



From Father Anthony

Christ is Risen!

As we mentioned last month, this is the phrase that gives life meaning. As we leave the Paschal season we reflect on the impact that these three words have on our life, how we live, how we think about the future, ultimately how we die. Our world has millions of philosophies vying for our attention and/or our allegiance but only Christ is Risen! is the one that can save us from despair and meaninglessness. There are many philosophies that we embrace that actually prevent us from living a full life in Christ. We named a few last month: eat, drink and be merry, reliance on self, cynicism, and naively thinking that all is well with the world. These all fall short of the “Mind of Christ”. A life lived in faith is centered on the three words “Christ is Risen!” as its foundation. All other philosophies fall short of the fullness of Christ. Let us look at a few more that fall short of the mind of Christ.

Nominalism Is to go to Church out of obligation, duty or habit, but not really devoting yourself to a meaningful relationship with Christ. It is more or less going through the motions but it is a lifeless faith. Spiritually it is the same as lukewarm, and God desires that we be either “hot or cold” but the lukewarm he will spew out of His mouth. (Rev. 3:16)

Hopelessness Sometimes life just becomes overwhelming and we lose hope, we become depressed and this leads to despair. This is unbelief. Anything that puts our problems above God turns them into idols. If we do not turn to God for every need and for comfort, wisdom and encouragement during difficult times, then we are living in unbelief. As we read in the book of Hebrews “without faith it is impossible to please Him (God), for He who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” Heb. 11.6

Busy for Busy sake is not a sign of spirituality. It is known as the Martha syndrome. At the final judgement day we are told that some will be surprised to hear “Depart from me, I never knew you”. They were surprised because although they believed in God, and perhaps were very busy for God with what they considered good things, they never took time to “Know” God, to learn His will, to share their heart in a vulnerable, open and honest way. This is one of the principal difficulties of the spiritual life, discerning God’s will and then doing it to the best of our abilities. God wants to know you as a person, to know your thoughts, your sorrows, and your joys. He wants you to know Him, and to trust your life to Him in order to obey Him. Just as Christ said “My food is to do the will of the Father.” That is, it was sustenance to Him to do the will of the Father. Share your heart with God, be a person, and be busy about the Father’s business.

Life is a continuous struggle to “Put on Christ” and to “Deny yourself and follow Him.” With practice we get better at it. With a daily walk with Christ we learn to love Him, trust Him and follow Him. With experience we begin to gain the mind of Christ. But our faith and our hope center around these three words “Christ is Risen!” Yes, truly “He is Risen”!

Have a safe and blessed summer.

Fr. Anthony

Parish Happenings

General Assembly will be held June 25th following the Divine Liturgy. We will discuss Marswood Hall and recent developments.

Wedding

Hannah Minch and Petros Dandolos will be married on Sunday July 16th on the island of Mykonos, in Greece!

Hall Cleaning and Event Sitting In June we have an event every week and will need everyone to help clean the hall and sit for different events. You can sign up on line at <http://www.stphilothea.ga.goarch.org/volunteer>

Clergy Laity Congress is this summer. For more information please visit www.clergylaity.org

Catechumen Class

Catechumen classes are available for those who would like to learn more about Orthodoxy. Classes are held every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. See Calendar to confirm dates and times.

Stewardship and Membership

If you have not yet filled out a stewardship pledge card please do so and give it to Andrew Shih. This helps the Parish Council in planning for the future.

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/>

The Bookstore:

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

Parish News

Much parish information is shared through the parish listserv. All you need is an e-mail address! If interested, please e-mail Peter Gess: pgess@mindspring.com

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Sunday Epistle & Gospel Readings

JUNE

6/4/2006	Gospel: John 17:1-13	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18,28-36
6/11/2006	Gospel: John 7:37-52; 8:12	Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
6/18/2006	Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38;19:27-30	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2
6/25/2006	Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 2:10-16

JULY

7/2/2006	Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:1-7
7/9/2006	Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 6:18-23
7/16/2006	Gospel: Matthew 5:14-19	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15
7/23/2006	Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 12:6-14
7/30/2006	Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35	Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 15:1-7

AUGUST

8/6/2006	Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9	Epistle: St. Peter's Second Universal Letter 1:10-19
8/13/2006	Gospel: Matthew 14:22-34	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 3:9-17
8/20/2006	Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16
8/27/2006	Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35	Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 9:2-12

Ordination of Father Nikolay Miletkov



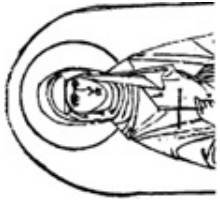
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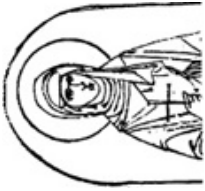


