

Food for Thought

“Do not steal anything from anyone, and take nothing, and be content with what you earn by your own labors. Be diligent and avoid idleness. For as diligence is pleasing to God, so idleness on the contrary, as a source of every evil, is a sin very offensive to God.”

~ St. Tikhon of Zadonsk~

Pearls of Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

“God is a fire that warms and kindles the heart and inward parts. Hence, if we feel in our hearts the cold which comes from the devil—for the devil is cold—let us call on the Lord. He will come to warm our hearts with perfect love, not only for Him but also for our neighbor, and the cold of him who hates the good will flee before the heat of His countenance.”

~St. Seraphim of Sarov

“As the Holy Trinity, our God is One Being, although Three Persons, so, likewise, we ourselves must be one. As our God is indivisible, we also must be indivisible, as though we were one man, one mind, one will, one heart, one goodness, without the smallest admixture of malice - in a word, one pure love, as God is Love. “That they may be one, even as We are One” (John 17:22).”

~St. John of Kronstadt

“Some labor and struggle hard to earn forgiveness, but better than these is the man who forgets the wrongs done to him. Forgive quickly and you will be abundantly forgiven. To forget wrongs is to prove oneself truly repentant, but to brood on them and at the same time to imagine one is practicing repentance is to act like the man who is convinced he is running when, in fact, he is fast asleep.”

~St. John of the Ladder

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Commemoration of: Gurias, Samonas, and Avivos, Martyrs and Confessors of Edessa; Thomas, Archbishop of Constantinople

Apolytikia - Entrance Hymns

Katelisas to stavro (Resurrection Hymn) Tone 7

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 forever You guard in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, for You alone are the lover of mankind.

Ta thavmata ton Ayion (Holy Martyrs) Tone 5

You have given us the miracles of Your holy Martyrs as an impregnable wall, O Christ our God. At their entreaties, frustrate the plots of enemy nations, and strengthen our government, for You alone are good and love humanity.

Kontakion

O katharotatos Tone 2

Behold the temple of the Savior, His precious bridal chamber. Behold the virginal and sacred vessel of God's glory. Today she enters into the house of the Lord, bearing within her the grace of the Holy Spirit. For this, the angels exclaim: She is indeed the heavenly tabernacle.

Epistle Reading Ephesians 2:14-22

BRETHREN, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Gospel Reading Luke 10:25-37

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind;

and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Activities & Announcements

Today

✘ **SUN, 11/15**– 8th Sunday of Luke; Fall General Assembly; No Adult Religious Education today

This Coming Week

✘ **FRI, 11/20**– Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.

✘ **SAT, 11/21**– Presentation of the Theotokos into the Temple: Orthros 8:30, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

✘ **SUN, 11/22**– 9th Sunday of Luke; Adult Religious Education: "Biblical Basis for the Liturgy" with Dr. Robert Arakaki in the Bookstore 12 to 12:40 p.m.

Additional Announcements

✘ **Thanksgiving Luncheon**– Thursday, November 26, 2015 12:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Cost: \$15 per person. Kids 10 years and under: free. Please see John & Eres Eddy for more details. Deadline to reserve is next Sunday, 11/22/2015.

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.*