



CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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BULLETIN OF OCTOBER 16, 2011

Welcome Visitors

We warmly welcome all those who are visiting us today. It is good to have you all with us!

Myrrh-streaming Icon to visit St. George's – Oct. 19th

On Wednesday, October 19, at 6:00pm, the Myrrh-streaming Iveron Icon of the Mother of God from Hawaii will visit St. George's in Ocean City. There will be an Akathist (30 minute prayer service), followed by veneration of the icon and anointing with the holy myrrh that miraculously streams from it. All are encouraged to attend!



Prayers for Those in the Healing Ministries – Sunday, Oct. 30th

will be offered at the Liturgy on Sunday, Oct. 30th. Doctors, pharmacists, dentists, nurses, counselors and all those involved in the health and wellness fields are asked to come forward for a blessing.



St. Michael's Party – Sunday, November 6th

On November 6th (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.

2012 Calendars & Pocket Planners

can be ordered via the order sheet in the back of the church. The calendars are \$5.00 a piece and the pocket planners \$4.00. The order sheet will be in the back of the church for the next month or so.

Parishioners That Are Home Bound

If you or a loved one cannot make it to Church to receive the Holy Mysteries, Fr. John would be very pleased to visit at your home, in the hospital, at a nursing home, or any other place. Please be sure to schedule a visit with him.



Questions?

Have a question about our new Parish Center or last week's Special Parish Meeting? Please see one of the Council members or Fr. John. If you missed the meeting and would like a copy of the handouts, please pick one up at the candle stand.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

18th Sunday of Pentecost

Holy Fathers of the 7th Council

8:40a.m. Hours

9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

6:00p.m. Akathist @ St. George's

Myrrh-streaming Icon

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

5:00p.m. Movie Night

6:00p.m. Great Vespers

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

19th Sunday of Pentecost

St. James, the Brother of the Lord

8:40a.m. Hours

9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour

READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, Oct. 23rd

Gabriela Jones

Sunday, Oct. 30th

Jodi McElwee



Prayer List: Fr. Michael Mihalick, Fr. Alexander Atty, Fr. Christian, Mat. Dunia, Mat. Lisa, Kelly Elizabeth & child, Bill Parrish, Fa-zealle, Hayley, Tyler Pelesh, Jerrie Rife, Wallace & Michelle, Ryan & Kayla, Maleah Morsey, Victoria Kokkinos, Ed Tucker, Karen Nichols, Denise Royal, Simeon, Scott & Maryann, Roman Szwec, Garrett Cuppels, Jane Koshutko, Nicholas & Linda, Nina Gordon, Mirela & Chris, Troy Duker, Mary Miranda, Bruce Eckerd, Stella, Lilly Barnett, Amy F., Nedelina, Henrietta Stack.

OPERATING THRU 9/30/11			OCTOBER OPERATING			BUILDING FUND		
Income	Expense	Net	Income	Goal	Difference	Income	Goal	Difference
38,975	47,591	-8,616	1,248	5,900	-4,652	19,535	20,000	-465



NEWS RELEASE: CHRIST THE SAVIOR MISSION PURCHASES PARISH CENTER IN BERLIN, MARYLAND

On Sunday, October 9th, the Feast of St. Tikhon, the Enlightener of North America, the parishioners of Christ the Savior Mission assembled for a Special Parish Meeting and voted unanimously to purchase a 15.1 acre, 4300 square foot estate located at 10315 Carey Road, Berlin, MD, to serve as their parish center.

The next day, Monday, October 10th, the property was successfully put under contract with a purchase price of \$570,000. The Mission hopes to close on the property sometime this November, after fulfilling the necessary inspections and processes with Worcester County.

This is truly an extraordinary time for our little community! We invite all of you, the friends and supporters of Christ the Savior Mission, to rejoice and give thanks to the Lord with us! Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we seek to be faithful stewards of the great gifts that God is bestowing upon us!

THE LIFE OF SAINT PETER THE TAX-COLLECTOR

Commemorated September 22nd

St. Peter, Former Tax-Collector, was the chief collector of taxes in Africa in the service of the emperor Justinian (527-565). He was a cruel and merciless man.

One day he threw a morsel of bread to a beggar who annoyed him by incessantly begging alms. In a vision Peter saw himself as dead and how the holy Angels weighed his deeds on the scale of the righteous judgment of God. On the side of good deeds nothing was placed except a morsel of bread, thrown at the beggar, but this prevented the opposite side from being pulled down by his vicious deeds.

Peter pondered the meaning of the dream, and thought that if one loaf of bread, thrown involuntarily, was of such help to him, then he might receive much more help for good deeds performed with compassion and from the heart. He repented and completely changed his life. He liberally distributed alms to the needy, and fed and clothed many.

One day, in a dream, Peter saw Jesus Christ. The Lord was dressed in clothes which the saint once gave to a beggar. Peter then distributed his substance to the poor and ordered his slave to sell him into slavery and to give the money to the poor. The slave reluctantly carried out the orders of his master.

For many years St Peter worked diligently and humbly for his master. One day he was recognized by tradesmen to whom he had been known earlier. They told the master who his servant was. Having overheard this conversation, the saint quickly fled from the city. In departing, he worked a miracle: the gatekeeper, a deaf-mute slave, was ordered by St Peter to open the gates in the name of Jesus Christ. He fulfilled the command, and at once received his hearing and speech. He rushed around everywhere to tell his master and added moreover, that when the saint commanded him to open the gates, fire came forth from his mouth touching his face, after which he began to hear and speak. Everyone went to look for Peter, but the search proved in vain. The saint hid and remained hidden until his death.

The Life of St Peter was passed along by St John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria (November 12), who in turn knew it from a man personally acquainted with the saint.



