Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are delighted that you will be joining us at our tenth St. John the Wonderworker Family Camp. Our goal in sponsoring this retreat is to provide an environment in which we can be strengthened in our lives as Christians, learn more about our faith and share in fellowship with each other. A pilgrimage and a vacation!

Our keynote speaker this year will be Hiermonk James Corazza, rector of the "Old" Joy of All Who Sorrow Russian Orthodox Cathedral in San Francisco, who will be giving two talks after the Divine Liturgy and trapeza on Thursday, both on the theme of "A Life of Your Own in Christ."

To strengthen us in Godly work (and to keep costs down), everyone will be able to help in a variety of areas each day. There will be a list of "job opportunities" to choose from at the registration table.

All musicians and musicians-in-training are encouraged to bring musical instruments (non-electric). Please don't bring VCR's, DVD's, walkmans, CD players, iPods, video games or any other electronic device so that the quality of our retreat can be maintained.

The camp hosts have requested us to mention that there could be rattlesnakes in the vicinity, though they haven't seen any in seven years. We are cautioned to be vigilant (but not anxious) and to bring hi-top shoes for walks in the hot and dry areas. There may also be mosquitoes & poison oak-come prepared.

As in church, modesty in clothing is the guide for everyone at all times, including children. For services, men should wear long pants and shirts with sleeves; women should wear head coverings, skirts, and tops with sleeves. Swim wear should also be modest.

Please plan on attending the times of prayer, the meals and the lectures or children's activities. There will be plenty of "free time" for recreation and rest.

The dining is in common with spiritual readings. In order to make sure that everyone can hear, we ask that young children sit with their families and remain at the table unless accompanied by an adult. Children are encouraged to contribute to the clean-up after meals.

It is with great pleasure that we look forward to seeing you all.

Yours with love in Christ,

Fr. Daniel

PS: Check in time will be: 3:00 PM on Monday, July 22 2013.