



# SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## SUNDAY BULLETIN: SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

12th Sunday after Pentecost — Tone 3

**EPISTLE:** 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 (\$131) / **GOSPEL:** St. Matthew 28:16-20 (\$116) / St. Matthew 19:16-26 (\$79)

**Saints of the Day:** Translation of relics of St. Alexander Nevsky; Synaxis of all Saints of Serbia

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**A** WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS... *We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning. There are service books in the pews. While only prepared Orthodox Christians may receive Holy Communion, our non-Orthodox visitors are welcome to join us in venerating the cross and receiving the Holy Bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for coffee hour in the Parish Hall.*

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**ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION:** *Orthodox Christians must be prepared for Holy Communion through Confession, fasting, prayer and by being at peace with others. A prepared person must have been to Confession recently (frequency established by the Pastor), have abstained from food and drink from midnight, observe the fast days and seasons and have attended Divine Liturgy regularly. Please seek and give forgiveness before receiving Holy Communion.*

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**The following Troparia and Kontakia are sung after the Little Entrance:**

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm! He has trampled down death by death! He has become the first-born of the dead! He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy!

O first-enthroned of the Apostles, teachers of the universe. Entreat the Master of all to grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:** On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the prophets and patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power!

**Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.** O steadfast protectress of Christians, constant advocate before the Creator: do not despise the cry of us sinners, but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith; Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you.

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*We pray to the Lord in His great mercy to visit and heal our brothers and sisters who are ill:* Larissa Basch, Vera Pestorich, Kathryn Woolsey, Annabelle Castro, John Petrosian, Maura Chaplain, Paul Stinett, Danica Skorić, Jeanne Owens, Carlos Vaga, Johnny Grow, Marguerite Endacott, Ghazi Nassar, George Pavlovich.

*Remember to pray for our parishioners serving in the U.S. Armed Forces:* Sage Featherstone (Air Force), Joseph Bundros (Navy)

*Remember in prayer our catechumens:* Zachary McLain, Sebastian Rivera, Cesar Rivera, Matthew Monsevais and Mark Stover.

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## SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Wednesday and Friday Fast

**TODAY:** Coffee Hour in the social hall after Liturgy. Everyone welcome!

**Attention Parishioners!** *We are looking for a volunteer each week to prepare a Coffee Hour Fellowship following the Divine Liturgy! There is a sign up list on the table as you enter the hall and we encourage you to pick a Sunday that you can schedule your coffee hour. We thank those of you who have already sponsored a coffee hour this year!*

*If you have received Holy Communion this morning you are encouraged to remain in church after the Liturgy for the Prayers of Thanksgiving. Page 98 in the Liturgy book.*

**Tuesday, September 14** – Serb Fest planning meeting at 5:30 PM

**Wednesday, September 15** - Festival Preparation (*Roštule*) 11:00 AM *Volunteers needed!*

– Catechism Class at 11:00 AM / 6<sup>th</sup> Hour Prayers at Noon.

**Saturday, September 18** – Festival Preparation (*Apple Strudel*) 9:00 AM *Volunteers needed!*

- Vespers at 5:00 PM

**Sunday, September 19** — **13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost:** Matins at 8:30 a.m. / Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m.

- Church School Opening Day and blessing of students and teachers.

*The children dismissed for their classes after Holy Communion. We will have our traditional prayer and blessing for the start of a new year on the playground after Liturgy and a picnic with surprise entertainment for all of the kids! It is important that we have the participation of all parents for this event. There will be a sign-up sheet today at Coffee Hour and most importantly we will need a person to head up the kitchen and organize the food! Please contact me if you can help! Email: [stpeter@icloud.com](mailto:stpeter@icloud.com) or (559) 696-7015.*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Scholarship Support:** Support our St. Peter Scholarship Fund is through Amazon Smile. Remember, always start at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases. Select “Serbian Orthodox Church of St Peter” as your charity. It is very simple and easy! All proceeds go to our Scholarship Fund!

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**Orthodox Study Bibles:** The Orthodox Study Bible, Ancient Faith Edition, Hardcover: Ancient Christianity Speaks to Today's World, is now available at St. Peter's for \$30.00. Please see Fr. George if you are interested in purchasing this latest edition of the OSB!

**Next Parish Serb Fest planning meeting Hall on September 14 at 5:30 PM in the Social Hall.** *All chairpersons and interested parishioners are invited to attend this meeting of Serb Fest 2021 which is scheduled for Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>! We hope that you will join us as we continue our planning for this event!*

**26th Annual Serb Fest: Saturday, September 25:**

- We are requesting monetary donations to help cover the cost of ingredients for festival bakery items. If you are able to give a donation, please contact our bakery chairperson Tanya Pruse at (559) 326-8455.
- Another way to help is to donate items to the Silent Auction! Themed Gift Baskets, collectibles, gift certificates, are great auction items! Contact Anastacia Menges for ideas or suggestions 240-8254 or email her at [anastaciacoop@gmail.com](mailto:anastaciacoop@gmail.com).
- Remember to visit our website, [www.serbcestfresno.com](http://www.serbcestfresno.com) for all of the latest information.

Let's all do our part and work together to make our parish festival a success!

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**Silent Auction:** Anastacia Menges / (559) 240-8254 / [anastaciacoop@gmail.com](mailto:anastaciacoop@gmail.com) and Margie Wooley / (559) 259-5114

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**Contact any of the above chairpeople to volunteer to help at your Parish Festival! Your support and help is needed to make this fundraising event for our church a success!!!**