



From Father Anthony

LOVE

*Christ is risen from the dead trampling down death
by death and upon those in the tombs granting life.*

It is bad enough that people no longer believe in God, but now they are questioning if “Love” is real. Tina Turner sings “What’s love got to do with it, Love is nothing but a second hand emotion.” Which about sums up the problem with love these days. Is it a second hand emotion, i.e. a fleeting feeling that springs out of a mixture of serotonin and electrical impulses? Perhaps it is the way we approach love now days. It is usually connected with a state of euphoria, self centered, and not associated with pain or suffering. Love is no longer assumed or expected but rather suspected. Why are you doing this for me? What are you hoping to get? These are questions directed at kind people. This attitude leads to cynicism, mistrust, manipulation and further erodes “love’s” credibility. This is all a mistaken understanding of love. To better understand agape love, the kind that God has for us, we must look to Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Here we see God offering Himself in a selfless act of Love for the salvation of the world. That is He is taking the necessary steps to restore communion with the creature through the conquering of death, the last enemy. Without going in to too much theology of Soteriology, (understanding of salvation), we can see what God means when He says about love, “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends (John 15:13)”. Love is not a feeling but an action. It is not an act of the emotions but of the will. Rarely will action follow feeling, but sometimes felling will follow action; as in the case of loving an enemy. If we wait for good feelings before we act kindly towards enemies, we will never act kindly. If we act kindly, good feelings may develop toward our enemy. God’s act of Love can not be completely comprehended scientifically, philosophically, psychologically, or even theologically, it is a mystery. It takes Art to unravel the mystery of love, to help us understand in a tangible fashion the depth and breadth and significance of God’s love. Christ on the cross or in the tomb shows us in action what true love is. The poetry of our hymnology expresses the hidden mystery of God’s love for his creation. Mystery is not a bad thing; it keeps us trying to comprehend what seems within our grasp but we never quite attain. Holy Thursday is the Mystery of God’s love. True love is always for the other and in meeting the need of another is itself fulfilled and it usually involves sacrifice. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever might believe in Him shall have everlasting life. (John 3:16). Why? Because that is the way that it is. Christ’s death and resurrection is what fulfills, what heals, what gives purpose and meaning. It just is. And it is a mystery that will only grow deeper and more profound the more we encounter it, experience it and know it deep within our hearts.

Truly He is Risen!

Fr. Anthony

SUNDAY READINGS

	Matins	Epistle	Gospel
5/3/2009	Luke 24:1-12	Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7	Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8
5/10/2009	Luke 24:13-35	Acts of the Apostles 9:32-42	John 5:1-15
5/17/2009	John 20:1-10	Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30	John 4:5-42
5/24/2009	John 20:11-18	Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34	John 9:1-38
5/31/2009	John 21:1-14	Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36	John 17:1-13

FOOD FROM THE FATHERS AND MOTHERS

'In the day of His power.' You could say the day of His power is both the day already arrived and the day to come: each is a demonstration of His immense power. Does it not strike you as a mighty example of power when death is abolished through death, when doors of bronze are broken down, when sin is cancelled, when a curse is annulled, when all the ancient vices are overturned, and new virtues introduced in their place? I mean, what could match this power, whether it is the miracles you scrutinize or the other achievements?

~St. John Chrysostom, Commentary on the Psalms, Vol. 2

It' not too late to . . .

Discover Greece, Discover the Early Church

A private "Go Ahead Tour" designed exclusively by Dr. Nina Lamson and Father Anthony Salzman of St. Philothea Greek Orthodox Church, Watkinsville, Georgia.

May 6 – 17, 2010

See the many beautiful sites Greece has to offer as Father Anthony leads us through early century Orthodox churches and monasteries. In addition, we will experience the Greek culture with time in museums, shopping, and eating at local establishments. Detail information of the sites we will be visiting, the cost, and the "terms and conditions" can be found at the St. Philothea Greek Orthodox Church website:

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

A \$450 deposit is required to make your reservation and to secure the current quoted price of \$3,569 (includes airfare, lodging, transfers, site entrances, breakfast, 1 lunch, 3 dinners). The balance can be paid in installments up to 90-days prior to departure. Those who are interested are to contact: Dr. Nina Lamson at nlamson@gsc.edu

Parish Happenings

Thank You to Lambrini Cain for your hard work on the beautiful linens that were used during Holy Week. The gift of your time and the beauty of the linens were truly a blessing.

