



CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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BULLETIN OF OCTOBER 12, 2008

Please Remember in Prayer

Bill Parrish, Robert Evanusa, Olga Leisure, Valentina, Nina Gordon, Fr. Christian, Carol Boris, Constantina & Christos, Alicia & Susannah. If you have a requests, please let Fr. John know.

Bible Study – October 13th

A Bible Study will be held at the church on Monday, October 13th at 7:00pm. The topic will be "The Use of Parables in the Teaching of Jesus Christ". All are invited!



For the Poor and Needy

A Poor Basket has been newly placed in the back of the church. Up until this time, parishioners were making private donations through the priest's discretionary / charitable account. The addition of the Poor Basket is meant to supplement this charitable effort. Donations placed in this basket will be used for those in need, both members of our parish as well as those in our local community.



Food for the Hungry

A food basket has been placed in the back of the church. This basket is for non-perishable items which will be distributed to those in need.

Parishioners That Are Home Bound

If you or a loved one cannot make it to Church, Fr. John would be more than pleased visit at your home, in the hospital, at a nursing home, or any other place. It is no inconvenience at all. Please be sure to schedule a visit with Fr. John.



Last Call!



for changes to the 2009 Directory of Members and Friends of Christ the Savior and for the 2009 Calendars and Pocket Planners from St. Tikhon's. If you haven't yet taken care of these things, please do so today.

An Email List For Special Announcements

is currently being formed. Please check to make sure your email address is listed in the draft copy of the 2009 directory available for review in the back of the church. This list will be used for service changes / cancellations, prayer requests for those in urgent need, and important mid-week announcements related to our parish.

Financial Update

A financial summary covering the first nine months of 2008 can be found on page four of this bulletin. If you have any questions regarding the summary, please see Fr. John, Susan Pappas, our treasurer, or one of the other Parish Council Members.



A Choir Practice

will be held next Sunday, October 19th, following coffee hour.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FATHERS OF THE 7TH COUNCIL

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

7:00p.m. Bible Study

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

----- *No Great Vespers Today* -----

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

"Let everything take second place to our care for our children, our bringing them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. If from the beginning we teach them to love true wisdom, they will have greater wealth and glory than riches can provide."

St. John Chrysostom

READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, Oct. 19th

Kathy Parrish

Sunday, Oct. 26th

Jen Alexion



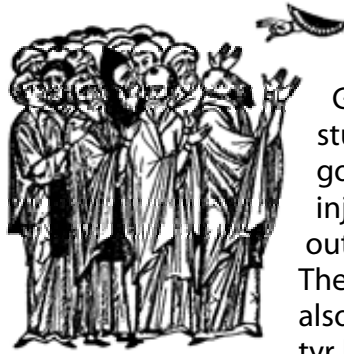


THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

From the Prologue of St. Nikolai Velimirovich



The Seventh Ecumenical Council was held in 787 at Nicaea during the reign of the devout Empress Irene and her son, Constantine, in the time of Patriarch Tarasius. This Council finally confirmed the veneration of icons, justifying it by Holy Scripture, by the witness of the Holy Fathers, and by the undeniable example of miracles manifested through the holy icons. Adding to examples of miracles previously cited, Bishop Constantine of Cyprus recounted this: One day, a certain shepherd from the town of Constantia drove his flock to pasture, and there saw an icon of the Most-holy Theotokos, all decorated with flowers by the faithful. "Why render so



much honor to a rock?" said the shepherd, who had obviously been brought up in iconoclasm. He struck the icon with his iron shepherd's cane, and damaged the right eye of the image of the Mother of God. As soon as he turned away, he stumbled over that same cane and gouged out his own right eye. Thus injured, he returned to the city, crying out tearfully that the punishment of the Theotokos had befallen him. This Council also decreed that the holy relics of a martyr be placed, without fail, in the Antimension. Three hundred and sixty-seven Fathers participated in this Council. May the Lord also have mercy on us and save us by their prayers.

