

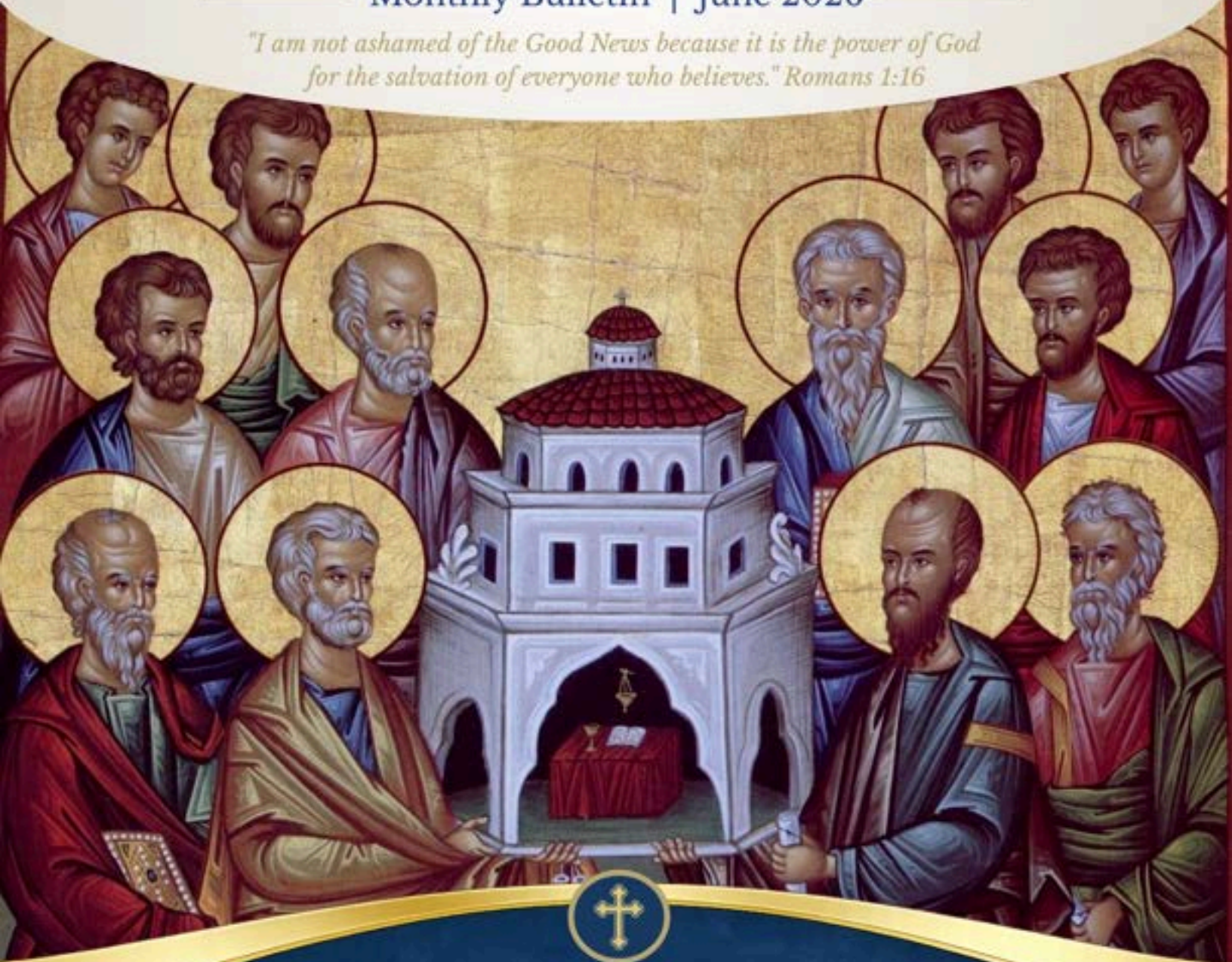


THE GOOD NEWS

Saint Paul's Greek Orthodox Church

Monthly Bulletin | June 2026

"I am not ashamed of the Good News because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes." Romans 1:16



SYNAXIS OF THE APOSTLES

June 30, 2026

"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God." Ephesians 4:11-13



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THE MONDAY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



On Monday, June 1st we will celebrate Liturgy for the Feast of the Holy Spirit and the memory and witness to Christ of St. Justin the Philosopher and Martyr (100-165AD). St. Justin was an early Christian writer who had studied ancient Greek philosophy, particularly the schools of Aristotle, Pythagoras and Plato, in his quest for truth. After becoming a Christian during a time of intense persecution by the Roman Empire, Justin addressed two books to the emperor and the Roman senate, explaining the basics of Christian faith and worship. He is the earliest Christian writer outside the New Testament to describe the Sunday morning celebration of the Liturgy. He is also known for a third book in which he engaged with the Judaism of his time, pointing out all of the Old Testament prophecies that had been fulfilled by the coming of Christ.

