroy the infinitely valuable gift of nature. Each and every day our labors, no matter what they are, have an effect on creation; they lead it to either union with God or to ultimate destruction.

As Orthodox Christians living in this great country we must reflect on what it means to contribute to its "strength, prosperity, and well-being". In this time of economic crisis and political rancor, we are obliged to think seriously about how our labors and lifestyle impact the world around us. For Christians, profit is not only an economic concept, but also a spiritual issue (cf. Mark 8:36). The words of Saint John Chrysostom are as powerful today as ever: "Our money is the Lord's, however we may have gathered it. If we provide for those in need, we shall obtain great plenty. This is why God allowed you to have more: not for you to waste on . . . drink, fancy food, expensive clothes, and all the other kinds of indulgence, but for you to distribute to those in need." (On Wealth and Poverty 49 – 50) Creation is not merely a source for our own enrichment, but a gift to be offered back to God (Anaphora of Saint John Chrysostom). By the grace of God our houses are filled "with bountiful food, and with every good thing, that [we] may have to give to them that are in need." (Prayer of Marriage)

One troparion from the Orthros of the Indiction exhorts believers to "offer [God] the first fruits of a life that is pleasing to [Him]." Jesus Himself teaches us that "one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions" (Luke 12:15). We will not be judged by how much profit we amass during our life, but by how generous we are with our time and resources (cf. Matthew 25:35 – 40). We are at a point in history when many people are suffering under great economic hardships; most of us are in a position of having been blessed with the means and opportunity to help those who are less fortunate. Each time we celebrate the Divine Liturgy we are reminded that every good thing we possess comes from above, from the Father of lights (Dismissal Prayer). God has blessed our labors with profit so that we might enjoy it and offer it back to God through God's holy Church and by sharing with those in need. The Creator did not intend our labor to satisfy greed or to fuel wasteful consumption, but to increase the world's prosperity as a blessing for all. Now is the acceptable time for the Church – and we are all members of the Church – to respond positively with mercy and love and generosity to the challenges that confront our country and the world.

These principles are the foundation for Christian Stewardship, which will be a guiding theme for our holy Metropolis during the coming Ecclesiastical year. God has created all that is and has entrusted us with the sacred obligation of maintaining it, protecting it, and using it for the betterment of all and to the glory of God. As wise stewards we must appreciate the source and true value of all that we have. Our task as Christians is to use all that God has given us – our time, resources and talents – in a responsible way, maximizing profit for all God’s children while minimizing the environmental and social waste we leave in our wake. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we should manifest humility, dedication, and love in all that we do so that the fruit of our work and life may be a sacrifice well-pleasing to God, that the good Spirit of God’s grace may rest on us, on the gifts we offer, and on all God’s people (Prayer of the Prothesis, Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom).

Let us be guided by these observations to recalibrate our lives and labors in a way that is pleasing to God, giving thanks and acting responsibly so that God’s Kingdom of love and peace and prosperity becomes a reality for us and for all people. May we be strengthened by God to make the right decisions throughout the coming year and may the grace and infinite mercy of our triune Creator and Sustainer be with you all.

With Love in Christ,

+G E R A S I M O S
Metropolitan of San Francisco

“Yourself in the Mirror”

REV. DEACON NIKOS BEKRIS

Is there really a city called Tree Hill? Wikipedia says no, but I have known people from the Carolinas that talk about how life is in their part of the South, and it seems pretty similar to what is depicted in the show “One Tree Hill.” It must be too, because I keep seeing it on most-watched TV show lists, especially among teens. If you haven’t seen this show, it’s now going into its seventh season on the CW channel, and is about a group of friends that deal with the stress of work, family, and relationships (mostly relationships). I would personally call it an update on the usual teen drama series, the same type that teen audiences have loved since 21 Jump Street, Beverly Hills 90210, Dawson’s Creek, and The OC.

The most recent episode of the series, called “Remember Me as a Time of Day,” features snapshots of every character in the show and where they’re at in their life. Lucas and Peyton have gotten married and had a baby girl, Nathan has worked his way up in his basketball career and has finally been picked to play for the Charlotte Bobcats in the NBA, Brooke has reconciled with her mother. At the very end of the episode, we hear voices of different characters narrating their different thoughts about life. I found one of these thoughts to be a little thought-provoking and worth thinking about. At one point a voice enters the scene and says, “Look at yourself in the mirror. Is it the person you want to be?”

