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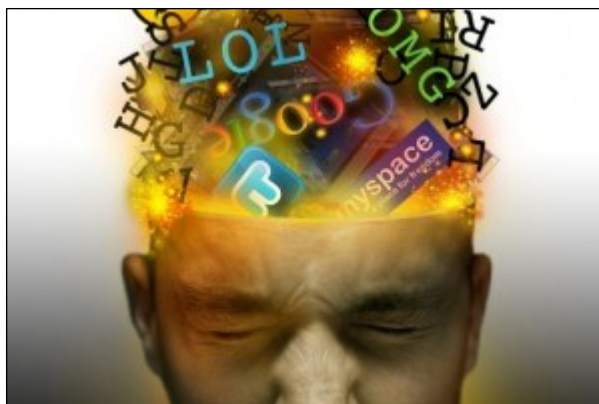
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FREE TIME AND INFORMATION OVERLOAD

Christ is risen!

Most probably the inventors of the internet, which modestly started as a small data sharing network, did not hope, even in their wildest dreams, that in less than 50 years their experiment will evolve into what is today the greatest information exchange that ever existed. The library of Alexandria?

Child play! Think about all that goes through the internet today: websites, e-mail, news, TV, social networks, entertainment, financials, do-it-yourself, phone calls, video calls, encyclopedias, e-books, maps and we're just scratching the surface. All you want is there



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COUNCIL CAPSULE

Christ is Risen!

Thank you for all contributing and participating in what was a wonderful Great Lent, and a beautiful and fulfilling Pascha. It was so gratifying to spend this time together worshipping and celebrating our Savior's resurrection as a parish family; I am overjoyed to be a part of this community. On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to also like to extend our appreciating to Father Vasile for all of his tireless efforts in preparing and serving all of the services of Great Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha! Additionally, I would like to thank everyone's participation in the Agape Luncheon. There was great food, excellent fellowship, and a good time.

With all of the effort and work that went into helping to coordinate activities of Holy Week and Pascha, I don't have a lot to report on the administrative side. However, I would like to take some time to point out a few very tangible things that have been progressed over this last month. For the first time in the last two years we managed to replace

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Free Time and Information overload*
- *Parish council Capsule: Time for everyone to get involved i the life of the parish*
- *The Stewardship program 2014 needs your attention*
- *Planning Committee News*
- *Foodfest 2014*

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COUNCIL'S CAPSULE

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all of the burnt out bulbs in the church replaced before Pascha. You may have noticed that the doors to one of our sheds have been replaced in such a manner to that replaced all rotted wood, and allow them to properly function as secure doors. Gas line breaks due to Cullum Drive work have been fixed. And of course, the Agape luncheon. I mention some of these things not to boast, but to underscore my last article where I raised the issue of committees. I have been involved in recent conversations where comments where

comments have been made that nothing seems to ever get done. I can understand this perception, because in a very real sense many very easily visible things don't get addressed in a timely fashion. However, this again supports the mission that the Parish Council currently has to define, and populate functional committees for the ongoing support and operation of the Parish, her grounds, and her administration. I have teased you all with this objective long enough and I expect to report to you in next month's article the first phase of this plan. Please understand that the Parish Council alone can-

not, nor were we ever intended, to be the sole work force for the Parish. We have a very definite leadership role in this regard, but the reality is that there is more to do than can competently be done by 12 people. I restate my previous plea to be thoughtful now about the amount of time you can dedicate, and the types of activities you would prefer or can assist with. The time is quickly approaching where each of you will be asked to help, in one manner or another.

Jeremy Ellis, Parish Council president

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PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Planning Committee met early in 2014 to finalize participation by various members of the Parish and to discuss the approach to preparation of a Strategic Plan for the continued growth of the Parish and its Ministries. The Planning Committee consists of 12 persons with representation of each Ministry or major parish activity by at least one parishioner, as follows:

Youth Ministries - George Moutafis;

Music - Sandra Geil;

Adult Education - Serban Morcovescu;

FoodFest - Jeremy Ellis;

Ageless Wonders - Margaret Chokas; and,

Philoptochos - Joanie Ruppel.

