



# From Father Anthony

## A New Year's Revolution!

New Years is a natural but artificial break in time that causes us to make outrageous commitments and promises that we can't possibly keep but never-the-less feel compelled to make. Hope springs eternal. But if we could do something really useful at this time of year, it would be to look back over the year and take stock of where we are spiritually. A good way to evaluate our spiritual progress is by using a scriptural standard. The theme of our OCF College Conference is "Seek First the Kingdom of God" which comes from Matthew 6:33. The whole verse reads "Seek first the

Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you." The word "Seek" is an action verb and indicates a search, an on going process. What are we to seek? We are to seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. That is, we are not to get wrapped up in the kingdom of this world, and not to seek our "own" righteousness, I guess that means not to be self righteous, which is an expression always given a negative connotation. His righteousness, although we may assume what it means, needs some intense investigation to really understand it, but for now lets call it "holiness", or "perfection". If we look at the life of Christ we see a living example of what "His" righteousness looks like, because Christ is "the express image of the Father". The last part of the verse is "and all these things will be added unto you." All what things? The things talked about in the previous verses, that is food, clothing and shelter. "Why do you worry about what you shall eat, or what you shall put on, don't you know that your Father knows you have need of these things." That is to say, we should not be consumed with worry about the future and what we will eat, or how we will dress or where we will live, or what kind of car we will drive, or our 401k, or our career, these things will only take us away from the three most important things in life, the present moment, the person in front of us, and how we treat them, as Leo Tolstoy points out. The point of this conference is to understand our "vocation" that is our "vocari" or calling as Christians. Most of us think of religious vocations, bishops, priests, deacons, monks, or nuns when we hear the word calling. But a deeper understanding is found in the definition provided at the conference, "One's unique and on going response to Christ's call to love God with all your mind, heart, soul, and strength and your neighbor as yourself." Vocation in this sense is what gives life meaning and makes it fulfilling. Vocation is not narrowly defined by what I do for a living; rather it is about how I live. Do I focus on God in the moment? Do I love the person in front of me now? Not only is this God's commandment it is also the key to success and happiness in this life. If we can manage to do these two things then we "fulfill all that was written in the law and the profits", as it states in the Bible. Then we can also evaluate where we are spiritually, not just once a year, but each day, each moment that God gives us breath. And if by chance we find we are not living that way, then we know where it is we have to grow spiritually, and that is a New Year's revolution worth making. Have a blessed and glorious New Year.

Fr. Anthony

# Parish Happenings

**Blessing of the Waters** and swearing in of the new **Parish Council** will take place January 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Fr. Nick Triantafilou** retreat will take place on the 12th from 1:30 to 3:30.

**House blessing** sign ups will be available soon.

**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](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**

## St. Philothea Prayer

### Request:

\*\* Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers.

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### Gospel & Epistle Readings- January 2008

1/6/2008	Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
1/13/2008	Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:7-13
1/20/2008	Gospel: Luke 17:12-19	Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15
1/27/2008	Gospel: Luke 19:1-10	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2

## FOOD FROM THE FATHERS AND MOTHERS:

For everything lies at the innermost recess of the soul. When the devil has been chased away from it and when sin is no longer in charge of it, then the kingdom of God is established there. This is what the evangelist conveys to us when he says, 'The kingdom of God will not come as something to be observed nor will people cry -Here it is! There it is! - Amen, I tell you the kingdom of God is withing you'. (Luke 17-20-21)

St. John Cassian, The Conferences.

## 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
6-Jan	Epiphany/C. Dish/Vasilopeta <b>Mahoney</b>
13-Jan	<b>Lavelle</b>
20-Jan	<b>Rose</b>
27-Jan	<b>Lyubimov</b>
3-Feb	Covered Dish <b>Manziona</b>
10-Feb	<b>Miletkov &amp; Seiss</b>
17-Feb	Nameday Weekend <b>O'Malley</b>
24-Feb	<b>Pagonis</b>
2-Mar	Covered Dish <b>Papadopoulos</b>
9-Mar	<b>E. Pappas</b>

16-Mar	Great Lent Begins <b>Pottier</b>
23-Mar	<b>Raev</b>
30-Mar	<b>Ragan</b>
6-Apr	Covered Dish <b>Salzman</b>
13-Apr	<b>Shih</b>
20-Apr	<b>Tesfai/Tseggai</b>
27-Apr	****GREAT & HOLY PASCHA ***** <b>Volk</b>
4-May	<b>Vlahos</b>
11-May	<b>Wright</b>
18-May	Sunday School Awards
25-May	
1-Jun	Covered Dish

# KIDS CORNER!

## Books of the New Testament

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F P J E T Y V B Z M S K R A M L W V G O  
I W T W S C T B O N A J S A U U Q X Q J

Acts

Colossians

Corinthians

Ephesians

Galatians

Hebrews

James

John

Jude

Luke

Mark

Matthew

Peter

Philemon

Philippians

Revelation

Romans

Thessalonians

Timothy

Titus

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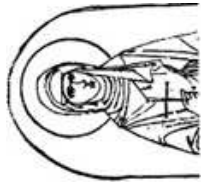
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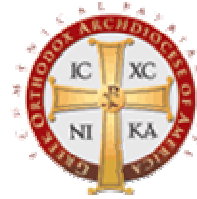
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	30	31	1	2	3	4	5
			<a href="#">St. Basil</a>				<a href="#">Eve of Theophany.. Strict Fast</a> <a href="#">12:00p Chance reception</a>
6	<a href="#">Epiphany</a> 9:00a <a href="#">Orthros and Divine Liturgy</a> 11:30a <a href="#">Blessing of the Waters., Parish Council Swear In</a>	7	<a href="#">7:00p OCF Dinner and Discussion., Church</a>	9	10	11	12
		<a href="#">Synaxis of St. John the Baptist</a>		<a href="#">7:00p Vespers</a>	<a href="#">6:00p Catechumen Class</a>	<a href="#">7:00p Fr. Nick Parish Council Retreat</a>	<a href="#">9:00a Parish Council Planning Session</a> <a href="#">1:30p Retreat with Fr. Nicholas Triantafiou</a>
13	<a href="#">9:00a Orthros and Divine Liturgy</a> 12:00p <a href="#">Fr Nick., Vasillopita., Covered Dish</a>	14	15	16	17	18	19
			<a href="#">11:00a OCF on Campus</a>	<a href="#">6:00p Sun Sch Mtg Parish Council</a> <a href="#">7:00p Vespers</a>	<a href="#">St. Anthony</a> <a href="#">6:00p Catechumen Class</a>	<a href="#">St. Athanasios the Great</a> <a href="#">12:00p HDF., Wilmington, NC</a>	<a href="#">12:00p HDF., Wilmington, NC</a>
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