As you know even better than I do, high school is a time when people do look at themselves in the mirror, and really do decide if what they see is what they want to be. I would ask another question, though: Is the mirror really what you want to look at to decide what kind of a person you want to be? You can definitely find an outfit or a look you like, and there’s nothing wrong with looking nice, to be sure. What’s funny, though, is how often I hear high schoolers tell me that things in high school are too superficial, and way too much about looks (and I love hearing people say this). Where then, do we look to see what we look like on the inside?

Simply put, the best place to see a reflection of our inner selves, is, well, reflection. Taking the time to reflect on ourselves, our lives, is the best way to see what we look like on the inside. When I say “reflect,” I’m talking about spending time with the One who knows us better than we know ourselves. When we spend time with God, He lets us know where we’re at in life and where we need to go- either in those peaceful moments, or through other people, or some other time. He has already given us a “road map” on how to live our lives, and it’s called the Bible, where we have the greatest example of what inner health looks like, in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It seems so simple, and yet we act like it’s so difficult, but prayer and Bible reading should be part of our every day life. Even if it’s just one verse we read that day, we still expose ourselves to a little bit of God’s word, and a little bit of reflection.

How many times in the day do we look in the mirror to see how we’re doing? We make sure our hair hasn’t been messed up in the wind, if we’ve gotten anything on our clothes, and if we still look the same as we did when we walked out our front door. How many times, however, do we try to look at our soul to make sure everything’s okay? Probably not as many. And yet, even if we just take time at the end of our day to say thank you to God and read a little bit of His word to us, His love letters to us, we help ourselves far more than we realize. If we make this a regular part of our life, God will let you know where you need to go in your life and what you need to do (unless He doesn’t, at least not right away or how we’d expect, in which case He has a reason for it). He will because He loves us. And slowly, but with certainty, we will feel a deeper meaning come into our lives, a fulfillment. Psalm 46 says “Be still, and know that I am God.” (v. 10) Don’t let anyone tell you this is too hard, or unrealistic. We can all do it if we decide we want to do it. So maybe that phrase from “One Tree Hill” should be, “Reflect. Is it the person you want to be?”

What Should My Financial Contribution Be to My Church?

Greg Kyritsis, Parish Council Vice President & Stewardship Committee

Good question! Many parishioners unfortunately have no idea what it costs to operate and maintain their church's operations. When we look back over the history of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese in the United States, now in existence for just over 100 years, it's evident that we've fallen short in educating the faithful as to our responsibility in sustaining the operational costs of the Church.

As a matter of fact, the one dollar that our parents used to put in the Sunday offering tray back in 1960, is the same dollar bill that many people still put in the tray today, now almost 50 years later. Based on inflation, we would need just about \$10.00 today to replace that \$1.00 that our parents used to offer the Church. As another point of reference, the Archdiocese set a membership fee of \$60.00 per member, per year, back in the 1960s. This was a noble concept but the financial assistance to the local churches was still very inadequate. Here we are today almost 50 years later and many of our churches are struggling to keep their doors open because the majority of the membership remains unfamiliar with the Christian concept of stewardship. A Parish, just like any organization needs a certain amount of money to sustain its operations - an annual budget. And the best way to keep the Parish, Metropolis and the Archdiocese operating is by having ALL her members understand that everyone has to do his/her fair share. Is this not our obligation of committing to "walk-the-walk" and "live-the-talk" of our Christian faith? In a Stewardship Workshop hosted by our Parish in March of 2009, which was attended by over 70 Parish Council Members representing over 10 parishes in our region, we learned of the current movement by our Orthodox churches to meet their annual budgetary obligations through stewardship commitments. One of the workshop presenters, George Vourvoulas, told us about his Parish in Wisconsin, which now meets all her financial obligations

through stewardship. They do not ask for money for candles nor do they pass an offering tray on Sundays; everything is covered by the membership's stewardship commitments. Any fundraising events they host are usually for special projects like construction programs, feeding the poor, "kids in Cancer", and student camp tuitions, to mention a few.