We wish Father Justin a joyful celebration of his name day! Many years!

THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST



THE SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

The festival of All the Saints is celebrated on the Sunday after Pentecost
(June 7th this year)

The Sunday of All Saints is a festival of holiness in the life of the Church that is celebrated each year on the Sunday after Pentecost, the day on which we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles in Jerusalem and the beginning of the Church. Liturgically, this makes perfect sense, as it is the Holy Spirit who is the source of all holiness, all sanctity, in the life of the Church. It is the Holy Spirit that makes it possible for us to fulfill God's command to "be holy, for I am holy" (Leviticus 11:44; 1 Peter 1:16). Saints may be found in every country and every culture, ranging from Greece, Turkey and Russia to Serbia, Romania and America; from Palestine, Libya and Egypt to France, Ireland and Italy. Saints come from all walks of life: men and women, husbands and wives, kings and queens, soldiers, merchants, slaves, students, peasants and aristocrats, bishops and priests, monks and nuns. All were ordinary people who chose to live their lives in complete dedication to God. The saints, no matter what country they were from, language they spoke or station in life, never betrayed their innermost beliefs about Christ and strove to live their lives in complete honesty and integrity, no matter what the cost. They lived with courage and determination, love and humility, grace and joy. The saints are people who have been transformed by their faith and truly are the "real deal" as Christians. They are men and women from every generation who have been canonized, i.e. set up as models of what it means to truly follow Christ and be faithful to Him, seeking and striving for His kingdom as their first priority in life (Matthew 6:33).

Canonization does not "make" anybody a saint. Canonization recognizes that someone already was, in his/her own lifetime, a saint. The word canonization means that a Christian has been found worthy to have his/her name placed in the canon or official list of the saints of the Church. This canon is read during the various liturgical services of the Church, particularly Orthros or Morning Prayer before the celebration of Liturgy. Every day of the year is dedicated to a number of saints whose names are remembered by God's people. When a Christian's name has been included in the canon of saints, it is a sign that the Church encourages the faithful to ask that saint for his/her prayers before God. Liturgical services may be specially composed in the saint's honor and celebrated by the Church. For the first thousand years of the history of the Church saints were recognized without any formal rite of canonization. Local congregations of the faithful simply began to remember certain well-known Christians in their liturgical gatherings, to ask them for help in prayer, to visit their relics, which frequently remained vehicles of the Holy Spirit, curing the sick in soul and body, as they had during earthly life. In the 10th century, in the west, the then-Orthodox Church of Rome began to insist that saints be formally and officially "registered" as such with the papal authorities. The first recorded canonization of this type was that of St. Ulrich of Augsburg, canonized in 993 by Pope John XV. For the next 600 years – during which time the Roman Catholic Church split off from the Orthodox community – the west developed a very precise (perhaps even legalistic) method of determining who were to be canonized as saints. The Orthodox Church never developed any comparable methods for canonizing saints. As in the early Church, the situation has remained very much determined by local practices and local traditions. Holy men and women continue to be recognized as such during their own lifetimes; they continue to be venerated and honored after their death; and Christian people continue to ask for their prayers and to visit their shrines.

IN JUNE WE HONOR THE APOSTLES

HONORING OUR ROOTS IN THE TEACHING AND WITNESS OF THE APOSTLES

What does it mean for us to confess that our Church is apostolic, as we do each Sunday in the Creed? First and foremost, of course, it means that our Church roots itself in the teaching and witness of the Apostles. It means that—like the Apostles—we are to engage in evangelism and missions work both here at home and around the world. Our mission as a parish and as individuals is to share the Good News of salvation with as many people as possible, being His witnesses "in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth—or, as we would say today, at the local, national and even international levels. It also means that we are to live as the Apostles lived, totally committed to Christ, willing to do His will in every aspect of our lives, and engage the spiritual disciplines they engaged in, one of which was fasting (Acts of the Apostles 10:30;13:3; 1 Corinthians 7:5; 2 Corinthians 6:5).



During the Fast of the Holy Apostles we may have fish, wine and oil but no meat/poultry or dairy products/eggs. On Wednesdays and Fridays, of course, we have our normal strict fast of no meat/poultry, dairy products/eggs, fish, wine or oil.

