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BULLETIN OF OCTOBER 18, 2009

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

7:00p.m. Orthodox Movie Night

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

8:00a.m. Yard Sale
5:00p.m. Orthodoxy 101
6:00p.m. Great Vespers

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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



About St. Luke the Evangelist

The holy, glorious and all-laudable Apostle and Evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel of Luke, the companion of the Apostle Paul (Phil 1:24, 2 Tim 4:10-11), and is numbered among the Seventy Apostles. He was a native of Syrian Antioch and a physician, and is the founder of iconography.

READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, Oct. 25th

Jodi McElwee

Sunday, Nov. 1st

Kathy Parrish



Please Remember in Prayer

Carole Boris (newly-departed), Archpriest Michael, Monk Christian, Nadia, Kathy & Bill Parrish, Marie, Thomas, Judith Kocinski, Jane Koshutko, Robert Evanusa, Nicholas & Linda, Nicholas, Anna, Steven, Yvonne, Katherine, Michael, Gregory, Todd & Olga Leisure, Nina Gordon, Constantina & Christos, Mirela & Chris, Jaroslav, Troy Paul Duker, Frank & Mary Miranda. Requests? Let Fr. John know.



Orthodox Movie Night – October 19th

This Monday's Movie will be "Rudy", an account of the life of Daniel "Rudy" Ruettinger, who harbored dreams of playing football at the University of Notre Dame despite significant obstacles. Runtime 116 mins. All invited!

Yard Sale – Rain Date – Saturday, October 24th

Due to inclement weather, yesterday's Yard Sale was postponed until this coming Saturday, October 24th from 8am-1pm. If you would like to donate items, cash for expenses, or your time, please see Alice Peters. Thank you!



Reading Group Rescheduled – Monday, Nov 2nd



The next Reading Group will meet on Monday, November 2nd at 7pm at the church. The text will be the Didache or "The Teaching of the Apostles". This early Christian treatise, dated by most scholars to the late first/early second century, has three main sections dealing with Christian lessons, rituals such as baptism and Eucharist, and Church organization. Copies are available for pickup at the candle stand.



Did You Miss It?

In last week's bulletin there were the Top 10 Tips for Living an Orthodox Christian Way of Life. If you haven't gotten a copy, pick one up in the back of the church or download it from our website. Questions? See Fr. John.



St. Michael's Party – Sunday, November 1st

On November 1st (the Sunday after Halloween and before the Feast of Archangel Michael – November 8th) we will have a St. Michael's Party for the children of the parish. After the Divine Liturgy, the children will get dressed up as Saints and Angels and have a parade during the coffee hour. Events and games to follow. Questions, costume ideas, etc.? Please see Mat. Emily.

Prayers for Those in the Healing Ministries

will be offered at the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Nov. 1st, the feast of Ss. Cosmas and Damian, the Wonderworkers and Unmercenary Healers. Doctors, pharmacists, dentists, nurses, counselors and all those involved in the fields of health and wellness are asked to come forward at the end of the Liturgy.



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE ON THE ANGELS

1. Angels? Who in their right mind believes in angels anymore?!?
 - a. those who know that things exist which cannot be seen by the human eye
 - b. those who believe the Word of God in the Old and New Testaments
 - c. those who have even some awareness of the spiritual world, including non-Christians
 - d. those who are possessed by demons
 - e. all of the above

2. True or False: According to the Holy Scriptures, there are 7 ranks of angels and 9 archangels.

3. The word "angel" means:

- a. spirit
- b. servant
- c. messenger
- d. holy one
- e. none of the above

4. True or False: Angels can be present in two or more places at the same time because they don't have physical bodies.

5. The word "Satan" literally means:

- a. father of lies
- b. prince of the world
- c. accuser or adversary
- d. evil one
- e. all of the above



6. True or False: Angels and demons, by their very nature as super-natural, highly intelligent spirits, not only know everything that has happened in the past, but can also read our thoughts and foretell the future.



7. If an angel came to you and gave you a different teachings from what was already given by Jesus Christ, should you listen to him?

8. True or False: When little children die, in heaven they become angels.

9. True or False: God created Satan as a fallen angel so that man's free will would be tested, having the option to follow God or follow the devil.