Doesn't this concept make a lot of sense? Think of what we could do in our Parish if we followed this example. Once we covered our budgetary obligations with our own stewardship commitments, we then could apply additional funds from contributions or fundraisers to finish paying off the mortgage on our Founder's Hall. We then start funding the construction of our Sanctuary, expand programs for our families, and with the involvement of our families' Time, Talent, and Treasures we begin to support local, national, and international charitable programs. This of course is just one thought. Let's take a look at St. Anna's annual operational budgetary obligations. They are \$434,581.00 (2009 figures). This is basically a "bare bones" budget which includes \$144,900.00 (\$12,075.00 a month) in mortgage payments to cover our current balance on our Founder's Hall. Once we break down our operational costs further, we discover that in order to keep our doors open and our programs going, it costs us \$36,215.08 per month, or \$8,357.32 per week.

If we look at what we collect in candles and tray offerings (excluding checks given for stewardship pledges) on Sundays, that usually averages about \$400.00 each Sunday. If we apply this to our weekly expenses of \$8,357.32, that leaves us short by \$7,957.32 per week. This is why we ask our membership to enroll as stewards and pledge an annual amount, given regularly, to meet their fair share obligation for their spiritual home. These pledge/stewardship commitment cards are absolutely essential for annual planning purposes by our Parish Council.

If we all pitch in and cover our expenses without any additional fundraisers, what would it cost? If we divided our annual budget (\$434,581.00) by our membership, currently 150 pledging stewards, each member's fair share would be a minimum of \$2,897.20 annually. That equals \$241.43 per month or \$55.71 per week. The more pledged stewards that are signed-

up to do their fair share, the less the per member amount. Some may say \$241.43 per month (\$55.71 per week) for church is too much! For some, \$241.43 each month may be a good chunk of a family budget, but what are we paying for the Comcast/Surewest Cable bill, cell phones, car insurance, gas, or other utilities? Would we not consider our church an essential utility in our family's life and budget? Or is it because some people think that the priests make too much money? What is interesting is that our diocese sets the minimum pay scale for our priests, based on their training and years of service. This pay scale concept was set up about ten years ago, and it was long overdue because many churches offered very low and embarrassing wages that made it difficult, if not impossible, for priests to support themselves and their families. Many people forget that our priests must first have earned a college education, a Bachelor's Degree (4-5 year program), and then they are required to attend another 3-4 years of seminary school which usually results in a Master's Degree.

Upon comparing the priest's pay scale provided by the diocese, I noticed that our priest's salary would be equivalent to an entry-level police officer or fireman (after graduating a 6-month police or fire academy in a medium size California city) with no 4-year college education requirement. Yes, our priests get medical and retirement benefits, like many of our public servants, but our priests do not get paid overtime like on-call public safety members. However, many of our priests also practice what they preach in regards to tithing 10% of their pay back to their church and other charitable programs, like our priest does. Let me see here, I believe our priest has two Master's degrees, a PhD, over 10 years of service to the church, he also puts in a lot of overtime, and he is on-call 24/7. I think we have a bargain! In June of 2009 our Stewardship Committee did a review of our current stewardship pledges and discovered that 91% of our 150 pledged stewards were committing less than the annual fair share of \$241.43 per month needed to meet our budget operations. However, we did notice that 65% of our stewardship members are also supporting our Parish's Capital Campaign to assist in paying off our construction loan. We are also very grateful to the many members who are doing more than their fair share in not only contributing their Treasures but many also donating extra in Time and Talent to help keep our operating expenses down. We believe that the above shortage, 91% of our stewards giving less than the minimum fair share

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portion needed by each member, goes back to the lack of understanding and education that was not provided in our early church years. We are hopeful that our membership will strive to follow the Biblical directive of tithing 10% of one's gifts to assist in our church's works and community's needs. Making a tithing commitment may not be practical immediately for those currently not tithing, but should be a spiritual goal for all of us to strive to achieve. However, dedicating one's fair share portion of one's personal church obligations should be a priority.