The week after Pentecost (May 31st—June 6th) there is no fasting, even on Wednesday and Friday, because of our celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the Church on the day of Pentecost. Every year the fast to honor the Holy Apostles begins on the Monday after All Saints Sunday. This year, the Fast to honor the Apostles begins on Monday, June 8th and will conclude on Saturday, June 28th in preparation for the feast of Saints Peter and Paul on Sunday, June 29th and the Synaxis of the 12 Apostles on Monday, June 30th.

How did each of the Apostles die? The word “apostle” comes from the classical Greek word that means “someone who is sent to bear witness” and so the literal meaning in English might be “emissary” or “ambassador.” The Apostles bore witness to Christ not only by the quality and content of their lives, but also by their willingness to suffer and die for their faith, if necessary. All of the Apostles but one were executed for their faith in Christ and their testimony to His crucifixion and resurrection from the dead. The Apostle Peter was crucified upside down in Rome; the Apostle Paul was beheaded in Rome; Andrew, Peter’s brother, was crucified on an X-shaped cross in Greece; James, the son of Zebedee, was beheaded; Philip was crucified; Bartholomew was crucified, then beheaded; Thomas was run through with five spears; Matthew the Evangelist was burned alive; James, the son of Alphaeus, was crucified; Jude, also called Thaddeus, was crucified; Simon, called the Zealot, was crucified; and Matthias, who was chosen to replace Judas the traitor, was stoned and then beheaded.

Only John the Evangelist, whom we also call “the Theologian” because of the intensely theological Gospel he wrote, died of old age after serving years in prison on the island of Patmos where the Book of Revelation was written.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I pray that you and your families are well. June is typically the beginning of the summer season and also marks a very special time in the lives of many of our young adults who are graduating high school and college. I want to wish all of our graduates God's blessings in the next chapter of your lives and remember that Jesus Christ will always be with you and St. Paul's will always be your home!

As you know, June is also the month when we host the Irvine Greek Fest, which will occur on June 26th, 27th and 28th. Please find ways to get involved and become one of the many volunteers that make Irvine Greek Fest one of the premier festivals in Southern California. It is not only a major fundraiser for our Church, but more importantly, a fantastic way to work together to demonstrate our faith, love and culture with those that attend. **Thank you to our Chairman, Andrew Markis, and his Committee for planning every aspect of the weekend.** We all look forward to Irvine Greek Fest weekend and are excited to create wonderful memories for all.

Thank you for your continued love and support of St. Paul's. I look forward to seeing all of you at Irvine Greek Fest.

In His Service,

George A. Theodorou

President, Parish Council

SAINT PAUL'S ENDOWMENT FUND

This photo was taken in 1994. It shows the cross being affixed to the dome of St. Paul's Greek Orthodox church. Over 30 years have gone by! Many of those involved in the construction of St. Paul's are no longer here, but we are blessed today by their generous legacy.

What will your legacy be? Consider making St. Paul's Endowment Fund a beneficiary of your estate plan.

The purpose of the Fund is to ensure that St. Paul's remains a vibrant beacon of Orthodox Christianity in Orange County and around the World.

For more information,

<https://stpaulsirvine.org/st-pauls-endowment-fund/>



To the Parishioners of Saint Paul's,

Christ is Risen!

As we journey through the joyous Paschal season and witness the beauty and renewal that the month of May brings, we are reminded of God's abundant blessings and the many gifts He has entrusted to each of us. This season offers an opportunity to reflect upon our role as faithful stewards of those blessings and our responsibility to support the life and mission of our parish.

Our church is more than a building; it is our spiritual home: a place where we gather to worship, celebrate the Holy Mysteries, teach our children the Orthodox faith, and support one another through life's joys and challenges. The vitality of our parish depends upon the active participation and generosity of its members.

Through the faithful stewardship of our parish family, we are able to maintain our ministries, provide religious education, support charitable outreach, care for our facilities, and preserve the sacred traditions that have been entrusted to us. These accomplishments are only possible because of the commitment and sacrifice of parishioners who recognize that stewardship is an expression of gratitude to God for His many blessings.

As we continue through the year, I respectfully encourage you to prayerfully consider your stewardship commitment. If you have already made your pledge, thank you for your generosity and dedication to our parish. If you have not yet had the opportunity to do so, please consider submitting your stewardship commitment at your earliest convenience. Every contribution, regardless of amount, strengthens our parish and supports its mission for current and future generations.

