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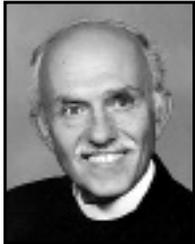
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From Father Bill



Hearing and Living the Bible

Kids love to hear bedtime stories again and again. Adults may become bored with this ritual, but kids enjoy it. An old story told again and again is affirming. The same things happen, just as they did last night and the night before. Life is good.

Every seven years during the Feast of Tabernacles, the law was read for all Israel to hear. It was the same story each time. God had brought the people out of slavery in Egypt and had traveled with them through the desert to the promised land. Nothing in the story changed. God was still good and righteous. God was still taking care of the people. Life was good.

Beginning March 10, Orthodox Christians were invited to walk with Jesus on his journey to the cross. On this 40-day journey to Jerusalem consisting of daily prayers, Bible reading, fasting and caring for others, we have been in pursuit of our goal to be transformed and renewed in Christ, while remaining faithful and obedient to the plan set before us. Just as the children who look forward to bedtime stories, likewise does a thirst-filled soul for Christ follow the road map of the Church.

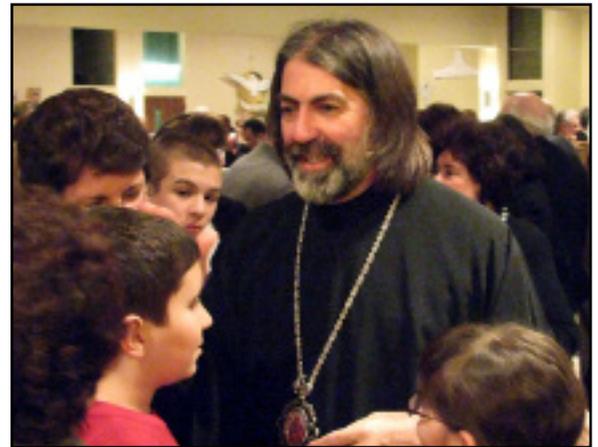
Due to our insatiable desire to know of God's love, we can't hear God's story too often. We need to be reminded of His goodness and our responsibilities as His servants. Remember how our journey took us to the home of his friends in Bethany to attend a dinner held in his honor. Jesus was fully God, but he was also completely human, with physical needs and emotions. When he suffered later in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus needed his closest friends to be near him. Jesus' stop in Bethany helped him connect with his friends, too. Imagine the encouragement of the time

...See Fr. Bill on P. 6



Metropolitan Nikitas gives a presentation on Adopting the Gospel in Culture, above, and is politely mobbed by wellwishers in the multi-purpose room.

Celebration of Books welcomes Metropolitan Nikitas



At left, Metropolitan Nikitas fields questions following his presentation.



On February 27, the Seniors group held its annual Apokreatiko Luncheon. Over 65 people attended, including I-r Pat Tolios, Athena, and Lou Chechopoulos. Thanks for the leadership of Rosalie Christofidis and the cooking by all of the seniors. The Seniors will be making palm crosses on Wednesday, April 16.

From Father Nicholas



Navigating the Lenten Desert

Some people are saying that this winter has been the coldest in many years. Today, as this article is being written, the temperature is 12 degrees below the normal expected at this time of year. The weather has affected people's health and even their outlook on life. Sunshine has even been very minimal this winter. Maybe a trip out west sounds good? How about a vacation to the warm, sun-filled desert?

During this Lenten period, we find ourselves in a different type of desert – a spiritual desert. The Desert Fathers of the Church viewed the desert as a place of holiness and purity. Away from the cares and concerns of urban, modern-day life, these monks grew closer to God in their desert hermitages.

The desert is a place of exile. This exile is a recurring theme in our salvation. Our story begins with Adam and Eve being exiled from the Garden of Eden. In addition, Joseph rose to greatness in his exile to Egypt. Also, while the entire nation of Israel was exiled in Babylon, the people of Israel sought a clarity and purity of faith that was lost.

Israel wandered in the desert and took a 40-year detour to the Promised Land. The Fathers of the Church compared Lent to this 40-year trip through the desert. Deserts are prominent in the spiritual formation of the Desert Fathers and Mothers. They left the great cities to find spiritual vitality in the deserts of Egypt, Syria and other parts of northern Africa.