In addition, the Parish Council is represented by **Harry Karegeannes** and site planning, architectural, facilities development and cost estimation guidance is provided by **Presvytera Mirela Tudora** and **Stacia L. Dube**. **Joe Sullivan** and **George Vittas** are serving as co-chairs and **Father Vasile** is providing overall guidance to the effort.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held

on **Thursday, May 8th at 6:30 PM** in the "Paulos Addition" Conference Room of the "Damianos Peters Parish Center". At that time, the Committee members will discuss the summarized results of the Questionnaires completed and submitted by each Ministry representative. If you, as a member of the Parish, have any comments or inputs you desire to make with regard to current and future needs of the Parish, you are encouraged to please be sure to contact or see the most appropriate Ministry representative listed above, or any member of the Planning Committee...



FREE TIME AND INFORMATION OVERLOAD (CONT)

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waiting to be found at the literal touch of a finger. Nobody asks anyone anything before they "google" the information.

With an internet connection at hand one feels like a kid in a toy store, always ready to engage and discover. You wake up in the morning and the first thing you do is check your phone. Did I miss anything while I was asleep? How is the stock market doing? Any emergencies at work? How are my friends on Facebook, any silly selfies? Did anyone like my Instagram? How many likes did I get? We walk like zombies with our eyes glued to our smartphones even before we had the chance to get a cup of coffee. And who invented the rule that you can't text and drive? Was it not enough that you can't drink and drive? Lucky enough there are the red lights, where everyone checks what happened in the last three minutes from the previous red light. You don't believe me? Look around next time you're at a red light, that is if you're not on your phone.

This avalanche of information about everything and anything has turned all of us into infor-

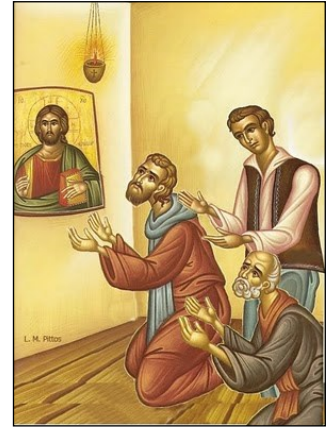
mation junkies. We constantly check our phones waiting for the next piece of news or conversation to pop out. We live and breathe information. There is only one downside to this addiction, we start having less and less time. Paradoxically, when we can find anything quicker than ever, we end up having less time than ever. Work doesn't get finished, conversations, unless virtual, are on the brink of extinction, human interactions are a bare because they take you away from the urge to know everything right now!

Where does this knowledge lead us to? One may say that if we search for the right information it is a good thing. Say one is interested in God; using just a smartphone one can find all the translations of the Bible ever imagined, all the writings of the Fathers, one can ask for spiritual advice online or even virtually attend a streamed Sunday service. Many times however we remain at the level of the search. Mesmerized of the information about the faith we don't have time anymore to actually live the faith. With so many virtual prayers books available we find no time to pray.

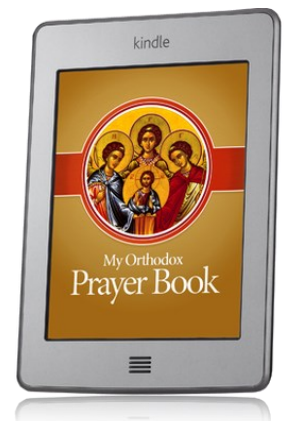
Having knowledge about God however does not mean one knows God. God is not in the information about Him. To know God is to be with Him, to experience the unmediated communion with Him. Knowledge is good only if it leads to action, knowledge without action is useless or even plain dangerous. Adam and Eve knew that they would die if they ate from the tree, yet they got tempted with the promise of even more knowledge. They knew enough to keep them in communion with God, to live forever in bliss, without lacking anything, yet they wanted more and, in that temptation, they lost paradise. Sometimes knowing more, especially before time, can lead us astray from practicing what we already do know. Our Christian forefathers have survived the Turks, the communists and everything else that stood against them, not because they knew everything about God and their faith, but because they took the time to apply what they already knew in every moment of their lives.

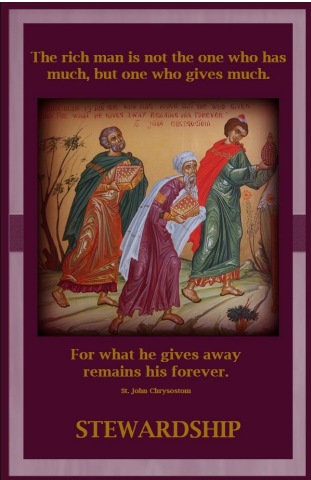
We should not understand all this as a rebellion against knowledge and an invitation to obscurantism, but as a

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2014 STEWARDSHIP - STEWARDSHIP AND FASTING

Renewed, Refreshed and Re-awakened! I know those words adequately describe my sentiments these days following the beautiful Holy week services. There is no greater joy than experiencing communion with God through such worship and praise to our Lord and Savior. Still glowing in the aftermath of Pascha I am reminded of all that I have and all that I do should be Christ centered. I'm thankful to be part of such a loving, welcoming church and look forward to our continued growth as a parish.