PETITIONS IN PREPARATION FOR THE 16TH ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL

From OCA.org

In preparation for the upcoming 16th All-American Council of the Orthodox Church in America, which will convene in Bellevue, WA October 31-November 4, 2011, the following petitions have been blessed for inclusion in the Litany of Fervent Supplication on October 16, 23 and 30.

Furthermore we pray that the Lord, our Almighty and Eternal God, the Source of all wisdom and understanding, will be present with us as we prepare to gather in Council; and that in our striving to serve and glorify Him, He will enlighten us with right judgment and Godly purpose to His glory and the building up of His Holy Church.

Furthermore we pray that the Lord our God, the Giver of every good gift, will look with favor upon His Church and bless and guide the minds and hearts of His people being gathered by the grace of the Holy Spirit; and that He will increase in us holy conversation, vigilance, fervent prayer, and trust in Him, guiding our plans and deliberations with faith and knowledge of His will for us.



THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

From the Prologue of St. Nikolai Velimirovich

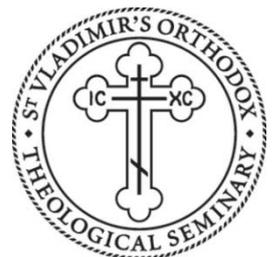


The Seventh Ecumenical Council was held in 787 at Nicaea during the reign of the devout Empress Irene and her son, Constantine, in the time of Patriarch Tarasius. This Council finally confirmed the veneration of icons, justifying it by Holy Scripture, by the witness of the Holy Fathers, and by the undeniable 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.

ST. VLADIMIR'S SEMINARY OFFERS FREE SEMINAR ON SUFFERING, PALLIATIVE CARE

From OCA.org

Struggling with disease and terminal illness is part of the human condition, but dealing with suffering in a redemptive, Christian way presents a special challenge. To help its seminarians, clergy, health professionals, and friends better understand how to approach and manage human suffering, Saint Vladimir's Seminary here will offer a free seminar Friday, October 21, from 9:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., titled "Spiritual Issues in Suffering and Palliative Care."



Drs. Daniel and Jane Hinshaw, both medical doctors and Orthodox Christians, will lead the seminar. Daniel B. Hinshaw, M.D., is Professor of Surgery at the University of Michigan Health System, in the Section of General Surgery, based full time at the Ann Arbor Veterans Administration Medical Center. Dr. Hinshaw completed a fellowship in Palliative Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic in June of 2001. His clinical research interests are focused on care at the end-of-life and the use of complementary medicine in the relief of pain.

Dr. Jane (Carnahan) Hinshaw is Clinical Instructor of Psychiatry at the University of Michigan Health System and Staff Psychiatrist at the Mental Health Clinic at Ann Arbor Veterans Administration Medical Center. Her area of special interest involves psychiatric issues in palliative care.

The seminar will be held in the Metropolitan Philip Auditorium of the John G. Rangos Family Building on the seminary campus. No registration is necessary.

ASK FATHER: 1 QUESTION / 1 ANSWER

Question: Why did God give man free will, if He knew that man would choose evil?

Answer: We recall that God created the world good, and man very good. He also gave the commandment not to come to the knowledge of good and evil. In other words, man was commanded to know only goodness, and more than this, man was to grow in the participation of God – who alone is truly and infinitely Good. This was God's will – that man might share in everything that He Himself has as God – love, wisdom, life, light, etc.. And for this to happen, man needed to be like God, free. Man needed free will.

In His infinite foreknowledge, God knew that man would misuse this free will and choose evil. Yet, God permitted this because by so doing, man could come to understand the difference between good and evil, light and darkness, truth and falsehood, life and death. By personal experience, man was to grow in the realization that everything truly good can be found only in God, while everything truly evil can be found only in separation from and rejection of God. The Lord permitted man to misuse his free will so that he might educate himself by this experience and come to spiritual maturity.

Of course, we might say that the easier path would have been simply to trust God and to listen to His commandment not to know evil. However, since man has chosen evil, it has allowed God to show his compassion, forgiveness, mercy and love to measures beyond what man would have been able to recognize in the Garden of Eden. Man was now able to see the "love of God in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." When Christ hung on the Cross – the Creator rejected and put to death by His creation – He revealed the Father in a way beyond imagination or comprehension. He revealed the un-

fathomable depth of God's loving-kindness. In so doing, by being lifted up on the Cross, He draws all men to Himself. Truly nothing is more beautiful or desirous than self-sacrificial, unconditional love, even for one's enemies. This is the love that conquers hatred, the light that the darkness could not overcome/comprehend, and the life that overthrows the power of death.

It is our hope as Christians, that all might be saved and come to the knowledge of the Truth – that all might have eternal life. "And this is eternal life, that they might know

You, O heavenly Father, and Jesus Christ, Whom You have sent." It is our hope that even those who have sinned in the most horrid of fashions, might be

changed by this love of God in Christ Jesus – a love which is and remains unconditional, all-powerful, and eternal. What man can make God's love conditional? What man can defeat the power of God's love by his own hatred? What man can outlast God's loving-kindness and patience?

Truly, the time is coming when "every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father." Then no one will ask the question: Why did God give man free will? The answer will be obvious: So that God might better reveal His infinite goodness, and by the beauty of His divine nature might draw man to freely enjoy and share in His very being and life.

The God Who remained invisible in the Old Testament and said, "I AM Who I AM", has now show Himself visibly in the Son who redeems man from his fall through the Cross, the Holy Spirit who sanctifies man by His indwelling presence, and the Father who shares not only His kingdom with His created sons but also His very Self. This was, after all, the plan from the beginning: that man might share by grace in everything which God has by nature through the revelation of the Holy Trinity.

