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“The ‘qualitative’ growth of the local Church has immediate missionary implications. This is so not only because it is conducive to the creation of a healthy and dynamic body which transmits the gospel spontaneously to its environment, but also because the genuine faith and love of one man has beneficial effects on the whole of mankind who share in the same human nature.”

—Archbishop Anastasios of Albania

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This next month looks to be a month full of activity. We will begin this weekend by joining in the Feast Day celebration of St. Silouan’s Monastery, along with our sister Church of St. Gabriel’s (Angels Camp). Activities will include the serving of an All-night Vigil on Saturday evening, Sept. 23rd, at the Monastery at 6:00 (the service will go till about 8:30 p.m., but you can leave after the Vespers portion if necessary). Then we will celebrate the Divine Liturgy at the Monastery at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday morning, Sept. 24th (plan on arriving around 9:00 a.m. so you can be present to greet Archbishop Kirill and Bishop Irenei). This will be followed by a Festal potluck and time of fellowship. Wear green!

**NOTE: No services will be held at St. Susanna’s this weekend.*



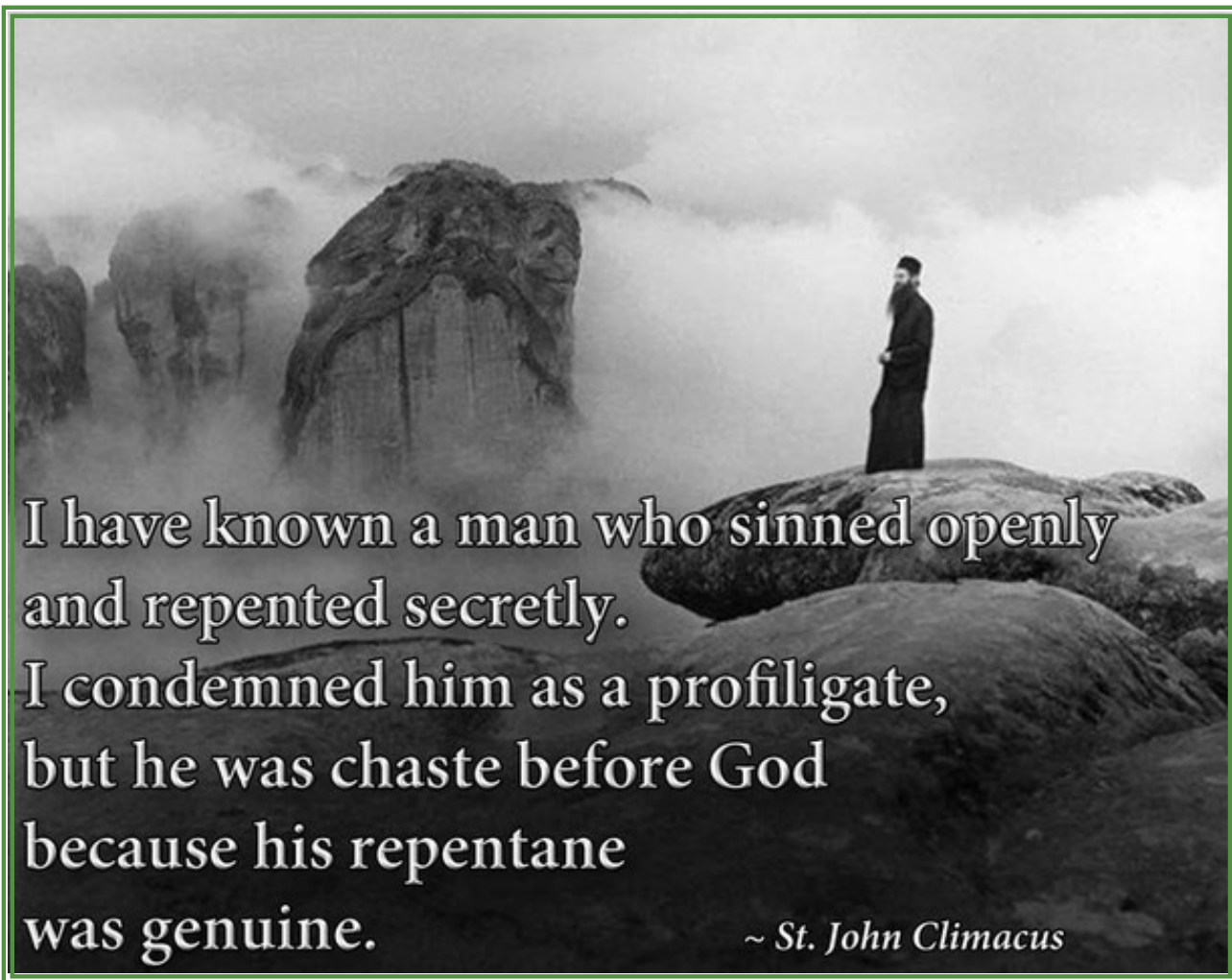
Then, on Sunday October 8th, we will be celebrating our 2nd Annual Oktoberfest in the Parish Hall. Please plan on bringing German cuisine and beverages for the celebration during our Coffee Hour. Last year we had traditional German music—and even traditional German dress!