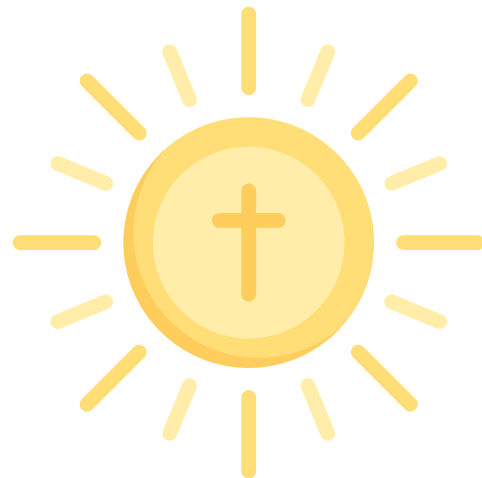
May we all continue to grow in faith, generosity, and service to Christ and His Church. Thank you for your continued support, prayers, and commitment to our parish family.

In His Love,

Claire Pearson

On Behalf of the Stewardship Committee

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!



TANZANIAN 2026 MISSIONARY TRIP

“Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink?... “And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!” Mathew 25:31-46

In February 2026, my husband, Alex and I set out for our annual trip to Africa. Our first stop was Nairobi Kenya, where we met Adam Mwesigwa, to visit the wells we developed in the Turkana region (article on this topic in future edition of the Good News).

From Nairobi, we flew to Uganda and met up with our fellow missionaries, Mark and Ginny Tomich and Marina Vogel (from our partner parish, St. Barbara) and drove down to Bukoba Tanzania where our team is located. As usual, we arrived with a long list of objectives for the trip, focused on advancing several water project initiatives that will improve and expand our operations.

Below is a summary of some of the accomplishments of our Tanzanian and USA teams, but before I get to that, I want to share some exciting news. The website for our 501c3, Africa Water and Life Project (“AWALP”) is launched! As a brief reminder, funding for the water project, to date, has been through Mission Is Possible, St. Paul’s and Mission Tanzania, St. Barbara’s. As we continue to expand our operations, we sought to diversify our funding sources so that we don’t become a burden on our parishes. As a result, we launched AWALP, a non-profit tax-exempt entity. We will use this platform to seek grants from non-profits, foundations and other secular sources. In addition, this entity allows us to receive funding from corporations that match their employee donations. The site’s address AWALP.org. Please visit us on-line!

Summary of 2025 production and trip initiatives and accomplishments:

- 2025 New and Repaired Well Production - The teams had very a productive year in 2025. They drilled and fully completed 12 new wells and installed pumps on 8 of our bore holes that were drilled 2024. In addition to installing new pumps on the 20 wells we drilled, the repair team also repaired 36 wells. To date we have developed over 90 new wells and repaired over 100 non-functioning wells providing clean water to over 340,000 people.
- WaSH Program (water, sanitation and hygiene) - When combined with clean water, education of these subjects dramatically improves the health of the people we serve. Emmanuel, was hired last year to teach the WaSH principals, has been going out to villages and schools with the repair team and is doing excellent work! We are seeking to expand this program by providing workshops to produce feminine hygiene products, hand washing stations, clothes line and dish drying racks. Mark and Ginny’s daughter, Emily, helped launch this program over 7 years ago. Ginny, with her nursing background is working actively with Emmanuel to update the teaching materials.
- Solar Program - We are developing a program and sourcing materials to install solar panels to support electric wells. Most villages do not have electricity. In cases where the well is too deep for a hand pump and/or the level of demand is so high that a hand pump is not sufficient to meet the needs, an electric pump well with solar panels is required. Thanks to Alex and Mark for helping to research and launch this initiative.

TANZANIAN 2026 MISSIONARY TRIP

- Headquarter Building - The headquarter site in Bukoba is secure and the equipment and containers are located on site. We have approved architectural plans for an office with sleeping quarters, but we still need to raise approximately \$60,000 for construction.
- New Pump Hoist Rig - A new pump hoist rig is in a container in Bukoba. We are awaiting tax exempt approval to so we can buy a 4-wheel drive, heavy duty truck to mount it on. This will allow us to establish a second repair team, dramatically increasing our ability to service our wells and repair third-party wells. We have set aside \$60K, the cost of the truck (an additional \$10K without the exemption).
- Well Database – Marina Vogel, from St. Barbara and on the boards of AWALP and Mission Tanzania, worked to update and establish a process for maintaining the database for wells developed and repaired. She and her son, Benjamin, who has a computer science background, have enabled us to display this data on our AWALP website.
- Marketing and Fundraising – Alex (along with the rest of the U.S. team) was busy traveling with the TZ team as they repaired wells and visited those we developed, taking photos and videos for our website and future fundraising efforts.
- Year-end Finances, Audit, Taxes and Board Meeting - As usual, I worked with our accountant, Leonard, to finalize and submit the 2025 financial statements for our NGO in Tanzania, the Photini Water Project Organization (“PWPO”). We also conducted our semiannual PWPO board meeting and discuss initiatives and goals with the team.

