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SUNDAY, JULY 30TH

8th Sunday after Pentecost

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH

5:00p.m. Bible Study
 6:00p.m. Great Vespers

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH

Transfiguration of the Lord

8:40a.m. Hours
 9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
 Blessing of Fruits
 Coffee Hour / Open Pool

The best prayer is: "Lord! Thou knowest all things. Do with me as Thou wilt!"

St. Theophan the Recluse

READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 13th

Nicholas Boroduia

Sunday, August 20th

Megan Boroduia



Safety First

Please be attentive to our children's safety; especially in the parking lot and pool. Parents are asked to please stay with their children at all times or leave them in the supervision of another adult.



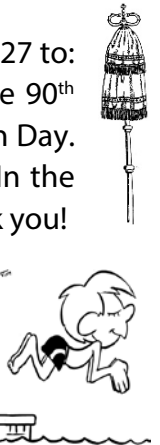
Dormition Fast – August 1-14th

Each year the Church observes a 2 week fast from August 1st through August 15th, the feast of the Dormition (or "Falling Asleep") of the Mother of God. This great feast is called the Summer Pascha as it commemorates the death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of the Virgin Mary.

Looking Ahead – 3 Great Feasts in August

In the month of August we celebrate three Great Feasts: Transfiguration of the Lord (8/6), Dormition of the Theotokos (8/15), and Our Parish Feast – The Icon Not-Made-By-Hands (8/16). Please note these days and make a special effort to attend the Services.

CASH FLOWS THROUGH 6/30/17					CASH FLOWS IN JULY 2017					FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT		
OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	AS OF: 7/30		
Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Available	Restricted	Savings
43,193	40,621	4,410	1,730	5,251	4,908	8,222	0	0	-3,314	2,392	5,724	0



NEW ORTHODOX DOCUMENTARY EXAMINES PHENOMENON OF RELIGIOUS “NONES”

From OrthoChristian.com

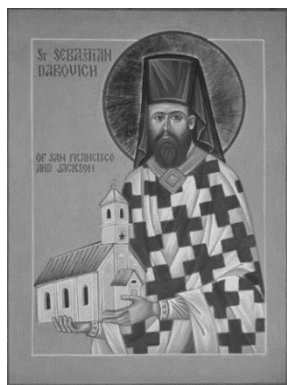
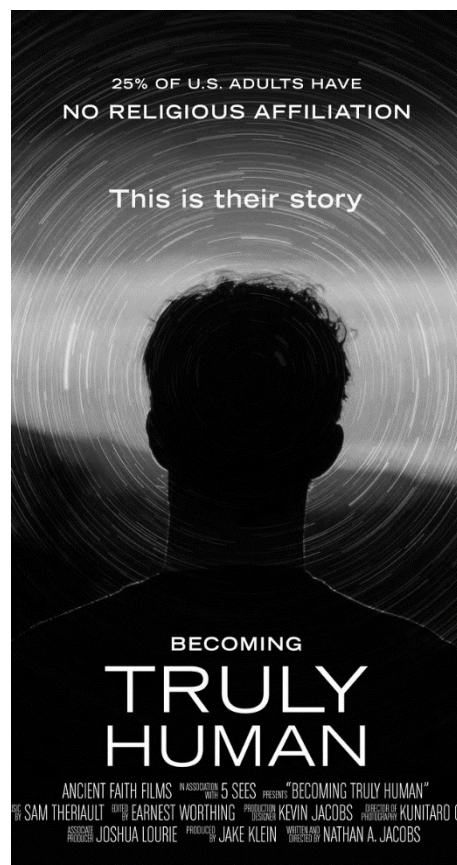
PRESS RELEASE—Aspiration Studios has announced the newest title they will bring exclusively to churches and various non-theatrical venues late this summer. BECOMING TRULY HUMAN, the first feature film about America’s religiously unaffiliated, will be programmed in venues beginning August 22, 2017.

BECOMING TRULY HUMAN is a documentary that looks at the rise of the “Nones” (those who check “none of the above” on religion surveys). Multiple research groups report that this group has risen from roughly 6% of the U.S. population in the 1990s to 25% as of 2015. To date, little research exists on this growing demographic.

The film offers a cinematic portrait of eight “Nones,” each of whom shares his or her journey from religious affiliation to religious non-affiliation. The film hears from each individually and as a group, as they share their respective views about religion, the world, God, the afterlife, and much more. Woven throughout, one None, Basil, shares how his quest for spiritual wholeness ultimately led him from religious non-affiliation to something else entirely.

