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Let us praise Peter and Paul, the two great stars of the Church. / They shine brighter than the sun in the sky of faith. / Let the nations follow the rays of their preaching, / and be led from ignorance to the knowledge of God! / One was nailed to the Cross, and received the keys of the Kingdom from Christ in heaven. / The other, beheaded by the sword, departed to the Savior; / and is worthily counted blessed. / Together they proclaim to Israel: / "He Who was stretched out on the Cross is the Lord of all!"

—Aposticha Sticheron of the Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul

Tour Alaska with Our Bishop!

Bishop Benjamin will lead a pilgrimage to Alaska from the Diocese of the West this summer. The trip is scheduled for August 4–11, 2010, and will include Anchorage, Kodiak, a wildlife and glacier viewing cruise in Prince William Sound, and the historic capitol of Russian America: Sitka. The highlight of the trip will be the 40th Anniversary of the Canonization of St. Herman celebration and a visit to Spruce Island, where St. Herman had his monastic dwelling. The travel package will include round-trip economy air transportation to and from Seattle, in-state flights, hotel accommodations, ground transportation and sightseeing. Some meals will be included. For the full itinerary and cost of the trip, including the reservation application, log onto the Diocese of the West website at <http://dowoca.org/2010/diocese-of-the-west-pilgrimage-to-alaska/>. We will also have details posted on the St. Susanna Bulletin Board.

Apostles' Fast and Feast

Monday, May 31 began the Apostles' Fast, and Monday, June 28 ends it—for the following Tuesday, June 29, is the feast of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul. Peter, who was recognized as the leader of the Apostles, and Paul, who was accounted to have labored in

God's vineyard with a fruitfulness that outdid them all, were both martyred for the Faith, yet their works still shine like the sun.

Video Night

In June, we will begin showing videos in the church dining hall, that have aired on cable Channel 8 as part of the St. Susanna Orthodox Church video series. We will, God willing, show the first selections on June 9 and June 23, hoping to continue on every other Wednesday evening throughout the summer. As summer days stay light longer into the evening, the initial plan is to show each one-hour video at 7:00 p.m. If this schedule is difficult for any one who wishes to attend, please offer your suggestion for a more suitable timing of Video Night.

St. Eugene's Camp

This is the summer gift you can give to the children and young people in your life. Once again, the OCA Diocese of the West offers St. Eugene's Orthodox Youth Camp, taking place from Sunday, July 4 to Saturday, July 10. This is a wonderfully fun and spiritually educational camp for children and youth, ages 6–17. Activities include daily worship, Christian education, a variety of sports, arts & crafts, swimming, pysanky decorating, and field trips to attractions in the Kings Canyon

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National Park area. Also, clergy come from around the diocese to spend the week with the kids. The camp is located next to the Monastery of the Life-giving Spring, which is open to visits from campers and counselors. The cost for camp this year is \$365.00 per camper with discounts for siblings, and a payment plan for those of us who would be challenged by making a lump-sum payment, as well as some available scholarships. Applications are due by June 19.

Then, too—would you like to serve your church and be a counselor or staff member for the camp? St. Eugene’s welcomes committed and talented adults to help as camp counselors and staff (and is especially looking for a qualified nurse or medical worker). Please consider giving the gift of your time to the youth of our Church in this important ministry, and encourage others to do so as well.

Contact Fr. Michael Anderson at FrMichaelA@comcast.net (phone at 510-333-8814) or log onto the OCA Diocese of the West’s web site at <http://dowoca.org>, for details. We will also have some information posted on the St. Susanna Bulletin Board.

**St. Susanna Cleaning Team
Schedule**

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

Team 2—June 19th; 9:00 a.m.

A Good Approach to the Summer Season

On Pentecost Sunday, following the Divine Liturgy and the Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost, our parish gathered at Hurst Ranch for a picnic and the blessing of Leslie Hurst’s newly developed vineyard. Despite dire predictions of a thunderstorm and other bad weather, our gracious Lord provided us with a beautiful sunny day. This nice weather was also graced with the loving hospitality of Joe and Leslie Hurst, which included not only the pleasant and beautiful expanse of the Hurst Ranch, but also rides on Joe’s very scenic miniature Pacific Daylight Streamliner train, and Leslie’s delicious barbecued chicken. We also had the joy of a visiting catechumen, Bob—who is visiting the area from Joy of All Who Sorrow Mission in Culver City. The venue, the food, the blessing, the fellowship—a joyous way to approach the coming season. “And a good time was had by all.” May we all have a fine and fruitful summer!

