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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

13th Sunday of Pentecost

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

Alaskan Martyrs Juvenaly & Peter

9:00a.m. Molieben

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

5:15p.m. Memorial Service
 6:00p.m. Great Vespers

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

14th Sunday of Pentecost

8:40a.m. Prebaptismal Prayers
 9:00a.m. Baptismal Liturgy
 Coffee Hour

"Almsgiving above all else requires money, but even this shines with a brighter luster when the alms are given from our poverty. The widow who paid in the two mites was poorer than any human, but she outdid them all."

St. John Chrysostom

READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, Sept. 29th

Kathy Parrish

Sunday, Oct. 6th

Gabriela Jones



The Prayer List

may be found at the candle stand. Please put the names of those who are in special need of prayer due to an urgent situation. Everyone needs prayer all the time, but this list is specific to those whose are in dire need. If you have any questions, please see Fr. John. Thank you!



Protection of the Theotokos – October 1st

The Virgin Mary is the special protectress of Christians and each year on October 1st, the feast dedicated to her protection, we especially honor her and ask her intercession. Services will be held on the eve as well as the morning of the Feast.



The **Prayer List** has been moved to the candle stand. If you would like a name added to the list, you may do so yourself or you may contact Fr. John.

CASH FLOWS THROUGH 5/31/13					CASH FLOWS IN SEPTEMBER 2013					FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT		
OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	ASSETS & LIABILITIES – 9/22		
Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Checking	Overdue	Due 2/2014
27,450	21,348	23,473	17,245	+12,330	5,945	2,921	2,250	0	+5,274	+4,649	0	-11,063



ASSEMBLY OF BISHOPS ISSUES REPORT ON OPENING DAY

From OCA.org

CHICAGO, IL [ACOB] - The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North and Central America began its second day of meetings here on Wednesday, September 18, 2012.

At the conclusion of opening sessions on Tuesday, September 17, a press release was issued, the text of which appears below.

Progress Reflected in 4th Annual Assembly Meeting

Assembly of BishopsThe Hierarchs participating in the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North and Central America following the first day of their 4th Annual Meeting in Chicago (photo © Dimitrios Panagos/GOA)

The first day of meetings of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North and Central America reflected a growing collegiality and cooperation among those present. Forty-three hierarchs representing 11 jurisdictions are in attendance.

The morning began with hierarchs participating in a common celebration of the Divine Liturgy at the Holy Virgin Protection Cathedral in Des Plaines, IL.

"Today...we are here together in unity and joy in full awareness of the truth that the love of Christ has brought us together and is with us," said Archbishop Demetrios, Chairman of the Assembly, in his opening remarks to the hierarchs. "As we stand with awe, having prayed the Divine Liturgy and received the precious Body and Blood of our Lord, we are not only in God's presence but also more importantly, we experience His presence as one undivided Body—His Body."

His Eminence asked the hierarchs to keep in mind a number of issues over the course of the next several days: the threat to Orthodox Christians in other parts of the world and the kidnapped Syrian bishops whose whereabouts are still unknown; the responsibility to offer a complete and authentic image and experience of Christ to faith-seeking Americans; and an acknowledgment of our many blessings and the accompanying responsibility to promote and share the Orthodox faith to those who are suffering and in need.

His Grace Bishop Basil, Secretary of the Assembly, initiated a candid conversation in the afternoon on the vision of the Assembly, and how the Assembly is to interpret and act on the Chambésy decision. Break-out groups followed, in which hierarchs shared their views and then reported back to the group at-large. Further discussion on this topic, including proposals for canonical restructuring, is planned for Wednesday.

An outcome of Tuesday's meeting was the creation of a new committee to oversee agencies and endorsed organizations. The committee will review recommendations that have been made as to the relationship between the Assembly and its agencies and organizations, and determine criteria for future agency and organization endorsement. The committee's members will be those hierarchs who serve as agency liaisons, with a chairperson to be appointed.

ASSEMBLY OF BISHOPS ISSUES REPORT ON SECOND DAY

From OCA.org

CHICAGO, IL [ACOB] - The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North and Central America ended its second day of meetings here on Wednesday, September 18, 2013.

At the conclusion of the day's sessions, the following press release—the text of which appears below—was issued.

Canonical Restructuring and National Youth Meeting Key Topics on Day Two

The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops endorsed a proposal to plan for a North American Pan-Orthodox Youth Gathering of high school students. The proposal was put forth by the Committee for Youth. The gathering will enable Orthodox youth from all jurisdictions to come together, share in their faith, bear witness to the Church, and build bridges across our Orthodox family.

The gathering, which will be organized by jurisdictional youth departments, is envisioned for 2016 or 2017. In the period leading up to the national event, local and regional youth activities will be planned.

The Assembly also reviewed a model for canonical restructuring of the Church in America, which was presented by the Committee for Canonical Regional Planning under the leadership of Archbishop Nicolae. The model was a further development of one put forth at last year's Assembly meeting. The hierarchs engaged in a lengthy discussion and provided comments. Based on the feedback, the committee will continue the process of developing a model that will garner the consensus of the hierarchs. As an immediate step, the committee's membership will be expanded to represent the viewpoints of every jurisdiction.

It was acknowledged that the unique history and experiences of each jurisdiction in the US results today in a range of responses to ecclesiastical unity. In particular, one of the major points of discussion was the pastoral care of recent Orthodox immigrants and the need for any future action to consider the needs of these communities.