Lent is our journey in the desert. Our Church Fathers call the Lenten journey a time of joyful sadness. People travel to deserts for inspiration. It is really a laboratory. The desert can test the limits of people. Even though we deprive our bodies from certain foods and limit our entertainment, we will experience deeper joy.

In the desert we can experience and become what we are called to be as children of God. The goal is a personal experience of God. We are also journeying toward the greatest event in history, the joyous resurrection of our Lord. Even though the journey may seem arduous, we should carry Christ's joy and allow it to radiate to others. Along with this joy is a certain sadness or somberness.

Although God is found in the desert, people's existence is threatened. It is a quiet place away from the idols and busyness of life.

...See Fr. Nicholas on P. 3



Gavel to Gavel



BY CHRIS ZURALES, SECRETARY

Parish Council meeting of Thursday, February 21

Present: Fr. William Chiganos, Fr. Nicholas Georgiou, George Chechopoulos, Terry Chiganos, Ted Gregory, James Kapolas, Nick Kirkeles, George T. Mannos, Stephen Melonides, Peter Poteres, Steve Savas, Peter Tomaras, and Chris Zuales.

Financial Report

+ George T. Mannos reviewed the financial report and the bank balances as of January 31. A short discussion followed regarding renovation expenses and the current bank balances. James Kapolas moved to approve the financial statement dated January 31. The motion passed unanimously.

Stewardship

+ As of January 31, there are 396 pledges. The average pledge is \$1,044. Total amount pledged is \$413,500. An additional \$3,408 was collected for 2007, leaving a balance of \$22,534.

Correspondence

+ Chris Zuales read correspondence from The Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church, Mr. George Demetralis, and the Greek Orthodox National Campus Ministry.

Meditation

+ Father Bill spoke on change. The Church leads us up to Lent. We should have a goal and plan in mind. We must have the desire to do the right thing. Look to the Gospel reading of Zaccheus. He prepared for the Lord in his home. Next we should look to the Publican and the Pharisee. Humility is very important. We should increase the amount and frequency of prayer in our daily lives and increase our attendance at all the services offered during Lent. We should think about our fast starting after Meatfare Sunday and prepare ourselves to meet God.

Building and Grounds

+ There has been some seepage in the lower level. There is also a leak behind the altar and some water dripping behind the last pew on the left side. This will be looked into as weather permits. Concern was expressed over the condition of the men's bathroom and the boy's bathroom in the school building and the possible need for plumbing repairs.

Old Business

+ Nick Kirkeles met with a mosaic consultant. The consultant explained to Nick that only after engaging the services of a lighting consultant and installing the lights can we determine what touch up work needs to be done. The multi-purpose room sound system was discussed as well as the problems we are experiencing with the feed from the wireless microphones on the altar.

New Business

+ The golf outing deposit has been made.
 + We have had 400 responses to the demographic survey. George Alex would like to have 500 before he makes a report.
 + Ted Gregory made a motion to purchase the 6 new tables and 400 new chairs for the multi-purpose room for a price not exceeding the amount in the budget. The motion was passed on a voice vote.
 + George Mannos has discovered that we have a safety deposit box from years ago. He will contact older members of our Parish who were on the Parish Council to see if someone has the key before we pay to drill out the lock.
 + Chris Zuales made a motion to renew our financial support of Come Receive the Light. The motion was passed on a voice vote.

Stewardship Report

January 31, 2007		January 31, 2008	
AMOUNT PLEDGED	\$399,055.02	AMOUNT PLEDGED	\$413,503.62
AMOUNT PAID	\$193,617.52	AMOUNT PAID	\$186,907.87
AMOUNT DUE	\$205,437.50	AMOUNT DUE	\$226,595.75
AMOUNT PAID IN JANUARY	\$90,779.50	AMOUNT PAID IN JANUARY	\$86,396.25
NUMBER OF PLEDGES	404	NUMBER OF PLEDGES	396
AVERAGE PLEDGE	\$987.76	AVERAGE PLEDGE	\$1044.20
PERCENTAGE PAID	49%	PERCENTAGE PAID	45%
An additional \$5308.00 was collected for 2006, leaving a balance of \$15,402.00.		An additional \$3408.00 was collected for 2007, leaving a balance of \$22,534.00.	

