

*Diocese of the West, Orthodox Church in America*  
*Special Charity Appeal*

## Most-Holy Theotokos pray to God for us!



*Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos "The Unburnt Bush" (September 4th)*

*Troparion, tone 4*

He who in the fire of the  
unburnt bush seen of old by  
Moses prefigured His  
incarnation from the Virgin  
Mary who knew not wedlock,  
now also, as the Author of  
wonders and Fashioner of all  
creation, has glorified her holy  
icon with many wonders,  
having granted it to the faithful  
for the healing of illness and for  
protection from fires.  
Wherefore we cry out to her  
who is most blessed: O Hope  
of Christians, deliver from cruel  
misfortunes, fire, and thunder  
those who hope on thee, and  
save our souls as one merciful.

## D.O.W. CALIFORNIA FIRE RELIEF FUND

His Grace Bishop BENJAMIN has asked the Diocese of the West to create a special charitable fund for families affected by the wildfires spreading throughout Southern California.

All parishes and institutions of the Diocese of the West are directed to take a special offering on each of the next two Sundays.

Father Alexander Federoff from our Poway parish has confirmed that to date two Orthodox families have lost their homes and all their possessions in this crisis. Please keep Birdie & Kon Worth and Klavdia Ivanushkina and family in your prayers.

*Checks should be made out to "Diocese of the West" with a comment that the offering is for the "CA Fire Relief Fund." Please send contributions and collections to Mary Caetta, Diocesan Treasurer.*

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