We realize that this current economy has hit some people very hard with major pay cuts, job losses and even loss of homes. And now, more than ever, we need our church and prayers for one another so we can weather through these challenging times. Moreover, there may be those of us in our community that need to pause and take a deeper look at the gifts that have been bestowed on us by God and possibly reevaluate our commitment in the area of the three Ts (Time, Talent, and Treasures).

In closing, we are hopeful that the above numbers and explanation will enhance our membership's understanding of our Parish's operational expenses and what is needed by each member to maintain our church's obligations. Hopefully, we will all see the ultimate importance that our church plays in our lives and in return pledge, and ultimately tithe our Time, Talent, and Treasures. Once we all do that, we can then watch our church and spiritual works soar to unbelievable heights.

Visitor from Kykkos Monastery, Cyprus

September 2-8, we will welcome to our Parish, Momcilo Pantovic of the Holy Monastery of Kykkos, Cyprus. Momcilo, who was born in Kraljevo in central Serbia has been affiliated with Kykkos since 2006. His primary responsibility is to assist the thousands of pilgrims that visit the Monastery each year to venerate the Holy Icon of the Theotokos painted by the hand of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke.

As a boy, he was blessed to spend much time at the revered Zica Monastery, established by St. Sava, also the place where his parents were married. He completed his secondary schooling in Serbia and then attended university in New York.

Over the years, Momchilo has traveled several times to both the Holy Land as well as to Mount Athos. It was after his 2006 trip to the Holy Land that he stopped visited Cyprus, meeting a pious and holy priest monk of Kykkos Monastery, Fr. Ephraim (who was once in possession of the Holy Relic of Saint Anna that we received from Mount Athos in 2005). Upon Father's invitation, Momchilo took of residency at the Monastery.

During his upcoming visit to our region, he will offer a presentation at our parish as well as at St. Basil Church in Stockton on Kykkos Monastery as well as on the broader theme of Orthodox spirituality in Cyprus. We welcome him to our community and pray that our matron continues to bless and guide him in his service to Christ and His Church.

Tomorrow

MARCI PELKA

Tomorrow. The word was made popular by the musical Annie. "Tomorrow, tomorrow, tomorrow, tomorrow.... is only a day away."

A day away. Only 24 hours. So, how many of us say, "I will start my diet tomorrow", or "I will start my exercise program tomorrow, I will clean house tomorrow, I will bathe the dog tomorrow." How many tomorrows have we all promised? Eventually, most of the promises get done because tomorrow always comes. But what happens when tomorrow doesn't come?

Did we promise to start our prayer ritual, tomorrow? And if we did, it is too late. Unlike the above, we cannot afford to wait until tomorrow. "Watch, therefore, and pray, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming" (Mt. 24,42;26,41).

Our prayer ritual, if not already established, should start today. We may not see tomorrow.

St. Isaiah the anchorite, a contemporary of St. Makarios the Great, advises: "He who ponders each day and says to himself that he has just today to remain in the world, will never sin against God."

Why is it so hard to pray? Are we not sure how to pray? Perhaps we feel we don't have time in the morning. At midday we may be socializing at lunch or working through lunch. We may be too tired at night. No matter what the reasons, none works if tomorrow never comes. Force yourself, make it a habit.

"If you do not feel like praying, you have to force yourself. The Holy Fathers say that prayer with force is higher than prayer unforced. You do not want to, but force yourself. The Kingdom of Heaven is taken by force (Matt. 11:12)."

- St. Ambrose of Optina

We can delay bathing the dog, cleaning house, or whatever else we promise to do tomorrow. None of those things will separate us from God. But none of us can afford not to pray, for tomorrow may not come.

Do not delay with the Lord until a 'better' time. '...now is the day of salvation' (2 Cor. 6:2).

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

On July 24-25, Saint Anna's celebrated the Dormition of her Matron Saint, Anna, the mother of the most holy Theotokos and Virgin Mary, and the grandmother of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We are the only church on North America that possess Holy Relics of both Saints Anna and Joachim, being deemed the "Shrine" of the Metropolis of San Francisco, dedicated to the sanctity of marriage and family.

It is only fitting that we have a true home, a Shrine, a Church, to house these relics. August 2006, three years ago, we launched the "public phase" of our Capital Campaign with our goal to build our first building, our Founder's Hall. We have our Founder's Hall but we cannot stop here. We have begun our journey and still have a way to go towards our end.