Glory to God, our water project is exceling and exceeding expectations!

Special thanks to Adam Mwesigwa, who continues to be a vital part of this work, Tambua our hydrologist and TZ team lead, our entire team in Tanzania for their hard work and devotion, our 2025 U.S. missionary team and of course our donors. Without our volunteers and donors, none of this work is possible. May God bless you and keep you!



TANZANIAN 2026
MISSIONARY TRIP



VARIETY SHOW



**ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL VARIETY SHOW FOR ALL AGES
AFTER CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JUNE 7th DURING THE
COFFEE HOUR-WE NEED YOUR TALENT!**

We invite all our parishioners of all ages to participate and/or attend our St. Paul's annual Variety Show on Sunday, June 7th during the Coffee Hour after Church in the Parish Center. Please sign up by contacting Dean Langis at 949-733-2366 or at: dlangis@stpaulsirvine.org to participate in offering a song, dance, poetic or dramatic reading, instrumental performance, skit, original film or video, etc. This is a delightful program every year, and it is amazing how much talent of all kinds we have in our community. Please mark your calendars from now as you do not want to miss it! Thank you!





2026 Philoptochos: Become a Member of Our Army of Agape...Join Now!!



As we just celebrated the Feast of Pentecost, Philoptochos also seeks to spread the Light of Christ to all those in need. Being a member shares the love and blessings of our Lord and Savior to others and fulfills the call of each of us to help our brethren. Let becoming a member be a part of your personal journey to give back to others!

Philoptochos is Fellowship...Our fabulous **Adelphia Luncheon** took place on May 1st at **Tutto Fresco Restaurant** in



Rancho Santa Margarita. Adelphia Chair, **Hresula Hudoff**, arranged a fantastic luncheon on the beautiful patio. It was another wonderful afternoon of delicious food, engaging new friendships, and creating lasting relationships with other Philoptochos members. Join us for future Adelphia Luncheons and be a part of this growing Army of Agape! Our next luncheon will take place in the Fall with more information coming at the end of the Summer!!



On the horizon... The summer months bring some relaxation and time off for many of us. Our Philoptochos activities begin in the Fall but we are working behind the scenes to plan the exciting schedule! More information will be coming over the Summer about upcoming events...

Philoptochos is Love. Philoptochos is Giving.

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Join the Fun + Make A Difference + Women Changing Lives

In His Service,
Priscilla Tedesco
President, St Paul's Ladies Philoptochos Society



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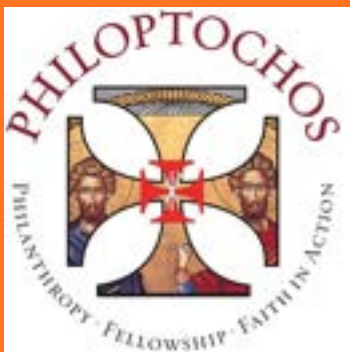
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2026 TOTAL STEWARDSHIP \$ _____

2026 PHILOPTOCHOS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



Your continued generosity allows Philoptochos to provide financial assistance and outreach to those in need. We invite you to **renew your membership or become a new member** as we endeavor to do our philanthropic work. Join us as we strive to fulfill the words of Christ:

"...whatever you did for one of these, the least of my brethren, you did for me."
 - Matthew 25:30

Mail your form to **St. Paul's Philoptochos** at
 4949 Alton Prkwy, Irvine, CA 92604



OR SCAN TO JOIN ONLINE 

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TWO STUDIES EACH WEEK



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Saint Paul's 
WOMEN'S
Bible Study

THURSDAY MORNINGS

ZOOM AND IN-PERSON

10:00-11:00 AM



SAINT PAUL'S YOUNG ADULT LEAGUE

A ministry serving adults ages 18-35

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Join our WhatsApp chat to learn about upcoming events & more!

Irvine Orthodox Young Adult League



FAITH IN FIFTEEN

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**THEOLOGY
"SHORT BITES"
PLUS Q & A**



**STEPS AWAY (OUTSIDE) FROM
COFFEE HOUR**

Usually about 11:45

June 7 - Coroneus: "Genesis, Genetics & Man as Microcosm"

June 14 - Tibbs: "Pentecost after Pentecost"

June 21 - Tibbs: "Why the Apostles Still Matter"

June 28 - Festival Sunday. No Faith in Fifteen



Dr. John Coroneus
M.Div., PhD BioChem



Dr. Eve Tibbs
MA, PhD Theology

Last Day of Church School Classes is Sunday, June 7

The last day of classes for this school year will be Sunday, June 7. Students will worship during the Divine Liturgy with their family and proceed to classes after Holy Communion as usual, and will return for volunteer staff acknowledgements and graduate presentations.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Let your light
so shine before
men, that they
may see your
good works
and glorify
your Father
in heaven.



