

Pearls of Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

"A man advises his neighbor in accordance with what his neighbor knows. Correspondingly, God acts on one who hears Him according to the degree of his faith. A man of forbearance becomes wise, just as does he who is careful to listen to words of wisdom. Do not refuse to learn, even if you are very wise, for the Providence of God avails more than our wisdom."

~ Abba Mark

"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

"There are four stages in confronting injustice. Let's say someone strikes you unjustly. If you are at the first stage, you strike back. If you are at the second stage, you feel very upset inside, but control yourself and do not speak. At the 3rd stage, you are not agitated by the injustice. But at the fourth stage, you experience great joy --- extraordinary spiritual gladness."

~ Blessed Elder Paisios of Mt. Athos

"Always remember that at the Last Judgement we are judged for loving Him, or failing to love Him, in the least person."

~ Archbishop Anastasios of Albania

"Examine yourself and strive to adorn yourself with love, humility, compassion and hope. Seek the regeneration of your soul, enlightened by the voice of the Gospel and helped by God. With fear and love for the Heavenly Father, proceed to sow the seeds of God's word on good soil. Cultivate the talent given by Christ for the salvation of your soul."

~ St. Raphael of Lesbos

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9th Sunday of Luke

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Commemoration of: Gregory the Wonderworker & Bishop of Neo-Caesarea;
Gennadios I, Patriarch of Constantinople

Apolytikia - Entrance Hymns

To Fethron (Resurrection Hymn) Tone 4

En prosevhes grigoron (St. Gregory) Tone 8
By your accomplishments, you earned the name that you bore, for you were vigilant in prayer and diligent in working miracles. Therefore, holy father Gregory, intercede with Christ our God, that He illumine our souls, lest we fall asleep in sin unto death.

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
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 Galatians 2:16-20

BRETHREN, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:16-21

The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Activities & Announcements

- ✘ **Special Tray for Victims of Typhoon Haiyan**– We pray for all the people who have been affected by the recent devastating catastrophe in the Philippines. We, therefore, are passing a special tray to help in the relief efforts. The Metropolis of San Francisco will direct all contributions to I.O.C.C. (International Orthodox Christian Ministries) as they mobilize to respond to the needs of these people. Checks should be made payable to the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco and all donations forwarded to: 245 Valencia Street, San Francisco, CA 94103. In the Memo section of your check(s) please write: (Typhoon Haiyan). Thank you for your generosity and your care toward our brothers and sisters in the Philippines who are suffering!
- ✘ **Artoklasia**– This morning the Pavlou Family, visiting from Australia, will offer an Artoklasia in honor of St. Nektarios of Aegina.
- ✘ **40 day Churching**– This morning, Matthias, the son of Grant and Vivian Yatsunaga is being "churched" in our midst at the end of today's services. Congratulations!
- ✘ **Sunday School Teachers & Youth Directors Meeting**– Today at 12:40 p.m. in Church. This meeting is important regarding our upcoming Christmas Pageant.
- ✘ **Sunday School Parents Meeting**– Today at 1 p.m. in Church. This meeting is important regarding our upcoming Christmas Pageant.
- ✘ **Presentation of the Theotokos into the Temple**– Thursday, November 21: Orthros 8:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.
- ✘ **Orthodoxy 101**– Our class for this Thursday, November 21, has been cancelled.
- ✘ **Maui Services**– Saturday, November 23rd: Orthros 9 a.m., Divine Liturgy 10 a.m. ***Byzantine Chant and Great Vespers will not take place this day.***

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.*