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BULLETIN OF OCTOBER 19, 2014

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH
19th Sunday of Pentecost
8:40a.m. Hours
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH
6:00p.m. Great Vespers

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH
20th Sunday of Pentecost
8:40a.m. Hours
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour

READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, Oct. 26th
Gabriela Jones
Sunday, Nov. 2nd
George Kaloroumakis

On the Way to Salvation

Order your soul; reduce your wants; live in charity; associate in Christian community; obey the laws; trust in Providence.

St. Augustine

A Warm Welcome!
We warmly welcome all of our visitors! It's good to have you!

Crawlspace Work Project Update

Work has begun to fix the drainage and structural issues within the crawlspace beneath the Parish Center. A second collection will be taken at the end of the Divine Liturgy while the work is being done to fund this necessary project. Everyone is kindly asked to financially support this project without decreasing support for the day-to-day operations of the Mission. The income and expenses for the crawlspace project are noted in the financial summary at the bottom of the bulletin. Questions, please see, Cheryl, George, or Fr. John.

Prayers for the Healing Ministries – Sun., Nov. 2nd will be offered at the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Nov. 2nd, the Sunday following the feast of Ss. Cosmas and Damian, the Wonderworkers and Unmercenary Healers (Nov. 1st). Doctors, pharmacists, dentists, nurses, counselors and all those involved in the fields of health and wellness are asked to come forward near the conclusion of the Liturgy for a prayer and blessing.

St. Michael's Party – Sun., Nov. 2nd

On Sunday, Nov. 2nd (the Sunday after Halloween and before the Feast of the Archangels – November 8th) we will have a St. Michael's Party for the children. *After the Divine Liturgy*, the children will get dressed up as Saints and Angels and have a parade during the coffee hour. Questions, please see Mat. Emily.

2015 Calendars & Pocket Planners can be ordered via the order sheet in the back of the church. The calendars are $5.00 a piece and the pocket planners $4.00. The order sheet will be in the back of the church for the next month or so.

2014 Assembly of the Archdiocese of Washington will be held on Saturday, November 15th, at St. Mark Orthodox Church in Bethesda, MD. Should you wish to attend either as a delegate or observer, please let Fr. John know.

Daylight Savings Time – Sunday, Nov. 2nd

Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour on Sunday, November 2nd, otherwise you will be early for the Divine Liturgy (of course, worse things can happen!).

CASH FLOWS THROUGH 9/30/14					CASH FLOWS IN OCTOBER 2014					PROJECT CRAWLSPACE			FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT		
OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	AS OF: 10/19			AS OF: 10/19		
Income	*Expense*	*Income*	*Expense*	*Net*	*Income*	*Expense*	*Income*	*Expense*	*Net*	*Income*	*Expense*	*Net*	*Checking*	*Overdue*	*Mortgage*
53,307	51,349	8,410	10,484	-116	2,960	4,442	0	0	-1,482	2,968	4,615	-1,647	6,901	0	351,741

TOP 10 TIPS TO LIVING AN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN WAY OF LIFE

1) Attend the Divine Services

Participation in the liturgical life of the church is at the heart of the Orthodox way of life. Regular attendance on Sunday mornings, Saturday evenings, the 12 Great Feasts, and other special times throughout the year (like Great Lent), is a must to living a healthy Christian life. Check the calendar.

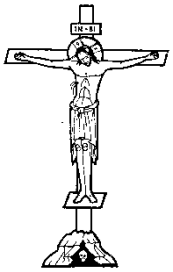
2) Confess Your Sins

Ask God to help you see your own faults and weaknesses. Go to the Sacrament of Confession with sorrow for what you've done and hope for a new beginning through God's grace and mercy. Confession should be regular, once a month or more; at the very least during the four fasting seasons.

3) Receive Holy Communion

Frequent and fervent reception of the Body and Blood of Christ is indispensable to growing closer to God. Be sure to follow the preparation guidelines, make frequent confession, and remember to offer prayers of thanksgiving afterwards.

4) Keep the Fasts



Fasting on Wednesdays, Fridays, and other fasting days and seasons, helps us to deny ourselves, take up our crosses and follow Christ. Regular fasting helps keep the body health and the soul pure. Health issues, questions? Ask your priest.

5) Make Your Home a Family Church

Maintain an icon corner where you say your morning and evening prayers. Place an icon or cross in every room so that you remember God during the day. Have your home blessed each year. Pray unceasingly.

6) Be a Good Steward

Give of yourself, always remembering that God will hold each of us accountable for the time, talents, and treasure He has entrusted to our care. Our stewardship indicates what we truly love (God or other things), for where our treasure is, there will our heart be also.

