

## From The Holy Fathers:

By obedience a man is guarded against pride. Prayer is given for the sake of obedience. The grace of the Holy Spirit is also given for obedience. This is why obedience is higher than prayer and fasting.

(St. Silouan the Athonite, Writings, XV.4)

Obedience is necessary not only for monks, but for all people. Even the Lord was obedient. The proud and self-regarding do not allow grace to live in them, and therefore they never have spiritual peace, while in the obedient soul the grace of the Holy Spirit enters easily and gives joy and peace. Whoever bears even a little grace in himself joyfully submits himself to all direction. He knows that God directs even the heavens and the netherworld, and himself, and his business, and everything in the world, and therefore he is always at peace.

(St. Silouan the Athonite, Writings, XV.2)

If you want to attain salvation, learn and keep in your heart all that the holy Church teaches and, receiving heavenly power from the mysteries of the Church, walk the path of Christ's commandments, under the direction of lawful pastors, and you will undoubtedly attain the Heavenly Kingdom and be saved. All of this is naturally necessary in the matter of salvation, necessary in its entirety and for all. Whoever rejects or neglects any part of it has no salvation.

(St. Theophan the Recluse, Five Teachings on the Path to Salvation, 3)

A certain monk asked St. Anthony the Great, "What must I do to be saved?" The elder answered him, "Don't trust in your own righteousness, don't worry about what's past, and constrain your tongue and your stomach."

(Ancient Patericon, 1.2)

Another brother asked Abba Macarius, "How can I be saved?" The elder answered him, "Be like one dead: do not think about insults from people, nor of glory, and you will be saved."

(Ancient Patericon, 10.45)

In the spiritual life we can do nothing worthy without repentance, but the Lord has much mercy on us because of our intentions. He who compels himself and holds on to repentance until the end, even if he sins is saved because he compelled himself, for the Lord promised this in the Gospel.

(St. Mark the Ascetic, Homilies, 3)

## UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

No Church School today – Church School will resume in Sept.

**Sat. June 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> – Breakfast Buffet from 9am-1pm**

**Sun. June 10<sup>th</sup> – Missions Team Coffee Hour**

**Mon.-Tues. June 11-16<sup>th</sup> ~ Good Shepherd Church School Training – held at Holy Assumption on Canton Ohio.**

**Wed., June 13<sup>th</sup> 6pm - Parish Council Meeting**

**Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> – Fr. Joseph Gall and family will be celebrating the Liturgy –Great Vespers Sat. (16<sup>th</sup>) at 6pm**

**Sat. June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Readers Vespers – 6pm**

**Sun. June 24<sup>th</sup> – Divine Liturgy -- Fr. David Smoley and Fr. Dcn. David Donch serving.**

**Thurs. June 28<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers for Sts. Peter and Paul**

**Fri. June 29<sup>th</sup> – Patronal Feast Day Divine Liturgy – 9:30**

- Service of Anointing – 2pm

- Parish Picnic 4-8pm

**Sun. July 2<sup>nd</sup> – Panahidka for Nickoli Emelianow following Liturgy – luncheon to follow**

**Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> – Chicken BBQ – 12noon -3pm**

**July 22-27<sup>th</sup> –All American Council- St. Louis, MO**

**July 22-28<sup>th</sup> – Camp Nazareth**

**August 6<sup>th</sup> – Pilgrimage to the Holy Transfiguration Monastery.**

## MISSIONS TEAM

~~ During the Month of June the team will be collecting items for “Emergency Care Bags” for victims of human trafficking. Items are listed on the Missions Team BB in the hall.

~Next Meeting to be held on Sunday July 2nd following Coffee Hour.

Fr. Daniel will be on Vacation from June 16-25<sup>th</sup> and July 4-14<sup>th</sup> Please contact Fr. David Smoley during this time for any pastoral needs you may have. [holysmoley@roadrunner.com](mailto:holysmoley@roadrunner.com) 814-823-4707

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**Glory to Jesus Christ!**

**Glory Forever!**

**2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1. All Saints of America (All Saints of Russia). Hieromartyr Timothy, Bishop of Prussa (4th c.). Ven. Silvanus, Schema-monk, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th-14th c.). Finding of the Relics of St. Vasily (Basil), Bishop of Riazan' (1609). St. John Maximovitch, Metropolitan of Tobol'sk (1715). Martyr Alexander and Virgin Martyr Antonina at Constantinople (ca. 313). Ven. Theophanes of Antioch (369). St. Bassian, Bishop of Lodi in Lombardy (409).**

**PLEASE INCLUDE THESE OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS: Those in need –Fr. Andrew, Fr. David, Mat. Gail, Mat. Donna, Mat. Pirsilla, Teresa, Pearl, William, Karen, John, Mary, Stavros, Marilyn, Theona, Ann, Timothy, Jeremiah, Delani, The Homebound..., Tanya, Richard, Helen, , Irene, Ruth, Josephine, William, Claudia... Travelers.. ...Catechumens –Christian ...Our Missionaries Abroad...Fr. David and Mt. Rozanne, Military servers...Greg ...Departed Orthodox...Newly Departed – Catherine Kirzmanich John Bicko, John Sekel, Ann, Katherine. Vernon, Paul, James, Andrew, Peter, Paul, Margaret, Michael Mary Ann, Timothy... Special requests... Anthony, Ian, Paul, Daleen, Penni, James, Sean, Liam, Susan, James, Joel, Jen, Roger, Jasmine, Cassandra, Raquel, Zera Kim....**

**Today's Hymns** Tone 1 Troparion

**(Resurrection)**

**When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world.**

**The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ!**

**Glory to Thy Kingdom!//**

**Glory to Thy dispensation, O thou who lovest of mankind!”**

**Tone 8 Troparion (All Saints of North America)**

**As the bountiful harvest of Thy sowing of salvation, the lands of North America offer to Thee, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them.**

**By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!**

**Tone 1 Kontakion (Resurrection)**

**As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself.**

**Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master!**

**Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee://**

**“Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”**

**Tone 3 Kontakion (All Saints of North America)**

**Today the choir of Saints who were pleasing to God in the lands of North America now stands before us in the Church and invisibly prays to God for us.**

**With them the Angels glorify Him,**

**and all the Saints of the Church of Christ keep festival with them; //**

**and together they all pray for us to the Pre-eternal God.**

**Tone 1 Prokeimenon**

**Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee!**

**(Ps 32/33:22)**

**v: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps 32/33:1)**

**Tone 7 Prokeimenon**

**Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. (Ps 115/116:15)**

**Tone 1**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**v: God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me..**

**(Ps 17/18:47)**

**v: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Ps 17/18:50)**

**v: Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, O ye righteous! (Ps 31/32:11)**

*Today's Scripture Readings:*

**Romans 2:10-16 (Epistle)**

but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For there is no partiality with God. For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

**Hebrews 11:33-12:2 (Epistle)**

(W)ho through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Matthew 4:18-23 (Gospel)**

And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” They immediately left their nets and followed Him. Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called

them, and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

**Matthew 4:25-5:12 (Gospel, Saints)**

Great multitudes followed Him – from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan. And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30 (Gospel)**

Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. Then Peter answered and said to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?” So Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.

But many who are first will be last, and the last first.