This month's Face of Philoptochos

Beth Fotos can often be seen in church with her four children in tow. She has been a member of Philoptochos for 7 years and co-chaired the fashion show for two years. She worked on various fashion show committees and on the Holiday Bling. You will see Beth in April selling Easter candles. She uses her enormous creativity to chair the Easter Candle Committee, and many of the creations are hers. Beth is very busy raising her children, is active in their school activities, and helps to decorate the family restaurants. They are currently building a house and live in Downers Grove. Beth says that "since becoming a member of Philoptochos I have made more than friends, I have made a family. They are ladies with the same goal and interest of caring for others and making a difference in any way, big or small."



Philoptochos Upcoming Events

- ✓ Philoptochos is hosting a Lenten Dinner on Wednesday, April 9, after the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy.
- ✓ Easter candles make beautiful gifts for children, godchildren, or others. They will be on sale April 13 and 20.
- ✓ The Philoptochos Bake Sale will take place on Palm Sunday, April 20 and Wednesday, April 23 following services. Please plan to purchase tiropites, spanakopites, tsourekia, and red egg dye in time for Easter.

Fr. Nicholas from P. 2 Spiritually, become a sponge for Lent

There are no televisions, DVD players, music or video games in the desert. In the quietness, we cannot hide from God or ourselves. This is a place of encounter, not escape. The desert is a laboratory that helps us deal with ourselves.

Lent is a time of sober reflection on our life. Where have we erred in God's eyes? Where have we fallen short of our potential as holy saints of God? Where do we need to repent or change our direction? What should we do to begin growing closer to God and not falling away from Him?

In the desert, we discover our demons and must struggle against temptations and passions. Travelers must go through the desert.

Numbers don't always tell the true story

Dolly Pantan and I are presently teaching a sixth grade Sunday school class, which averages among the lowest in weekly attendance of all the Sunday School classes I've taught since coming to Holy Apostles in 1979. Of 28 registered, we get between five and ten students each Sunday we have class, despite efforts to encourage more to come.

On the other hand, these comparatively few students rank among the very best in eagerness to learn, intelligent questions asked, and comments made of any class I've taught since I began teaching Sunday School in 1967. In the various study handouts I give my students, I include footnotes. The present group of sixth graders is the only one who has commented on them without being prompted.

Now, picture in your mind a Christmas tree decorated with many different kinds and colors of lights and an orchard with a rich variety of fruit trees in blossom. Our 2007-2008 sixth grade Sunday School students truly comprise a dazzling, Christ-energized, spiritual Christmas tree and a spiritually fragrant orchard in bloom. I'm sure Mrs. Pantan will

agree with me when I say that I look forward to teaching these youngsters each week and always leave the classroom spiritually refreshed and uplifted.

When the eleven Disciples, the blessed Virgin Mary, and other believers gathered in the Upper Room after our Lord's Ascension, they numbered about 120 (Acts 1:15), a very small minority when compared to the hundreds of thousands that were at Jerusalem for Passover and Pentecost and compared to the millions that populated the Roman Empire at that time. Despite being so overwhelmingly outnumbered and suffering numerous brutal persecutions, the number of believers grew. Within a few centuries, they carried the Good News of Jesus Christ west to what is in today's geography the British Isles, south to North Africa, north to Germany, and east to Iran, Iraq, and western India, and in our day, to the ends of the earth, and through our astronauts, even to the moon. It's going to be exciting to see what this handful of spiritually gifted Sunday School sixth graders are going to accomplish.

George Alex is April's Altar Boy of the Month

George Alex's first day in the altar was especially memorable, because his papou,



Father George Vlahos was visiting from North Carolina. At the age of eleven, he began serving God at the Holy Altar with his papou.

Today, George is an 8th grader and looking forward to his freshman year at

Hinsdale South in the fall. In Jr. High, he has been very busy taking advanced level courses, is involved in boy's chorus, student council

and cross country. He has the lead role in his school's spring musical, "Bye, Bye, Birdie."

George loved serving with his cousin, Dean Theophilos, and has made many special friendships in the altar. He is always willing to do anything, is respectful, and helps with teaching the younger boys.

When it comes to sports, George's passion is tennis. He is a national, Midwest and locally ranked player. He has traveled to compete in tournaments at all levels, and shares a common interest with Father Nicholas, who also enjoys playing tennis. We look forward to seeing his name at the U.S. Open some day.

a deeper life in Christ!

