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BULLETIN OF JANUARY 11, 2009

Please Remember in Prayer

Judy Weber and Don Coughlin (both recovering from major surgery this past week), Jane Koshutko, Carole Boris, Bill Parrish, Robert Evanusa, Daria, Nicholas, Yvonne, Katherine, Gregory, Olga Leisure, Valentina, Nina Gordon, Fr. Christian, Constantina & Christos, Alicia & Susannah. If you have a prayer request, let Fr. John know.

Annual Meeting – Next Sunday!

The 2009 Annual Meeting of the Parish will be on, Sunday, January 18th, following the Coffee Hour. The main task of the Annual Meeting is to pass the 2009 Budget and to elect the new Parish Council. All full-time and part-time members, as well as visitors and contributors to the Mission are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions regarding the meeting or are interested in serving on the Council, please speak with Fr. John.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

8:40a.m. Hours
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour
Choir Practice

MONDAY, JANUARY 12TH

7:00p.m. Orthodox Movie

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH

6:00p.m. Great Vespers

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18TH

SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY

8:40a.m. Hours
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour
Annual Meeting



Choir Practice – Today

following the coffee hour. All choir members and those interested are encouraged to attend. This will be our first practice with our new choir directors, Romanos and Genevieve!

Orthodox Movie Night - Tomorrow

On Monday night at 7:00pm we will show the new documentary, "Expelled – No Intelligence Allowed." Expelled is a feature-length film in which host Ben Stein (Ferris Bueller's Day Off) embarks on a quest to unveil new scientific facts that may suggest evidence of intelligent design in the universe and expose the suppression of such evidence by science's anti-theist elite. Run-time is 90 mins. All invited. Discussion to follow.

Do not fear the conflict, do not flee it. Where there is no struggle, there is no virtue. Where love and faith are not tested, it is not possible to be sure whether they are really present. They are tried and revealed in adversity, in difficult and grievous circumstances.

St. John the Chrysostom

Bible Study – Monday, January 19th

Next Monday's Bible Study will be on "The Meeting of the Lord in the Temple" (Luke 3:21-23). Bring your Bible and a friend!

Reading Group – Date Changed to Monday, February 9th

Due to a scheduling conflict for a meeting with Met. Jonah we will be discussing this text on Monday, February 9th, at 7:00pm instead of January 26th. Sorry for the change! Additional copies of the text, "The Life and Teachings of St. Silouan of Mount Athos" are available in the back of the church.

House Blessing

It is the custom among many Orthodox Christians to have their homes blessed with the holy water sanctified on or after Theophany (the feast which commemorates the Baptism of the Lord in the Jordan River). If you would like your home blessed, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the back of the church. Questions? Please ask Fr. John.



READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, Jan. 18th

Kathy Parrish

Sunday, Jan. 25th

Jen Alexion



MET. JONAH TO TAKE PART IN 2009 MARCH FOR LIFE

SYOSSET, NY [OCA Communications] -- On Thursday, January 22, 2009, His Beatitude, Metropolitan Jonah will join Orthodox Christian clergy and faithful from across America for the 36th annual March for Life in Washington, DC.

On the evening of Wednesday, January 21, 2008, Metropolitan Jonah will celebrate Vespers at St. Nicholas Cathedral, Washington, DC, at 7:00 PM. The following day, he will take part in the March and will be one of the first religious leaders to give a message at the rally on Capitol Hill. That evening, Metropolitan Jonah will give the invocation at the March for Life's annual Rose Dinner at the Hyatt Regency Washington.

"The Orthodox Church in America has designated the Sunday before January 22, the annual date for the March for Life, as 'Sanctity of Life Sunday,'" said OCA Director of Communications, Archpriest Andrew Jarmus. "This year, the Sanctity of Life Sunday will fall on January 18. We will shortly be posting Metropolitan Jonah's message for the Sanctity of Life Sunday and special petitions to be included in the Divine Liturgy on that day."

More information about the 36th March for Life may be found at www.marchforlife.org.



FOR CONSIDERATION



**Now, hold still while I
take that speck out of your eye!**



QUESTIONS ABOUT HOLY WATER

Q. When should I drink holy water?

A. When you feel a spiritual need, that is when you find yourself strongly tempted; feel in an evil way; are about to set out on a journey; will miss the divine services; before a difficult encounter; in illness, afflictions, etc.. It is the custom of some pious people to take a drink of holy water the first thing every day before they eat or drink anything else (not on days when they receive Holy Communion).

Q. Where should I keep the holy water?

A. Some keep the holy water in their icon corner and others in the refrigerator.

Q. Does holy water have magical powers?

A. No. But it is matter that is "spirit-bearing" which brings the blessing of God, cleansing, healing, and can be used for every purpose that is expedient.

A PRAYER BEFORE A JOURNEY

O Lord Jesus Christ our God, the true and living way, be Thou, O Master, my companion, guide and guardian during my journey; deliver and protect me from all danger, misfortune and temptation; that being so defended by Thy divine power, I may have a peaceful and successful journey and arrive safely at my destination. For in Thee I put my trust and hope, and to Thee, together with Thine Eternal Father, and the All-holy Spirit, I ascribe all praise, honor and glory: now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.



OCN GIVING AWAY FREE IPOD FOR SHARE THE LIGHT SUNDAY

Ft. Lauderdale, FL. [OCN] -- The Orthodox Christian Network [OCN] is giving away a free iPod, loaded with Orthodox music and the complete archives of Come Receive the Light, the national Orthodox radio program.

