

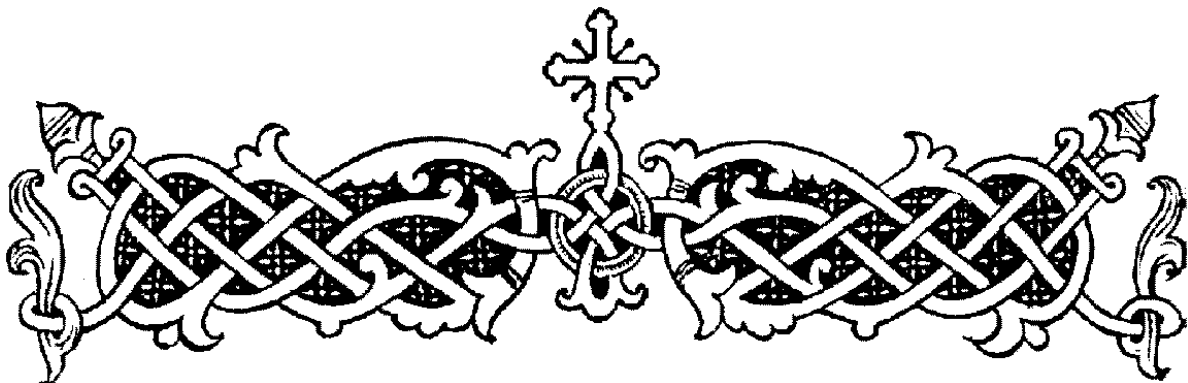


From Father Anthony

What does it mean to be perfect?

In the Bible we are told to “Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect.” (Mat. 5:48). That is all a number one child needs to hear and they know what to do. They are usually over achievers, extroverts, organized, and tend to be perfectionists. It is not always the case but in studies of birth order it usually comes out that way. So being perfect translates into being a perfectionist. This perfection phrase comes from Christ’s Sermon on the Mount and the “Be” attitudes. It has nothing to do with “perfectionism” and everything to do with “being” perfect. But what does that entail? The Bible also tells us that the road is narrow that leads to life **13**“Go in through the narrow gate, because the gate is wide and the road is spacious that leads to destruction, and many people are entering by it. **14**How narrow is the gate and how constricted is the road that leads to life, and there aren’t many people who find it!” (Luke 13:24) This verse could also make us believe that God is calling us to be a perfectionist; that scrupulousness, legalism, and attention to detail and the letter of the law is what is being called for. But elsewhere we read “Go and learn what this means: ‘I want mercy and not sacrifice,’ because I did not come to call righteous people, but sinners.” (Mt. 9:13) Being perfect like God is perfect means holding Truth and Love in perfect balance so that there might be authentic relationships. Love without Truth is a lie and can be dangerous. “Honey I love you, do whatever you want” is a formula for disaster. Truth without Love can destroy life and relationship. Without the context of love, truth doesn’t give life but can destroy it. To balance truth and love requires both discernment and courage. It is a constant struggle to find our balance in these two areas and to hone our skills at incarnating them in our daily lives. To hit a target we must first know what we are aiming for. May God ever help us to achieve “perfect” balance in this life long struggle.

Fr. Anthony



Parish Happenings

Teaching Liturgy: Understanding Special Hymns Sun. Oct. 5th, followed by a covered dish luncheon. Invite your friends!

General Assembly Sunday Nov. 16th to elect 3 new Parish Council members, and review 2009 proposed budget.

Budgets Due to Andrew by Oct. 12th. Any ministry including Festival, Evening in Greece, Sunday School, Bookstore, Altar, Office, etc. needing money for 2009 need to present a detailed budget to Andrew.

Festival Chairperson Review Monday Oct. 13th 6:00 p.m. at the Church.

Building Maintenance: Last person to leave the building please check the bathrooms to make sure the toilets are not running, as well as turn the heat down to 62, and the air conditioner up to 80. Also make sure all the lights are off.

St. Philothea is high tech!

See the on-line parish calendar for all the latest information. You can find it through the St. Philothea homepage:

<http://www.stphilothea.ga.goarch.org/>

*Marswood Hall Calendar

http://calendar.goarch.org/cgi-bin/calweb/calweb.exe?level=marswood_hall

Parish News: Much parish information is shared through the parish listserv. All you need is an e-mail address!

The Bookstore: The Bookstore is open every Sunday after the Divine Liturgy and has a wonderful collection of resources to enrich our spiritual lives.

*Announcements for the bulletin can be emailed to

[**Greekgirl1087@aol.com**](mailto:Greekgirl1087@aol.com)

FOOD FROM THE FATHERS AND MOTHERS

"A true Christian is made by faith and love toward Christ. Our sins do not in the least hinder our Christianity, according to the word of the Saviour Himself. He deigned to say: not the righteous have I come to call, but sinners to salvation; there is more joy in heaven over one who repents than over ninety righteous ones. Likewise concerning the sinful woman who touched His feet, He deigned to say to the Pharisee Simon: to one who has love, a great debt is forgiven, but from one who has no love even a small debt will be demanded. From these judgments a Christian should bring himself to hope and joy, and not in the least accept an inflicted despair. Here one needs the shield of faith."