In Christ,
Fr. Andrew

MANY YEARS

Birthdays:	
Anna Worth	June 22
Nika Worth	June 25
Leslie Hurst	June 26
Fr. Andrew Jacobs	June 26
Dn. Elias Union	June 29
Sophia Teshin	June 30
Namesdays:	
Bev Harmer	June 4

Dear Family & Friends,

More and more of you are telling us that you would prefer to get the monthly bulletin electronically. For those of you that still prefer a printed copy, no problem. Please fill out and return the enclosed postcard indicating your preference.

Thank you!
Alex Teshin

Liturgical Schedule for June, 2010

June

- Saturday, June 5** 6:00 p.m.—Great Vespers for **All Saints of America and Russia**
- Sunday, June 6** 9:00 a.m.—Divine Liturgy for **All Saints of America and Russia**
Scripture Readings—Romans 2:10–16 and Matthew 4:18–23
Note: A Parish Council Meeting will take place after Divine Liturgy.
- Wednesday, June 9** 7:00 p.m.—**Video Night** in the Coffee Hour Room—Videos to be announced
- Saturday, June 12** 6:00 p.m.—Great Vespers
- Sunday, June 13** 9:00 a.m.—Divine Liturgy
Scripture Readings—Romans 5:1–10 and Matthew 6:22–33
Note: A potluck luncheon will take place after Divine Liturgy.
- Saturday, June 19** 6:00 p.m.—Great Vespers
- Sunday, June 20** 9:00 a.m.—Divine Liturgy
Scripture Readings—Romans 6:18–23 and Matthew 8:5–13
- Wednesday, June 23** 7:00 p.m.—**Video Night** in the Coffee Hour Room—Videos to be announced
- Saturday, June 26** 6:00 p.m.—Great Vespers
- Sunday, June 27** 9:00 a.m.—Divine Liturgy
Scripture Readings—Romans 10:1–10 and Matthew 8:28–9:1
Note: A potluck luncheon will take place after Divine Liturgy.
- Monday, June 28** **Leavetaking of the Apostles' Fast**
- Tuesday, June 29** **Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul**

July

- Saturday, July 3** 6:00 p.m.—Great Vespers
- Sunday, July 4** 9:00 a.m.—Divine Liturgy
Scripture Readings—Romans 12:6–14 and Matthew 9:1–8
*Note: The Parish Council Meeting is postponed to Sunday, the 11th.
This is the first day of St. Eugene's Camp (July 4–9) for Orthodox Youth, in Dunlap, CA.*
- Wednesday, July 7** 7:00 p.m.—**Video Night** in the Coffee Hour Room—Videos to be announced
- Saturday, July 10** 6:00 p.m.—Great Vespers
- Sunday, July 11** 9:00 a.m.—Divine Liturgy
Scripture Readings—Romans 15:1–17 and Matthew 9:27–35
Note: A potluck luncheon, followed by the Parish Council Meeting, will take place after Divine Liturgy.

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:

- “St. John, please intercede for us before God for the membership growth of St. Susanna.”
- That St. Susanna Mission may receive a Church Planting Grant.
- For repose of the souls of our service men and women who have given their lives for the people of foreign lands.
- To safeguard all the troops who remain in heathen lands.
- To help us forgive the heathen fanatics who continue to murder our soldiers and their own citizens and children.
- 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 healing of Matushka Anna.
- For health for Shay.
- For the healing of Bishop Nikolai.
- For health and strength for Ron and Judy.
- For health and strength for Athena.
- For Memory Eternal for Chris.
- For Natasha’s safe trip, health and success in her art business venture.
- That Kailey and Mary will have a safe and enjoyable trip; that Kailey’s behavior will be controllable, Mary will be patient with her, and appropriate food for Kailey will be available when needed.

To ask us to pray for you, your family or friends, please call Alex Teshin at 209-536-9999.