

A WORD FOR THE DAY

The Lord did not 'leave us comfortless,' as a dying mother leaves her orphaned children, but gave us the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, and He draws us to love God with an insatiable love, and to yearn after Him and seek Him day and night with tears.

O how ill it goes with the soul when she loses love and assurance! In sadness of heart she raises her cry to God: 'When shall I see the Lord again, and rejoice in His peace and love.'

St. Silouan the Athonite

...But as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live...

St. Paul. 2 Corinthians 6: 4-9a

Let us take heed about this what we are called to is not simply preaching in the sense of communicating some information, telling others about something that happened long ago. No, we are to become witnesses—that is, monuments, examples, martyrs—of what Christ has effected. We are to be consumed by the fire of the Spirit, so that we are incorporated into the life of God, to become the very body of Christ, so that each and every one of us becomes a partaker in Christ's victory and his Kingdom, so that we also have the Spirit of God in our hearts, calling upon the heavenly God as Father, Abba.

As we come to realize where our true home lies—that we are not children of this world, but that our true home, our true happiness and our very life itself is found only with God in his Kingdom—as we come to realize this, we will also certainly, even if paradoxically, become ever more dissatisfied with ourselves, our bondage to sin, to our passions, to our desires, to all the innumerable ways in which our ego binds us to this world, to the vicious cycles of death and destruction.

If we don't perceive this dissatisfaction, we will never be prompted to leave such things behind, to ascend with Christ from earth to heaven, where he has gone to prepare a place for us. And, of course, the only means for this ascent is to follow Christ by ourselves taking up the Cross, something which we are now able to do by the power of the Spirit granted to us.

Fr. John Behr

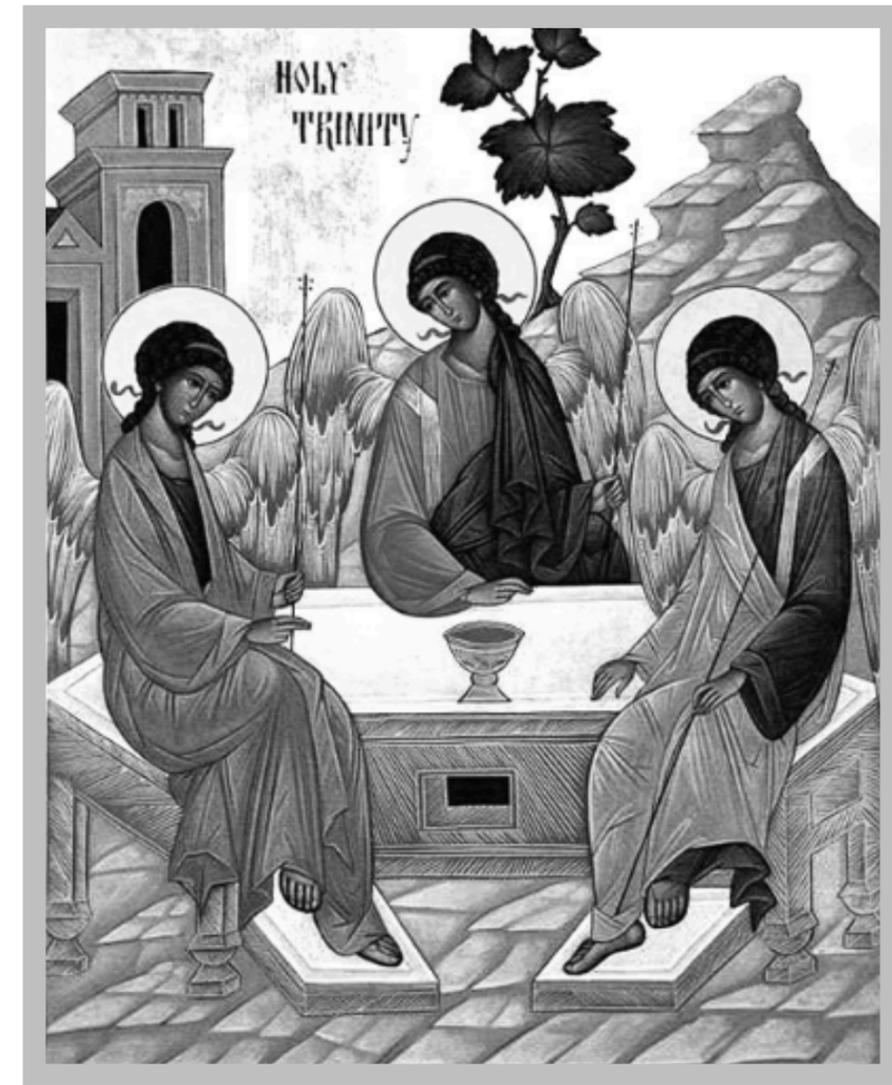
ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish Of The New England Diocese ✦ Orthodox Church In America

