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A Warm Welcome!

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

St. Michael's Party – Sun., Nov. 5th

On Sunday, Nov. 5th, we will have a St. Michael's Party for the children. *After the Divine Liturgy*, the children will get dressed up as Saints and Angels and have a parade during the coffee hour. Want to assist with activities or questions, please see Mat. Emily.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

22nd Sunday After Pentecost

8:40a.m. Hours
 9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
 St. Michael's Party
 Coffee Hr;

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

7:00p.m. Great Vespers (For Holy Angels – November 8th)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

St. Nectarios of Aegina

9:00a.m. Akathist

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

23rd Sunday After Pentecost

8:40a.m. Hours
 9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
 Parish Thanksgiving Meal

Parish Thanksgiving Feast – Sun., Nov. 12th

During coffee hour. Save the date! Invite your friends. All welcome! At the usher stand is a sign-up sheet for one wishing to bring food.

Reminder: Matching Donation

In 2017, we have a matching donation program, to build up our operating account. For every dollar we finish the year in the black (the positive), one dollar will be matched by the donor – up to \$12,000. Let's not miss out on a great opportunity!

Turkeys for the Needy

As Thanksgiving is coming up, and one of the best ways to give thanks is to share our blessings with others, we will have a collection to buy turkeys for needy families. Should you wish to make a donation, please earmark your check "Turkeys". God bless your generosity!



2018 Calendars & Pocket Planners

can be ordered via the order sheet in the back of the church. The calendars are \$5.00 apiece and the pocket planners \$4.00. Last call!



Some Ways to Participate in Parish Life

Stay for coffee hour, attend the Bible study, talk to someone new, call someone you haven't seen in a while, visit the sick/hospitalized, offer to car-pool, serve in the altar, sing in the choir, become a reader, assist as an usher or greeter, serve on the parish council, clean the chapel/fellowship hall each Sunday, prepare food for Sundays or special events, enroll your children in church school, volunteer your talents, give of your time, share your financial resources, invest your life, and grow in Christ!

READER SCHEDULE



Sunday, November 12th

Megan Borodulia

Sunday, November 19th

Rdr. George Kaloroumakis

CASH FLOWS THROUGH 9/30/17					CASH FLOWS IN OCTOBER 2017					FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT		
OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	AS OF: 11/5		
Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Available	Restricted	Savings
60,832	65,183	12,890	13,100	-4,561	11,093	8,222	780	0	3,651	1,580	17,970	0

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 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. innumerably 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.
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 innumerably more angels than human beings ever created.



ON ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ETHICS

By Fr. John Parsells



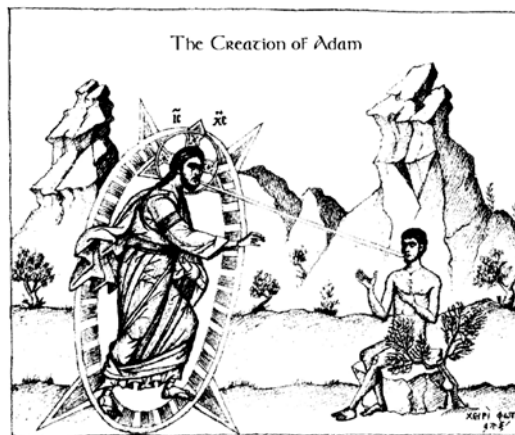
The basis of Orthodox Christian Ethics can be found in the Church's teaching on the relationship between God and the man whom He made in His Image and Likeness. The Fathers teaches that God, in His infinite Goodness, created man in His own image and likeness so that man might share in His Life; man was the perfect vessel made to be filled with the perfect God. The command of God, which summarizes all the commandments, "be ye holy for I the Lord your God am holy", was a call for man to fulfill his destiny by sharing in God's holiness by being filled with His divine life, love, light, goodness, wisdom, patience, honor, joy, self-control, humility, and all the other virtues.

According to the Sacred Scriptures, man is to unite himself to the loving God, Who requires moral and ethical uprightness, by 1) pursuing good rather than evil, 2) doing right instead of wrong, and 3) desiring only what is appropriate to his good nature. All three of these components are necessary and must occur within man at the same time in order for him to reach his potential.

As the Holy Trinity is the perfect model of a Community of Persons united in Love, so too man must be unite himself to God and neighbor in Divine Love. This is the Son's prayer to the Father, "that they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us ... that they may be perfect in one; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me." Therefore, the full revelation of the goodness of God and the potential of man is found in the God-man, Jesus Christ, "Who is the brightness of the Father's glory, the express Image of the His Person," and Who, according to St. Maximos the Confessor, is the Prototype for the creation of all mankind. Consequently, Orthodox Ethics and Orthodox Dogmatics both teach that man can only reach his destiny, or the fulfillment of his God-given potential, by becoming Christ-like.

