



From Father Anthony

The Role of the Divine Liturgy in our Salvation

The 16th of September we had a teaching liturgy with the above title as our topic. It just so happens that it was the after feast of the Holy Cross and the gospel reading perfectly reinforced the teaching liturgy, namely “. . .If you seek to save your life you will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” This is why the Divine Liturgy is so important. As I mentioned in the Liturgy that Sunday, we have two modes of existence a biological one, the fact of our birth, and an ecclesial one, the fact of our baptism. Christ tells Nicodemus “You must be born again” that is born of water and the spirit. Our biological mode is one of ontological necessity that is we are dependent on food, air oxygen and eventually we die. Our ecclesial mode of existence is one of God’s grace and is realized in our dynamic relationship of following Christ. In the Church we learn what it means to be a “person” in communion with God and with other persons. Our biological mode is one focused on survival of our existence; it is intrinsically individualistic and self centered. So we try and “gain the whole world” to secure our future, usually at the expense of our neighbor who is competing for the same resources. However, in the Church we are called to “lose our life for Christ’s sake and the sake of the gospel.” In other words we find life when we lose it for Christ, when we die to our self and live for him. This is not an arbitrary statement or rule that Christ wants us to follow but it is the very essence of “being” a person. Christ lives by obeying the Father, we live by obeying Christ. So we experience this tension between the demands our biological mode of existence places on us and the demands of the Church. “What are we to do?” St. Paul asks. It is in the Divine Liturgy that we find the answer; it is the expression of our ecclesial existence. It is in the Liturgy that we praise God that we intercede for the whole world, that we hear the gospel and epistle proclaimed and explained. We also confess our faith, what it is that we believe, in the creed. We pray as Christ taught us in the Lord’s prayer, then for those who have prepared, we partake of God Himself in Holy Communion. We are then sent out into the world to live and share this existence, this way of being with the world. Without the Divine Liturgy we would not be able to sustain our ecclesial mode of existence on our own strength. It is in the Liturgy that we express our true being. That is why it is important that we come to Church on time.

God bless,

Fr. Anthony

Parish Happenings

We say good-bye to Peter, Jennifer, Madeleine and Simon The Gess family will be moving to Little Rock Arkansas to begin work, Peter at Hendrix College and Jennifer in an area hospital. We knew we wouldn't keep them forever, but we thank God for the time we got to share together. We also thank Peter and Jennifer for the great contributions they have made to our small community and we wish them God's richest blessing in their new undertakings. As Peter retires as our publicist and directory manager he hands over his responsibilities to Rose Lieffring. "God bless you and keep you, and we will see you at the Archangel Michael celebration as our 2007 honoree."

Parents Night Out

The OCF has generously offered to give the parents a **PNO** Parents Night Out by letting them drop their little ones off at the Church while they go out for a lovely evening together. The OCF will baby sit your kids while you enjoy some time alone. We are looking at Nov. 2nd, please tell OCF President Chris Hansard (770-365-9699) if that works for you and we will try and accommodate as many couples as possible.

Angel Unveiling

The unveiling and blessing of the new archangel icons in the Apse will take place before the start of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday October 7th. Be sure and be on time for Church that day.

OCF-GOYA will be going to the Washington Farms Corn Maze on October 19. They will meet at the church at 5:00 pm and car pool to the farm. Afterwards they will return to the church for food and games. For more information please contact Chris Hansard (770-365-9699).

General Assembly Nov. 11th

Our fall General Assembly will be held Sunday Nov. 11th following the Divine Liturgy. We will nominate three new Parish Council members,

review the proposed budget for the coming year, and update everyone on Marswood Hall.

Teaching Liturgy Dec. 9th

Our next teaching liturgy will be Dec. 9th. We will examine "**The Mystical Supper Since the Time of Christ.**" It is a chance to bring friends and acquaintances to witness the ancient worship of the Early Church, and gain a deeper understanding of the centrality of the Divine Liturgy in our lives.

The Bookstore: Sale going on this month; select titles 50% off. Also, order your Orthodox Planners at the Bookstore after the Divine Liturgy.

PILGRIMAGE TO ST. ANTHONY'S MONASTERY

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION, Marietta, GA is organizing a Pilgrimage to the Arizona Desert Monastery of St. Anthony between November 12-16, 2007. Monastery website is www.stanthonysmonastery.org. St. Anthony's is a monastic community in America that follows the lifestyle of the Monks of Mount Athos. This monastery was established in the desert and has transformed the desert to a heavenly setting. For more information or questions, contact Fr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou, 770-924-8080.

Adult Discussion Group will meet on Sundays during Coffee Hour. Grab your beverage and come learn and discuss about the Orthodox faith, traditions and history.

Sunday School Teacher's Meeting

October 3rd at 6:00 pm at the church.

