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AUGUST 3, 2025

**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& EIGHTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

**OUR RIGHTEOUS FATHERS ISAACIUS, DALMATUS,
AND FAUSTUS; SALOME THE MYRRH-BEARER;
VENERABLE ANTHONY THE ROMAN, WONDERWORKER OF NOVGOROD**

الأحد الثامن بعد العنصرة وتذكّار القديس متى الانجيلي البشير

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

أبوليتيكيون القيامة بالحن السابع

حَطَمْتَ بِصَلِيبِكَ الْمَوْتَ، وَفَتَحْتَ لِلصِّ الْفِرْدَوْسَ، وَحَوَّلْتَ نَوَاحٍ حَامِلَاتِ الطِّيبِ، وَأَمَرْتَ رُسُلَكَ أَنْ يَكْرِزُوا، بِأَنَّكَ قَدْ قُمْتَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ، مَانِحاً الْعَالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ الْعُظْمَى.

TROPARION OF TRANSFIGURATION – TONE SEVEN

When Thou was Transfigured on the mountain top, O Christ our God. Thou didst reveal thy glory to thy disciples as they could bear it. Enlighten us poor sinners as well with thine everlasting light through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Thou Giver of light, glory to Thee.

طروبارية التجلي على اللحن السابع

لما تجليت أيها المسيح الإله في الجبل، أظهرت مجدك للتلاميذ بحسبما استطاعوا. فأشرق لنا نحن الخطاة نورك الأزلي، بشفاعته والدّة الإله، يا مانح النور المجد لك.

KONTAKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

قنடاق عيد التجلي بالحن السابع

تَجَلَّيْتَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ عَلَى الْجَبَلِ، وَحَسَبَمَا وَسِعَ تَلَامِيذُكَ شَاهَدُوا مَجْدَكَ. حَتَّىٰ عِنْدَمَا يُعَايِنُونَكَ مَصْلُوبًا، يَقْطِنُوا أَنَّ أَلَمَكَ طَوْعًا بِاخْتِيَارِكَ، وَيَكْرِزُوا لِلْعَالَمِ، أَنَّكَ أَنْتَ بِالْحَقِّيقَةِ شُعَاعُ الْآبِ.

THE EPISTLE

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1:10-17)

Brethren, I appeal to you, by the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissension among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius; lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the Gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

الرسالة

الرَّبُّ يُعْطِي قُوَّةَ لِسْعِيهِ.

قَدِّمُوا لِلرَّبِّ يَا أَبْنَاءَ اللَّهِ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ بُولُسَ الرَّسُولِ الْأُولَى إِلَى أَهْلِ كُورِنْثُوسَ. (17-1:10)

يَا إِخْوَةُ، أَطْلُبُ إِلَيْكُمْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ أَنْ تَقُولُوا جَمِيعُكُمْ قَوْلًا وَاحِدًا، وَأَنْ لَا يَكُونَ بَيْنَكُمْ شِقَاقَاتٌ، بَلْ تَكُونُوا مُكْتَمِلِينَ بِفِكْرٍ وَرَأْيٍ وَاحِدٍ. فَقَدْ أَخْبَرَنِي عَنْكُمْ، يَا إِخْوَتِي، أَهْلُ خُلُوي، أَنَّ بَيْنَكُمْ خُصُومَاتٍ. أَغْنِي أَنْ كُلَّ وَاحِدٍ مِنْكُمْ يَقُولُ "أَنَا لِبُولُسَ أَوْ أَنَا لِلْبَلُّوسَ، أَوْ أَنَا لِصَفَا أَوْ أَنَا لِلْمَسِيحِ." أَلَعَلَّ الْمَسِيحَ قَدْ تَجَزَّأَ؟ أَلَعَلَّ بُولُسَ صُلِبَ لِأَجْلِكُمْ؟ أَوْ بِاسْمِ بُولُسَ اعْتَمَدْتُمْ؟ أَشْكُرُ اللَّهَ أَنِّي لَمْ أَعْمِدْ مِنْكُمْ أَحَدًا سِوَى كَرِسْبُسَ وَغَايُوسَ. لِئَلَّا يَقُولَ أَحَدٌ إِنِّي عَمَدْتُ بِاسْمِي. وَعَمَدْتُ أَيْضًا أَهْلَ بَيْتِ اسْتِيفَانَسَ. وَمَا عَدَا ذَلِكَ، فَلَا أَعْلَمُ، هَلْ عَمَدْتُ أَحَدًا غَيْرَهُمْ. لِأَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ لَمْ يُرْسَلْنِي لِأَعْمَدَ، بَلْ لِأُبَشِّرَ لَا بِحِكْمَةٍ كَلَامٍ لِئَلَّا يُبْطَلَ صَلِيبُ الْمَسِيحِ.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (14:14-22)

At that time, when Jesus went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to Him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish He looked up to Heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds.

