

Three Kinds of Giving

There are three kinds of giving: grudge giving, duty giving and thanksgiving.

Grudge giving says, “I *have* to.”

Duty giving says, “I *ought* to.”

Thanksgiving says, “I *want* to.”

The first comes from *constraint*; the second from a sense of *obligation*; the third from a *full heart*.

Nothing much is conveyed in grudge giving since the gift without the giver is bare. Something more happens in duty giving, but there is no song in it. Thanksgiving is an open gate to the love of God. It is the “Amen” of giving.

Anonymous

From the Fathers

“Let us consider, beloved brethren, what the congregation of believers did in the time of the apostles. Back then, at the beginning, the mind flourished with greater virtues. The faith of believers burned with a warmth of faith that was still new. Back then they sold houses and farms and gladly and generously presented the proceeds to the apostles to be distributed to the poor.”

St. Cyprian of Carthage

“Struggle, my children, struggle. No matter how much the enemy fights against you, take courage and we shall overcome him. We have our Christ, the Commander-in-Chief who said, “I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). We, too, will overcome it; just do not lose hope. God will not overlook the supplication of anyone who has hope and calls upon Him, if he prays humbly.”

Elder Ephraim of the Holy Mountain

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9th Sunday of Matthew

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August 25, 2013

9th Sunday of Matthew

Commemoration of: St. Titus the Apostle of the 70

Apolytikia - Entrance Hymns

Ex Ypsous Katilthes (Hymn of the Day) Tone 8

Apostoli Agii (Hymn of the Saint) Tone 3

O holy Apostles, intercede to merciful God that He may grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

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

Ioakeim kai Anna Tone 4

In your holy birth, Immaculate One, Joachim and Anna were rid of the shame of childlessness; Adam and Eve of the corruption of death. And so your people, free of the guilt of their sins, celebrate crying out: "The barren one gives birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our life."

Epistle Reading

I Corinthians 3:9-17

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder. I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw - each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-34

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying "Take heart, it is I; have no fear."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

This Week

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR ATHENA ADAMS:

Tues – *Visiting hours* – 5:00 - 6:30 pm (Borthrick Mortuaray)
Trisagion - 6:30 pm

Weds – *Visiting hours* – 11:00 - 12:00 (at church)

Funeral - 12:00 noon

Committal at Cemetery - 2:00 pm

Makaria/Meal of Remembrance - 3:00 pm (social hall)

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.*