Mozart Concert at Hodgeson Hall at UGA. Friday May 1st at 8:00 p.m. Athens Master Choral with our own Andrew and Angie Shih and Presbyteria Mari.

OCAF Southworks Market: May 2nd and 3rd. Fr. Anthony has a booth and we are serving Gyros which will need volunteers to help man the booth.

Last day of Sunday School is May 17th.

Congratulations to our Graduates: Kacina Lamson in August, and Robi Ragan, PhD.

St. Christopher Vespers and Divine Liturgy: Friday May 8th and Saturday May 9th in Peach Tree City.

Golf Tournament Meeting: Monday May 4th at 7 p.m. at the Church.

DYCE Meeting: Thursday May 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Council of Ministry Bobble Heads: May 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Feast of Ascension: celebrated May 27th from 5-7 p.m.

SS Constantine and Helen Orthros and Divine Liturgy May 20 5-7 p.m.

OUR MISSION

St. Philothea Greek Orthodox Church is dedicated to the continuation of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ's ministry of salvation through the proclamation and teaching of the Gospel; through Baptism in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; and through loving service to God and to all humankind.

OUR VISION

*The community will provide a loving, caring and welcoming environment where all belong and grow in the faith through **worship, service, witness and fellowship.***

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-](http://calendar.goarch.org/cgi-bin/calweb/calweb.exe?level=marswoodhall)

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

OCMC Project

The OCMC is gathering supplies for the Romanian Missionaries. Bill Mahoney will be accepting donations (clothes and/or money) throughout May.

Individual items:

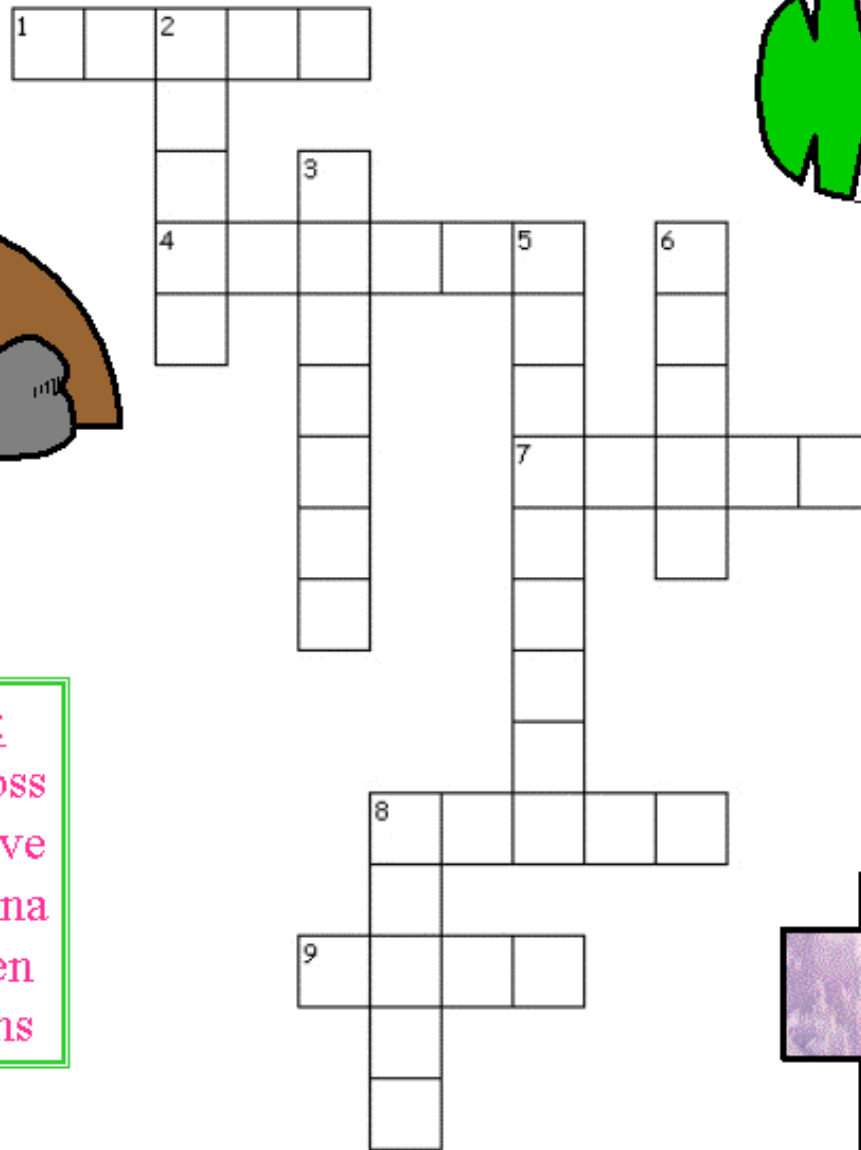
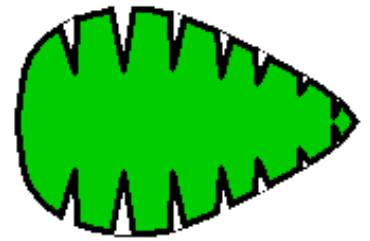
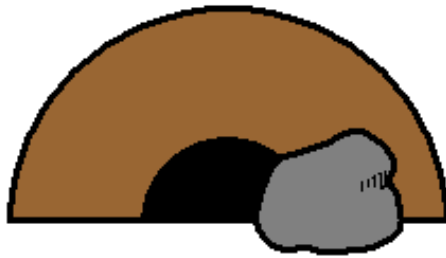
- Children's clothes & shoes
- Baby clothes & shoes
- Blankets of all sizes, especially receiving blankets & small throw blankets
- Toys, puzzles, stickers
- Crayons, colored pens, paper back coloring books
- Cloth baby diapers
- Diaper pins
- Baby powder, baby oil, baby ointment