Stewardship is critical to the foundation of our church. We have so many things planned and high "hopes" to

do more but we need members to participate in the Stewardship ministry. Tim and I will increase our outreach in the coming months in the area of Stewardship.

We are four months into the year and have 96 stewards and \$190,342 pledged toward our goal of \$278,000. We're close, but not there yet. You can complete your pledge card online, hand it to one of the Parish Council members or mail in your pledge and commitment.

Tim Cline and I thank those Stewards who have already pledged their time, talent and treasure and ask those that haven't to please do so.

"A Rich Man is not one who has

much but one who gives much. For what he gives away remains his forever." St. John Chrysostom

Stewardship Ministry

Hope File and Tim Cline

FAST FROM
SELF-CONCERN;
FEAST ON
COMPASSION
FOR OTHERS.

THE LINK BETWEEN MATERIAL AND SPIRITUAL IS SHARING

The brothers said, "Why is it that the monks are obliged to go around begging for the food and clothes they need, like those who are in the world, although our Lord promised them, saying, 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and that of which ye have need shall be given to you' (Matt. 6:23)?"

The old man said, "This saying is a proof of the wisdom and grace of God toward those who are in the world, for in the majority of cases, the righteousness of the chil-

dren of this world consists of avarice and compassion; but the children of light are righteous people and monks who, in their persons, and in their bodies, and in their thoughts, serve our Lord. And God has made the monks to have need of the children of this world because of His love, so that they may care for each other, and may pray for each other; that is to say, the children of the world must care for the monks and the monks must pray in love for them.

"And as the children of the world make the monks associ-

ates with them in the corporeal things of the world, the monks must make the children of the world to be associates with them in the things of heaven, for our Lord spoke to the children of the world, saying, 'Make ye to yourselves friends of this mammon of iniquity so that when they have become perfect they may receive you into their tabernacles which are forever.' (Luke 16:9)"

E. A. Wallis Budge, "The Paradise of the Holy Fathers," (Seattle, St. Nectarios Press, 1984), p.304



FOOD FEST 2014

This year's Greek FoodFest will be held on October 10, 11 and 12, 2014... Taverna Night will open the FoodFest on the evening of Thursday, October 9th... All parishioners are respectfully urged to kindly note these dates and to please make plans to be available during those days.

As was began and successfully tested last year, this year we will continue the "Distributed Chairmanship" concept in the organization and management of FoodFest. The FoodFest 2014 Kickoff Meeting will be held on April 29th at 6:30 PM in the conference room of the Paulos Addition to the Damianos Peters Parish Center, to be attended by last year's Chairpersons and key managers. Any and all interested members of the Parish desiring to offer and share their

time with fellow parishioners in this critically important annual endeavor are invited to attend the kickoff meeting.

Last year's Chairpersons were as follows:

Taverna Night - Joanie Ruppel (Philoptochos)

Procurement - Larry Leeders assisted by Terry Poriotis

Site and Facilities - Jeremy Ellis

Food Services - Raj Shah (and a supreme cooking crew)

Beverages - Joe Sullivan

Retail - Margaret Chokas

Entertainment - Joanie Ruppel (also, Security)

After more than a decade of devoted service to the Parish

as past Festival Chairman and Procurement Manager, Larry Leeders will be stepping down from active management involvement in FoodFest 2014. The Parish owes Larry a great deal of gratitude for the sacrifices he has made in assuring the successes of the FoodFest over these many past years. Larry will continue as a volunteer FoodFest worker and advisor to the FoodFest Coordinator and the Purchasing Chairperson (to be named). A heartfelt thank you, Larry.

The first order of business at the kickoff meeting will be to confirm the Chairpersons and make use of lessons learned from FoodFest 2013 to refine the duties and responsibilities of the various Chairpersons and the Key Manager positions.



THIS YEAR'S GREEK FOODFEST WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 10, 11 AND 12, 2014

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2014

We encourage you all to actively participate in our Stewardship Program in 2014 by prayerfully considering your contribution in our 2014 stewardship program and beyond.