One of the Church Fathers suggests that we become sponges. Deserts help us become sponges. A sponge is full of holes. The more holes that we have, the more God's grace can fill us. In the desert, the more that we empty our own desires and wants, the more of God's grace we absorb! If you find yourself in the middle of Lent and have not journeyed to the desert, try it. The Church offers so many opportunities to be still, pray, fast, receive Holy Communion, partake of God's grace and grow closer to God during Lent. As we are stripped of ourselves in the desert, we fill those holes with God. Become a sponge this

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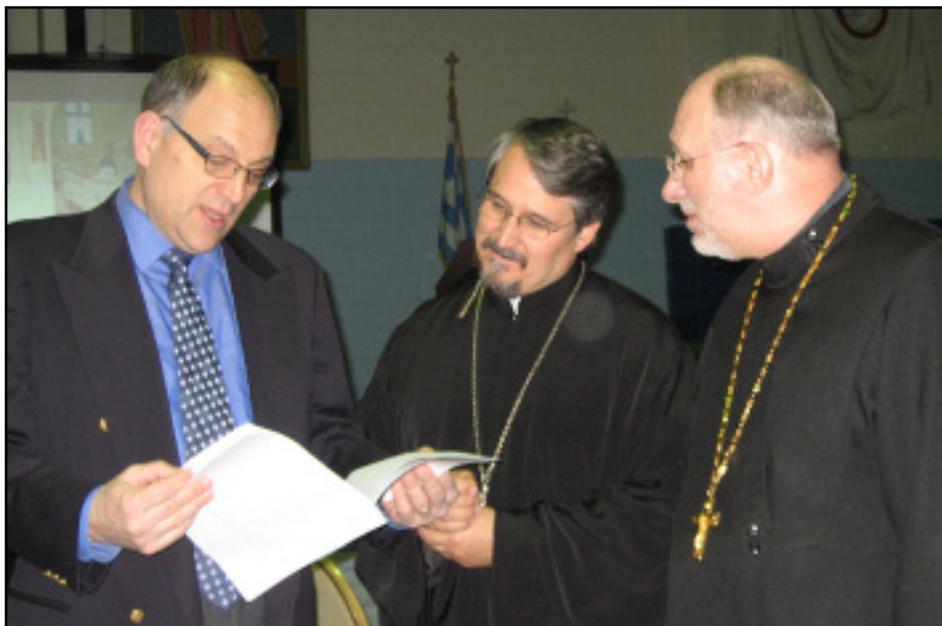
For the first time, Mission Team Chicago's 11th Annual Pan-Orthodox Dinner was held in the south suburbs. Almost 300 people attended the dinner hosted by Ss. Constantine and Helen Church in Palos Hills.

The keynote address was given by Father David Rucker, the Associate Director of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center. Fr. David, a Methodist convert, who founded the St. Athanasios church in Nicholasville, Kentucky, gave an impassioned plea for continued support of our missions. His zeal is contagious.

The other speaker was Alexandra Houck, who received her Masters of Theological Studies from Holy Cross, and was a recipient of the Father George Scoulas Endowment Fund, which enabled her to participate in a mission trip to Albania. Her sister Georgia is a long-term missionary in Tirana, Albania. She is married to Jason Houck, whom she met at Holy Cross, and who is the youth director at St. Nectarios Church in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Mr. Nick Bobis spoke on the work of Mission Team Chicago, which is comprised of men and women who have gone on missions, and currently work to raise funds for missions.

Orthodox mission teams need more people. Who should go? Hardworking Orthodox Christians who wish to participate and serve!



Mission Team member Spero Kinnas, left, Fr. David Rucker, center, and Fr. Stephen Karaffa from Ss. Peter & Paul OCA parish.

Clergy, students, seminarians, medical personnel, teachers, youth workers, engineers, construction workers, contractors, carpenters, painters, professionals, and all those willing to

share the Faith should go too.

If you want to put your faith into action, contact OCMC at P.O. Box 4319, St. Augustine, FL 32085 or teams@ocmc.org.

George Alex Holy Apostles' Go To Guy

George Alex, a member of the Parish Council for many years has been active in all aspects of the church including being president, building improvements, roof repairs, and building additions. Who asked him to volunteer his time to the Parish Council?

George, even though he may not be invited to a wedding or baptism, is at Holy Apostles to assist the guests with their requests and be at the candle stand. Who asked him to come to church and offer assistance?

For the annual church picnic in the park, George took the initiative to have games for the kids and has always purchased the prizes and organized the activities. Who asked him to do it?

