



CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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A Warm Welcome!

We warmly welcome all of our visitors! It's good to have you with us!

The Church New Year – September 1st

Every time we enter upon another year whether it be civil or ecclesiastical we have the opportunity to reflect upon the past and make changes for a better future. Let us ask ourselves: What practical changes can I make which will allow the Lord to act more in my life? Can I do more in my spiritual life – prayer, study, almsgiving, stewardship? Can we do more as a community – worship, education, charity, evangelism? How can I personally, and we collectively, play a part in making this coming year better than the previous year?

Molieben of Thanksgiving – September 1st

Today, following coffee hour. All interested are welcome to attend.



The Nativity of the Theotokos – September 8th

Next Sunday, we celebrate the Birth of the Theotokos. This is the first of the 12 Great Feasts of the Church's liturgical year. We will have Vespers with Litiya on Saturday at 6:00pm for the Feast. Come celebrate!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

Church New Year

Sunday of the Environment

8:40a.m. Hours
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hr. / Open Pool

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

5:00p.m. No Class
6:00p.m. Great Vespers w/ Litiya

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

Nativity of the Theotokos

One of the Twelve Great Feasts

8:40a.m. Hours
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
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Only struggle a little more. Carry your cross without complaining. Don't think you are anything special. Don't justify your sins and weaknesses, but see yourself as you really are. And, especially, love one another.

Fr. Seraphim Rose (+1982)

Special Parish Meeting

If you missed last Sunday's Special Meeting of the Parish, the report together with the draft minutes are available for your pickup at the candle stand. Please also speak with Fr. John, who will answer questions that you may have about the handouts.



The Pool is Open

Following the Divine Liturgy until 1:30pm, the pool will be open for swimming. A certified lifeguard will be on duty, but parents should still watch their children. Be safe and enjoy! Questions? Please see Fr. John

Church Cleaners Needed

We are in need of a few volunteers to help clean the chapel each week, following the Sunday Divine Liturgy. The work is minimal and the blessings, great! If you are willing to help, please see Fr. John.

Greeters Needed

Those who are interested in serving as Greeters – persons who especially welcome visitors, above and beyond the warm welcome offered by all – are asked to please see Darrell Wilson.



READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, Sept. 8th

Jodi McElwee

Sunday, September 15th

Joanne Patrick



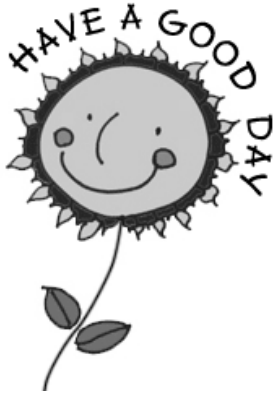
Living: Fr. Alexander Atty, Fr. Christian, Mat. Dunia, Hayley, Tyler Pelesh, Wallace & Michelle, John Trax, Karen Nichols, Denise Royal, Jane Koshutko, Nina Gordon, Mirela & Chris, Bruce Eckerd, Stella, Ari, Nedelina, Lilianna, Irene Clenney, Katie Hawley, Rob & Jenny Barbarita, George & Ellen, Lorraine, Susan Pappas, Jerry Knode, Daria Virvan, Ryan and Kayla Wilson, Nancy. **Departed:** Frank Pappas, Mary Sue.

CASH FLOWS THROUGH 5/31/13					CASH FLOWS IN AUGUST 2013					FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT		
OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	ASSETS & LIABILITIES – 9/1		
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	5,422	3,624	4,175	1,451	+4,519	+1,973	0	-13,313

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING

From orthodoxdelmarva.org

On Sunday, August 25th, a Special Parish Meeting was held to discuss stewardship and the financial plan of the Mission. A report was distributed containing charts showing stewardship data, a one-page theological presentation on Orthodox Christian giving vis-à-vis other approaches, and a list of the Mission's assets and liabilities. Resolutions were made regarding stewardship and the financial plan to continue the Mission's development into full parish status. Sincere appreciation is extended to everyone who participated in this very important meeting. Glory and thanks be to God for blessing us with such a positive and productive gathering!



"A GOOD DAY"

By Brother David Steindl-Rast – From Fr. Michael Mihalick of blessed memory

You think this is just another day in your life. It's not just another day. It's the one day that is given to you today. It's given to you. It's a gift. It's the only gift that you have right now. And the only appropriate response is gratefulness.

If you do nothing else but to cultivate that response, to the great gift that this unique day is, if you learn to respond as if it were the first day in your life, and the very last day, then you will have spent this day very well.

Begin by opening your eyes and be surprised that you have eyes you can open.

That incredible array of colors that is constantly offered to us for pure enjoyment.

Look at the sky. We so rarely look at the sky. We so rarely note how different it is from moment to moment, with clouds coming and going. We just think of the weather. Even of the weather we don't think of all the many nuances of weather. We just think of good weather and bad weather. This day right now, this unique weather, may be a kind that will never exactly in that form come again. The formation of clouds in the sky will never be the same that it is right now. Open your eyes. Look at that.

Look at the faces of people you may meet. Each one has an incredible story behind their face, a story that you could never fully fathom. Not only their own story, but the story of their ancestors. We all go back so far. And in this place and moment, in this day, all the people you meet, all that life from generations and from so many places all over the world, flows together and meets you here like a live-giving water if you'd only open your heart and drink.