الإنجيل

فَصَلُّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ مَتَّى الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ. (22-14:14)

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، أَبْصَرَ يَسُوعُ جَمْعًا كَثِيرًا، فَتَحَنَّنَ عَلَيْهِمْ وَأَبْرَأَ مَرْضَاهُمْ. وَلَمَّا كَانَ الْمَسَاءُ، ذَنَا إِلَيْهِ تَلَامِيذُهُ وَقَالُوا: "إِنَّ الْمَكَانَ قَفْرٌ، وَالسَّاعَةُ قَدْ فَاتَتْ. فَاصْرِفِ الْجُمُوعَ لِيَذْهَبُوا إِلَى الْقُرَى وَيَتَّاعُوا لَهُمْ طَعَامًا." فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: "لَا حَاجَةَ لَهُمْ إِلَى الذَّهَابِ. أَعْطُوهُمْ أَنْتُمْ لِيَأْكُلُوا." فَقَالُوا لَهُ: "مَا عِنْدَنَا هَهُنَا إِلَّا خَمْسَةُ أَرْغَفَةٍ وَسَمَكَتَانِ." فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "هَلُمَّ بِهَا إِلَيَّ إِلَى هَهُنَا." وَأَمَرَ بِجُلُوسِ الْجُمُوعِ عَلَى الْعُشْبِ. ثُمَّ أَخَذَ الْخَمْسَةَ الْأَرْغَفَةَ وَالسَّمَكَيْنِ، وَنَظَرَ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ، وَبَارَكَ، وَأَعْطَى الْأَرْغَفَةَ لِتَلَامِيذِهِ، وَالتَّلَامِيذُ لِلْجُمُوعِ. فَأَكَلُوا جَمِيعُهُمْ وَشَبِعُوا، وَرَفَعُوا مَا فَضَّلَ مِنَ الْكَسْرِ اثْنَتَيْ عَشْرَةَ قَفَّةً مَمْلُوءَةً. وَكَانَ الْأَكِلُونَ خَمْسَةَ آلَافٍ رَجُلٍ، سِوَى النِّسَاءِ وَالصِّبْيَانِ. وَلِلْوَقْتِ اضْطُرَّ يَسُوعُ تَلَامِيذُهُ أَنْ يَدْخُلُوا السَّفِينَةَ وَيَسْبِقُوهُ إِلَى الْعَبْرِ، حَتَّى يَصْرِفَ الْجُمُوعَ.

TRISAGION PRAYER

3- 9 Day Memorial Service in Loving Memory of Staff Sergeant Salem Joseph Dimes. Offered with love and sorrow by his grandmother Violete Dimes, his aunt Basma and her husband Nabil Batmani, and the entire Dimes and Batmani families.

Salem passed away on July 15th in Florida at the age of 41, a dedicated Staff Sergeant in the United State Army. He is survived by his wife Keisha and their two daughters, Lizzy (6) and Sofia (2). May the memory of our beloved servant Salem Joseph Dimes be eternal!



HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION

OFFERED BY: Fr. Samer, the Clergy and the parishioners for the good of the parish council members, the building committee and the Ladies Auxiliary and their families. Many Years!

OFFERED BY: Fr. Samer, the Clergy and the parishioners for the good health of all the families in Gaza, Palestine, Syria, Lebanon and Ukraine and all the countries has the unrest in the world. Many Years!

OFFERED BY: Randy and Mary Zabaneh on the occasion of their wedding anniversary (August 1) and the good health of their children Mila, Jaleel and George, and the Zabaneh family. Many Years!

OFFERED BY: Adrena Liwi for the good health of Andraws Dawood on the occasion of his birthday (July 27), and the good health of the Liwi and Dawood families. Many Years!