7) Study the Scriptures

Read from the Holy Bible every day without fail. This is God's Word to you. Your church wall calendar gives the appointed Epistle and Gospel reading for each day.

8) Assembly a Home Library

In addition to the Scriptures, we should read the Lives of the Saints, the writings of the Holy Fathers, and other spiritual texts. Ask your priest for some advice. What are you reading now?

9) Be Quick to Forgive and Slow to Judge

Always ask forgiveness when we hurt someone, even if it is unintentional. Remember that if we don't forgive others, then God won't forgive us. Likewise, don't judge your neighbor or you will fall under God's just judgment.

10) Trust in God; Not Yourself

Believe what the Lord teaches through His Church. Don't subject the Word of God to your own personal opinion; we don't know better than He does. The way to the Kingdom is to follow Christ; we cannot make it there ourselves.

DIVINE AND MEDICAL AID

A Counsel of the Elder Epiphanios of Athens (+1989)

"When we have a certain problem with our health, is it sufficient for us to call upon divine aid or can we take refuge in medical science as well?"

To this the Elder replied: "God accepts both. Give the physician his place, for the Lord created him, let him not leave you, for there is need of him. There is a time when success lies in the hands of physicians, for they too will pray to the Lord that he should grant them success in diagnosis and in healing, for the sake of preserving life… healing is from the Highest… the Lord created medicines from the earth, a wise man does not reject them."

"Taking the benefits offered by medical science does not preclude calling upon divine help. That is, the Christians, without rejecting medical aid, must pray that God enlighten the doctors to make the correct diagnosis, to proceed to the necessary tests and to determine the appropriate therapy. They should ask God to enlighten them to cooperate with the doctor, to strengthen them in patience so that they come out gaining profit of soul from their trial, and if it is His will and for the advantage of their soul, to deliver them from sickness."

ASK FATHER: 1 QUESTION / 1 ANSWER

Why do Orthodox Christians seem to worship saints and pray to them if there are to be no gods before the One True God? Should we not just use their lives as examples?

While in the Orthodox Church we do pray to saints, we definitely do not worship them. Prayer in the Biblical sense is simply communication; talking with God or even talking with each other. And as God is the God of the living and those united to Christ are alive in Him, we do not feel death to be an obstacle to continued communication or prayer with the Lord's saints (remember St. Paul calls all Christians "saints" or "holy ones"). Of course, after death the communication between us and the saints becomes less earthly and more spiritual, more like the manner in which we communicate with God Himself.

As far as honoring the saints, we do this because, as you have said, they are examples for us. And in the saints we see God's own light, love, glory, etc. – it is God Himself who is glorified in His saints (2 Thess. 1:10). The saint is simple a vessel of God's grace, simply a mirror reflecting the Lord's glory. And so, by honoring the saints, we honor God Himself Who through the redemptive work of Jesus Christ has made it possible for mankind to be holy once again. If we don't honor the saints, we can't properly honor God.

EVANGELISM. EVANGELIZATION. EVANGELIZE.