New Baby/New Mother's Kits

These kits can help poverty stricken mothers welcome and care for their newborn babies

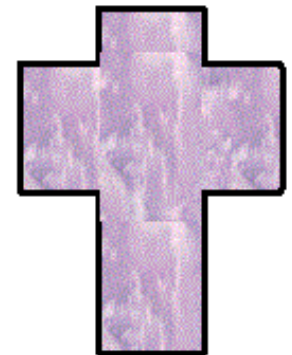
- Receiving or baby blanket
- Cloth diapers and diaper pins
- Baby clothing of any & all kinds
- Baby powder, baby oil, baby soap (mild like Ivory), baby lotion
- Diaper cream
- Antiseptic lotion
- Pacifiers
- Toys suitable for babies (e.g. without small ingestible parts)
- A small treat for the new mother, such as some perfumed hand lotion or perfumed soap.
- Washcloths or reusable cloth baby wipes
- Set of towels: One bath size, one hand towel and one washcloth (no large size bath sheets please)

Easter Crossword



Word List:

bread cross
sacrifice love
stone hosanna
empty risen
slept thorns



Across

1. Taking this during the last supper symbolized Jesus' body.
4. Jesus was forced to wear a crown made of these instead of a crown meant for a real king.
7. The angel told the women, "Don't be afraid, Jesus isn't here; He has ____!"
8. Instead of praying the disciples did this when Jesus went off to pray by himself.
9. The main reason that God gave His only son, Jesus to die for each of us.

Down

2. On Sunday the two Mary's didn't find Jesus but a tomb that was ____.
3. The word people shouted to Jesus that means blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
5. Jesus became the ____ for us, so we could be forgiven for our sins.
6. Jesus was meant to die on this.
8. This was put in front of the tomb so nobody could steal Jesus' body.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Beginning on Sunday, April 5th we will be instituting some changes to our coffee hour program that will better meet the needs of our growing parish. We will be switching to a Standard Coffee & Cookie Plan which the host can purchase and pick up locally. We are currently in the process of arranging for a standing weekly order with a grocer or baker in the area. The benefits of this change are as follows:

More economical for the host / Less set up and clean up involved / More environmentally friendly - no Styrofoam plates and plastic forks / Less worry about what to serve and if there is enough / Switch from sodas to orange juice or lemonade for a healthier beverage

Please be patient and understanding as we make this change. Lynn Manzione, the Hospitality Chair will call you as your week approaches and help you with the arrangements.

Coffee Hour Host Duties: Pay for and pick up the refreshments; set up and clean up--includes making coffee, wiping, tables and vacuuming as necessary. You may be asked to provide Prosforon, coffee or creamer when necessary. Lenten dates are marked in grey.