OFFERED BY: Hanna and Rania Haddad for the good health of their daughter Rita on the occasion of her 22ND birthday (July 29) and the good health of their children Rami, Rabih, Roula and the Haddad family. Many Years!

OFFERED BY: Freda Katwan on the occasion of her birthday (July 31) and the good health of the Katwan family. Many Years!

OFFERED BY: Charles AlTawil on the occasion of his birthday (August 3) and the good health of his children and the AlTawil family. Many Years!

Churching

Churching baby Boy, Daniel Patrick. His parents Jake and Caitlin Timothy and his siblings; Isabelle, Anna, James and John. Congratulations.

COFFEE HOUR

Offered By: Basma Batmani

(To host the Coffee Hour, please contact Wardeh Asfour @408-718-3339)

office@orthodoxredeemer.org

Online Link: www.orthodoxredeemer.org/sponsor-coffee-hour

Services Schedule Every Week

Matins @ 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM

Vespers: Every Saturday @ 5:00 PM

Feast of the Dormition

The Dormition Fast for the Virgin Mary starts on the 1st of August. The celebration of the feast will be on August 15th. During this Fast, we abstain from eating; Fish, Meat, Milk and Dairy.

PARISH COUNCIL 2025

The Parish Council members' of 2025. Chair President; Bassam Khoury, Vice-Chair; Linda Salah, Treasurer; Dania Amireh Baker, Secretary; Maria Segal, Jad Bateh, Sana Eideh, Johnny Khamis, Didi Kreitem, Maher Fasheh and Rowida Barghouth. Sheila Veizades will represent the Antiochian

Women Committee and Salem Aweiss will represent the Men Fellowship Committee.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN 2025

The Antiochian Women Committee Leaders of 2025. Wardeh Asfour, Rowida Barghouth, Rima Gannage, Diana Khoury, Sheila Veizades and Hala Aboujudom (Sunshine).

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER YOUNG ADULTS

Young adults (college age and up to 39-1/2) meet on the first Sunday of the month and organize social, educational, and volunteer activities. For more information, please contact Fr. Theodor Sakellar @ 408-455-8145

SOYO (YOUTH GROUP 12-18 YEARS)

Our SOYO (Youth Group) is active through the leadership of the Advisors: Dominic Youssef and Caesar Haddad. The officers are: President; Isabella Zarzar, Vice-President; Riad Akery, Secretary; Adriana Ajlouni, Treasurer; Breanna Zarzar, Social Media Coordinator; Eliana Halteh.

VALLEY OF OPPORTUNITY: A TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH ELIAS LOUIS



There will be a book signing for our parishioner, Joseph Louis, on August 10th as we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration. Fish Luncheon will be sponsored by the Parish Council members on Sunday August 10th on the occasion of the Feast of the Church, The Transfiguration.



DABKEH PRACTICE

In preparation for our annual food festival, we are calling all children of all ages who love to do Dabkeh Dance to come and join our amazing group of teachers who are experts in our cultural dance. We invite you to learn, have fun and present our culture to the whole community.

First practice starts on Sunday August 3, 2025 after the Divine Liturgy at the Sunday School Yard.

We will be meeting every Sunday after Divine Liturgy.

Please contact Mona Awad at monaawad432@gmail.com for any questions.

Historical Background of the Feast of The Dormition

The Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos is one of the oldest Marian feasts in the church. The roots of the feast go back to Jerusalem, where the apostles and the Christians of Jerusalem honored and kept alive the memory of the falling asleep of the Theotokos. Consequently, quickly, her empty tomb, in Gethsemane, became a destination for pilgrims from Jerusalem and the surrounding neighborhoods.

After the dogmatization of the doctrine of the Divine Motherhood of the Virgin Mary in the third Ecumenical Council of Ephesus (431), the commemoration of the falling asleep of the Theotokos became more popular amongst Christians in the vast majority of the Christian world.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CHURCH

Please save the date

- **August 10:** Sunday Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Transfiguration. Fish Luncheon sponsored by the Parish Council
- **Wednesday, August 20:** Kubbeh Workshop at 10:00am
- **Wednesday, September 3:** Spinach workshop at 10:00am
- **Thursday & Friday, September 4 & 5:** Food Preparations at 10:00am. Please see Wardeh Asfour to sign up and let her know of your attendance
- **Food Festival Sept 6 & 7:** Our annual Food Festival will be on September 6 & 7. Please see Jad Bateh to help

Join Us for our Annual Food Festival!