These terms are sometimes misunderstood. **Evangelization <u>is *not*</u>:**

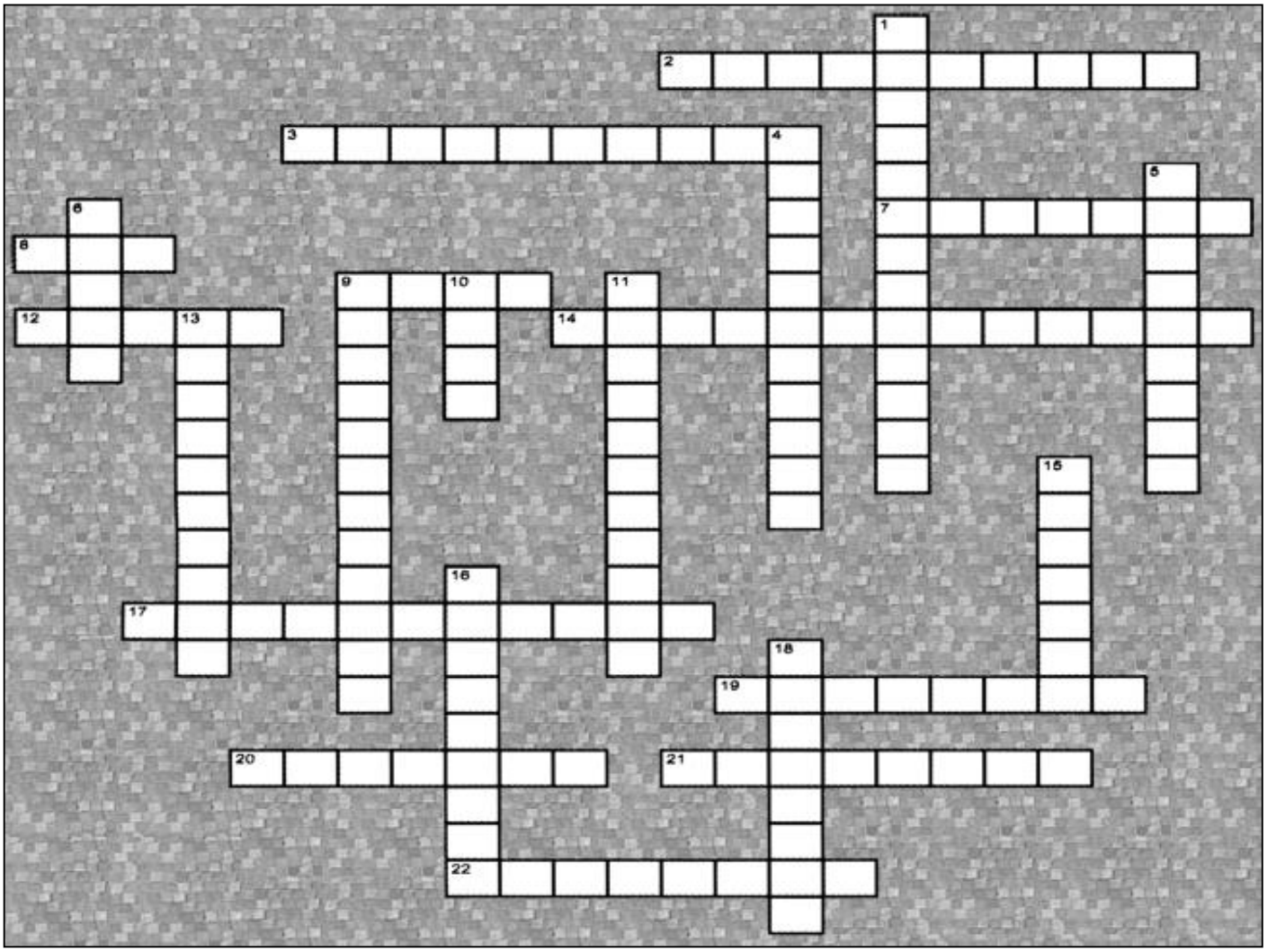
- just "something Protestants do".
- just "something only clergy do".
- just "another facet" of Christian life.

To the contrary, evangelization is – *and always has been* – at the very heart of the Church's life and experience. "Let us note that the very Tradition, teaching, and faith of the Church which the Lord gave was, from the beginning, preached by the apostles and preserved by the Fathers," writes St. Athanasius. "On this the Church was founded… The Lord sent out the apostles and commanded them to make this the foundation of the Church when He said, "Go out and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Evangelization, then, <u>*is*</u>:

- the ***sharing of the Good News*** of the risen Christ with others.
- the ***utilization and application of our faith*** in day-to-day activities, behavior, and relationships.
- the ***calling of every Orthodox Christian***.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP



Across

2. Ours must be aligned with the will of God.
3. Our giving needs to be this.
7. Withholding what belongs to God (Mal. 3:8-9).
8. Owner of everything.
9. Created by God for us.
12. God's best gift to us.
14. Desiring what does not belong to me.
17. The result of following God's will.
19. Is properly managed by a steward.
20. Husband who was an unfaithful steward.
21. This type of steward pleases God.
22. Wife who was an unfaithful steward.

Down

1. Giving according to what we receive.
4. Commended by Paul for their stewardship.
5. The things we hold dear to us.
6. God puts these in the purse of unfaithful stewards (Hag. 1:6).
9. Defines the attitude of a steward.
10. Widow's gift.
11. The things God has given to us.
13. This type of steward displeases God.
15. Defines the life of a steward.
16. Promised to faithful stewards (Mal. 3:10).
18. Divine use of our gifts.

Across
2. Priorities
3. Systematic
7. Robbery
8. God
9. Time
12. Jesus
14. Coveteousness
17. Fulfillment
19. Finances
20. Ananias
21. Faithful
22. Sapphira

Down
1. Proportionate
4. Corinthians
5. Treasures
6. Holes
9. Thanksgiving
10. Mite
11. Possessions
13. Unfaithful
15. Service
16. Blessings
18. Ministry