UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

This week:

• Sunday Church School TODAY
• Ladies Meeting following Coffee Hour and Church School Today
• Daily Vespers – Wednesday, May 2nd – 6pm
• Great Vespers – Saturday, May 5th – 6pm

• Men’s Fellowship will sponsor a Ladies Day Brunch on Sunday, May 13th – All women of the parish are invited.

• Parish Rummage Sale will be held on May 2nd 9am–3pm.
  Monday –Tuesday Set up – See Lisa for more info.

• Holy Ascension services—Wed. May 16th–6pm GV and Thursday, May 17th Divine Liturgy 9:30am

• Pentecost May 27th

+++ Memory Eternal for Catherine Kirzmanich (TK’s mother) who reposed this week, please remember Catherine and the family in your prayers this week.

MISSIONS TEAM
St. Helen and Constantine in Kenya is starting a new school year on May 2. They need money for uniforms, shoes, and school supplies. Like paper, pencils, pens, etc. Marilyn Filipos will be collecting money today and next week, see her for more info.

“Rejoice” scripture verse for the week:

Proverbs 13:9

The light of the righteous rejoices, But the lamp of the wicked will be put out.

Saying from the Fathers...

A man becomes spiritual inssofar as he lives a spiritual life. He begins to see God in all things, to see His power and might in every manifestation. Always and everywhere he sees himself abiding in God and dependent on God for all things. But inssofar as a man lives a bodily life, so much he does he do bodily things; He doesn’t see God in anything, even in the the most wondrous manifestations of His Divine power. In all things he sees body, material, everywhere and always — “God is not before his eyes.” (Ps. 35:2)

(St. John of Kronstadt, My Life in Christ, 1.5)

Do not say, "this happened by chance, while this came to be of itself." In all that exists there is nothing disorderly, nothing indefinite, nothing without purpose, nothing by chance … How many hairs are on your head? God will not forget one of them. Do you see how nothing, even the smallest thing, escapes the gaze of God?

(St. Basil the Great)

Don’t be troubled if you don’t feel the love of God in yourself, but thing about the Lord, that He is merciful, and guard yourself from sins, and the grace of God will teach you.

(St. Silouan the Athonites, Writings, IX.16)

When you throw a nail into a fire, it gets hot and starts to glow like fire. In the same way you, when you listen to divine teachings and live accordingly, will become like God.

(St. Symeon of Daibabe, Sayings, 26)