Individuals can find more information on how to win the iPod by visiting www.myocn.net.

The giveaway is part of this year's celebration of Share the Light Sunday on January 18, 2009, an annual event designated by the Standing Conference of the Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas [SCOBA] to spread the word about OCN's programs and mission, and to raise financial support for the growth of its national outreach programs.

Parishes throughout North America traditionally observe Share the Light Sunday by taking a special offering, reading the Share the Light Sunday encyclical letter by the SCOBA hierarchs, and featuring OCN's ministry in parish publications and announcements.

"This year, we're expecting to see even greater grassroots participation in Share the Light Sunday," Fr. Christopher Metropulos, the Executive Director of OCN, said. "We hope individual supporters and parishes will introduce thousands of people to OCN by telling them about the iPod giveaway and our mission to use modern media to share the timeless truth of Orthodoxy with the modern world."

Individuals can register to win the iPod by visiting www.myocn.net and signing up for OCN's free weekly e-Newsletter. Every new registrant will be automatically entered to win. In addition, supporters of OCN can increase their chances of winning by recruiting others to sign up for the e-Newsletter.

"Don't just be passive, spread the word," Fr. Metropulos said. "Tell your family, friends and fellow parishioners about OCN and encourage them to sign up for the iPod. 2008 was a year of tremendous growth for this ministry, and, with your help, we can make 2009 even better." More information on the giveaway, and how you can increase your chances of winning by recruiting others, is available on the OCN website.

The Orthodox Christian Network (OCN) is a pan-Orthodox media agency of SCOBA, the Standing Conference of the Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas. OCN uses modern media to raise awareness of the Orthodox Christian faith in the minds of the general population and designs media tools for local parishes. OCN also produces Come Receive the Light, a nationally syndicated Orthodox radio program, as well as many other podcasts and Internet radio stations. Visit www.myocn.net for more information.



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A PRAYER OF A SICK PERSON

O Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior, Physician of souls and bodies, who didst become man and suffer death on the Cross for our salvation, and through Thy tender love and compassion didst heal all manner of sickness and affliction; do Thou O Lord, visit me in my suffering, and grant me grace and strength to bear this sickness with which I am afflicted, with Christian patience and submission to Thy will, trusting in Thy loving kindness and tender mercy. Bless, I pray Thee, the means used for my recovery, and those who administer them. I humbly pray Thee, look upon my weakness, and deal not with me after my sins, but according to the multitude of Thy mercies. Have compassion on me, and deliver me from this sickness and suffering I am undergoing. Grant that my sickness may be the means of my true repentance and amendment of my life according to Thy will, that I may spend the rest of my days in Thy love and fear: that my soul, being helped by Thy grace and sanctified by Thy Holy Mysteries, may be prepared for its passage to the Eternal Life, and there, in the company of Thy blessed Saints, may praise and glorify Thee with Thine Eternal Father and Life-giving Spirit. Amen.





THE TIME TO TITHE IS NOW: IT IS A SPIRITUAL ADVENTURE

You will never be in a better position to tithe, or give 10% of your income, than you are today. Whether you can tithe has relatively little to do with the amount of your income or the number of your financial obligations. The person who says, "After I pay all my bills, I can't afford to tithe," is telling the truth. He or she simply has the cart before the horse. None of us could afford to tithe with what's left. Tithing is a matter of putting first things first, taking our tithe out first, and then wisely managing the rest of our income in a way in which we still pay our bills.

REWARDS OF TITHING

Honor the Lord with the first fruits... then will your plate be filled with food!

As for the rewards of tithing, one thing is certain: As far as MATERIAL needs are concerned, there will be enough; as far as SPIRITUAL needs are concerned there will be more than enough; ABUNDANCE, seven time as much, for if you tithe with the proper motives, you will be less and less attached to material things and your soul will be able to soar to undreamed spiritual heights. For tithing is a way of life and it will affect every area of your spiritual life and influence every facet of your efforts to become a better Christian.

If we part with what we hold dear – our money – then we will soon be able to part with other things we may cling to – things that may prevent us from practicing virtue: selfishness with our time or talent; stubbornness of will, refusal to listen to another's point of view.

In a word, we will overcome selfishness in all its varied forms, and after all, is it not selfishness that prevents our spiritual growth; selfishness prefers one's own will to the will of God.

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DID YOU KNOW?

- ❖ One sixth of all of the words of Jesus Christ are concerned with the relationship of a person and his material possessions.
- ❖ One third of Christ's parables are devoted to man's preoccupation with money.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Christ says in Matthew 6:21, "Where your treasure is there shall your heart be also." What a person does with his money, how he thinks about it, where he spends it, what he will do to earn it, and the things to which he will give it are some of the real clues to who he is inside, to what is essentially important to him, to what is really in his heart.

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

"Let each of you regularly on the first day of the week set aside a proportion as God has prospered him." (1 Cor. 16:2)

"Bring all the tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house. And test Me now with this, says the Lord, to see if I will not open the windows of Heaven for you, and pour out a blessing for you, until there is not enough room." (Mal. 3:11)

PROPORTIONATE MONTHLY / YEARLY OFFERING GUIDE

Annual Income	10%		8%		6%		4%	
	Year	Month	Year	Month	Year	Month	Year	Month
20,000	2,000	166	1,600	133	1,200	100	800	66
30,000	3,000	250	2,400	200	1,800	150	1,200	100
50,000	5,000	416	4,000	333	3,000	250	2,000	164
75,000	7,500	625	6,000	500	4,500	375	3,000	250
100,000	10,000	833	8,000	667	6,000	500	4,000	333