

ETERNITY

How long is eternity? Pondering such a concept can, indeed, give us a headache! A simple dictionary definition of the word describes it as “infinite time” or “time without a beginning or ending.” When we think of eternity in the framework of our faith, however, we focus in on 2 specific areas: eternal life in heaven or eternal damnation in hell. There is no question at all concerning where we WANT to spend eternity. The question is: How do we earn a spot in that wonderful place “where there is no longer sickness, nor sorrow, nor sighing, but life everlasting?”

Like everything else, the answer lies in the Scriptures. Christ frequently spoke of eternal life and He was quite specific as to how it can be attained. When a certain lawyer approached Him and questioned what he needed to do to inherit it, Christ told him that he must “...love the Lord with all your heart, soul, strength and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.” (Luke 10:27) On another occasion when questioned in a similar manner, the Lord urged His interrogator to “keep the commandments” and to “sell what you own and give it to the poor.” Still another time, He reminded Nicodemus that “...God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but shall have everlasting life.” (John 3:15) To gain eternal life, Jesus also told His followers that they must “eat His Flesh” and “drink His Blood” - a clear reference to the reception of Holy Communion.

To sum all this up, we can confidently say that if we love God, if we follow His Divine Laws, if we care for the needs of others and live a sacramental life, we, too, will be numbered among the saints in God’s heavenly kingdom for all of eternity. Apostle Paul tells us “...eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered the heart of man the thing which God has prepared for those who love Him.” (1 Corinthians 2:9)

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.*

Ss Constantine & Helen

Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Pacific



November 9, 2014

7th Sunday of Luke/St. Nektarios of Aegina

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November 2, 2014

7th Sunday of Luke/St. Nektarios of Aegina

Commemoration of: Nektarios the Wonderworker of Pentapolis; Onesiphoros & Porphyrios of Ephesus; Matrona of Constantinople; Theoctiste of Lesbos

Apolytikia - Entrance Hymns

Ton sinanarhon Logon (Resurrection Hymn) Tone 5

Silivrias ton gonon (St. Nektarios) Tone 1
The son of Silybria, the guardian of Aegina, and the ardent lover of virtue, who in recent times has appeared, the God-inspired servant of Christ, Nektarios, O faithful, let us praise. For he gushes forth healings of every kind to those who cry out reverently, "Glory to Christ, who glorified you! Glory to Him for your miracles! Glory to Him, who, through you, effects cures for all."

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 love mankind.

Kontakion

O katharotatos naos 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 proclaim: She is indeed the heavenly tabernacle.

Epistle Reading Galatians 6:11-18

BRETHREN, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Gospel Reading Luke 8:41-56

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an

only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

Activities & Announcements

Today

7th Sunday of Luke; Pampered Chef Display by Carri Pothier 1 p.m. in the Social Hall, benefitting our Dance Group.

This Week

THU, 11/13– St. John Chrysostom: Orthros 8:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.; Parish Council Meeting 5:30 p.m.

SAT, 11/15– Philoptochos Christmas Craft Fair 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Byzantine Chant 4 p.m., Bible Study 5 p.m., Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.

SUN, 11/16– Apostle and Evangelist Matthew; Sunday School honors our Veterans and Military Families

Upcoming Events

- ✘ **Philoptochos Christmas Craft Fair**- The Philoptochos will hold a November fundraiser for our charities. Please come to our "Beauty, Wellness and Christmas Craft Fair" scheduled on Saturday, November 15, 2014. The craft fair is 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. There is free parking and no entrance fee! Come one, come all and find beauty, health & wellness products plus artisan craft items for gift-giving or for yourself!
- ✘ **Sunday School Honors our Veterans and Military Families**– Sunday, November 16th.
- ✘ **Thanksgiving Luncheon**– Thursday, November 27, 2014. Get your tickets today!