



The Saint Andrew Bugle

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Beloved Parishioners,

The Lord's blessing be with each of you.

Well we have certainly been swept in summer with a vengeance! A spate of 100+ degree days welcome us to the difficult days of summer in the Inland Empire. As I write the workmen are in the fellowship hall attic trying to get the air conditioner units working right, while I am sweating and thinking about all the people around who have no air conditioning at all!

When the heat is up so is the temptation. Heat, discomfort, and the bad sleep that often accompanies summer, can try our patience and lead us to sin with frustration and anger. May the Lord help us and find us exercising greater patience.

This summer, despite the heat, offers all of us some great opportunities to drink the cool waters of the Spirit of God as well. Summer time offers a slower pace and time to read, visit, travel, and exercise. We also have the annual Diocesan Parish Life Conference July 5th-9th at the LAX Marriott being hosted by Father Timothy Baclig and the Parish of St. Michael, Van Nuys. There will be great services, preaching, and ministry meetings at this annual family reunion for the Diocese. And remember to pray for our champion Bible Bowl teams who will seek to defend their titles.

Following the Parish Life Conference we have our annual summer teen campout- which will be up to St. Barbara Monastery and Lake Cachuma in the Santa Ynez valley from July 10th - 14th. Late in July will be the bi-annual Antiochian Archdiocesan Convention being hosted by St. George Cathedral in Miami, Florida, July 24th-30th. We will start the first two weeks of August- as always- with the Dormition Fast which is punctuated by the Great Feast of the Holy Transfiguration of the Lord on August 6th and

culminates in the Feast of our Lady's Dormition on August 15th.

We are especially blessed to be hosting for the sixth year in a row the Symposium of the Ss. Cyril and Athanasius Orthodox Institute on August 11-13. This will be the first time that Father Irenei (Steenberg) will be at our parish - *as a bishop*. Father Irenei was consecrated last December to the Holy Episcopacy, and is now the Bishop of Sacramento and the Administrator of the Diocese of Great Britain for the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia (ROCOR). Bishop Irenei will be giving four lectures on the subject of "Simplicity in the Spiritual Life" in which he addresses many issues from prayer, urban life and even ecology and politics. Our beloved Archpastor and Father-in-God, His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH, will be with us Sunday, August 13th, to preside over the concelebrated Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and to deliver his remarks at the concluding session of the Symposium during lunch on Sunday afternoon.

The summer holds great opportunities for us, dear ones. Grab them while you can.

With love in the Lord,

Father Josiah

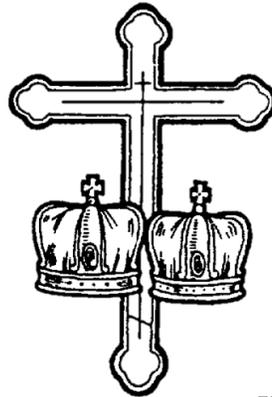


ST. ANDREW COMMUNITY NEWS...

UNITED IN MARRIAGE..



Derek and Christina (Lorenz) Henkes were united in Holy Matrimony on Sunday, May 7 at St. Andrew Church. Congratulations and many years to the newlyweds and to their families.



Kostie and Sarah (Stephens) Saba were united in Holy Matrimony on Sunday, April 30 at St. Andrew Church. Congratulations and many years to the newlyweds and to their families.



On Sunday, May 7, Kubrom and Silvana Debessai wore the beautiful crowns and capes they wore at their wedding in Eritrea 25 years before and received an anniversary blessing from Fr. Josiah. Congratulations and many years to this beautiful and dedicated couple.

NEW BABIES...



Congratulations to Matthew and Rachel Royce on the birth of their 4th son Oliver Flynn who was born 3 weeks early weighing in at 6 lbs. 4 ozs., and measuring 21" long.

God parents are John and Stephanie Shannon. God grant baby Oliver and his family many years.



Congratulations to Dn. Thomas and Dnsa. LeeAnn on the birth of their son shown here with Fr. Josiah soon after his birth.

No other details were available at the time this newsletter was being prepared.



Our dear Leigh Cordery has moved to the State of Georgia where she has a home and many family members. Leigh has been a longtime member and pillar of St. Andrew parish. She has served as a parish council member for a number of years and held several offices including Secretary. She has also served on the board of the Myrrhbearers in several positions including president.

We will miss Leigh so much and we wish her happiness and joy as she retires close to family and old friends from her hometown.



On May 23rd. our sister in Christ Wilma Stoyas fell asleep in the Lord after a long illness. Wilma was one of the founders of St. Andrew along with her family. May Wilma's memory be eternal and may God grant her family comfort and long life.



Our brother in Christ, Mr. Walid Lasad, fell asleep in the Lord on June 18, several days after undergoing an operation. Our condolences are offered to his wife, Haifa, and to his son Adam Lasad and his family, and the whole Lasad family. May his memory be eternal.



*St. Xenia
Military Ministry*

St. Xenia Ministry is an outreach effort for military members and their families across the Diocese of Los Angeles and the West.

HOW?

- * By Prayer*
- * Notes of encouragement*
- * Holiday remembrances*

If you know of a military family in the parish which we can support, please contact Barbara Ball at wbkball@sbcglobal.net. She will send them a form to request contact information.



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