GREECE'S HIGHEST COURT SAYS CREMATION LEGAL

The Associated Press – Friday, September 26, 2008

ATHENS, Greece: Greece's highest court has approved a government petition to legalize cremation, as well as a list of guidelines on how the ashes may be scattered by relatives.

The country's powerful Orthodox Church opposes cremation, arguing it is contrary to the notion of the resurrection of the dead. But a high court, the Council of State, ruled Friday that an executive order from the government allowing cremation is legal.

It also approved guidelines on where ashes can be scattered: at least 1.5 nautical miles from the shoreline, outside inhabited areas, or in gardens and fountains that will be built at crematoriums.



SOME INSTRUCTIONS OF ST. TIKHON OF ZADONSK

Seek a blessing from God when eating and drinking

When you wish to eat or drink, call on the Name of the Lord and ask for a blessing of Him for your food and drink, saying: "Lord, bless!" And then you will taste and enjoy the good things of your Lord. For everything that is God's is good, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof (Psalm 23:1)."

On Clothing

Do not adorn your body with stylish clothes, as some are accustomed to do, but let your clothing be appropriate to your station. A Christian's garment is the clothing of the Spirit. It should adorn the soul and not the body. The beauty of the soul is the image of God in which we were created. Seek this beauty and it shall be enough for you.

On the Conduct of a Pure Heart

Treat every man, not with flattery, but simply, just as you do yourself. As you appear outwardly, be so inwardly as well; and what you say to one person let the same be in your heart also.

by Linton Weeks

NPR.org, October 2, 2008 - There's financial tumult all around and people are thirsty for answers. Across America, religious leaders prophesy and preach about ways to deal with the roller-coaster crisis. And they counsel congregants who have deep questions, unquenchable anxieties.

Trinity Church on Wall Street sits smack dab at the epicenter of the financial cosmos. Brokers, traders and "masters of the universe" fill its pews. The Rev. Anne Mallonee says the Episcopal church — with a 900-household membership — is seeing a definite increase in attendance. Especially on weekdays, when people from the financial district drift in for services, for solace and for solitude.

The church is offering a number of different programs — including extra prayer sessions and career counseling — to help people cope with the great unease. The first wave included support staff, such as secretaries and administrative staffers. "This week we are seeing more executives," she says.

"Someone who was here for 9/11 says this is the closest thing she has seen to that time," Mallonee says.

Feelings Of 'Fear And Distrust'

Across the country at the Parkrose Community United Church of Christ in Portland, Ore., the Rev. Chuck Currie has noticed that his congregation is rife with "fear and distrust of leaders." He tries to calm the flock by saying: "Ultimately, our hope rests with God." But, he adds, "economic problems are moral problems and how we respond speaks about our relationship with God and to the world."

Parkrose is no megachurch. With 114 members, it's a small house of worship in a modest neighborhood of low-income and elderly people. "We have a responsibility," Currie says, "to care first for those Jesus called the 'least of these' in society: the poor, homeless, sick, children and the elderly."

Responding To 'Doom And Gloom'

The Rev. Ted Bobosh of St. Paul the Apostle Orthodox Church in Dayton, Ohio, says members of his congregation are fretful about their future. "Their

investments and retirement funds are shrinking rapidly. Some are worried that the bottom is going to fall out of the system and people are going to lose their homes," he says.

St. Paul is part of the Orthodox Church in America, a sister group of the Russian Orthodox Church. "I think the situation is exacerbated by the constant doomsday negativity of the presidential campaign," Bobosh says. The message "is doom and gloom — 'be afraid' if the other guy is elected." Such relentless Chicken Little rhetoric is unsettling, Bobosh says, "because doing something or doing

nothing has equal chances of real failure and either candidate might lead us into disaster." And, he adds, "the campaign makes it out as if you — the voter — are personally responsible if the other guy gets elected for the doom we face. I just think it weighs heavy on everyone's heart."

To lighten those hearts, Bobosh counsels his mem-

bers to pray, "to put their trust in God. I do not promise them that prayer guarantees success. It only grounds us in God, which is our only defense for whatever happens — disaster or prosperity."