St. Herman of Alaska.

Gospel & Epistle Readings

10/5/2008 Gospel: Luke 6:31-36 **Epistle:** St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:1-10

10/12/2008 Gospel: Luke 8:5-15 **Epistle:** St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15

10/19/2008 Gospel: Luke 7:11-16 **Epistle:** St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:6-11

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10/26/2008 Gospel: Luke 8:26-39 **Epistle:** St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 2:1-10

COFFEE HOUR HOST

5-Oct	Teaching Liturgy/Covered Dish Johns & Bahtu James
12-Oct	Kefalas
19-Oct	Kimbaris
26-Oct	Kovak & Lavelle
2-Nov	Covered Dish Knisely
9-Nov	Lambros
16-Nov	Advent Fast Begins Lamson
23-Nov	Lieffring
30-Nov	Lubimov & O'Malley
7-Dec	Covered Dish Mahoney
14-Dec	Majsztrik & Moore
21-Dec	Pagonis & Papadopoulos
28-Dec	E. Pappas
4-Jan	Covered Dish Parthemos & Manzione
11-Jan	Pottier
18-Jan	Ragan
25-Jan	Salzman

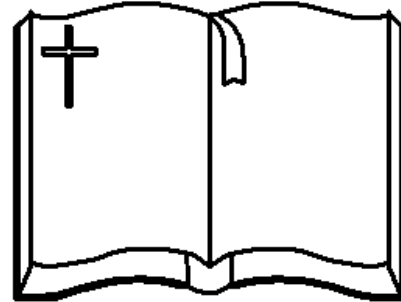
1-Feb	Covered Dish Shih
8-Feb	Shurdha & Seiss
15-Feb	Spring
22-Feb	Stiles
1-Mar	Covered Dish Svoronos
8-Mar	Great Lent Tseggai
15-Mar	Vlahos
22-Mar	Volk
29-Mar	Wright
5-Apr	Covered Dish
12-Apr	
19-Apr	Holy Pascha
26-Apr	
3-May	Covered Dish
10-May	
17-May	
24-May	
31-May	

KIDS CORNER



Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

About the Bible Anagram



Word List:

authors, Bible, books, chapters, promises,
stories, teaching, testaments, truth, verses

hrttu _____

bbeil _____

eiorsst _____

eimoprss _____

aceghint _____

aeemnssttt _____

eerssv _____

bkoos _____

ahorstu _____

acehprst _____

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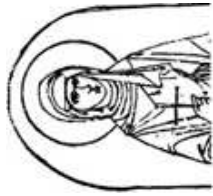
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 12:00p Looney/Riggan Wedding/reception/C. Ken	29	30	1 6:00p Catechumen Class 7:00p Vespers	2 5:00p Spaghetti Dinner \$6 Adults, \$3 Children under 12 6:00p OCF Dinner and Discussion, Church	3 OCF Workdaze Retreat	4 OCF Workdaze Retreat 12:00p Keshia Walker- carlos Wynn Wedding&Reception-c
5 OCF Workdaze Retreat 9:00a Orthros and Divine Liturgy 10:00a Teaching Liturgy	6 Clergy Educational Retreat St. Thomas the Apostle	7 Clergy Educational Retreat	8 Clergy Educational Retreat 6:00p Catechumen Class	9 Clergy Educational Retreat 5:00p Spaghetti Dinner \$6 Adults, \$3 Children under 12	10 Clergy Educational Retreat	11 9:00a Orthros and Divine Liturgy 12:00p Williams,Stephanie Wedding/reception
12 8:30a Early Liturgy, Orthros 8:30 Liturgy 9:30 , no coffee hour 12:00p Henson- reception	13 6:00p Festival Review	14 Clergy Educational Retreat	15 6:00p Catechumen Class 7:00p Parish Council	16 5:00p Spaghetti Dinner \$6 Adults, \$3 Children under 12 7:00p OCF Dinner and Discussion, On campus	17 St. Luke the Evangelist 9:00a Orthros and Divine Liturgy 1:00p Hurst,Janet-- 100 Birthday Party	18
19 9:00a Orthros and Divine Liturgy	20 11:00a OCF lunch at Bull Dawg Cafe	21 Catechumen Class	22 6:00p Catechumen Class 7:00p Parakleisis	23 5:00p Spaghetti Dinner \$6 Adults, \$3 Children under 12	24 6:00p Thomas rehearsal	25 9:00a Orthros and Divine Liturgy 12:00p Thomas wedding /reception/C
26 St. Demetrios the Myrrhbeater 9:00a Orthros and Divine Liturgy 1:00p Shih Baptism	27	28 Catechumen Class	29 6:00p Catechumen Class	30 5:00p Spaghetti Dinner \$6 Adults, \$3 Children under 12	31	1 9:00a Orthros and Divine Liturgy 12:00p Howington wedding reception



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