June 4 2017

8th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 7. HOLY PENTECOST: FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

St. Metrophanes, First Patriarch of Constantinople (325-326). Righteous Martha and Mary, the sisters of Lazarus (1st c.). Ven. Methodius "Peshnosh", disciple of Ven. Sergius of Rádonezh (1392). Martyrs Frontasius, Severinus, Severian, and Silanus, of Gaul (1st c.). Martyr Concordius of Spoleto (ca. 175). Hieromartyr Astius, Bishop of Dyrrachium in Macedonia (ca. 110). Venerable Father Zosima the Bishop of Babylon (6th c.).



Divine Services

Wednesday, June 7th.....Daily Vespers.....6:30 p.m.
(followed by Study Group)

Saturday, June 10thGreat Vespers6:00 p.m.
(followed by Confessions)

Sunday, June 11thDivine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom..... 10:00 a.m.
(Hours Begin at 9:40 a.m.)

Today's Readings

Epistle: Acts 2:1-11

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

Next Week's Readings

Epistle: Hebrews 11:32-12:2

Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33, 19:27-30

For Next Week, June 11th

Hours and Thanksgiving PrayersBarbara Parhizgar

Epistle:Irene Vassos

Coffee HourDiana Fiscu

In Memory of: Joseph George,

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.

June Birthdays

Diana Fiscu (11), Real Gadoury (24), Fr. Joseph (30)

Announcements

One More Study Group. Since some valid questions came up at our last study group, we'll have at least one more intense, thoughtful, fun, and educational study group this year. We will continue our talk on Biblical translations, and speak a little more on the Greek and Hebrew books of Scripture. Please come and join us!

June Charities OCMC. OCMC stands for Orthodox Christian Mission Center. OCMC's headquarters is located in Florida. They provide missionaries and funding to countries around the world to help spread the gospel. They run charitable programs, provide education, help build churches, train and send missionaries. Fr. Joseph's brother, Aaron, went on mission trips through OCMC three times—to both Albania and Argentina. Like IOCC, OCMC is a worthy Orthodox cause to support. Please donate charitably.

Booklets in the back of the church building. There are booklets in the back of the church that provide helpful and necessary information regarding the spirituality of the Orthodox Church. Please check out the booklets in the back. They are easy to read and provide basic information. There is a donation envelope. Donations are not required, but if we want to keep booklets available for visitors and parishioners, please do donate. Take advantage of the opportunity to be more informed regarding our faith.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Service for Joseph George Eshleman. We will hold a memorial service for Joseph George Eshleman on Saturday, June 10th at 10am--This Saturday. 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

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!

Third Thursday on June 15th. As is the practice, please come to the rectory at 3pm to offer help for Third Thursday. Third Thursday runs from 5pm to 8pm. We will be needing extra help this upcoming Third Thursday, so please see Rick if you have any questions. Thank you!

Collections

Third Thursday (May 18.....)	\$881
Collection for May 21	\$1,172
Last Sunday's Collection	\$1,521
2017 Budget	\$96,142
Progress Towards Budget.....	\$33,497