Our intent is to develop a culture at St. John's that emulates the Kingdom of God, here and now. We want it to be a place populated with

dedicated people, overflowing with joy, peace and love in the Lord, a place where everyone is welcomed. We want everyone to start living now as responsible citizens of the Kingdom; we want you to become active members at St. John's.

The Commitment Card you are asked to bring is a visible sign of the beginning of your

involvement. Before completing it, please give prayerful consideration to the commitment you are making. Giving is not a substitute for commitment - it is an expression of your commitment. The question is not, "How much do I give to say that I am a Steward?" but "*How can I thank God for my many blessings?*"





YOUTH MINISTRIES NEWS

We hope every family who is interested in Camp Emmanuel has registered. If you have not, here's what you need to know - the deadline is May 10: The camp will be held June 14-18 (junior level, for kids ages 11 to 14 years) and June 15-21 (senior level for kids ages 15 to 18 years). Fourteen year old campers who will be 15 before Oct, 1, 2014, are considered eligible to participate in the Senior session of Camp Emmanuel. The camp is held at the Manzano Mountain Retreat in Torreon, New Mexico, outside of Albuquerque.

Registration fee of \$340 is due May 10 (cost for families with more than one child attending is \$320). The early registration date has passed.

Alex Shah represented St. John's at the Metropolis Oratorical Festival at the end of March. Although he did not win, he did well and we are very proud of him!

The Lenten Retreat held in early April had a great turnout. We had eight students from St. John's attend: Katie Moutafis, Zoe Crawford, Elizabeth Seals, Zoe and Syd-

ney Georgulas, Joe Berca, and Matei and Luca Tudora,

The Myrophores did a wonderful job at Good Friday night services. Many thanks to Sandra Geil for organizing and to Maria Tudora for her help "on the ground."

Also a great thanks to the Acolytes that assisted Fr. Vasile for the beautiful services during Holy Week and Pascha. Many thanks to George Genovesos for coordinating their activity. We

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADS, WHO WERE HONORED APRIL 27

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Church School Parents and Students,

Wow! We had another terrific Journey to Pascha. I am so glad that we were able to participate in this beautiful program once again.

Thanks to all the students who attended our Lenten Retreat and helped with the making of our Palm Crosses. I am still learning how to make the Crosses. Many thanks to all the fabulous ladies without whom we would have truly struggled. Thanks to Corey Ellis, Allison Medvic and Harriet Blake for helping with the Lenten Retreat.

We will have our End of Church School Awards and Picnic on May 18th. Please look for upcoming emails for details.

We will begin Vacation Bible School the second week of June, that is June 9th to the 12th. We will meet Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A short enrollment form will be available soon. We are looking forward to a great week! We had such a fabulous time last summer, I look forward to seeing everyone again for more Summer Fun!

Many thanks to the Arapis Family, Aimee and Thomas Fox and the Zingas Family. Their efforts are greatly appreciated!

Upcoming Coffee Hour Hosts:

May 4th –Maretta and Mitch Chokas and the Maayeh family

Thank you to all of the families who have volunteered to host Coffee Hour on the behalf of Church School. We appreciate your kindness.

Veronica Fisher

Church School Coordinator



FREE TIME AND INFORMATION OVERLOAD (CONT)

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warning against the mirage of "knowing it all" that can be all consuming. Taking time for personal prayer, to physically be in church, to visit a friend in the hospital, to feed the hungry where they live, will help us more in discovering God than accessing raw information about Him. Knowing the Scriptures and the theology is fine, but God is not a theoretical Being, He is a real Trinity of Divine Persons that interact with each other and with us. From this interaction we learn Who He

is and who we are; by doing, by loving, by being together, now and into eternity.

A story from the monks of Egypt speaks about three brothers that were occasionally visiting an elder. Two of them always took advantage of the visits and had many questions to ask. The third one always just sat with them, asking nothing. After a few visits the elder asked him directly 'Don't you have any questions? Don't you want to know more?' The brother answered 'For me is enough to be in your presence'. In the

era of free but overwhelming information, we should consider taking the advice of the wise brother and, maybe, from time to time, just break free from the internet and acknowledge the presence of God around us. Share a cup of tea with a friend, watch a child at play, listen to a bird's song, and, by taking this time to think about God, you might be able to hear God knocking at the door of your heart.