Metropolitan Antony read a resolution congratulating Archbishop Demetrios on the 14th anniversary of his enthronement as Archbishop, which occurred on this date in 1999. Also given special acknowledgment was Bishop Maxim, who in the last year has authored four books.



ALMSGIVING: ADVICE TO THE POOR

From Abba Dorotheos

No one can say, "I am poor and hence I have no means of giving alms." For even if you cannot give as the rich gave their gifts into the temple treasury, give two farthings as the poor widow did, and from you God will consider it a greater gift than the gifts of the rich. And if you do not have as much as two farthings? You can take pity on the sick and give alms by ministering to them. And if you cannot do even this? You can comfort your brother by your words. "A good word is better than the best of gifts."



ALMSGIVING: ADVICE TO THE RICH

From St. Simeon the New Theologian

Just as the poor should give thanks to God and return rich love to those who assist them, so all the more should the wealthy give thanks.

For through God's providence the rich are able to perform acts of charity to those in need and so are saved both in this age and in the age to come.

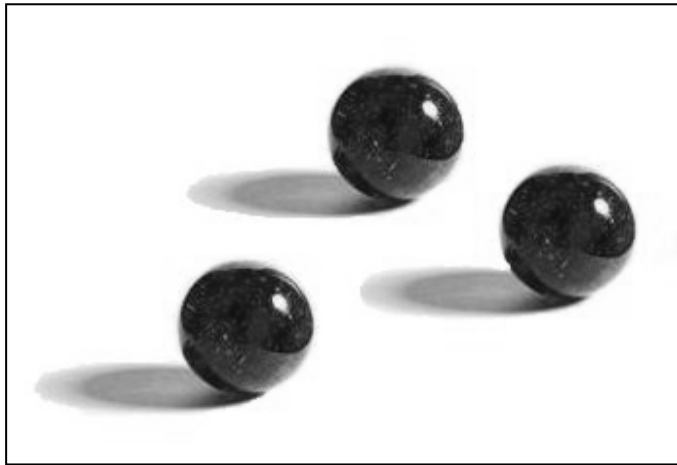
For without the poor they cannot save their souls or flee the temptations of wealth.

A WORD ABOUT RED MARBLES

From an Anonymous Source

I was at the corner grocery store buying some early potatoes. I noticed a small boy, delicate of bone and feature, ragged but clean, hungrily appraising a basket of freshly picked green peas. I paid for my potatoes but was also drawn to the display of fresh green peas. I am a pushover for creamed peas and new potatoes. Pondering the peas, I couldn't help overhearing the conversation between Mr. Miller (the store owner) and the ragged boy next to me. "Hello Barry, how are you today?" "H'lo, Mr. Miller. Fine, thank ya. Jus' admirin' them peas. They sure look good."

"They are good, Barry. How's your Ma?" "Fine. Gittin' stronger alla' time." "Good. Anything I can help you with?" "No, Sir. Jus' admirin' them peas." "Would you like to take some home?" asked Mr. Miller. "No, Sir. Got nuthin' to pay for 'em with." "Well, what have you to trade me for some of those peas?" "All I got's my prize marble here." "Is that right? Let me see it" said Miller. "Here 'tis.. She's a dandy." "I can see that.



Hmmmm, only thing is this one is blue and I sort of go for red. Do you have a red one like this at home?" the store owner asked. "Not exackley but almost." "Tell you what. Take this sack of peas home and next trip this way let me look at that red marble". Mr. Miller told the boy. "Sure will.. Thanks Mr. Miller."

Mrs. Miller, who had been standing nearby, came over to help me. With a smile she said, "There are two other boys like him in our community, all three are in very poor circumstances. Jim just loves to bargain with them for peas, apples, tomatoes, or whatever. When they come back with their red marbles, and they always do, he decides he doesn't like red after all and he sends them home with a bag of produce for a green marble or an orange one, when they come on their next trip to the store." I left the store smiling, impressed with this man.

A short time later I moved to Colorado, but I never forgot the story of this man, the boys, and their bartering for marbles. Several years went by, each more rapid than the previous one. Then just recently I had occasion to visit some old friends in that Idaho community and while I was there I learned that Mr. Miller had died. They were having his visitation that evening and knowing my friends wanted to go, I agreed to accompany them. Upon arrival at the mortuary we fell into line to meet the relatives of the deceased and to offer whatever words of comfort we could. Ahead of us in line were three young men. One was in an army uniform and the other two wore nice haircuts, dark suits and white shirts....all very professional looking. They approached Mrs. Miller, standing composed and smiling by her husband's casket. Each of the young men hugged her, kissed her on the cheek, spoke briefly with her and moved on to the casket.

Her misty light blue eyes followed them as, one by one, each young man stopped briefly and placed his own warm hand over the cold pale hand in the casket. Each left the mortuary awkwardly, wiping his eyes. Our turn came to meet Mrs. Miller. I told her who I was and reminded her of what she had told me about her husband's bartering for marbles. With her eyes glistening, she took my hand and led me to the casket.

"Those three young men who just left were the boys I told you about. They just told me how they appreciated the things Jim "traded" them. Now, at last, when Jim could not change his mind about color or size....they came to pay their debt." "We've never had a great deal of the wealth of this world," she confided, "but right now, Jim would consider himself the richest man in Idaho." With loving gentleness she lifted the lifeless fingers of her deceased husband. Resting underneath were three exquisitely shined red marbles.