September 6 & 7, 2025

Donations toward the food festival are now accepted. To donate or volunteer, please contact: Church Office at office@orthodoxredeemer.org, Feastiva Chair Jad Bateh @ (408)472-1467, Co-Chair Linda Salah @ (408)234-2952 or Donation Coordinator Wardeh Asfour @ (408)718-3339
Any Cash Donations Accepted, or Please Choose Items from List.

Food Festival Wish List 2025		
Qty		Items
KITCHEN		
3	Sleeves	Paper Plates Regular 8.5"
2	Sleeves	Paper Plates Small 300 ct.
2	Sleeves	Paper Plates (Bowl for Tabouleh) - DONATED
2	Sleeves	Paper Plates Large 10.5
2	Sleeves	Plates for French Fries - DONATED
6	Boxes	Plastic Gloves Med.
6	Boxes	Plastic Gloves X Large - DONATED
1	Box	Plastic Gloves Small
2	Boxes	Napkins Small for Sweets - DONATED
2	Boxes	Napkins Large for Dinner
2	Roll	Aluminum Foil Large

4	Roll	Aluminum Foil small & medium - DONATED
1	Roll	Parchment paper - DONATED
1	Roll	Saran Wrap - DONATED
20	Trays	Large Foil Trays - DONATED
2	Bundle	Small Foil Trays - DONATED
2	Boxes	Containers to go Large - DONATED
1	Boxes	Containers to go Small - DONATED
4	Boxes	Forks – 2 Cases DONATED
2	Boxes	1 Spoon & 1 Knife - DONATED
2	Boxes	Paper Towels
1	Box	Coffee cups 8 oz. – 300 CT. DONATED
3	Ct	Clear cover for sweets - DONATED
2	Sleeves	Clear cups for wine - DONATED
2	Sleeves	2 Oz Cups for Tahini
3	Boxes	Garbage Bags Large
1	Each	Sponges, 2 Ajax, 2 Dish Soap, Windex, 1Pinesol
1	Each	1 Large Hand Soap, 6 Clorox
4	Boxes	Ziploc Bags, Small, Medium, Large
2	Boxes	Skewers for BBQ
1	Jars	Black Pepper,Allspice,2 Parsley Flakes,1Paprika
1	Cans	1 Montreal meat, 1 chicken, 1 Garlic powder
3	Bundles	White Cloth Towels - DONATED
1	Case	Bathroom Seat Cover - DONATED
2	Boxes	Bathroom Tissue
2	Box	C-Folding Towel Papers
2	Box	Hair Net - DONATED
1	Box	Plastic bags - DONATED
2	Boxes	Warmers 72 counts - DONATED

DRINKS		
4	Cases	Coke 24ct - DONATED
4	Cases	Diet Coke - DONATED

4	Cases	Coke Zero - DONATED
2	Cases	Diet 7-Up or Diet Sprite - DONATED
3	Cases	Sprite - DONATED
60	Cases	Water – 40 CASES DONATED
BEER & WINE		
2	Cases	Heineken
4	Cases	Stella
5	Cases	Corona
1	Cases	White wine and red wine

VEGETABLES		
5	Boxes	Tomatoes
3	Boxes	Head Lettuce
1	Bags	Yellow Onions 50 #
1	Bags	Red Onions
3	Boxes	Cucumbers
1	Box	Bell Pepper
10	Ct	Green Onion
5	Box	Mint
4	Boxes	Parsley

MEAT		
40	#	Ground Beef for Kabob & grape leaves
3	cases	Hamburgers or 100 count
1	Case	Cheese
200	Count	Kubbeh
200	Count	Spinach
30	jars	Grape Leaves