“Our research has found that because ‘Nones’ are outside of religious circles, they rarely voice their thoughts on religion or even have the opportunity to do so,” said Nathan Jacobs, writer and director of BECOMING TRULY HUMAN. “It’s a powerful experience for these ‘Nones’ to hear what others are thinking and know they are not alone.”

The film will be released in churches and alternative venues through TheatriCast, the demand-driven distribution initiative from Aspiration Studios. Freestyle Digital Media will handle the digital release of the film, which is timed to later in 2017.



WHAT IS THE ORTHODOX CHURCH?

St. Sebastian Dabovich

What is the Orthodox Church? The Orthodox Church is a body or community of people, who, 1—correctly believe in divine revelation; and 2—who obey a lawful hierarchy instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ himself, through the holy apostles. In order to belong to the Orthodox Church two principal conditions are required: First—to accurately accept, rightly understand and truthfully confess the divine teaching of faith; and secondly—to acknowledge the lawful hierarchy or priesthood, to receive from it the holy mysteries or sacraments, and generally to follow its precepts in matters concerning salvation.

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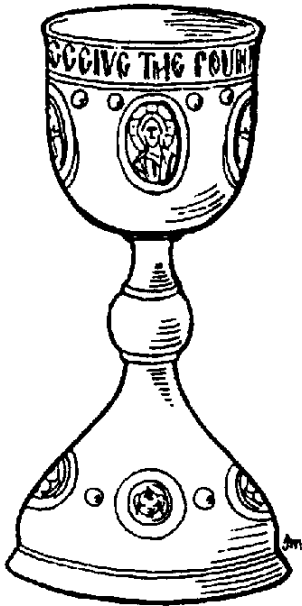
St. Isaac the Syrian

In the case of all who have passed from this world lacking a virtuous life and having had no faith, be an advocate for them, Lord, for the sake of the body which you took from them, so that from the single united body of the world we may offer up praise to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in the kingdom of heaven, an unending source of eternal life.



A PATTERN IN MAKING DISCIPLES

- 1) Christ teaches the Word of God, and the Word stirs listeners to initial faith.
- 2) Christ involves the new believer in a specific challenge, and the new believer personally experiences the grace of God; he or she feels unworthy, yet amazed.
- 3) Christ calls the new believer to become a permanent disciple and co-worker with God. The new believer freely and totally gives over his or her life to the Lord and has a new sense of mission as Christ's disciple.



GUIDELINES FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

The Orthodox Church offers certain guidelines for the faithful to prepare themselves for the joyous partaking of Holy Communion. These are:

1. Attendance at Church services the night before Liturgy. If not possible, then one should keep the evening with prayer, study and/or charity.
2. Observance of the fasting days and seasons of the Church.
3. A recent confession of sins and absolution from a priest.
4. Fasting from food and drink (including water), and smoking from midnight on the day which Holy Communion is to be received. **NOTE:** *Do not fast from medications, or food or drink recommended by a doctor.*
5. Abstinence from sexual relations the night before Liturgy and on the day of receiving Holy Communion.
6. Reading of the appointed prayers before and after receiving Holy Communion. These are found in one's prayer book or Liturgy book.
7. Being at peace, or at least seeking peace, with one's neighbor.

Questions or special circumstances? Please speak with your priest.

FROM THE DESERT FATHERS

Abba David said, "Abba Arsenius told us the following, as though it referred to someone else, but in fact it referred to himself. An old man was sitting in his cell and a voice came to him which said, 'Come, and I will show you the works of men.' He got up and followed. The voice led him to a certain place and showed him an Ethiopian cutting wood and making a great pile. He struggled to carry it but in vain. Instead of taking some off, he cut more wood which he added to the pile. He did this for a long time.

Going on a little further, the old man was shown a man standing on the shore of a lake drawing up water and pouring it into a broken receptacle, so that the water ran back into the lake. The voice said to the old man, 'Come and I will show you something else.' He saw a temple and two men on horseback, opposite one another, carrying a piece of wood crosswise. They wanted to go in through the door but could not because they held their piece of wood crosswise. Neither of them would draw back before the other, so as to carry the wood straight; so they remained outside the door. The voice said to the old man, 'These men carry the yoke of righteousness with pride, and do not humble themselves so as to correct themselves and walk in the way of Christ. So they remain outside the Kingdom of God. The man cutting the wood is he who lives in many sins and instead of repenting he adds more faults to his sins. He who draws the water is he who does good deeds, but mixing bad ones with them, he spoils even his good works. So, everyone must be watchful of his actions, lest he labor in vain.