Some non-revelatory and therefore non-Orthodox ethical systems are based on the following: 1) Utilitarianism – right is the greatest good for the greatest number, 2) Hedonism – right is what brings

pleasure, 3) Egoism – right is dependant upon the will of an individual, 4) Tyrannism – might is right, 5) Aristotelianism – right is moderation, 6) Cultural Relativism – right is dependant upon the views of a cultural group, 7) Eudemonism – right is what makes man happy, 8) Legalism – right is what is determined by the law currently in use, 9) Emotivism – right is entirely dependant upon emotionally feeling, 10) Secular humanism – right is determined entirely by human needs, values, and interest on a level entirely free from the influence of God. All of these ethical systems leave man falling short of his destiny to share in God's goodness and eternal life.



Therefore man must learn to reject the above mentioned faulty ethical systems, which are based upon his own idea of what is right and wrong, and learn to discern the will of God.

There are number of ways in which man may seek out the will of God: 1) following the Lord's teaching in His Church, Scripture, Tradition, etc., 2) examination of conscience, 3)

thorough assessment of possibilities, 4) consideration of consequences for everyone involved, 5) scrutiny of the goal in mind, 6) assessment of motives (passion or love), 7) appropriateness of the means, not just the end, 8) consideration of alternatives, 9) awareness of spiritual factors in those involved, 10) readiness for the situation – experience, 11) existence of promises or obligations, 12) the affect on relationships involved, 13) counsel of the wise – spiritual father, 14) humble prayer, 15) guidance of the Holy Spirit, and 16) the presence of peace in the heart – one should not act in doubt but in faith. If there are no red flags and the majority of the aforementioned factors are favorable, then one should place one's trust in God and take the action believed to be His will. Should a mistake be made, one should repent and try again.

The practice of Orthodox Christian ethics is an ascetical endeavor of submitting our will to God's will, so that we might share in His divine life. Learning to live ethically is learning to become Christ-like, learning to live as God lives. The bottom line: Ethics come from God and lead us to Him.



ST. NECTARIOS OF AEGINA

Commemorated on Nov. 9th

St. Nectarios, earthly name was Anastasios, as he was called, was from a very poor family in nineteenth century Selybria, in Thrace. He attempted to board a ship to Constantinople to find work, but he had no money for a ticket. The engines of the ship roared, yet it would not move until young

Anastasios was permitted aboard. En route, the sea once raged, but Anastasios dipped his cross, which contained a piece of the True Cross, into the water three times, praying "Silence! Be still." The waters became still, but he lost his cross. As the ship continued, a loud continuous knocking was heard from beneath the ship. When they arrived at their destination, the sailors found the cross stuck to the bottom of the ship, as if the holy Cross of our Lord led the ship...

When he was 29 years of age, he became a monk on the island of Chios. The patriarch sent him to study theology in Athens, and he was ordained Priest Nektarios (when you become a monk your name is changed), and later the Bishop of Pentapolis. However, owing to jealousy and alleged improprieties, he was removed from office, only to be rejected again in Athens and island of Euboia. He suffered as a pauper, but he persevered, and his integrity and his wisdom shone through. The people of Euboia embraced him. He became the Dean of the School of Theology in Athens in 1910 and helped begin a convent and became a spiritual father with healing powers for many throughout Greece.

Ten years later, he was taken from Aegina to a hospital ward in Athens for the poor and incurable. He gave up his spirit there, and they prepared him for burial. His sweater was placed on the nearby bed of a paralytic, who suddenly regained his strength and walked. The room, which has since become a chapel, was filled with a beautiful fragrance for many days after his repose in the Lord our God.

Healings are seen throughout the world to this day by the saint's holy prayers. He is considered the patron saint of those with cancer, heart trouble, arthritis, for those who are seeking a job, and epilepsy. St. Nectarios lived from 1846 until 1920. On November 9th, he reposed in the Lord.

NOVEMBER CONGRATULATIONS!

Birthdays:

- 11/2 Rdr. George Kaloroumakis
Heather Marie Parsells
- 11/8 Andrei Labai
- 11/15 Dana Wyant
- 11/16 Oscar Hageman
Vladimir Bozic
- 11/25 Rdr. Nicholas Borodulia
- 11/27 Isabelle Bekeshka
- 11/29 Jacob McFarland
Lydia Sandul

Namesdays:

- 11/8 *Holy Angels*
Michael Cook
Chad Michael Fortin
Michael McFarland
Richard (Michael) Evanusa
Romona Sterca
Daniel Michael Oganyan
Gabriel Morsey
Gabriela Jones
- 11/16 *St. Matthew*
Matthew McFarland
- 11/20 *St. Gregory Decapolite*
Gregory Parsells
- 11/22 *St. Cecilia*
Cecilia Wyant
- 11/23 *St. Alexander Nevsky*
Liam Alexander Moss
- 11/24 *St. Catherine the Great*
Kathy Parrish
Catherine Lupiwok
Megan Catherine Borodulia
Ekaterina Golub
- 11/30 *St. Andrew the Apostle*
Andrew Hageman
Andrei Labai

Anniversaries:

- 11/1 Joseph & Beth Dunbar

"Seek God daily. But seek Him in your heart, not outside it. And when you find Him, stand with fear and trembling, like the Cherubim and the Seraphim, for your heart has become a throne of God. But in order to find God, become humble as dust before the Lord, for the Lord abhors the proud, whereas He visits those that are humble in heart..." - St. Nectarios of Aegina (+1920)