YOUTH MINISTRIES NEWS (CONT)

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know there were some long hours!

Kudos, too, to Athena Russo, Corey Ellis and all parents who helped put together the Easter Egg Hunt. From the looks on the kids' faces, it was a major success!

Congratulations to our high school and college grads, who were honored April 27 with the annual Youth Ministries Graduation Luncheon. Nick File, Timmy Gianitsos, Peter Pursley, Elizabeth Seals, and Savva Zingas will graduate from area high schools this spring. In addition, Becky

Blake, Phil Leimbacher, Patrick and Philip Sullivan will receive degrees from their respective colleges. Good luck to all in this next exciting chapter!

The annual 2014 Philoptochos Scholarship was presented to Tim Gianitsos prior to the high school and college graduation luncheon. Peter Pursley was honored with the Youth Ministries Achievement Award for his dedicated service to the parish.

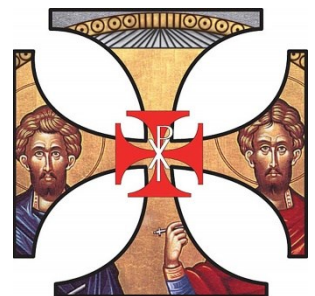
GOYA officers for 2014-2015 have been elected. *President:* Zoe Georgulas, *Vice-president:* Maria Tudora, *Secretary* Athena Adaska, *Treasurer* Alex Shah. Congratulations and

best wishes for a year full of activities!

Finally, the End of the Year Picnic will be held May 18. Join us as we celebrate the completion of another church school year. Margo Yantsou has graciously agreed to organize with help from Corey Ellis, Melissa Ellis and Marie Pachares. The church will provide the hotdogs and parents are asked to bring a sidedish. More details to come.

Harriet Blake
Youth Ministries Coordinator

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The Resurrection

CHOIR NOTES

Experience as a choir singer in my youth!

My first seven years I grew up in an Orthodox church where the parishioners were mostly Byelorussian immigrants or their descendants. We changed parishes when I was seven because my father had died in a train accident and there was no one in the house who could drive. We then attended a parish which was mostly Carpatho-Russian because the choir director was my uncle and we could get there for five cents a bus.

Both my brothers sang in the choir as basses but first I was drafted into the children's choir to sing as a high tenor along with my cousin Paul who is now a deacon in Florida. To deal with the switch from church Slavonic

CHRIST IS RISEN! ~ KHRISTOS VOSKRES!

to English, a children's choir sang part of the liturgy in English and later the adult choir sang for the complete liturgy in Church Slavonic. When the latter choir wasn't doing well, my uncle turned over the singing to the lady immigrants who threw back their heads and sang away in the style they grew up with in Europe called *prostopenia*.

For me, switching to the adult choir was difficult although I had learned the Russian alphabet in what I attended unwillingly - Russian school. By then I became a second soprano. Four of the singers in the early choir were relatives who had sung in church choirs in New York. The director got singers wherever he could, even by strong arming his brother or sisters. Other singers lived in the Passaic neighbor-

hood.

The voices and the dedication of the untrained singers were phenomenal. Eventually, there was a switch to an English liturgy with just some responses in Church Slavonic. However, the music of the great Russian composers was adapted into English (I have now sung Bortniansky's communion hymn in three languages). I am thankful for this past experience although at the time, it was somewhat of a chore.

Walter and I have visited Orthodox churches in Russian and Ukraine and to hear the chanting and the music from my youth has had me a bit weepy.

Dorothy Dempsey
Choir Member

MUSIC MINISTRY, CHOIR AND CHANTERS PAGE

THE PENTECOSTAL PERIOD - BY FR. GEORGE DRAGAS

The word, Pentecost means "the fiftieth" and is used to designate the great event of the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Epiphotesis) upon the Apostles and the Church on the 50th day after the Resurrection of Christ, just ten days after His Ascension into Heaven.

Before His Passion, the Lord spoke to his Disciples about the gift of the Holy Spirit, which they were to receive after the Ascension. After His Resurrection, the Lord appeared to the Disciples, and He said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (20:22). This was a foretaste of the Outpouring (Epiphotesis) on Pentecost Sunday.

Near the end of Saint Luke's Gospel, Christ tells His Disciples, "I will send you the One My Father has promised, but you must

stay in the city until you are given power from above" (24:49). It is in the Acts of the Apostles, however, that Saint Luke speaks of the fulfillment of this promise (Luke 2:1-4).