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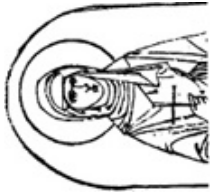
June 2006						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
28 8:30p Orthros and Divine Liturgy 8:30 a.m. summer schedule begins	29	30	31 12:00p fast free day, meat and dairy allowed	1 7:00p Hall Cleaning	2	3 Mindy Buhler Ceremony & WR @2.30
4 8:30a Orthros and Divine Liturgy 8:30 a.m.	5	6	7 6:00p Catechumen Class 7:00p Vespers	8 7:00p Hall Cleaning	9	10 12:00p Garrett Wedding Reception
11 8:30a Orthros and Divine Liturgy 8:30 a.m. 11:30a Pentecost, Trinity Sunday 12:00p Grimes Wedding and Reception	12 No Fasting this week	13	14 6:00p Catechumen Class 7:00p Parish Council	15 7:00p Hall Cleaning	16	17 12:00p Event sitting 12:00p Pope Wedding and Reception
18 8:30a Orthros and Divine Liturgy 8:30 a.m.	19 Fast of the Apostles begins	20	21 6:00p Catechumen Class 7:00p Vespers	22 7:00p Hall Cleaning	23	24 12:00p Camp Wedding
25 8:30a Orthros and Divine Liturgy 8:30 a.m. 11:30a General Assembly	26	27	28 5:00p SS Peter and Paul, Orthros and Divine Liturgy.	29 SS Peter and Paul 7:00p Hall Cleaning	30 Synaxis of the Apostles	1 12:00p Gilmer Wedding and Reception



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July 2006

	Mon 26	Tue 27	Wed 28	Thur 29	Fri 30	Sat 1
8:30a Orthros and Divine Liturgy 8:30 a.m. 11:30a General Assembly			5:00p SS Peter and Paul, Orthros and Divine Liturgy.	SS Peter and Paul 7:00p Hall Cleaning	Synaxis of the Apostles	12:00p Gilmer Wedding and Reception
2 8:30a Orthros and Divine Liturgy 8:30 a.m.	3 Independence Day	4	5 6:00p Catechumen Class 7:00p Vespers	6	7	8
9 8:30a Orthros and Divine Liturgy 8:30 a.m.	10	11	12 6:00p Catechumen Class 7:00p Parish Council	13	14	15
16 8:30a Orthros and Divine Liturgy 8:30 a.m.	17 Clergy Laity Congress in Nashville	18 Clergy Laity Congress in Nashville	19 Clergy Laity Congress in Nashville	20 Clergy Laity Congress in Nashville	21 Clergy Laity Congress in Nashville	22
23 8:30a Orthros and Divine Liturgy 8:30 a.m.	24 St. Stephens Camp	25 St. Stephens Camp	26 St. Stephens Camp	27 St. Stephens Camp 7:00p Hall Cleaning	28 St. Stephens Camp	29 St. Stephens Camp 12:00p Upton Wedding Reception
30 8:30a Orthros and Divine Liturgy 8:30 a.m.	31	1 Fast for the Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary	2 Fast for the Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary 6:00p Catechumen Class 7:00p Parakleseis	3 Fast for the Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary 7:00p Hall Cleaning	4	5 Fast for the Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary 6:00p - Aug 6, 6: 12:00a Event sitting 6:00p Shields Rental Only



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August 2006						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
30 8:30a Orthros and Divine Liturgy 8:30 a.m.	31	1 Fast for the Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary	2 Fast for the Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary	3 Fast for the Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary	4 Fast for the Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary	5 Fast for the Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary
6 Fast for the Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary	7 Fast for the Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary	8 Fast for the Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary	9 Fast for the Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary	10 Fast for the Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary	11 Fast for the Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary	12 Fast for the Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary
8:30a Orthros and Divine Liturgy 8:30 a.m. 12:00p Feast of the Holy Transfiguration	14 Fast for the Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary	15	16 Catechumen Class 7:00p Parakleseis	17	18	19
8:30a Orthros and Divine Liturgy 8:30 a.m.	21 5:00p Dormition of the Theotokos, Orthros and Divine Liturgy	22	23 Catechumen Class 7:00p Parish Council	24	25	26
20 8:30a Orthros and Divine Liturgy 8:30 a.m.	28 5:00p Beheading of the Forerunner, Orthros and Divine Liturgy	29	30 Catechumen Class	31	1	2
			6:00p Catechumen Class 7:00p Parakleseis	7:00p Hall Cleaning		6:00p - Aug 6, 6:12:00a Event sitting 6:00p Shields Rental Only
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