



# CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## BULLETIN OF JUNE 29, 2014

### A Warm Welcome!

We warmly welcome all of our visitors! It's good to have you with us!



### Open Pool

Following the Divine Liturgy and until 1pm, the pool will be open for swimming. A certified lifeguard will be on duty, but parents should still watch their children. Be safe and enjoy! Questions? Please see Fr. John.



### Church Work Day

Appreciation is expressed to all who came yesterday for our Work Day. Your efforts and sacrifice is to be commended. May the Lord bless you for your offering of time and labor to take care of the parish grounds and facilities!



### Why Not?

Consider sponsoring an item from our "Liturgical Needs" list which is posted in the back of the church at the candle stand. If you have a question about anything on this list, please see Fr. John.

### Haven't Seen Someone in a While?

Give them an email or a call. Let them know that you miss them.



### Vacation Planning

An online directory of Orthodox churches in North America is available at [orthodoxyinamerica.org](http://orthodoxyinamerica.org). Everyone needs a vacation sometime, but who really wants or can afford a vacation from God? If you don't have the internet, ask your priest to help find you a parish while you are away.

### Spiritual Reading

is an important way for Christians to grow in their relationship with God. This is because the more we come to understand our Faith the better we can live it. What spiritual book are you currently reading? Want a recommendation, just ask Fr. John.



### SUNDAY, JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup>

#### Holy Apostles Peter & Paul

8:40a.m. Hours  
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour/Open Pool

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 2<sup>ND</sup>

#### St. John of San Francisco

9:00a.m. Akathist & Anointing

### SATURDAY, JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>

#### St. Elizabeth the New-Martyr

6:00p.m. Great Vespers

### SUNDAY, JULY 6<sup>TH</sup>

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

8:40a.m. Hours  
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour/Open Pool

When the Spirit of God descends upon a man and overshadows him with the fullness of His outpouring, then his soul overflows with an indescribable joy, for the Holy Spirit turns to joy whatever He touches. The Kingdom of Heaven is peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Acquire the Spirit of Peace, and thousands around you will be saved.

*St. Seraphim of Sarov*

### READER SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>

Alexis Oleynik

#### Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>

Kathy Parrish



### Akathist to St. John of San Francisco – July 2<sup>nd</sup>

On Wednesday morning there will be a short prayer service to one of the great saints of our land. St. John Maximovitch, who served as bishop in San Francisco from 1962-1966. Following the Akathist, those present will be anointed with holy oil from his incorrupt relics.

### New Red Liturgical Covers

Many thanks to our parish seamstresses for sowing the red set of liturgical covers! May the Lord bless!



CASH FLOWS THROUGH 5/31/14					CASH FLOWS IN JUNE 2014					FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT		
OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	ASSETS & LIABILITIES – 6/29		
Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Checking	Overdue	Mortgage
32,051	28,976	5,950	9,569	-544	5,855	5,368	281	281	+487	10,485	0	358,659

## WHY DO WE NEED TO GO TO CHURCH?

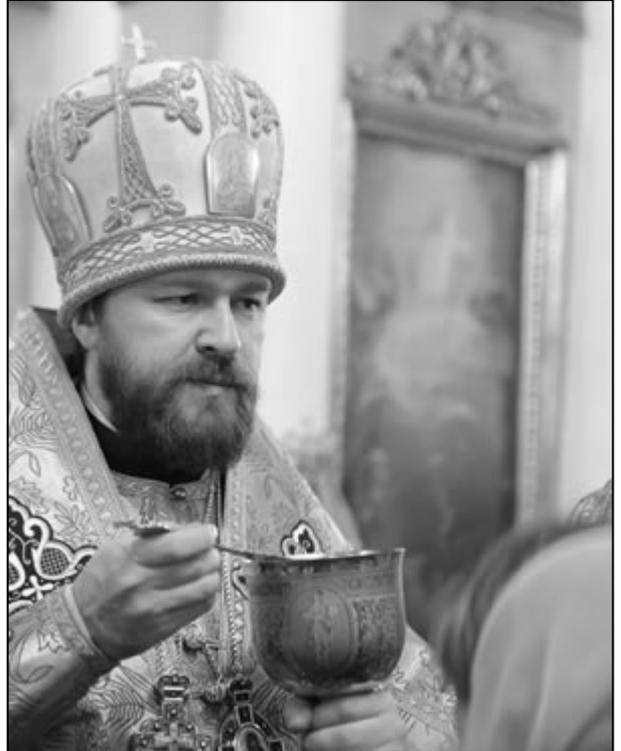
Metropolitan Hilarion (Alfeyev) | 16 June 2014

Many people who rarely attend church have a kind of consumer's attitude towards church. They come to church, for instance, before a long trip – to light a candle just for the sake of it, so that nothing would happen on the road. They come for two or three minutes, hurriedly cross themselves and, having lit a candle, go on their way. Some, entering a church, say: "I want to pay money so that Batiushka would pray for such-and-such" – and pay money and leave. The priest needs to pray, but these people themselves do not participate in the prayer.