Sunday School Fall Festival Party will be planned for the end of October. More information will be forthcoming.

Parish News: Much parish information is shared through the parish listserv. All you need is an e-mail address! If interested, please e-mail Rose Lieffring: rose.lieffring@gmail.com

*Announcements for the bulletin can be emailed to **Greekgirl1087@aol.com**

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Please check the chart below for when you are scheduled to host coffee hour .

Stewardship Description: Provide simple refreshments, including drinks and snacks; set up and clean up– includes making coffee, checking supplies, wiping, tables and vacuuming as necessary. Please call Georgia Parthemos to confirm and for special requests. You may be asked to provide Prosforon, coffee or creamer when necessary. Lenten dates are marked in grey.

Georgia Parthemos: 706-548-3876

THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH THIS BLESSED MINISTRY

DATE	HOST
7-Oct	Covered Dish Dekazos
14-Oct	Davis & Dandolos
21-Oct	Demos
28-Oct	Gess
4-Nov	Covered Dish Herrington
11-Nov	Horescu
18-Nov	Advent Fast Begins Iakovou
25-Nov	Johns
2-Dec	Covered Dish Knisely
9-Dec	Kefalas & Grissom
16-Dec	Sun Sch Nativity Program Kimbaris
23-Dec	Lambros
30-Dec	Lamson
6-Jan	Epiphany/C. Dish/Vasilopeta Mahoney
13-Jan	Lavelle
20-Jan	Rose
27-Jan	Lyubimov

DATE	HOST
3-Feb	Covered Dish Manzione
10-Feb	Miletkov & Seiss
17-Feb	Nameday Weekend O'Malley
24-Feb	Pagonis
2-Mar	Covered Dish Papadopoulos
9-Mar	E. Pappas
16-Mar	Great Lent Begins Pottier
23-Mar	Raev
30-Mar	Ragan
6-Apr	Covered Dish Salzman
13-Apr	Shih
20-Apr	Tesfai/Tseggai
27-Apr	*****GREAT & HOLY PASCHA***** Volk
4-May	Vlahos
11-May	Wright
18-May	Sunday School Awards
25-May	
1-Jun	Covered Dish

NURSERY DUTY SIGN UP!

Nursery Duties: Be available from 10:30 until the end of Sunday School to monitor Nursery Room and to assist in preschool class if necessary. Bring children in for Holy Communion and back for class. Keep room neat and tidy and check room again after coffee hour. You will be reminded of your sign up dates.
THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING!

DATE	NURSERY DUTY
30-Sep	Shelly Vlahos
7-Oct	Angie Shih
14-Oct	Lia Grissom
21-Oct	Tara Mahoney
28-Oct	Shelly Vlahos
4-Nov	Angie Shih
11-Nov	Lia Grissom
18-Nov	Tara Mahoney
25-Nov	Angie Shih
2-Dec	Inna
9-Dec	
16-Dec	*****Sunday School Nativity Program*****
23-Dec	Tara Mahoney
30-Dec	

Epistle and Gospel Readings *October*

10/7/2007	Gospel: Luke 7:11-16	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 11:31-33; 12:1-9
10/14/2007	Gospel: Luke 8:5-15	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15
10/21/2007	Gospel: Luke 8:26-39	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20
10/28/2007	Gospel: Luke 8:41-56	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18

WISH LIST:

We are currently collecting donations towards purchasing custom made furniture for the Narthex. We are looking to purchase two Pangaria and two Proskinitaria to go on the right and left sides of the Sanctuary entrance. Pangaria are cabinets specially designed for the candles and sandbox, as well as for the liturgy books and bulletins. Proskinitaria are podiums specially designed for the icons that we venerate when we enter the church. These will be a matching set with simple decorative Byzantine motifs.