These are the figures:

Based on the \$4 million dollars budgeted to get us to this point, approximately \$2.18 million dollars has been paid off.

\$1.3 is pledged to date.

We need an approximate \$700,000 more pledged to finish the upstairs and pay off this loan.

Our current loan balance is \$1,820,000 with a daily interest of \$298.85.

Our current payment is \$12,075 per month. Of this payment, about \$9265 goes towards interest and about \$2810 actually goes towards paying down the loan. In addition, when those who have pledged send in money toward their pledge, that money also goes toward paying down the loan.

With the pledges that we have, we can expect to retire this loan between 2015 and 2020. The actual time will depend on when the money is received, interest rates, the amount we are able to pay from our operational fund each year and whether or not additional pledges are made.

The ultimate goal of the campaign is to have each and every member of our church thoughtfully, and with prayerful sacrifice participate in paying off our Founder's Hall and contributing to the building of our Church/Shrine. No one likes to hear Father Christopher or anyone else speak of the church's need for money. But, the reality is that without financial participation, we will not have a Church/Shrine to house our relics and "grow" in to.

In order to proceed with the building of our Church/Shrine, we must pay off our current loan. The Capital Campaign has been quiet in the face of economic disarray, but it is not abandoned. If you have contributed to the Capital Campaign and can offer an additional contribution to pay down our loan, please do so. If you have not contributed to the Capital Campaign and would like to be contacted, please call Markella at 723-9908.



"Strengthen, preserve and sanctify us in Your peace, the estate of marriage, and the nurturing of children through the dedication of this Shrine, which shall seek the intercessions of Saints Joachim and Anna, spiritually and physically ever present in her midst." (taken from the Hierarchical Prayer on the occasion of the dedication of the Shrine Church of Saint Anna)

ORTHODOX Etiquette, Manners & Traditions

So many forms of etiquette, manners, and traditions have fallen by the wayside. So, if I may, here are some that have gone lax. Children now call friends of their parents by their first name. We always addressed our friends' parents by Mr. or Mrs. Or by Miss and the person's first name. I believe this showed respect. I must admit, till this day, I still address my old high school friend's parents by Mr. and Mrs. Rizzo! I am known as Miss Marci to all the children on the block, ranging from 2 years old to 17 years old. We were never allowed to say yeah. When we responded to our parents, we addressed them with "sir" or "mam." It was always "Yes Sir", or "Yes Mam". We NEVER referred to our parents in the first or third person. When speaking about our parents, we always used Mom or Dad. We always asked permission to leave the supper table. Please and thank you were some of the first words we learned and were expected to use!

I guess I am old in the sense that I love tradition, love proper etiquette and manners and well, I also love the royals, who of course are full of pomp and circumstance. Our weekly bulletin outlines Church etiquette. But before I begin, again if I may, here is an excerpt from Father Christopher when I passed the idea of writing about Clergy etiquette to him:

"With sincerity, none of us can ever be wrong. There are numerous folks who know the rules of etiquette employ them, yet are insincere; there's really no merit in that. I'd rather have folks that are who they are and sincere each and every day. Does this mean that we can't use a refresher (that goes for how kids should address adults, how I should address my seniors, etc)? We all have something to learn indeed."

Here are just a few instances involving Clergy etiquette for a refresher course.

How are we to address Clergy when we meet them in person? Priests are addressed as "Father". Deacons may be addressed as "Father" or "Deacon Father". Bishops should be addressed as "Your Grace". A Bishop with assistant Bishops, suffragans, Metropolitans, and most Archbishops are addressed as "Your Eminence". An exception to this rule is the Archbishop of Athens who is addressed as "Your Beatitude". The proper title for Patriarchs is "Your Beatitude". Again the exception here is the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople who is addressed as "Your All-Holiness".

