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The Paschal Greeting

During the forty days of Pascha, Orthodox Christians greet one another with the words, "Christ is risen!" They likewise respond with the words, "Indeed He is risen!" And to show that the Good News of the Resurrection is for all of mankind, we often exclaim the Paschal Greeting in many different languages. In the back of the church there are papers with this Paschal Greeting in some of the more popular languages. Please feel free to pick one up and learn to proclaim Christ's Resurrection to all!



SUNDAY, MAY 4TH

THOMAS SUNDAY / NEW SUNDAY

8:40a.m. Hours
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour
Egg Hunt

SATURDAY, MAY 10TH

6:00p.m. Great Vespers

SUNDAY, MAY 11TH

MYRRHBEARING WOMEN SUNDAY

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



Egg Hunt

Today, Sunday, May 4th, there will be an egg hunt for the children of the parish during the coffee hour. Should the weather be poor, the egg hunt will be held the following Sunday, May 11th.

Pictures and Video from Holy Week and Pascha

Have been posted on our parish website. If you have any pictures which you would like to share please see Fr. John as soon as possible. Thank you!

Please Remember in Prayer

Carol Boris, Nina Gordon, and Jane Koshutko who are recovering from treatment, as well as Constantina and Christos. If you have a prayer request, let Fr. John know.

Last Sunday's Bulletin

If you haven't yet picked up last Sunday's bulletin, it is available in the back of the church at the candle-stand, or it can be downloaded on our website, orthodoxdelmarva.org.

About Our New Liturgical Covers

The new white/gold set of liturgical covers which are currently being used in our church were sown by the hands of Diane Evanusa and Alice Peters. The fabric was donated by Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church in Manville, NJ, who has also donated material for a green set of covers. By virtue of these donations of material and time/talent, we will be able to use the money donated for this project solely for the others colors (white, red, blue, & purple) and possibly for vestments for the altar servers. May the Lord bless the donors and laborers!



Many Thanks to All!

During Great Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha there were many things which needed to be done (cleaning, singing, serving, decorating, cooking, etc). Your labors, time, and offerings did not go unnoticed but instead are greatly appreciated! May God bless you!



READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 11th

Kathy Parrish

Sunday, May 18th

Jen Alexion



The Finance Committee

will meet this Tuesday, May 6th, at 7:00pm.

The Parish Council

will meet next Sunday, May 11th, following the coffee hour.

BEN STEIN TO BATTLE DARWIN IN MAJOR FILM

Actor-commentator stars in 'Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed'

Ben Stein, the lovable, monotone teacher from "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" and "The Wonder Years" is back in the classroom in a major motion picture release slated for February 2008. But this time, the actor will be on the big screen asking one of life's biggest questions: "Were we designed, or are we simply the end result of an ancient mud puddle struck by lightning?"

That's right. Evolution – and the explosive debate over its virtual monopoly on America's public school classrooms – is the focus of the film "Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed."

In the movie, Stein, who is also a lawyer, economist, former presidential speechwriter, author and social commentator, is stunned by what he discovers – an elitist scientific establishment that has traded in its skepticism for dogma. Even worse, say publicists for the feature film, "along the way, Stein uncovers a long line of biologists, astronomers, chemists and philosophers who have had their reputations destroyed and their careers ruined by a scientific establishment that allows absolutely no dissent from Charles Darwin's theory of random mutation and natural selection."

"Big Science in this area of biology has lost its way," says Stein. "Scientists are supposed to be allowed to follow the evidence wherever it may lead, no matter what the implications are. Freedom of inquiry has been greatly compromised, and this is not only anti-American, it's anti-science. It's anti-the whole concept of learning."

As "Expelled's" official website asks: "What freedom-loving student wouldn't be outraged to discover that his high school science teacher is teaching a theory as indisputable fact, and that university professors unmercifully crush any fellow scientists who dare question the prevailing system of belief? This isn't the latest Hollywood comedy; it's a disturbing new documentary that will shock

anyone who thinks all scientists are free to follow the evidence wherever it may lead."