Open your heart to the incredible gifts that civilization gives to us. You flip a switch and there is electric light. You turn a faucet and there is warm water and cool water. And drinkable water, a gift that millions and millions in the world will never experience.

And these are just a few of an enormous number of gifts to which we can open our heart. And so I am wishing that you will open your heart to all these blessings and let them flow through you, that everyone you will meet on the street will be blessed by you. Blessed by your eyes. By your smile. By your touch. Just by your presence.

Let the gratefulness overflow into blessing all around you. Then it will really be a good day.

If you have not yet viewed the video, you may do so at:

<http://orthodoxdelmarva.org/gd.html>

SEPTEMBER CONGRATULATIONS!

Anniversaries:

- 9/16 Fr. Daniel & Mat. Dunia
- 9/26 Gerald & Camelia Milite

Birthdays:

- 9/5 Kathy Parrish
- 9/6 Jane Koshutko
- 9/9 Olga Bozic
- 9/10 John Kokkinos
- 9/19 Ellen Kaloroumakis
- 9/24 Lawrence Stewart
- 9/29 Kenny Marchick

Namesdays:

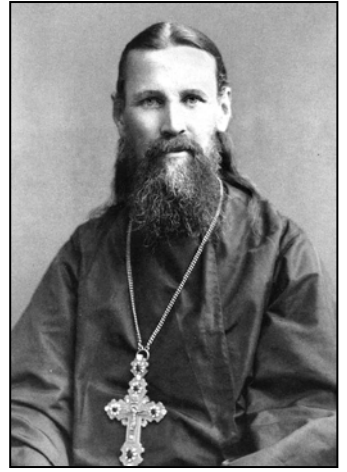
- 9/5 St. Elizabeth
Kelly Elizabeth Hageman
Elizabeth Keller
- 9/9 St. Anna
Anna Evanusa
- 9/17 Ss. Faith, Hope and Love
Sophia Kokkinos
Nada McFarland
- 9/26 St. John the Theologian
Bruce John Eckerd

Question? Please see Fr. John.

THE POOR AND THE RICH

By St. John of Kronstadt

As in the earthly life there are poor and rich, so also in the spiritual life", in the spiritual order, there are also poor and rich. As the poor ask charity of the rich and well-to-do, and cannot live without their help, so also in the spiritual order the poor must have recourse to the spiritually rich. We are the spiritually poor, whilst the saints, or those who shine even in this present life by their faith and piety, are the spiritually rich. It is to them that we needy ones must have recourse. We must beg for their prayers that they may help us to become simple as infants; that they may teach us spiritual wisdom, how to conquer sins, how to love God and our neighbor. And therefore pray for me, saints of God—prophets, apostles, martyrs, prelates, venerable and righteous men—that I may become like unto you!



ON FEAR AND LOVE

By St. Isaac the Syrian

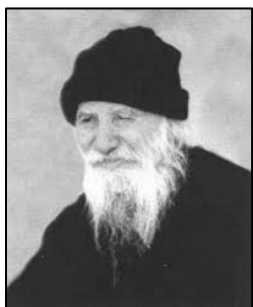
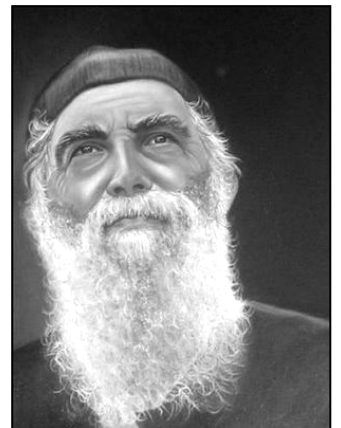
Just as it isn't possible for someone to cross the great sea without a ship, so someone can't reach love without fear. We can cross the tempestuous sea placed between us and the spiritual paradise only with the ship of repentance, borne by the oarsmen of fear. If these oarsmen of fear don't handle the ship of repentance well, by which we cross the sea of this world toward God, we will be drowned in it. Repentance is the ship, fear is the rudder, love the divine harbor. So fear puts us in the ship of repentance, and we cross the tempestuous sea and it guides us to the divine harbor, which is love where all those who labor and have been enlightened by repentance arrive. And when we have reached love, we have reached God. And our journey has ended and we have reached the island which is beyond this world.



THE IMPORTANCE OF SPIRITUAL HELP FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

By Elder Paisios the Athonite

Parents have to help their children spiritually when they are little; because then, even their faults are little and they can easily be corrected. It's like a fresh potato; if you scratch it a little, it's peeled. If, however, it gets older and staler, you will need a sharp knife to clean it; and if it has some dark spots, you'll need to dig deeper. If the children are filled with Christ from an early age, they will always remain close to Him. And even if they should stray a little when they grow up, either because of a phase of rebellion they're going through or because of bad influences, they are sure to return to their senses. This is because the fear of God and the devotion that watered their hearts - when they were young - cannot ever be eradicated.



ON THE CORRECTION OF EVIL

By Elder Porphyrios

Our purpose is not to condemn evil, but to correct it. With condemnation people can get lost, with understanding and assistance they will be saved. Evil begins from bad thoughts. When you are bitter and indignant, even just with your thoughts, you spoil a spiritual atmosphere. You prevent the Holy Spirit from acting and allow the devil to increase the evil. You should always pray, love and forgive, driving out of yourself every evil thought.