

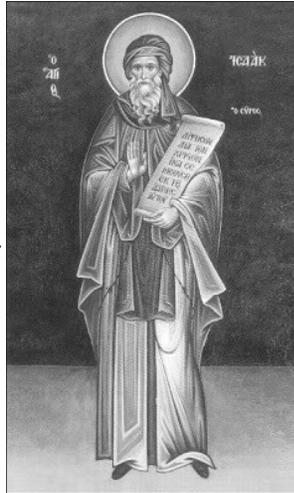
GEHENNA - THE TORMENT OF GOD'S LOVE

St. Isaac the Syrian

✘ “In love did God bring the world into existence; in love is God going to bring it to that wondrous transformed state, and in love will the world be swallowed up in the great mystery of the One who has performed all these things; in love will the whole course of the governance of creation be finally comprised.”

✘ “God’s recompense to sinners is that, instead of a just recompense, God rewards them with resurrection.”

✘ “If zeal had been appropriate for putting humanity right, why did God the Word clothe himself in the body, using gentleness and humility in order to bring the world back to his Father?”



✘ “Let us not be in doubt, O fellow humanity, concerning the hope of our salvation, seeing that the One who bore sufferings for our sakes is very concerned about our salvation; God’s mercifulness is far more extensive than we can conceive, God’s grace is greater than what we ask for.”

✘ “Sin, Gehenna, and Death do not exist at all with God, for they are effects, not substances. Sin is the fruit of free will. There was a time when sin did not exist, and there will be a time when it will not exist. Gehenna is the fruit of sin...”

from “Asetical Homilies,” 27

ALTAR WISH LIST

There exist currently several opportunities for donations for items needed in the Altar - sacramental tables, rug before the Altar, Altar Cloths. This is a wonderful opportunity for donations “In Memory of...” “In Commemoration of...” or simply “Anonymous.” Please speak with Fr. John for details.

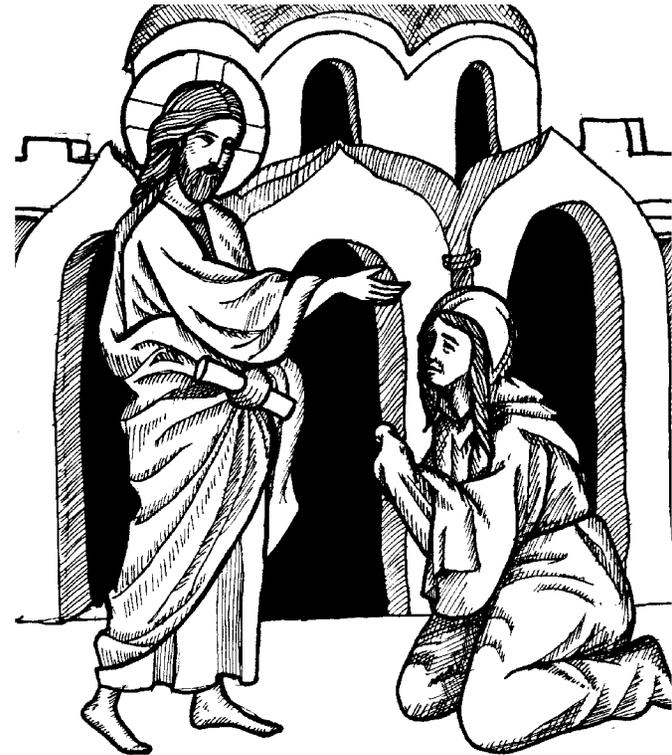
KEEPING IT CLEAN

Please help us keep our church and social hall clean. As a reminder, never bring food or drink into the church. Please watch so that children do not stand on the pews. Gum chewing is not allowed and gum should never be deposited under the pews.

Please *honor the house of the Lord* by keeping it clean and tidy!

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SUNDAY OF THE CANAANITE WOMAN

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COMMEMORATION OF: St. Theodore the Tyro, Great Martyr
St. Mariamne, sister of Apostle Philip

APOLYTIKIA - ENTRANCE HYMNS

To Faidron tis Anastaseos (Hymn of the Day) Tone 4

Megala ta tis Pisteos (Hymn of the Saint) Tone 2

Great are the accomplishments of faith. In the fountain of flame, the holy martyr Theodore rejoiced as though he was resting by the waters. Consumed by the flames he was offered to the Holy Trinity as sweet bread. Through his prayers, O Christ our God, save our souls.

Tou Stavrou Sou (Hymn of the Church) Tone 8

Having seen in the sky the form of Your Cross and, like Paul, having received his calling not from men, Your apostle among Kings, Lord, placed his reigning city in Your hand, which you guard in peace forever, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, for You alone love mankind.

KONTAKION

Prostasia ton Christianon Tone 2

Champion of Christians not put to shame, advocate before the Maker always steadfast, do not spurn sinners' voices raised in prayer. In your goodness respond to bring help to us who devoutly petition you. Hasten your intercession and urgently make entreaty; for you unfailingly defend, O Theotokos, those who honor you.

EPISTLE READING

II Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 12:13-17

At that time, the chief priests and scribes sent Jesus some of the Pharisees and some of the Herodians, to entrap him in his talk. And they came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are true, and care for no man; for you do not regard the position of men, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to

pay taxes to Caesar, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?" But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why put me to the test? Bring me a coin, and let me look at it." And they brought one. And he said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said to him, "Caesar's." Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they were amazed at him.

THIS WEEK

Thurs - Orthodoxy 101 - 6:30 - 8:00 pm

MONEY BUYS EVERYTHING?

Can money buy everything? It can buy a bed, but can it buy sleep? It can buy food, but can it buy an appetite? It can buy finery, but can it buy beauty? It can buy a house, but can it buy a home? It can buy medicine, but can it buy health? It can buy amusement, but can it buy a Savior?

It can buy a church building, but can it buy heaven?

Watch carefully so that the thieving thought does not creep in, which says that you live better and more attentively than others. It is so dangerous that you will not even notice how - from a poppy seed falling on the heart - it will grow into a giant Pharisee, turn into complete arrogance and more. Before the Lord, it is better to be a sinner with repentance than a righteous person with pride.

St. Macarius of Optina

TO OUR VISITORS:

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. Just a reminder, however: the Sacrament of Holy Communion is a manifestation of the *unity of the Body of Christ*. As such, only those who are *members in spiritual good standing* of the Orthodox Church - and who have prepared themselves for the Sacrament - may partake of the Holy Chalice. However, *everyone* is welcome to come up with our people at the end of the service to receive blessed bread.

Please be sure to join us at Coffee Hour following Services.