"Expelled" is produced by Premise Media, and being marketed by Motive Entertainment, which has spearheaded major previous Hollywood blockbusters, including "The Passion of the Christ," "Polar Express" and "The Chronicles of Narnia." It will be distributed by Rocky Mountain Pictures, with numerous box-office successes to its credit.

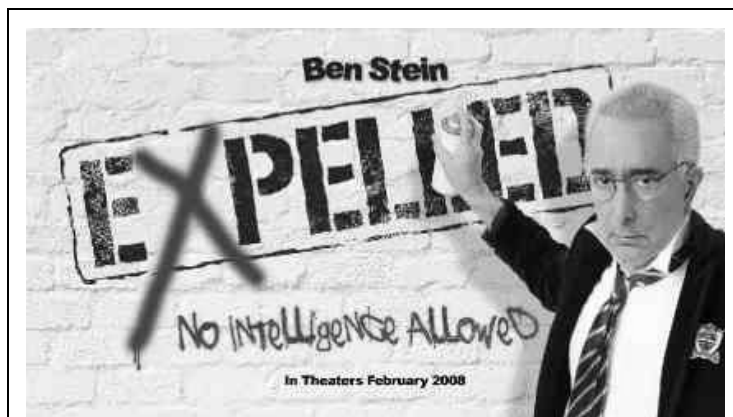
"Expelled" documents how teachers and scientists alike are being ridiculed daily, denied tenure and even fired believing there is evidence of "design" in nature and challenging the current orthodoxy that life is entirely a result of random chance.

For example, Stein meets Richard Sternberg, a double Ph.D. biologist who allowed a peer-reviewed research paper describing the evidence for intelligence in the universe to be published in the scientific journal Proceedings. Shortly after publication, officials from the National Center for Science Education and the Smithsonian Institution, where Sternberg

was a research fellow, began a coordinated smear-and-intimidation campaign to get the promising young scientist fired. The attack on scientific freedom was so egregious that it prompted a congressional investigation.

In the film, Stein meets other scientists like astrobiologist Guillermo Gonzalez, who was denied tenure at Iowa State University in spite of an extraordinary record of achievement. Gonzalez made the mistake of documenting the design he has observed in the universe. And there are others, like Caroline Crocker, a brilliant biology teacher at George Mason University who was forced out of the university for briefly discussing problems with Darwinian theory and for telling the students that some scientists believe there is evidence of design in the universe.

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DID YOU KNOW?

- ❖ 78% of Americans believe that God created or guided the creation of human beings.
- ❖ 69% of Americans want evidence for and against Darwin's theory of evolution taught in schools.

Newsweek and Zogby Polls

QUESTIONS ABOUT ORTHODOXY

Answers from Fr. Dimitri Dudko's "dialogue sermons" of 1973.

Question: *It seems to me that Christianity is a religion of crying and sorrow, because all Christians do is talk about sin and sufferings. Tell me, am I right? If I am, then it's hard for modern man to be a Christian. There are so many sorrows already in life. It seems to me that religion should be joyous. It should set people free and not enslave them. Answer this question which is upsetting me.*

Answer: Christianity is precisely a religion of joy. Only, how are we to understand joy? If we understand joy in an earthly manner – let's say the joy of drunkenness or the joy of lust – then Christianity has no need of such joy. Here, indeed, there's need for sorrow, the sorrow which helps us think about how we can be delivered from drunkenness and lust. Christianity is the religion of joy at being delivered from sin. Only when he has been delivered from sin can man really achieve joy: the joy of resurrection from sin and death, the joy of eternity. May God grant us not to be deceived about joy, but to understand it as we should. Then it won't seem to us as though Christianity is a religion of sorrow.

Question: *What is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit? It says in the Scriptures that all sins are forgiven but blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven in this world or in the future.*

Answer: Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is conscious opposition to the truth. So taught the Holy Fathers. For the most part people oppose the truth unconsciously, often through misunderstanding or delusions. We should feel sorry for such people and pray to God for them that He will give them an understanding of the truth and the power to live according to that truth.

Question: *How should we Orthodox relate to Roman Catholics, heretics, and the various sectarians?*

Answer: With love. But we should also be aware of our differences.