— Matthew 5:16

SAINT PAUL'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

2025-2026

WITH GRATITUDE!

We close this school year with much gratitude—for all our students and their families. It is clear that our students enjoy being in class, and we rejoice at the blessing of contributing to their Orthodox Christian faith formation. I especially wish to acknowledge and thank our dedicated teaching staff members—volunteer teachers and aides—who come to class week after week prepared with lessons, activities, crafts, snacks, patience and love: **Elleni Conley, Jacque Nauroth, Katherine Canellos, Stephanie Ripley, Cassiani Kateyiannis, Carol Lovato, Amanda Giannikas, Zoi Gatzake Rappas, Sherie Sardis, Bea Dargavel, Doris Kollias, Monica Leontas, Andrea Britigan, Joann Cokas, Elaine Feovenyessy, Denise Canellos, Maria Conley, Aurora Djurdjulov, Lydia Pearson, Tom Neforos, Debbie Neforos, Megan Perry, Kassiani Olutade, Steve Tibbs, Jim Leontas, Kevin Gallagher, Dean Langis, Patricia Schneider-Zioga, John Britigan, Jennifer Hampson, Dorothea Love,**

Cherise Matthews, Maria Gallagher, Andrea Fouts and Derick Fouts. They serve as the hands and feet of our Lord, showing our children first-hand on a regular basis what it means to be a disciple of Christ, and they make learning about Christ and His Holy Orthodox Church not only meaningful, but also enjoyable! Finally, these good things could not be accomplished without the active support and work of the members of the Church School Board: **Denise Canellos, Andrea Fouts, Jim Leontas, Dorothea Love, Cherise Matthews, MaryAnne Smith, and Steve Tibbs,** who continually work behind the scenes to keep everything running smoothly. May God grant each member of the Church School family—students, parents, grandparents, teachers, aides and directors — His many blessings! In the service of Christ, *Steve Tibbs*

A SUMMER REMINDER



While classroom learning is valuable, experience is still the best teacher! No Sunday School lesson or textbook description, however detailed or accurate, will ever provide what participation in the Divine Liturgy offers: genuine Communion in Christ. The Holy Body and Blood of Christ is Life itself, and this Life in Christ is the best thing you can offer your children. As you make your summer plans, remember to continue to bring your children to Christ—in the Divine Liturgy!

♪ YOUTH CHOIR WILL CONTINUE TO SING IN THE DIVINE LITURGY DURING SUMMER ♪

AMBASSADORS



ST. PAUL'S TRIP AT 11 AM ON THURSDAY, JUNE 4TH FOR OUR TRIP TO THE MARCONI AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM IN TUSTIN WITH OUR GREEK LUNCH TO FOLLOW AT CHRISTAKIS' GREEK CUISINE ALSO IN TUSTIN—PLEASE JOIN US FOR BOTH OR EITHER EVENT!

The St. Paul's Ambassadors (ages 50 and up) invite all our parishioners and friends of all ages to join us for our carpools to the superb Marconi Automotive Museum at 1302 Industrial Drive Dr., Tustin, CA 92780; (714) 258-3001; <http://marconimuseum.org/> . The special discount cost for our group for the Museum is \$5 person. After our visit to the museum, we plan to go to lunch at Christakis' Greek Cuisine at 13011 Newport Ave, Tustin, CA 92780; 714-731-6600; <http://christakisgreekcuisine.com/> . You can read the wonderful reviews about Christakis Greek Cuisine at <https://www.yelp.com/biz/christakis-greek-cuisine-tustin> . Please come and bring a friend for a lovely day! Kindly RSVP to Dean Langis at dlangis@stpaulsirvine.org or at 949-733-2366 so that I can give a headcount to the restaurant. Thank you.



ST. PAUL'S TRIP AT 11 AM WITH OUR CARPOOLS FROM ST. PAUL'S ON THURSDAY, JUNE 18TH TO OUR BOAT CRUISE AT 12 PM NOON WITH THE FUN ZONE BOAT COMPANY "CELEBRITY HOMES AND YACHTS" PREMIER HARBOR & SUNSET CRUISE ON NEWPORT BAY (\$15 FOR SENIORS AGES 60 AND OLDER) WITH OUR LENTEN LUNCH TO FOLLOW AT THE DELIGHTFUL HARBORSIDE RESTAURANT NEARBY WITH THEIR WINNING SEAFOOD!