This is a wrong attitude. The Church is not a machine for buying "sneakers": drop your coin and candy falls out. The Church is a place to go to live and study. If you are experiencing certain difficulties or if one of your neighbors has fallen ill, do not limit yourself to going and putting up a candle. Come to church for the divine service, immerse yourself in the elements of prayer, and lift up your prayer for your need along with the priest and the community.

It is important that attendance at church be regular. It is good to attend church every Sunday. The Sunday Divine Liturgy, as well as the Liturgy on great feasts, is the time when we can, by giving up two hours of our earthly affairs, plunge ourselves into the elements of prayer. It is good to come to church with one's entire family, in order to receive Confession and Communion.

If one learns to live from Sunday to Sunday, in the rhythm of the church services, in the rhythm of the Divine Liturgy, then one's whole life will change dramatically. Above all, it will become disciplined. The believer knows that next Sunday he will have to give an answer to God, and he lives differently: he does not allow himself many sins that he would otherwise allow himself if he did not go to church. Moreover, the Divine Liturgy itself is an opportunity to receive Holy Communion, that is, to unite with God not only spiritually, but also physically. Finally, the Divine Liturgy is a comprehensive service at which the entire church community and each of its members can pray for everyone that troubles or worries him or her. The faithful during the Liturgy can pray for themselves, and for their neighbors, and for their future, bringing repentance for their sins and asking God's blessing for their further ministry. It is very important to learn to participate fully in the Liturgy. In Church there are also other services, for example, the All-Night Vigil – a preparatory service for Communion. One can order molebens [supplicatory services] for the health of one person or another. But no so-called "private" services – that is, services ordered for someone's specific needs – can take the place of the Divine Liturgy, because the Liturgy is the center of church prayer, and it should become the center of the spiritual life of every Christian and every Christian family.



### ON THE PROPER UPBRINGING OF CHILDREN

*St. John Chrysostom*

Let everything take second place to our care of our children, our bringing them up to the discipline and instruction of the Lord. If from the beginning we teach them to love true wisdom, they will have great wealth and glory than riches can provide. If a child learns a trade, or is highly educated for a lucrative profession, all this is nothing compared to the art of detachment from riches; if you want to make your child rich, teach him this. He is truly rich who does not desire great possessions, or surround himself with wealth, but requires nothing.

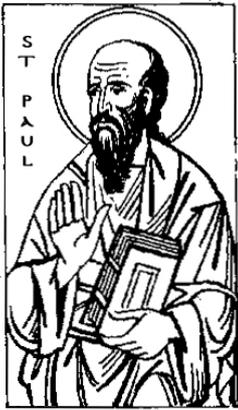
## FOR CONSIDERATION

By St. Nikolai Velimirovich



A true friend prays to God for his friend. A true friend is concerned about the salvation of the soul of his friend. To dissuade a friend from false paths and to direct him on the path of truth, that is precious friendship. The saints of God are the best friends of mankind.

Two youths, Barnabas and Paul, were friends while together they were attending the school of Gamaliel. When Barnabas became a Christian, he persistently and tearfully prayed to God that He would also enlighten the mind and turn the heart of Paul in order



that he becomes a Christian. Barnabas often spoke to Paul about Christ the Lord but Paul ridiculed him and considered him as one led astray. However, the Good Lord did not leave the

prayers of Barnabas without fruit. The Good Lord appeared to Paul and turned him from the path of falsehood to the path of truth. The converted Paul then fell before the feet of his friend and cried out: "O Barnabas, teacher of truth, I am now convinced that everything which you spoke to me about Christ is the truth!" Barnabas wept with joy and embraced his friend.

Barnabas, the friend saved the soul of his friend by his fervent prayer. If Barnabas has succeeded to place Paul as the emperor of Rome, he would have done less for him than what he succeeded in doing by bringing him to the truth by his prayers.



## Use Your Talent

God has given each part of His creation a talent according to their ability. We are the ones who have decided that to be talented means that we excel in one of several high-paying careers or have some skill which makes us popular in a worldly sense. God's idea of talents is based on their usefulness to others, not on how rich or famous they may make us. We all will be held accountable for using the talent we have been given and whether we have used it for God's Kingdom.



## Time Out

Time is a gift from God, to be either used wisely, or wasted away. God allows us to choose how to use His gift. Do you use God's time for loving and caring deeds, for reading the Holy Scriptures, for attending the Divine Services? It's so tempting, especially in the hazy, lazy days of summer, to take time away from God. But what answer shall we give the Lord for squandering the short time that has been given to us?



## Proper Values

Christ does not condemn money in itself, but neither does He uphold material wealth as an acceptable goal for His followers. He wants us to learn to value things rightly, understanding that our lives are transitory and short, and that our goal should not be wealthy and security here and now, but the unending joy and peace of eternal life with Him in His Father's Kingdom.



## Stewardship of Time

Time on this earth is one of our greatest privileges and yet one of our biggest responsibilities. Outside of Sunday morning, how much time does God really get? The daily choices we make in our lives, how we spend our time and energy, indicate not only what we truly value but also where we will spend eternity.