Several years ago there was a fire at church after everyone had departed following the Sunday Liturgy. It was discovered on the following Monday morning, and within a short time George was at church to gather the choir robes and take them to the dry cleaners. Who asked him to do it?

George often helps the Fellowship Hour hosts on Sunday mornings. It may be helping to prepare the coffee or driving to a grocery store to purchase a forgotten item. Who asked him to do it?

George asked him!!



Editors note: On the occasion of his recent 80th birthday, an anonymous friend of George's wrote this tribute.

March & April Registry

Baptisms

Lidia, daughter of Maria & Andrew Limouris

Sponsors: Maria Campas & Tina Kyros

Constantine, son of Jolita & Daniel Vlahos

Sponsor: Nicholas Vlahos

Adolph John, son of Elena & Adolph Galinski

Sponsors: Vicki & Achilles Natsis

Weddings

None

Make reservations now for Adventure Theater's new movie

On Sunday, April 13, immediately following Divine Liturgy, the Adventure Theater will present its third venture into cinematography, *Don't Open That Door*. The action will take place in the multi-purpose room, preceded by a Lenten luncheon. We will be taking reservations (donation \$8.00) following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, April 6 in the multi-purpose room. You may also make your reservations by calling Mr. D. at 708-562-0869, or emailing him at fanari@sbcglobal.net

Preview: In the year of our Lord 1877 on a farm in the Dakota Territory, 17-year-old Eve Kane is put in charge of her four younger siblings and their farm while her parents travel to see a doctor in Rochester, Minnesota. A tornado, a prodigal aunt named Marily, and Lefty Haystack and his gang of desperadoes add unwanted concerns to Eve's responsibilities.

But Eve and her siblings receive unexpected help from a friend of their father's named Spiros Koutsopapoutsakis and the gift of a cross which Spiros made. Will Spiros' son Lance win Eve's heart, and what uninvited visitors will a spring snowstorm bring to the Kane's farmhouse? Attend our movie, and you will learn the answers to these and other questions.



\$4500 donated to missions at Macaronada Luncheon

Father Martin Ritsi, center above, Director of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center gave the sermon on Macaronada Sunday and attended the Luncheon following the Liturgy. Spero Kinnas and his daughter, Anna, left, chat with Fr. Ritsi and Steve Savas, right, Ways & Means Chairman.

Chris Zurales, right, helps make things happen during the Macaronada Luncheon.



Holy Apostles Happenings

50th Anniversary Celebration
Meeting will be held April 8 at 7pm. Please come if you'd like to help plan the year-long celebration.

Family Walk & Run
This annual event will be held May 17. Details to follow.

VBS Registration
International Orthodox Christian Charities, 'Something to Believe In', 14th annual Pan Orthodox Grand Banquet, Thursday, May 8, 2008. Please join us at Fountain Blue Banquets, Des Plaines, IL. Reception 6:00 p.m., Dinner 7:00 p.m. Keynote Speaker, Metropolitan Nikitas, Director of the Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute. Donation \$125 per person, \$60 per student. For additional information please call Maria Loukaki (773) 490-5569 or Sandra Efstathiou (630) 512-1244."

Oratorical Festival
On Sunday, March 9, the Sunday School hosted its annual St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival. The following students will be representing Holy Apostles at the Metropolis Festival on May 3: Fotis Pappas, Senior Division Speech; Rebecca Schieber, Junior Division Speech, and Rigas Pappas, Junior Division Essay. Please join us in wishing our students continued success at the Metropolis Festival.

Fr. Bill from P. 1

In difficult times, Christ is with us

spent with Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead (see John 11) What an assurance it was that he, too, would rise again.

An important reminder for all is, that during those difficult moments in our life, Jesus is always with us. An affirmation of this truth is revealed in the story of two people who were walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus, a nearby village, while discussing the crucifixion of Jesus and reliving the events of the past few days. They couldn't make sense of it. They had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. On Friday, when Jesus had died, their hopes were dashed. Then suddenly Jesus, the risen Lord, came to walk with them. They didn't recognize Him. How often in life's anxious moments and grief we sense loneliness and yes, even despair, and then our spirits are lifted when we recall the promise made to us, "I shall never leave you alone"? Because Jesus is alive, he joins us on our journey as well. He also comes to spend more time with us when the darkness grows deep. Also, he promises to remain with us until the journey is over.