We invite all our parishioners and friends of all ages from all our sister parishes to join us at 11 am on Thursday, June 18th for our carpools from St. Paul's to our Fun Zone Boat Company "Celebrity Homes and Yachts" Premier Harbor and Sunset Cruise on Newport Bay at 12 pm noon—please see <https://funzoneboats.com/newport-beach-harbor-celebrity-home-and-yacht-narrated-tour-c.html> for the details. The cruise cost is \$15 for seniors ages 60 and up; \$20 for adults; \$5 for children ages 4 to 11; and free for children ages 3 years and under. You can also drive directly to the Balboa Fun Zone and meet us there at the cruise if you wish. We hope to park nearby at the Balboa Pier at 1 Palm St, Newport Beach for \$4.10 per hour and then walk to the Fun Zone Boat Company at 700 Edgewater Place, Newport Beach, CA 92661 for the 45 minute cruise. Then we plan to have our Lenten lunch (fish, wine and oil permitted but no meat/poultry or dairy/eggs during the Fast of the Holy Apostles) also nearby at the delightful Harborside Restaurant with their Award-Winning Seafood. They have their Happy Hour Specials from 12 noon to 6 pm as well as their regular menu—please go to <https://www.harborside-pavilion.com/> for the details and also please see their excellent reviews at <https://www.yelp.com/biz/harborside-restaurant-newport-beach> . Please also RSVP to Dean Langis at 949-733-2366 or at dlangis@stpaulsirvine.org so that I can give the required headcount for both the cruise and the restaurant—thank you! Please come and bring a friend for a lovely day!

FELLOWSHIP TEAM UPDATE

The Parishioner Engagement, Faith Formation, and Youth & Family Vision Teams are excited to introduce a new Fellowship Team, created to strengthen relationships within our church family, welcome newcomers, encourage connections across generations, and foster a spirit of hospitality and belonging.

We want to thank the 124 parishioners who completed the Parish Activities Interest Survey. Your thoughtful responses provided valuable insight, and the broad range of votes highlights the wide array of interests within our community.

The following activities received the most interest:

Social & Community-Building Activities

- Picnics / BBQs
- Potluck dinners
- Game nights
- Dining out
- Dinner & theater

Spiritual & Faith-Centered Activities

- Faith-based workshops
- Retreats (½ day)

Service & Outreach Activities

- Community service projects

Outdoor & Active

- Hiking
- Walking groups

Creative & Learning

- Cooking or baking workshops

Survey responses also showed a preference for monthly events, with Sundays as the most popular day, followed by Saturdays.

We are very appreciative of the 51 parishioners who volunteered to help. Your willingness to serve is a blessing to the community, and we may be connecting with you soon.

Our first Fellowship event will be scheduled shortly after the Irvine Greek Fest. Please check the weekly bulletin for announcements about upcoming gatherings and activities.

If you were unable to complete the survey but would still like to participate, please see a member of the Welcome Team.

Thank you again for your participation and support!

George Ekizian, Fellowship Team



It's time to get baking!

FESTIVAL PASTRY WORKSHOPS

IN THE EVENT CENTER KITCHEN

Koulourakia

MONDAY, JUNE 8 - 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10 - 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Kourabiethes

MONDAY, JUNE 15 - 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Melamakarona

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17 - 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM



please join us for fellowship & lunch
Arrive and depart according to your schedule

Questions? Contact Helen Louis - 714-330-2058

GREEK FESTIVAL

ST. PAUL'S 46TH ANNUAL

IRVINE GREEK FEST

JUNE 26, 27, 28, 2026

FRIDAY: 5PM - 10PM · SATURDAY: NOON - 10PM · SUNDAY: NOON - 9PM



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CLASS DETAILS

📅 DATES: Fridays: 5/15, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12, & 6/19


🕒 TIME: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

💰 COST: \$100 Registration (Includes all 5 sessions)

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER
For more information, please contact Georgia Theodorou at youryeea1@yahoo.com

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1	 AuraCast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable any Auracast connected device • Select the broadcast: StPauls Sanctuary AURACAST <p><i>Note: there are handheld devices available for use in the Narthex</i></p>
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PRAYER MINISTRIES

The Anchorites: Diane Elias
Men's Prayer Fellowship: Chris Koutures and Chris Stamos