The Financial Impact

The current meltdown comes at an especially inopportune time — stewardship season. Many churches calculate their finances according to the calendar year, and the first of October traditionally marks the time when preachers are talking about money anyway. On any given Sunday, you are liable to hear the pastor refer to the Apostle Paul, who quotes Jesus as saying: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

This year there may be some blowback. "Funny enough, our 'Pledge Sunday' is this week," says Chuck Currie. Pledge Sunday is when people tell the church how much they plan to give in the coming year. The church then plans its budget according to the pledges. What people feel like they can pledge in the middle of this monetary mess, says Currie, "will sure be an indicator of how people are feeling and where we are headed." The church has faced financial problems for years, he says. "A downturn in pledges could be a disaster."



FOR CONSIDERATION

From the Prologue of St. Nikolai – October 11th

As, by God's providence, the power of healing is given to blessed water and oil, so these same powers are given to icons. One marvelous example of the wonderworking power of holy icons is cited by St. Athanasius the Great. In the town of Beirut there lived a Christian in a rented house. Moving from this house, he left behind by mistake an icon of the Savior. A Jew moved into the same house. There were many Jews in that house, and they were particularly ill-disposed towards the Christian Faith. When the icon was found, the Jews carried it to their meeting-place and began to mock it, as their forbearers had once mocked the living Savior. The Jews did to the icon as their forbearers had done to Him: they pierced the feet and hands with nails, put vinegar on the icon's lips and, in all possible ways, mocked the Savior's face. Finally, one of them took a spear and pierced the divine image under the rib. And, wonder of wonders, blood and water flowed from the pierced spot as it had aforesaid from the body of the crucified Lord. The fear and horror of the Jews was indescribable. Then they found a vessel in which to catch the blood, and brought many of the sick – the blind, deaf, lame and mad, who, as soon as they were anointed with that blood, were healed. The whole town gathered to see the miracle, and all glorified Christ our God. All the Jews in the town came to belief in Christ, the living and life-giving Lord.

OCTOBER CONGRATULATIONS!



Anniversaries:

10/9 George & Lois Hamaty

Birthdays:

10/10 Gabriella Jenkins
 10/13 Catherine Lupiwok
 10/23 Deborah Royal
 10/25 Sava Cook
 10/28 Alan Royal
 10/29 Nicholas Evanusa

Namesdays:

10/6 *St. Innocent of Alaska*
 Fr. John Parsells
 10/23 *St. James the Brother of the Lord*
 Alan Royal

If your name is not on this list and it should be, please see Fr. John, as soon as possible!



FINANCIAL SUMMARY – 1ST THREE QUARTERS OF 2008

ORDINARY INCOME

Category	Jan – Sept 08	Budget
Stewardship	\$42,954	\$44,784
Diocese	\$4,600	\$4,500
Candles	\$2,750	\$2,250
Bookstore	\$916	\$315
Charity	\$1310	\$900

ORDINARY INCOME / EXPENSES

Category	Jan – Sept 08	Budget
Income	\$53,461	\$53,074
Expenses	\$53,486	\$54,964
Net Income	-\$24	-\$1,890

OTHER INCOME

Category	Jan – Sept 08	Budget
Liturgical Items	\$5,541	n/a
Building Fund	\$4,686	n/a

About the Financial Summary

The **ordinary income and expenses** figures shown in the chart on the left designate those funds which are being used towards our operating budget.

The **other income** figures shown at the bottom of the chart on the left indicate those funds which were donated for a specified purpose which does not relate to our operating budget.

Our net ordinary income, as far as the budget goes, is a negative \$24. This does not take into account the \$10,227 which has been donated for a baptismal font, six sets of liturgical covers, altar icons, and towards our building fund.

The 2008 end of year financial summary will be published in full detail as part of the Treasurer's report at the 2009 Annual Meeting. Full financial reports are presented at every Parish Council meeting for review by the Priest and Council Members.