The story of Jesus read and heard during Lent underscores the importance of remembering that our Christian faith is not theory. Someone once figured out that 80 percent of Jesus' teachings are practical, while only 20 percent are theory or doctrine. I don't know if that's exactly true, but I do know that Jesus places a lot of emphasis on daily living. Of course, who we are comes before what we do. Faith in Christ remains most important. However, faith in Christ must result in deeds of practical obedience such as kindness and caring for the poor.

Jesus once asked, "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? I will

show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. He is like a man building a house, who... laid a foundation rock." (Luke 6:46-48)

Everyone who experiences Lent and Holy Week is touched by the pageantry, drama, and emotional experience of witnessing the love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. It is significant that we not only leave our churches feeling good but knowing that the knowledge gained will give substance to our faith.

Knowledge stabilizes us during times of testing. When we know what God has said, and go through a period of pain when the bottom virtually drops out, we don't panic or doubt. Our experience of Easter stabilizes us and equips us with an essential, calming fortitude when the tests come.

Even though the gospel readings, services and hymns are repeated during this holy season, they speak with incredible relevance today. In our troubled times we need to hear the unadulterated truth of God. Have you applied the plan Christ has given us to help achieve the goal? If your reply is no, don't be discouraged. There is yet another story to be told. St. John Chrysostom in his Paschal Homily, grants us hope for a renewed life and speaking of God's love, he invites us to return to Christ even if it is the eleventh hour. Fr. Leonidas Contos, of blessed memory, writes in his insightful book, *The Lenten Covenant*, these words of hope and courage: "For forty days we have been tested in the "Lenten desert", praying: Enable us...to emerge victorious over sin and without reproach, to come to the worship of Your Holy Resurrection. The victory is won! For the next forty days we will say, Christ is risen! Truly He is risen!"

March & April Memorials

Penny Leider
Evgenia Pavlopoulos
Elias Pavlopoulos
Spero Pavlopoulos
Anastasiou Pavlopoulos
Evgenia Theodorou
Emmanouil Theodorou
Harry Pappas
Antonia Verven
Constantine Verven
Helen Bernardi
Panayiotis Koutsopanayos
Yianoula Koutsopanayos
George Vlagopoulos
Demetra Vlagopoulos

Thomas Melko
Katherine Skoubis
Gus Loukas
Sophia Loukas
Lelica Bilder
Angelo Bilder
Helen Bobis
Panayioti Bobis
Bessie Boulahanis

Funerals

Cleo Bell
Joan Kent
Tom Pantazopoulos
Helen Christos

The **HARC** CORNER

The Great Divide The Failure of Islam and The Triumph of the West By Alvin J. Schmidt

Professor Schmidt compares the normal practice of Christianity and Islam. He shows how Christianity grew by the blood of its martyrs, but Islam grew by killing those who opposed it. He compares the view of women in the New Testament and the Quran showing how Christ's teaching eventually led to the development of complementary rules for men and women but Muhammad's teaching led to subservience.

Christians will strengthen their own faith and be prepared to enter into discussions with Muslims.

Softbound, \$20.00

Things of the Hidden God A Journey To the Holy Mountain By Christopher Merrill

A beautifully realized record of an ancient impulse, pilgrimage toward the Holy, that has never seemed more necessary.

Mt. Athos is a spectacular and spell-binding place, dedicated to its own secrets. Christopher Merrill's intimately conceived and lovingly told tribute to his deepening relation to the lure of Athos and its traditions and the discoveries to which it has led him is a rich and revealing chronicle.

Merrill's journey takes us where community, prayer and solitude coexist and where centuries-old practices offer insight for how to live today.

Hardcover, \$25.00

Beginning to Pray By Anthony Bloom

Beginning to Pray has established itself as a modern spiritual classic. Hailed both by Catholics and Protestants, it was written by an Orthodox Archbishop for people who had never prayed before and has been read and loved by persons at all levels of spiritual development.

Softbound, \$8.00

Stop in to see our selection of Easter gifts.