SUPPLIES		
10	Bottles	Lemon Juice - DONATED
2	Cans	American Coffee - DONATED

2	Bags	Basmati Rice - DONATED
5	LB	Cracked wheat for Tabouleh
1	Bag	Calrose rice 60# for Grape Leaves
5	Gallons	Olive Oil (3Qt)
1	Jar	Garlic
1	Lg. Bucket	Tahini
2	Large	Coffee Creamer - DONATED
1	Large	Tea Bags, Hot Chocolate - DONATED
4	Containers	Cooking Oil- 3Vegetables, 2 Canola - DONATED
3	Mazola oil	For cooking Rice & Kibeh - DONATED
2	Cans	Pam Spray - DONATED
1	Bag	Sugar #25
3	Trays	Pita Bread 24Ct.
300	ct	Lavash for Sharwerma
1	jar	Maggie for rice - DONATED
1	Bag	Stirrer for Coffee
8	Cans	Hummus (Large) – 4 CANS DONATED
4	Bottles	Ketchup
2	Bottles	Mustard - DONATED
2	Jars	Hot Sauce-Large
2	Cans	Baking Powder - DONATED
2	Buckets	Falafel Mix - DONATED
10	Bags of 8	Hamburger Buns
3	Boxes	30# Frozen French Fries
5	Count	Salt
8	Bottles	Wine Vinegar
2	count	Yoghurt for Kiftah
SWEETS		
2	Trays	Baklava
10	Trays	Kinafeh - DONATED
100	Count	Katayef - DONATED

OTHER ITEMS		
10	Count	Yellow Jacket Trap
100	Count	Table cloth
3	lighter	for stove - DONATED

OUR LADY OF LEBANON CHURCH
PRESENTS



LEBANESE

FESTIVAL

FOOD | DRINKS | ENTERTAINMENT | MUSIC

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025

12PM - 10PM

COURTHOUSE SQUARE,
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All Saints Orthodox Church Presents

BBQ

IN THE PARK

FAMILY FUN | SWIMMING | BEACH

Gather your friends, family, and loved ones for a delightful day filled with laughter, delicious food, and the beauty of the great outdoors

AUGUST 17TH AT 1 PM

McNears Beach Park - Area 1 & 2
201 Cantera Way, San Rafael

Adults \$25 Children \$10

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707.328.4258 TO RESERVE A SPOT





Antiochian Orthodox Church of the Redeemer
PRESENTS



Our 42nd Annual

Mediterranean Food Festival

September 6th | 1pm - 9pm
September 7th | 12pm - 8pm

*Get ready for two unforgettable days of fun, delicious food,
family entertainment, music, culture, dancing, crafts,
church tours, kids' zone, and more!*

380 Magdalena Avenue, Los Altos Hills, CA

*** FREE ADMISSION BEFORE 3PM ***

Don't miss the raffle! (Tickets - 1 for \$20, 3 for \$50, 7 for \$100)

*1st = \$1,000 Cash | 2nd = \$500 Cash | 3rd = 75" 4K TV | 4th = 49ers Tickets (2)
...and more great prizes!*



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BRIDGES COMMUNITY CHURCH | 625 MAGDALENA AVE.

For the latest festival updates, go to facebook.com/orthodoxredeemer or call 650.941.1570

2025 PLEDGE MEMBERS

Thank you to all the members who submitted their pledges. 2025 pledges will roll into 2026. Please if you are able to increase your pledges to inform the office/ treasurer. **These names are not the final list, if you do not see your name please submit your pledge online.** For questions contact the treasure, Dania Amireh-Baker at treasurer@orthodoxredeemer.org. We are encouraging all parishioners to pledge online at www.orthodoxredeemer.org. Thank you for your love to Christ and His Church.

(If you want your name to be Anonymous, Please notify the office).

Members pledging	Members pledging	Members pledging
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Project Update: Moving Forward Together

We're happy to share that the County of Santa Clara Planning Department has officially approved our project after a thorough review process. With this important milestone behind us, we completed the architectural design and submitted it for plan check late last year.

The Building Department has since reviewed our plans and provided some feedback. We are currently making the required revisions and expect to resubmit them within the next couple of weeks. Once we receive final approval of our plans, we'll move forward with the permit application. Following permit approval, we'll begin soliciting construction bids from several contractors and prepare to make key decisions—including when to begin demolition and start building.

Our current timeline is very much dependent on having enough funds to allow us to build the initial structure (or "shell") and receiving approval from the bank for additional financing.

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners and major donors, our Fundraising Committee has raised an impressive \$3.5 million so far and continues working hard to reach the amount needed to begin construction. Our next goal is to reach \$5 million, which will allow us to begin construction of the shell—and we need your help to reach this important milestone. Once the shell is complete, we'll be able to lease the daycare (school) space, secure a mortgage, and complete the rest of the project. The lease payments are expected to cover the mortgage, helping ensure the long-term sustainability of our efforts.

Thank you for your continued support, generosity, and prayers as we move forward with this exciting new chapter for our parish!

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