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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

By God's grace we have entered the beautiful season of Great Lent. We began with Forgiveness Sunday Vespers and then continued on with the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete. This Sunday Evening, Feb. 25th, we will be traveling to our sister Church in Angels Camp as St. Gabriel's Antiochian Orthodox Church will be hosting our Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers at 5 p.m. Those who prefer not to drive at night and would like a ride or those who would like to caravan from St. Susanna's, plan on meeting at St. Susanna's at 4:00 p.m. (or contact Fr. Joseph).

We also had our first Pre-Sanctified Liturgy this past Wednesday. In March, we will be hosting our brothers and sisters from St. Gabriel's Church in Angels Camp on Wednesday evening, March 7th, for the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy. Then, on Wednesday, March 28th, St. Gabriel's

*The prophet heard of Your coming,
O Lord, and was afraid that You were
to be born of a virgin
and appear to men,
and he said
"I have heard the report of You
and am afraid";
Glory to Your power, O Lord.
Have mercy on us, O God,
have mercy on us.*

Ode 4, The Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

*My soul, my soul, Arise!
Why are you sleeping?
The end is drawing near,
and you will be confounded,
awake then and be watchful
that Christ our God may spare you,
Who is everywhere, and fills all things.*

The Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

will reciprocate and we'll join them in Angels Camp for the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 6:00 (followed by a soup supper). All of this, of course, is in preparation for our Paschal celebration, which comes early in April this year. Every Orthodox Christian should prepare themselves for this by keeping the fast (as you are able) and by going to confession (a prerequisite for partaking of communion at Pascha). Confessions are heard every Saturday evening after Vespers or by appointment with Fr. Joseph.

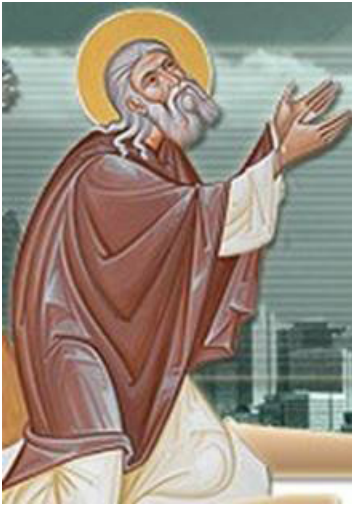
Finally, Fr. Tom Refree will be with us to celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation on Sunday, March 25th. Fr. Joseph and family will be traveling to Las Vegas where he will be baptizing his little grandson Nikolai Joseph.

Fr. Joseph

P.S.: Thanks to all who have pledged and give sacrificially and enabled us to meet the shortfall of our projected budget for 2018.



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



“For all the sins of men I repent before You, Most Merciful Lord. . .

I repent for all those who are worried, who stagger under a burden of worries and do not know that they should put all their worries on You. For feeble man even the most minor worry is unbearable, but for You a mountain of worries is like a snowball thrown into a fiery furnace.

I repent for all the sick, for sickness is the fruit of sin. When the soul is cleansed with repentance, sickness disappears with sin, and You, my Eternal Health, take up Your abode in the soul.

I repent for unbelievers, who through their unbelief amass worries and sicknesses both on themselves and on their friends.

I repent for all those who blaspheme God, who blaspheme against You without knowing that they are blaspheming against the Master, who clothes them and feeds them.

I repent for all the slayers of men, who take the life of another to preserve their own. Forgive them, Most Merciful Lord, for they know not what they do. . .

I repent for all those who bear false witness, for in reality they are homicides and suicides.

For all my brothers who are thieves and who are hoarders of unneeded wealth I weep and sigh, for they have buried their soul and have nothing with which to go forth before You.

For all the arrogant and the boastful I weep and sigh, for before You they are like beggars with empty pockets.

For all drunkards and gluttons, I weep and sigh, for they have become servants of their servants.

For all adulterers I repent, for they have betrayed the trust of the Holy Spirit, who chose them to form new life through them. Instead, they turned serving life into destroying life.

For all gossipers I repent, for they have turned Your most precious gift, the gift of speech, into cheap sand.

For all those who destroy their neighbor’s hearth and home and their neighbor’s peace I repent and sigh, for they bring a curse on themselves and their people.

For all lying tongues, for all suspicious eyes, for all raging hearts, for all insatiable stomachs, for all darkened minds, for all ill will, for all unseemly thoughts, for all murderous emotions--I repent, weep and sigh.

For all the history of mankind from Adam to me, a sinner, I repent; for all history is in my blood. For I am in Adam and Adam is in me.

For all the worlds, large and small, that do not tremble before Your awesome presence, I weep and cry out: O Master Most Merciful, have mercy on me and save me!”

(St. Nikolai Velimirovich, Prayers by the Lake, 29)

St. Susanna Cleaning Schedule

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

Team 1—Week of March 4th

Team 2—Week of March 18th

Hours Readings

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

MANY YEARS

Birthdays:

Seraphim Ramos	March 1
Riley Ramos	March 2
Laurel Ramos	March 11
Natalie Teshin	March 17
Katy Everly	March 22

Namesdays:

Greg Vitz	March 17
Andres Gonzalez	March 31

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.
- For Marie for healing brain cancer.
- For Connie for healing and comfort for her family who just lost their uncle.
- For Kailey

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>*Saturday the 31st please help clean the church and grounds for Palm Sunday and Pascha (After morning services)</p>				1	2	3 6:00 pm WO Great Vespers
<p>4 9:00 am WO St. Gregory Palamas (Heb. 1:10-2:3 Mark 2:1-12) Council Meeting Potluck Luncheon</p>	5	6	<p>7 6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy (Gen. 7:6-9 Proverbs 9:12-18) Soup Supper</p>	8	9 WO	<p>10 9:00 am WO Divine Liturgy for Memorial Saturday (Heb. 10:32-38 Mark 2:14-17) 6:00 pm Great Vespers</p>
<p>11 9:00 am WO Ven. Precious Cross (Heb. 4:14-5:6 Mark 8:34-9:1) Daylight Saving Time</p>	12	13	<p>14 6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy (Gen. 9:18-10:1 Proverbs 12:23-13:9) Soup Supper</p>	15	16	<p>17 6:00 pm WO Great Vespers</p>
<p>18 9:00 am WO St. John Climacus (Heb. 6:13-20 Mark 9:17-31)</p>	19	20	<p>21 6:00 pm WO Presanctified Liturgy (Gen. 17:1-9 Proverbs 15:20-16:9) Soup Supper</p>	<p>22 6:00 pm WO Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete</p>	23 WO	<p>24 6:00 pm WO Readers Vespers</p>
<p>25 9:00 am FWO Festal Divine Liturgy for the Annunciation (Heb. 9:11-14 Mark 10:32-45)</p>	26 WO	27	<p>28 6:00 pm WO Presanctified Liturgy @ St. Gabriel's Angels Camp (Gen. 43:26-31; 45:1-16 Proverbs 21:23-22:4) Soup Supper</p>	29	30	<p>31 9:00 am WO & Caviar Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday* (Heb. 12:28-13:8 John 11:1-45) 6:00 pm Great Vespers w/litya and blessing of Palms</p>