Matuska Felicity and I will be attending the Diocesan Council in Portland, OR during the week of Oct. 8th–15th. It is also wonderful that several members from the congregation will also be able to attend. Then, Matuska and I will participate in the wedding of our daughter Laurel on Sunday the 15th in Tacoma, WA.

Last of all, the Ramos family has moved to a new home near Columbia College and they want to invite everyone over to the Rectory for an Open House! On Sunday, October 29th, we’ll gather there for a time of feasting and fellowship. Last year we had singing, music and good food and this year we may also have the opportunity to watch the Seattle Seahawks (or if the host family allows, possibly the 49ers)! Fr. Joseph will probably be preparing something on the grill, but it would be great if you could bring something yummy to eat or drink as well. We hope you’ll be able to come!

In Christ,
Fr. Joseph

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& Robinwood Ln.
(2 blocks north of
Racetrack Rd.)



I have known a man who sinned openly
and repented secretly.
I condemned him as a profligate,
but he was chaste before God
because his repentance
was genuine.

~ *St. John Climacus*

**ONE MAN'S JUNK IS ANOTHER
MAN'S TREASURE**

Time to dust off, collect and bring your unwanted treasures to St. Susanna's for our annual Rummage Sale. This year it will be the last weekend of September—September 29th and 30th. Please bring your items to the church anytime between now and September 27th. We will also accept bake goods on the 27th, 28th and 29th. Contact Natalie Teshin 209-984-2199, to let her know what days you will be able to help set up, sell or clean up. Let's make this another great year.

St. Susanna Cleaning Schedule

*Blessed are those who love the beauty
of God's house*

Team 1—Week of October 8th

Team 2—Week of October 22nd

Hours Readings

Anyone who would like to read the Hours before liturgy, please contact Rdr Tikhon at 209-728-5596 or boodt76@aol.com to be added to the list or for more information.

MANY YEARS

Birthdays:

Thomas Giesbrecht	October 6
Evelyn Vaughan	October 9
Donna Elias	October 10
Rebecca Teshin	October 11
Mick'l Vitz	October 11
Anastasia Elias	October 17
Judy McIntosh	October 24
Greg Vitz	October 29

Namesdays:

Thomas Giesbrecht	October 6
Mick'l Vitz	October 11
Andres Gonzalez	October 17
Kasey Vitz	October 23

Anniversaries:

John and Leticia Arsheid	October 25
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Prayer List

PLEASE JOIN US IN GIVING THANKS TO GOD:

- For the skill and devotion of those beautifying our temple and gardens.
- For the beauty of the Mother Lode, and for the privilege we have been given to live here.
- That the Holy Mother of Jesus continues to care for the unborn.
- That many of our petitions are being answered.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR GOD'S HELP:

- For seasonal weather.
- "St. John, please intercede for us before God.
- For repose of the souls of our service men and women who have given their lives for people of foreign lands.
- To safeguard all the troops who remain in hostile lands.
- That many may come to Orthodoxy through our witness and example.
- To bless our monasteries and the men and women who dwell in them.
- For the growth of the monastery in Sonora.
- For the health of Fr. Ignatius.
- For the health of Br. Andrew.
- For health and strength for Anna.
- For health and healing for Natasha.
- For health and healing for Nina.
- For health and healing for Violet.

*To ask us to pray for you, your family, or friends,
please email Alex Teshin at alex@teshin.com
or call 209-536-9999.*

October 2017						
◀ September						November ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 am Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos Divine Liturgy (2 Cor. 6:16-7:1 Luke. 6:31-36) Potluck Luncheon Council Meeting	2	3	4 6:00 pm Bible Study with Daily Vespers	5	6 FWO	7 6:00 pm Great Vespers
8 9:00 am Divine Liturgy (2 Cor. 9: 6-11 Luke. 7:11-16) "Oktoberfest" themed Potluck Luncheon*	9	10	11 NO Bible Study	12	13	14 6:00 pm Great Vespers
Fr. Joseph and Mat. Felicity at DOW Assembly and Daughters Wedding _____						
15 9:00 am Divine Liturgy (2 Cor. 11:31-12:9 Luke. 8:5-15)	16	17	18 6:00 pm FWO Bible Study with Daily Vespers	19	20	21 6:00 pm Great Vespers
Until Monday the 16th.						
22 9:00 am Divine Liturgy (Gal. 1:11-19 Luke. 16:19-31) Potluck Luncheon	23	24	25 6:00 pm Bible Study with Daily Vespers	26	27	28 6:00 pm Great Vespers
29 9:00 am Divine Liturgy (Gal. 2:16-20 Luke. 8:26-39) Open House at Fr. Joseph and Mat. Felicity's Home*	30	31	Notes: *See bulletin info for both Oct 8th and Oct 29th events			