Though Roman Catholics are in another church, and there are differences between us and them, some substantial, other less so, yet we still shouldn't call them heretics. Heretics are those who consciously resist the truth. The established confessional groups outside Orthodoxy understand the truth in varying degrees and therefore can't be called heretics in the sense that the Holy Fathers understood this word.

A "sect" in the Orthodox understanding of the word represents a narrow or partial view of truth. But we shouldn't be hostile to them; on the contrary, we should respect them for their faith. We can learn something from them – their boldness, for example, and the way they help each other.



FLAVIUS JOSEPHUS.

THE MOST PROMINENT 1ST CENTURY JEWISH HISTORIAN ON JESUS CHRIST

No one has ever spread as much shameful slander about Christ the Lord as the Jews. Their Talmud boils over with evil and malice toward the Lord. But all of those worthless lies are refuted by the most prominent historian of the Jews, Josephus Flavius, rabbi and scholar who lived toward the end of the first century after Christ. Josephus writes: "Now there was about this time Jesus, a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man; for he was a doer of wonderful works, a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews and many of the Gentiles. He was [the] Christ. And when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men among us, had condemned him to the cross, those that loved him at the first did not forsake him; for He appeared to them alive again the third day; as the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning Him. And the tribe of Christians, so named from him, are not extinct at this day." [Antiquities of the Jews, Volume 2, Page 45 1845 Edition]. Thus wrote a man not believing in Christ but a scholar free of prejudice and malice.



ABOUT THE VICTORY OVER THE LAST ENEMY

A Homily By St. Nikolai Velimirovich

"The last enemy to be destroyed is death"

- 1 Corinthians 15:26

Man's first enemy is the devil, the second is sin and the third is death. The Lord Jesus conquered all three of these enemies of the human race. By His humility, He conquered the proud devil. By His death, He conquered sin and by His resurrection, He conquered death. In conquering all of our enemies, He invites us to be partakers in His glorious victory. Not that we should conquer just by ourselves, but that we should creep in under the wing of His victory. Only His power conquers, only His weapons are victorious. We are without power and suitable weapons but yet still our enemies are afraid. With Christ, we are conquering those mightier than ourselves. What is the price that He offers to us for His victory? A meager price, my brethren; for a very paltry price He offers us the most precious victory. To humble ourselves and to submit ourselves to the will of God, that is the price He seeks in order to conquer the devil for us. To die unto ourselves, to die to fleshly desires and passions, that is the price which He seeks in order to conquer for us. To live for Him and not for ourselves, to receive Him into our hearts, that is the price He seeks in order to conquer death for us. He conquered all enemies openly and completely. This is the price for which He offers His victory to each of us. The Apostle Paul speaks: "But thanks be to God Who gives us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57).

O resurrected Lord, enlighten, strengthen and heal us by Thy victory. We who are grateful, offer up to Thee glory and thanks always. Amen.



EXPULSED: NO INTELLIGENCE ALLOWED

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Unlike other popular documentary films, "Expelled" isn't one-sided – it confronts scientists like Oxford evolutionist Richard Dawkins, author of "The God Delusion," influential biologist and atheist blogger P.Z. Myers, and Eugenie Scott, head of the National Center for Science Education. In fact, the creators of "Expelled" spent two years traveling the world and interviewing scores of scientists, doctors, philosophers and public leaders for the film.

According to the New York Times, Dawkins, Scott and other evolutionists are now claiming the film's producers deceived them into going on camera by hiding the "Intelligent Design" orientation of the film.

But Stein denies misleading anyone. "I don't remember a single person asking me what the movie was about," he told the Times.

In the end, say the film's publicists, the production delivers to viewers "a startling revelation that freedom of thought and freedom of inquiry have been expelled from publicly funded high schools, universities and research institutions."

"The incredible thing about 'Expelled' is that we don't resort to manipulating our interviews for the purpose of achieving the 'shock effect,' something that has become common in documentary film these days," said Walt Ruloff, co-founder of Premise Media and the film's co-executive producer. "People will be stunned to actually find out what elitist scientists proclaim, which is that a large majority of Americans are simpletons who believe in a fairy tale. Premise Media took on this difficult mission because we believe the greatest asset of humanity is our freedom to explore and discover truth."

For more information, please see: getexpelled.com