Since ancient times, the 50-day period from Pascha to Pentecost has been called Pentecost because what began with the Lord breathing the Holy Spirit on His Disciples was consummated with the full descent of the Spirit upon the Disciples and the whole Church. Thus, the Church was fully born and began to grow.

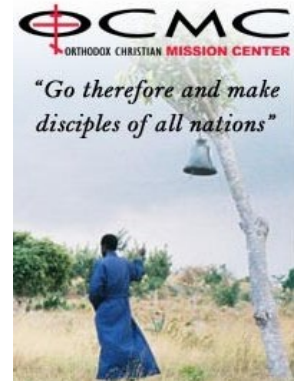
During this period, all kneeling is prohibited as a tangible confession of the Resurrection of Christ. It is only on the actual day of Pentecost that kneeling is resumed, and is connected with a special kneeling ceremony (*akolouthia gonyklesias*), which

consists of prayers for the gift of the Holy Spirit, hence the name, "Kneeling Day" (*tes gonatistes*) for Pentecost.

Later on, another week was added to these 50 days in order to celebrate the post-feast (*metheorta*) of the Feast of Pentecost. Thus, today the period of movable Feasts after Pascha spans eight weeks, to include the Sunday of All Saints (Agion Panton), and is divided into three parts: 1) The 40 post-festal days of Pascha, 2) The Feast of the Ascension, together with its post-festal period, and 3) The Feast of Pentecost together with its own post-festal period. The hymns of this period are contained in the special Pentecostal book, the *Pentecostarion*.



THE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN MISSION CENTER



The following letter has been submitted by Nancy Medvic's niece, Tamara Timko of St. Louis, Missouri. Please consider supporting this worthy cause.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has been over two hundred years since the Orthodox Christian Faith was proclaimed on the shores of Alaska, and for this reason, it is often considered America's Holy Land. Orthodoxy has become central to many of the native Alaskan cultures. But the Church faces many challenges as she continues to maintain an Orthodox witness and proclaim Christ while equipping a new generation of future believers and leaders to know and live their faith.

To help the Church in Alaska continue to enhance its youth ministries, the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) is sponsoring a team of missionaries who will offer a youth and family camp that encourages the community by providing a deeper understanding of the faith. The team will work side by side with elders and adults in the community of Ouzinkie on Kodiak Island, Alaska and empower the youth to live as Orthodox Christians in these socially challenging times.

While my daughter Isabel and I served as long-term missionaries for 2 years at the Hogar Rafael Ayau orphanage in Guatemala, staff often

commented how much it meant to them that I would give up "all that I had in the U.S." and bring my young daughter, then 4 years old, to the orphanage. I learned that sometimes just your presence can be a witness to Christ's love and touch someone's heart. In the 10 years since we've returned from the mission field, I've continually prayed for the peace that comes with missionary service. Once again God has called on us to serve, this time in another part of the world where there is just as much need for Christ's message. Isabel and I have been accepted to participate on the OCMC team to Alaska in July, 2014. We would like to invite you to be a part of this mission to strengthen the Orthodox faith in Alaska.

Please consider supporting the work of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center in Alaska through a financial contribution. If you choose to do so, you may donate online at the OCMC website <http://bit.ly/1fuVGGn> Donations can also be made by check made out to OCMC with

"Timko-Alaska" notated on the memo line and mailed to: OCMC, 220 Mason Manatee Way,

St. Augustine, FL 32086.

While financial support is important, it comes in a distant second to prayers. I ask that you not only pray for Isabel and I as we prepare and

travel to serve in Alaska, but also for the Church there.

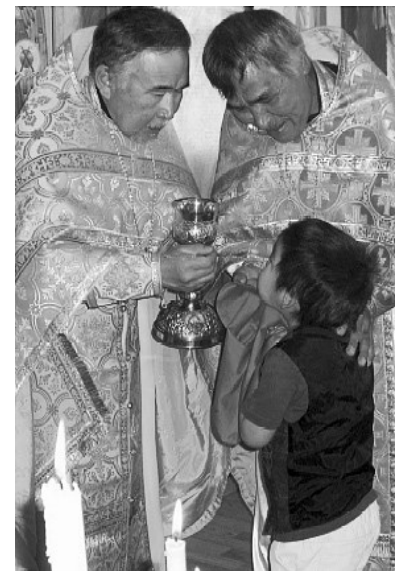
For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." Acts 13:47

