

Pearls of Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

"You cannot be too gentle, too kind. Shun even to appear harsh in your treatment of each other. Joy, radiant joy, streams from the face of him who gives and kindles joy in the heart of him who receives. All condemnation is from the devil. Never condemn each other. We condemn others only because we shun knowing ourselves. When we gaze at our own failings, we see such a swamp that nothing in another can equal it. That is why we turn away, and make much of the faults of others. Instead of condemning others, strive to reach inner peace. Keep silent, refrain from judgment. This will raise you above the deadly arrows of slander, insult and outrage and will shield your glowing hearts against all evil."

~St Seraphim of Sarov

"The soul that loves God has its rest in God and in God alone. In all the paths that men walk in the world, they do not attain peace until they draw nigh to hope in God."

~St. Isaac the Syrian

"How mistaken are those people who seek happiness outside of themselves, in foreign lands and journeys, in riches and glory, in great possessions and pleasures, in diversions and vain things, which have a bitter end! In the same thing to construct the tower of happiness outside of ourselves as it is to build a house in a place that is consistently shaken by earthquakes. Happiness is found within ourselves, and blessed is the man who has understood this. Happiness is a pure heart, for such a heart becomes the throne of God. Thus says Christ of those who have pure hearts: "I will visit them, and will walk in them, and I will be a God to them, and they will be my people." (II Cor. 6:16) What can be lacking to them? Nothing, nothing at all! For they have the greatest good in their hearts: God Himself!"

~St. Nektarios of Aegina

"God loves us more than a father, mother, friend, or any else could love, and even more than we are able to love ourselves."

~St. John Chrysostom

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2nd Sunday of Matthew

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Commemoration of: Alexander & Antonina the Martyrs; Timothy, Bishop of Proussa; Theophanes & Pansemne of Antioch

Apolytikia - Entrance Hymns

Tu lithu sfragisthendos (Hymn of the Day) Tone 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews where the soldiers were guarding Your most pure Body, You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. Wherefore the powers of heaven acclaimed You, o Giver of life. Glory to Your Resurrection O Christ. Glory to Your Kingdom. Glory to Your providence, You Who alone loves mankind. (As sung by the Choir)

Tu Stavru su ton tipon (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. (As sung by the Choir)

Kontakion Tone 2

Prostasia ton Hristianon

O protection of Christians that can not be put to shame, mediation to the Creator immovable. Do not over look, the pleading voices of those in sin, but be in time as a kind one to our help, who in faith cry out to You: Hasten to intercede and be quick to beseech. You who always protect, Theotokos, those who honor You. (As sung by the Choir)

Epistle Reading

Romans 2:10-16

BRETHREN, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:18-23

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the

sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Announcements

Today

- ✠ SUN, 6/10– 2nd Sunday of Matthew; 9 Month Memorial for Savas Mojarrad; two 40 Day Churching of Katherine Tujios and one other; Philoptochos Meeting 12 p.m. in the Conference Room; Strategic Planning Meeting next to social hall partition room during coffee hour; Greek Festival Booth Chair Meeting at noon in the Partition Room; Xanthos/Hill Wedding 3 p.m.
- ✠ Strategic Planning Meeting during coffee hour to review priorities for the ministry's Handbook and Parish Questionnaire.

This Week

- ✠ MON, 6/11– Church Office closed in observance of King Kamehameha Day
- ✠ THU, 6/14– Parish Council Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- ✠ SUN, 6/17– 3rd Sunday of Matthew; Father's Day

More Announcements

- ✠ Upcoming Memorial for Malick Family– Sunday, June 24th



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.