If the date listed below does not work for you please call Georgia Parthemos (706-548-3876) or Lynn Manzione (706- 369 0546) to make any necessary changes.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH THIS
BLESSED MINISTRY**

DATE	COFFEE HOUR HOST
3-May	Covered Dish Angelova & Cain
10-May	Mother's Day Cramer
17-May	Dekazos
24-May	Demos

31-May	Grissom
7-Jun	Pentecost & Cov. Dish Herrington
14-Jun	Horescu
21-Jun	Father's Day Iakovou
28-Jun	James
5-Jul	4th of July Picnic
12-Jul	Seiss
19-Jul	Velie
26-Jul	Parthemos
2-Aug	Covered Dish Johns
9-Aug	Kefalas
16-Aug	Kimbaris
23-Aug	Knisely
30-Aug	Kovak
6-Sep	Covered Dish Lambros
13-Sep	Lamson
20-Sep	Lavelle
27-Sep	Lieffring
4-Oct	Covered Dish Lubimov
11-Oct	Mahoney
18-Oct	Manzione
25-Oct	Nguyentan
1-Nov	Greek FESTIVAL
8-Nov	O'Malley
15-Nov	Advent Fast Pagonis
22-Nov	Pappas
29-Nov	Pottier
6-Dec	Covered Dish Salzman
13-Dec	Sarandos
20-Dec	Shih
27-Dec	Shurdha
3-Jan	Covered Dish (?) Stiles
10-Jan	Stojanivoc
17-Jan	Svoronos
24-Jan	Tseggai
31-Jan	Vlahos
7-Feb	Covered Dish Wright

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May 2009 (Eastern Time)

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
26	Thomas Sunday 9am - Orthros 10am - Divine Liturgy 11am - Coffee Hour	27	Symeon the Holy Martyr	28	The 9 Monk-martyrs of 7pm - OCF Fr Anthony's	29	Jason & Sosipater the 6pm - Wednesday 6:30pm - Philoptochos 7pm - Catechumen Class 7pm - Choir Practice	30	James the Apostle & 6pm - Spaghetti Dinner	1	Jeremiah the Prophet	2	IOCC Run Walk Atlanta OCAF Southworks Presidents Day Removal of the Relics of 12pm - Dunahgan
3	Holy Myrrhbearers OCAF Southworks Teaching Liturgy 9am - Orthros 10am - Divine Liturgy 11am - Covered Dish	4	Pelagia the Nun-martyr 7pm - 7 p.m. Golf	5	Irene the great Martyr of	6	Job the Prophet 6pm - Wednesday 7pm - Catechumen Class 7pm - Choir Practice	7	Commemoration of the 6pm - Spaghetti Dinner	8	John the Apostle,	9	Isaiah the Prophet 12pm - Townley /
10	Sunday of the Paralytic 9am - Orthros 10am - Divine Liturgy 11am - Coffee Hour	11	Renewal of	12	Epiphanius, Bishop of	13	Glykeria the Virgin- 6pm - Wednesday 7pm - Catechumen Class 7pm - Choir Practice	14	Isidore the Martyr of 6pm - Spaghetti Dinner 7:30pm - DYCE Meeting	15	Pachomios the Great	16	Theodoros the Sanctified 12pm - Long / Brittany
17	Sunday of the Samaritan 9am - Orthros 10am - Divine Liturgy 11am - Coffee Hour 12pm - Torbett - Chapel	18	Holy Martyrs: Peter,	19	Patrick the Hieromartyr &	20	Thalalaïos the Martyr & 5pm - 5-7 pm SS 6pm - Wednesday 7pm - Choir Practice 7pm - Parish Council	21	Constantine & Helen, 6pm - Spaghetti Dinner 7pm - Choir Practice	22	Vasilikos the Martyr, 12pm - Williams /	23	Michael the Confessor, 12pm - Williams /
24	Sunday of the Blind Man 9am - Orthros 10am - Divine Liturgy 11am - Coffee Hour	25	Third Finding of the	26	Carpos & Alphaeus,	27	Apodosis of Pascha 7pm - Choir Practice	28	Holy Ascension 6pm - Spaghetti Dinner 7pm - Council of Ministry	29	Theodosia the Virgin- 12pm - Worley Rehearsal	30	Isaakios, Founder of the 12pm - Brittany Worley
31	Fathers of the 1st Council 9am - Orthros 10am - Divine Liturgy 11am - Coffee Hour	1	Justin the Philosopher &	2	Nikephoros the	3	Lucillian of Byzantium, 4	4	Metrophanes, 1st	5	Dorotheos the Holy 12pm - Tegan Rehearsal	6	Saturday before 12pm - Hoover / Tegan



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