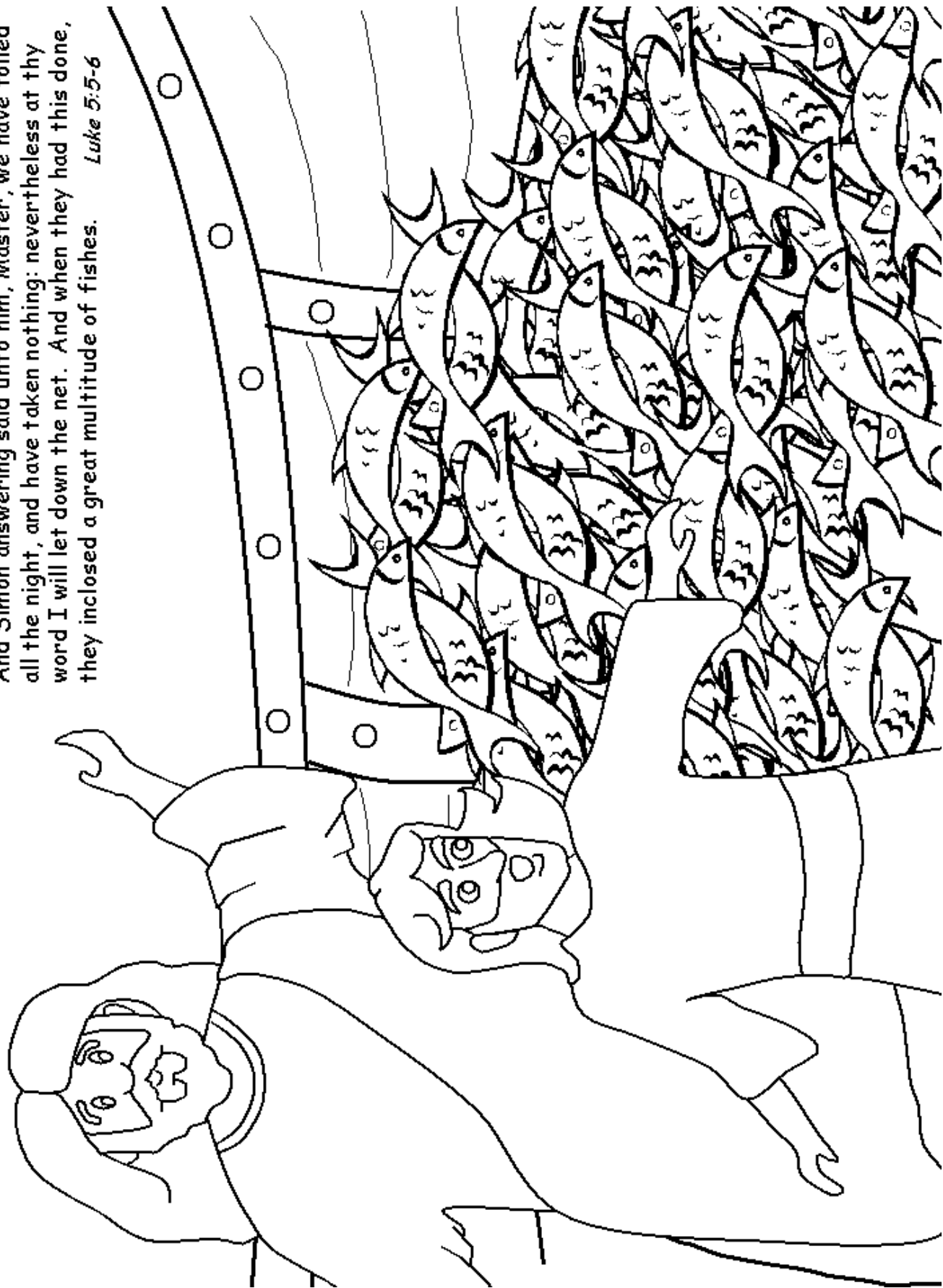
The approximate cost is \$5000. If you would like to contribute please make checks payable to St. Philothea and write "Narthex" in the memo line. You may give it to Presbyteria Christine, Nina Herrington or Bill Mahoney by October 31. No donation is too small and together as a community we can beautify God's house.

We will set up a separate bank account for the Wish List items. Donors will be recognized by a plaque which will be placed in the Narthex. You may also mail your donation to

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KIDS CORNER!

And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes. *Luke 5:5-6*



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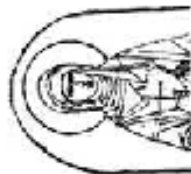
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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
9:00a Orthros and Divine Liturgy	30	1	2	3	4	5	6
			6:00p Sun. Sch. Mtg 7:00p Vespers				12:00p St. Thomas 12:00p Williams-Cade Wedding & Reception- Curtain
9:00a Orthros and Divine Liturgy	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			6:00p Catechumen Class 7:00p Vespers			12:00p Stewart Rehearsal	12:00p Stewart Wedding
9:00a Orthros and Divine Liturgy	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		7:00p OCF on Campus	6:00p Catechumen Class 7:00p Parish Council 7:00p Vespers		7:00p St. Luke Class 7:00p Parish Council 7:00p Vespers	7:00p OCF/G.O.Y.A night out-the Corn Maza	12:00p Tucker/Moon Wedding & Reception
9:00a Orthros and Divine Liturgy	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		7:00p St. James	6:00p Catechumen Class 7:00p Vespers			6:00p St. Demetrios 6:00p Door Opening St. Nektarios, Charlotte chapel/IC	12:00p Barrett- Schubert Reception- chapel/IC
9:00a Orthros and Divine Liturgy 12:00p OXI Day	28	29	30	31	1	2	3
		7:00p OCF Dinner and Discussion Church	6:00p Catechumen Class				

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