If a Priest or Deacon is married, their wife is also informally addressed with a title. Once married, the Priest and his wife under the Mystery of Marriage binds them together as one flesh. In a sense the wife shares her husband's Priesthood. To clarify a point, the wife does not have the Grace of the Priesthood or its office. The dignity of her husband's station does pass to her. The various titles are listed below:

- Greek: Presbyterera
- Russian: Matushka
- Serbian: Papadiya
- Ukrainian: Panimatushka

In Greek, the wife of a Deacon is addressed as "Diakonissa". Most Slavic Churches use Presbyterera, the same for the wife of a Priest. A wife of a Priest or a wife of a Deacon should be addressed with both her title and name. (eg., "Presbyterera Krissy," Diakonissa Anna").

To address a Monk formally, one uses the title "Monk (name)" if they do not hold a Priestly rank. If they do hold a Priestly rank, they are formally addressed as "Hieromonk" or Hierdeacon". Please note these are formal ways of addressing Monks. To address the Abbot of a monastery, one would say "The Very Reverend Abbot, even if he does not hold a Priestly rank. An Orthodox Monk is never

addressed by laymen as "Brother". A Monk should never use his last name. When one becomes a Monk, he dies to his former self and relinquishes all that identified him in the world.

Female monastics use the same titles as male monastics. The word monastery also applies to a community of female monastics rather than convent (although there is nothing improper in calling a female monastery a convent). Female monastics are formally addressed as "Nun (name)" or Rasophore-nun (name). The Abbess is addressed as "The Very Reverend Abbess." Informal means of addressing female monastics are "Sister". The rank above Rasophore is called "Mother".

When we speak to a Priest on the phone, it is proper to begin your conversation by asking for a blessing: "Father, bless." If we speak to a Bishop on the phone, we should say, "Bless, Despota" or "Bless, Vladika" or "Bless, Master", depending on the language. "Bless, Your Grace" or "Bless Your Eminence" is also appropriate. When we end a phone conversation we again ask for the blessing.

There are also formal addresses for Priest, Bishops, Archbishops etc, but I will not go into that.

The proper way to address and sign a letter to Clergy is: one should always begin his letter in this way: "Bless!" or "I ask for your blessing". One signs a letter "In Christ". Lay people should not bless a Priest (ie. "God bless you"). When a Priest greets another Priest, a simple request for a blessing is appropriate.

This is just some information on came about in my readings.

Marci Pelka

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 13th Sunday of Matthew Orthros/Liturgy, 8:45AM Annunciation & Belmont Greek Food Festival	7 Office Closed Belmont Greek Food Festival	8 Feast of Nativity of the Theotokos Orthros/Liturgy, 9AM Great Vespers, 6:30PM	9 Feast of Joachim & Anna Orthros/Liturgy, 9AM New Testament Bible Study, 7PM	10 Auburn/Grass Valley Bible Study, 7PM	11 Annunciation Greek Food Festival	12 Annunciation & Belmont Greek Food Festival Great Vespers, 5PM
13 Sunday before Holy Cross Orthros/Liturgy, 8:45AM Youth Religious Education begins Great Vespers @ Holy Cross in Sacramento, 6PM	14 Office Closed Exaltation of the Holy Cross Orthros/Liturgy, 9AM Survey of Orthodoxy 6:30PM	15 New Testament Study, 10:30AM Great Vespers, 6:30PM	16 New Testament Bible Study, 7PM	17 Feast of Sts. Sophia, Faith Hope & Agape Orthros/Liturgy, 9AM Auburn/Grass Valley Bible Study, 7PM	18 Great Vespers, 5PM	19 Great Vespers, 5PM Young Adults
20 Sunday after Holy Cross Orthros/Liturgy, 8:45AM	21 Office Closed Survey of Orthodoxy 6:30PM	22 Liturgy in Marnton @ Monastery of St. John	23 Food Prep/Service @ St. Vincent & Paul New Testament Bible Study, 7PM	24 California Nurses Mtg. Parish Council Mtg. 6:30PM	25 St. Katherine / Elk Grove Greek Food Festival	26
27 1st Sunday of Luke Orthros/Liturgy, 8:45AM St. Katherine / Elk Grove Greek Food Festival	28 Office Closed Survey of Orthodoxy 6:30PM	29 New Testament Study, 10:30AM	30 New Testament Bible Study, 7PM	October 1 Service of Supplication to Sts. Joachim & Anna, 6:30PM	2 Great Vespers, 5PM	3



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