10. How many angels are there?

- a. 144,000 angels, plus an unnumbered amount of demons
- b. 99 angels, as indicated by the Lord's parable about the 99 sheep that didn't wander
- c. somewhere between 1,000 and 10,000
- d. innumerable more than the number of people ever created

1. e) all of the above.
2. False) There are 9 ranks of angels and many archangels, seven of which are known by name in Holy Scripture and Tradition
3. c) messenger
4. False. Angels are bound by time and space as are human beings.
5. c) Though all the descriptions apply, "Satan" literally means "accuser" or "adversary".
6. False. Angels do not know everything in the past, cannot read our thoughts, and do not know the future, unless God informs them of this.
7. No. See Galatians 1:8 and the errors of Islam and Mormonism for instance.
8. False. Though they may go to Heaven. Human beings do not become angels, nor angels become human beings.
9. False. Everything God created was made good, including Satan, who was formerly an angel of light and willingly chose to dwell in darkness.
10. d) Though there is no exact figure given in Holy Scripture or Tradition, the Church teaches that there are innumerable more angels than human beings ever created.

METROPOLITAN JONAH, OCA GUESTS OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH OF GEORGIA

TBILISI, GEORGIA [OCA Communications] -- On Sunday evening, October 11, 2009, His Beatitude, Metropolitan Jonah left New York for a week-long visit to the Georgian Orthodox Church.

Metropolitan Jonah's first visit to the Church of Georgia as the guest of His Holiness, Catholicos-Patriarch Ilia of All Georgia, coincides with one of the Georgian Church's most important holy days, the Feast of the Commemoration of the Appearance of the Pillar above the Robe of the Lord, celebrated on October 14.

Metropolitan Jonah, OCA guests of the Orthodox Church of Georgia Metropolitan Jonah will also conduct formal discussions with Catholicos-Patriarch Ilia. A major issue of these talks will concern pastoral care for the growing number of Georgian Orthodox immigrants in North America, many of whom are attending parishes of the Orthodox Church in America.



Accompanying Metropolitan are the Very Rev. Alexander Garklavs, OCA Chancellor; the Very Rev. Leonid Kishkovsky, OCA Director of External Affairs and Interchurch Relations; the Rev. Alexander Tandilashvili; and Archdeacon Kirill Sokolov. Joining the New York delegation from Moscow will be Archimandrite Zachaeus [Wood], Representative of the Orthodox Church in America to the Patriarchate of Moscow.



According to ancient tradition, Christianity in what is now Georgia traces its roots to the evangelistic efforts of the Apostle Andrew. Saint Nino, Enlightener of Georgia and Equal to the Apostles, spearheaded more extensive missionary work in the region in the early 4th century. The Georgian Church was originally part of the ancient see of Antioch, which granted it autocephaly in 466 AD. Christian culture flourished for centuries in the region, and it remains especially known for its large and beautiful monasteries.

With annexation of the Eastern Georgian kingdom by the Russian Empire in the early 19th century, the autocephaly of the Patriarchate of Georgia was abolished in 1811, and the Georgian Church was thereafter governed by an exarch of the Russian Orthodox Church. The last Exarch of Georgia in 1915-17 was His Eminence, Metropolitan Platon [Rozhdestvensky], who served as Archbishop of North America from 1907 until 1914 and as Metropolitan of All America and Canada from 1922 until his death in 1934. With Russia in the midst of revolutionary turmoil in 1917, the Church of Georgia once again declared its autocephaly and the patriarchate was reestablished.

Catholicos-Patriarch Ilia II has been the Primate of the Georgian Church since 1977. He skillfully guided the Church in Georgia during difficult times under the Soviet Regime. With Georgia's emergence as an independent nation since the fall of communism, he is perhaps the country's most visible and respected leader. Catholicos-Patriarch Ilia has tirelessly guided efforts for stability and peace throughout the Caucasus while shepherding the Georgian Church in its growth and expansion following decades of oppression under totalitarian rule.



As guest of the Orthodox Church in America, Catholicos-Patriarch Ilia visited the US on several occasions. His last visit occurred in 1998.

For more information regarding the visit of Metropolitan Jonah to Georgia, please see OCA.org.



SENSE OF HUMOR NEEDED

A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses."

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

"Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

People want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the center of attention..

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner." And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!



Some Instructions of Patriarch Ilia II of Georgia, given on the Feast of the Cross, September 14/27 2009

The Holy Cross is a great mystery. A man must follow vertical and horizontal paths. The vertical path means seeking God, and the horizontal path means serving and loving human beings. A person who forms a cross with his life achieves happiness. Our lives should begin and end with the Cross. The Cross is the greatest holy force against the devil.

I cannot remember a night without praying in our family. This rule of daily prayer should be followed in every single family..

Parents should bless their children every day. Children should ask for a blessing from their parents and kiss their hands. Parents should teach their children how to love and serve God. The ability to feel love is a grace that God has given us and we pass it on to our children.

Hope is necessary. A hopeless person is poor. If we pray with hope, God will hear our prayer.