BIBLE STUDY PROGRAMS

Monday Night Bible Study: Eve Tibbs
Women's Bible Study: Eve Tibbs
Orthodox Koinonia Bible Study: Dean Langis

ST. PAUL'S BOOKSTORE

Joanne Lorton and Denise Oller

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Orthodox Christianity 101: Fr. Steve & Mark Nauroth
Women's Study Fellowship: Dorothea Love and Georgia Theodor

GRIEF AND BEREAVEMENT

Coordinator: Presvytera Elaine Stephanides

CHURCH CATECHETICAL SCHOOL

Executive Director: Eve Tibbs
Directors: Denise Canellos, Andrea Fouts, Jim
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Youth Ministries Coordinator: Maria Cunningham
Youth Leader: Hannah Manneh
Acolytes: John Britigan, Dean Langis
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Director: Eve Tibbs
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GREEK FOLKDANCE

Youth
Coordinator: Georgia Theodorou
Instructors: Spiro Sun, and Katherine Canellos

Adults

Coordinator: Spiro Sun

GREEK SCHOOL

Coordinator: Maria Papaefthymiou

JUNE CALENDAR

MONDAY, JUNE 1

THE HOLY SPIRIT
ST. JUSTIN THE PHILOSOPHER & MARTYR
9a Praying the Psalms on Zoom
9a Orthros
10a Divine Liturgy
12P Women's Study Fellowship
7:30p Monday Night Bible Study on Zoom

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

9a Praying the Psalms on Zoom

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

9a Praying the Psalms on Zoom
6p Greek Festival Meeting on Zoom & in Library
7p Q&A with Fr. Steve on Zoom & in Person - Parish Hall. Send questions ahead of time.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

9a Praying the Psalms on Zoom
7p Koinonia Bible Study
7:30p Men's Prayer Fellowship

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

9a Praying the Psalms on Zoom
7p Greek Festival Dance Lessons for Adults

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS
Final Day of Sunday School
11:45a Fith in Fifteen
12p Annual Variety Show at Coffee Hour

MONDAY, JUNE 8

6a Greek Festival Koulourakia Baking
9a Praying the Psalms on Zoom
7:30p Monday Night Bible Study on Zoom

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

9a Praying the Psalms on Zoom
11a Greek Festival Paximathia Baking

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

6a Greek Festival Koulourakia Baking
9a Praying the Psalms on Zoom
7p Q&A with Fr. Steve & Fr. Justin on Zoom & in Person. Send questions ahead of time.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

9a Praying the Psalms on Zoom
10a Women's Bible Study
6:30p Philoptochos Board Meeting
7p Koinonia Bible Study

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

9a Praying the Psalms on Zoom
7p Greek Festival Dance Lessons for Adults

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

12p Parish Planned Giving Meeting with Melpo Murdakes/21 Parishes

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

8:30a Orthros
9:30a Divine Liturgy
11:30a Presentation of Scholarships
11:30a Usher Meeting - Library
11:45a Faith in Fifteen

MONDAY, JUNE 15

6a Greek Festival Kourabithes Baking
9a Praying the Psalms on Zoom
11a Women's Study Fellowship
7:30p Monday Night Bible Study

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

9a Praying the Psalms on Zoom
6p Parish Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

6a Greek Festival Melomakarona Baking
9a Praying the Psalms on Zoom
6p Greek Festival Meeting

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

9a Praying the Psalms on Zoom
10a Women's Bible Study
7p Koinonia Bible Study
730p Men's Prayer Fellowship

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

9a Praying the Psalms on Zoom
7p Adult Greek Festival Dancing Lessons

MAY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

5p Vespers
6p Myrhh Bearer's Appreciation Dinner

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

8:30a Orthros
9:30a Divine Liturgy
11:45a Faith in Fifteen

MONDAY, JUNE 22

9a Praying the Psalms on Zoom
7:30p Monday Night Bible Study

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

9a Praying the Psalms on Zoom

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

BIRTH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

9a Praying the Psalms on Zoom
9a Orthros
10a Divine Liturgy

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

9a Praying the Psalms
10a Women's Bible Study
7p Koinonia Bible Study

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

9a Praying the Psalms on Zoom
4:30p Greek Fest Prayer Service
5p-10p Greek Fest

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

12p-10p Greek Fest

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

8:30a Orthros
9:30a Divine Liturgy
12p-9p Greek Fest

MONDAY, JUNE 29

SAINTS PETER & PAUL

9a Praying the Psalms on Zoom
9a Orthros
10a Divine Liturgy
7:30p Monday Night Bible Study

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES

9a Praying the Psalms on Zoom
9a Orthros
10a Divine Liturgy





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