Yours in Christ,

Tamara Timko

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SACRAMENTS IN THE PAST MONTH

Chrismations: Raquel Lindeman, Rafal Czajkowski, Jorge Pineda

40 day memorials: Eleni Plock, Stamatia (Estelle) Pappas

CATECHISM CLASSES AND GLADSOME LIGHT DIALOGUES

The Spring Catechism Semester will soon come to an end. We'll take a break for the Summer and we'll be back in first Sunday in September with our 2014-2015 Fall Semester

Inquirers into the Orthodox faith as well as Orthodox people that would like to enrich their faith are encouraged to attend.

Gladsome Light Dialogues will start with a new program led by Nick Stanosheck. Details to follow.

AGELESS WONDERS

For the Forerunner: The Ageless Wonders will meet on Tuesday, May 20 2014 at the church at 9 a.m to carpool and go to the Museum of Biblical Arts in Dallas. We will have a docent tour. Cost is \$9 per person. Then on to lunch Place TBA. Please keep the 6-8 of June open to help with the Philoptochos Garage Sale...Happy Mothers Day to all.....Margaret

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BY SIGNING
UP TO
SPONSOR A
SUNDAY WITH
YOUR
FAVOURITE
MINISTRY
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USHER SCHEDULE

- 1st Sunday: Tim Cline, Nik Stanosheck
- 2nd Sunday: Hope File, Michael Eftimie
- 3rd Sunday: Chris Geil, Olympia Genovezos
- 4th Sunday: Olga Papadopolou, Jeremy Ellis
- 5th Sunday: Kirsten Shah, Harry Karegeannes
- Fill In: Harry Karegeannes

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

- 1st Sunday: Jackson Wright, Alex Genovezos, Caleb Ellis, Luca Tudora
- 2nd Sunday: Michael Beebe, John Molhoek, Alex Shah, Chris Eftimie, Joseph Berca
- 3rd Sunday: James Seals, Alex Genovezos, Caleb Ellis, Luca Tudora, Matei Tudora
- 4th Sunday: Michael Beebe, John Molhoek, Alex Shah, Chris Eftimie, George Manos
- 5th Sunday: Michael Beebe, James Seals, Alex Genovezos, Alex Shah, Luca Tudora

COFFEE HOUR HOST

- 1st Sun: Sunday School
- 2nd Sun: Parish Council
- 3rd Sun: GOYA
- 4th Sun: Philoptochos
- 5th Sun: Parish Council (if applicable)

COFFEE HOUR DUTIES

SETUP

Arrange pastries/food in a desirable manner on the appropriate tables in the parish hall.

You are responsible for making the coffee. Make two pots: one regular, one decaf. Plug in be-



fore going into church. The instructions are in the kitchen.

Prepare a tray with sugar, creamer, sugar substitute, mixing straws, a few spoons. Set with trash bucket.

Put donation basket out with appropriate sign.

CLEAN UP


Wash all dishes soiled, including coffee pots.

Return sugar tray to kitchen and replenish it.

Wash off hall tables and kitchen counters.

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St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church
May 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Fasting Symbols:  Fast Free  Fish allowed	 Wine/oil allowed  Strict Fast					Great Vespers 5pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<i>Sunday of the Myrrh Bearers</i> Orthros 8:30am Divine Liturgy 9:30am Catechism Class Greek Dance Practice ??			 Paraklesis 6pm			Camp Emmanuel Deadline Great Vespers 5pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<i>Sunday of the Paralytic Mothers' Day</i> Orthros 8:30am Divine Liturgy 9:30am Artoclasia & Memorial Service		Vespers 6pm	 <i>Mid Pentecost</i> Divine Liturgy 6 am			Great Vespers 5pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<i>Sunday of the Samaritan Woman</i> Orthros 8:30am Divine Liturgy 9:30am End of Year Church School Awards & Picnic		Ageless Wonders 9 a.m. Vespers 6pm	 Sts. Constantine & Helen Divine Liturgy 6am			Great Vespers 5pm
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<i>Sunday of the Blind Man</i> Orthros 8:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am Catechism Class			 Apodosis of Pascha Vigil 6pm	HOLY ASCENSION Divine Liturgy 6am		Younger baptism 10:00 am Mourton baptism 2:00 pm Great Vespers 5pm



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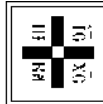
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