

A WORD FOR THE DAY

We must always pray the Lord for peace of soul, that woman the more easily fulfill the Lord's commandments; for the Lord loves those who strive to do His will, and thus they attain profound peace in God.

He who does the Lord's will is content with all things, be he poor or sick and suffering, because the grace of God gladdens his heart. But the man who is discontented with his lot, and murmurs against his fate, or against those who cause him offense, should realize that his spirit is in a state of pride, which has taken from him his sense of gratitude towards God.

But if it be so with you, do not lose heart but try to trust firmly in the Lord, and ask Him for a humble spirit; and when the lowly spirit of God comes to you, you will then love Him and be at rest in spite of all afflictions

The soul that has acquired humility is always mindful of God, and thinks to herself, 'God created me; He suffered for me; He forgives me my sins and comforts me; He feeds and cares for me. Why, then, should I take thought for myself, or what is there to fear even if death threaten me?'

St. Silouan the Athonite

Being brought into communion with God, "deification," is not a matter of removing ourselves from the fabric of our humanity, transcending ourselves in the vain hope of becoming whatever we might think of as divine. It is rather a matter of modeling ourselves upon Christ: being servants of all, just as he was the servant of all; loving others above our own selves; laying down our lives for others—just as did Christ—so to be crucified with him.

All of this goes against the grain; it is not the pattern of life that the world teaches us to emulate. We are called to embody way of life that all our worldly being—our flesh—reacts against. Of ourselves, as flesh, we cannot do this. But the marvelous thing is that the strength of God is made manifesting the weakness of the flesh (cf. 2 Cor. 12:9). All the human flesh can ultimately do is to die; our whole life should now be directed to making sure that we die in Christ rather than outside of him, to live a life of service for others, to laying down our lives, as his did for us.

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**7th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 6. Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council.
Afterfeast of Ascension.**

St. Nicetas, Bishop of Chalcedon (9th c.). St. Ignatii (Ignatius), Bishop and Wonder-worker of Rostov (1288). St. Eutychius, Bishop of Melitene (1st c.). Martyr Heliconis of Thessalonica (244). Hieromartyr Helladius, Bishop in the East (6th-7th c.). St. Germanus (Germaine, Herman), Bishop of Paris (576).



Divine Services

Wednesday, May 31stDaily Vespers.....6:30 p.m.
(followed by Study Group)

Saturday, June 3rdGreat Vespers will be held at New Skete
Monastery5:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 4th.....PENTECOST Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
with Kneeling Prayers10:00 a.m.
(Hours Begin at 9:40 a.m.)

Today's Readings

Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

Gospel: John 17:1-13

Next Week's Readings

Epistle: Acts 2:1-11

Gospel: John 7:37-52; 8:12

For Next Week, June 4

Hours and Thanksgiving PrayersTanya Bogaevskaya

Epistle:Emilie Goudey

Coffee Hour.....Alla Gadoury

For the health and well-being of Archpriest Joseph and Matushka Julia, Abdullah, David, Tony, Stanislav, Leonard, Timothy, Helen, Fenaeda, Raya, Irina, Katia, Dennis, Svetlana, Konstantin, Vladislav, Galina, Nancy, Maria, Al, and Michael.

May Birthdays

Tony Makdisi (01), Galina Zeygerman (02, Emilie Goudey (08) Vladimir Yefremov (09) **Anniversary:** Alla and Real Gadoury (23)

Announcements

Thank you to Nick and Marina Bobrovsky. If you haven't noticed, the iconostasis has been painted a different color. Now it matches the beautiful Royal Doors that were donated to us. If you look around the church's house, you will notice that all the wood has been painted a different color. Thank you so very much!

Congratulations to Ruthann Eagen who received her Master's Degree. She is now holds a Master's of Science in Human Services Leadership. Many blessed years!

May Charities Collection is going to St. Tikhon's Seminary. Remember, the support of our seminaries is vital. Without our monetary support, we would have no priests. Seminarians make a huge commitment and sacrifice to give up what they are doing and go to seminary. They need support. Please donate generously this month to support our seminarians. Thank you!

Study group will be held this week after Daily Vespers on Wednesday. We will be talking about the different translations of the Bible. What is the difference and why does it matter? Part of this discussion will be regarding the ancient texts of the Bible called Codices. Please come and join us for this discussion. This will be the last study group meeting.

Today's Learning Session here in the church will continue the Divine Liturgy. Today we will answer any questions anyone may have and show how the church and the liturgy reflect the worship presented to us in the book of Revelation.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Service for Joseph George Eshleman. We will hold a memorial service for Joseph George Eshleman on Saturday, June 10th at 10am. We will have a meal afterward in the rectory. His family will be taking his body to Pennsylvania to bury in a Veteran's cemetery. Please come and remember Joseph George. He is a gentle soul. He was marginalized in society. We do not want to forget him.

Pilgrimage to New Skete on Saturday, June 3rd. We will car pool to New Skete on Saturday, June 3rd. There are parishioners willing and ready to offer rides. Please mingle during coffee hour to coordinate rides. We will meet at the rectory at noon on Saturday to depart together to New Skete.

Ice-Cream Social, Sunday, June 11th. To celebrate the end of the Church School year, we will hold an Ice-Cream Social after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, June 11th. We hope to see all of our Sunday School children there. Save the date!