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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

<p>8:00am Orthros 9:15am Awaken To God 9:30am Divine Liturgy Fellowship Hour</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6</p>	<p>5:15pm <i>The Way</i> 6:30pm Compline Service</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	<p>10:00am TOTS 12:00pm Sixth Hour 4:30pm Greek School</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1</p>	<p>1:00pm Adult Christian Fellowship And Study Group 6:00pm Presanctified Liturgy</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2</p>	<p>12:00pm Sixth Hour 4:30pm Greek School</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3</p>	<p>6:00pm Adventure Theater 7:00pm Fourth Heretismi 8:00pm Choir Rehearsal 8:15pm YAL</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4</p>	<p>8:00am Orthros 9:15am Awaken To God 9:30am Divine Liturgy Adventure Theater Movie & Luncheon</p> <p style="text-align: right;">13</p>	<p>6:30pm Compline Service</p> <p style="text-align: right;">14</p>	<p>10:00am TOTS 12:00pm Sixth Hour 4:30pm Greek School 7:30pm GOYA</p> <p style="text-align: right;">15</p>	<p>1:00pm Adult Christian Fellowship And Study Group 6:00pm Presanctified Liturgy 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <p style="text-align: right;">16</p>	<p>12:00pm Sixth Hour 4:30pm Greek School</p> <p style="text-align: right;">17</p>	<p>8:00am Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy</p> <p style="text-align: right;">19</p>	<p>8:00am Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy</p> <p style="text-align: right;">12</p>	<p>7:00pm Fifth Heretismi 8:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <p style="text-align: right;">11</p>	<p>8:00am Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy</p> <p style="text-align: right;">20</p>	<p>HOLY MONDAY 7:00pm Nymphios Service</p> <p style="text-align: right;">21</p>	<p>HOLY TUESDAY 7:00pm Nymphios Service Hymn Of Kassiani No Greek School</p> <p style="text-align: right;">22</p>	<p>HOLY WEDNESDAY 10:00am Holy Unction 3:30pm Holy Unction 7:00pm Orthros Of Holy Thursday & Anointing With Holy Unction 23</p> <p style="text-align: right;">24</p>	<p>HOLY THURSDAY 6:30am Divine Liturgy 7:00pm 12 Gospel Readings</p> <p style="text-align: right;">25</p>	<p>HOLY FRIDAY 9:00am Royal Hours 3:00pm Apokathelosis 7:00pm Lamentations</p> <p style="text-align: right;">26</p>	<p>SATURDAY OF LAZARUS 8:00am Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy</p> <p style="text-align: right;">18</p>	<p>HOLY SATURDAY 8:00am 1st Anastasi Liturgy 10:00pm Choir Concert 11:00pm Pre-Easter Service 12:00am Resurrection Liturgy & Communion</p> <p style="text-align: right;">26</p>
<p>EASTER SUNDAY 11:00am Agape Service</p> <p style="text-align: right;">27</p>	<p>FEAST DAY OF ST. GEORGE 8:00am Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy</p> <p style="text-align: right;">28</p>	<p>4:30pm Greek School</p> <p style="text-align: right;">29</p>	<p>Lord and Master of my life</p> <p>Take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power and idle talk. But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love to Thy Servant. Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou unto ages of ages. Amen.St. Ephraim the Syrian</p>																		

Weekday Services

Sixth Hour

Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15
Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17
12:00pm

Presanctified Liturgy

Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16
6:00pm

Heretismi

Fridays, April 4, 11
7:00pm

Compline

Mondays, April 7, 14
6:30pm

Saturday of Lazarus

Saturday, April 19
8:00am Orthros
9:00am Divine Liturgy

Feast Day of St. George

Monday, April 28
8:00am Orthros
9:00am Divine Liturgy

Choir Concert CD

Holy Apostles' Senior Choir has recorded its Christmas Eve Concert of 2007. If you wish to order a CD for \$15, please contact the director, Nick Paloumpis, at (630) 629-0071.

Stewardship

Please remember that now is the time to pay those pledges from 2007 if you haven't done so. Also, please prayerfully sign your 2008 pledge card and return it to the office.

Mosaic Deadline

The deadline for the May Mosaic is Tuesday, April 8.

Please make every effort to meet this deadline.

Holy Week

Holy Monday

7:00pm Nymphios Service

Holy Tuesday

7:00pm Nymphios Service
Hymn of Kassiani

Holy Wednesday

10:00am Holy Unction
3:30pm Holy Unction
7:00pm Orthros of Holy Thursday &
Anointing with Holy Unction

Holy Thursday

6:30am Divine Liturgy
7:00pm Twelve Gospel Readings

Holy Friday

9:00am Royal Hours
3:00pm Apokothelosis
7:00pm Lamentations

Holy Saturday

8:00am First Anastasi Liturgy
10:00pm Choir Concert
11:00pm Pre-Easter Service
12:00am Resurrection Liturgy
& Holy Communion

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