



# CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## BULLETIN OF OCTOBER 21, 2018

### A Warm Welcome!

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

### Baptism of Milana Ann Christensen

Today we will have the Baptism of Milana Ann, daughter of Mark and Tatiana. We congratulate them as well as the sponsors, Alexander Glubish and Oxana Napolova. May the Lord grant them all many years!

### Marriage of William and Megan Wilkinson

We congratulate William and Megan on their Marriage, as well as their entire families, who celebrate this joyous occasion and blessed union. May the Lord to grant them health, strength, salvation, a furtherance in every good thing and many blessed years!



### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>

#### 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

8:40a.m. Pre-Baptismal Prayers  
 9:00a.m. Baptismal Div. Liturgy;  
 Coffee Hour

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>

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

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

8:40a.m. Hours  
 9:00a.m. Div. Liturgy; Blessing of  
 Those in Healing Ministry  
 Coffee Hr; Choir Practice

### 2019 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. The order sheet will be in the back of the church for the next month or so.



### Prayers for the Healing Ministries – Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>

will be offered at the Divine Liturgy on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday closest to the feast of Ss. Cosmas and Damian, the Wonderworkers and Unmercenary Healers (Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>). Doctors, pharmacists, dentists, nurses, counselors and all those involved in the fields of health and wellness are asked to come forward near the conclusion of the Liturgy for a prayer and blessing.

### Choir Practice – Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>

There will be a short practice on Sunday, Oct 28<sup>th</sup>, after the coffee hour.

### St. Michael's Party – Sunday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>

On November 4<sup>th</sup> (the Sunday after Halloween and before the Feast of Archangel Michael – November 8<sup>th</sup>) 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. Questions, costume ideas, etc.? See Mat. Emily.



### On the Way to Salvation

*Order your soul; reduce your wants; live in charity; associate in Christian community; obey the laws; trust in Providence.*

St. Augustine

### READER SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

Rdr. Nicholas Borodulia

#### Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

Megan Wilkinson



### Parishioners That Are Home Bound

If you or a loved one are homebound and 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.

### Appreciation is Expressed

to those who prepare food for the coffee hour and clean-up the chapel and hall each Sunday morning. Your labors are much appreciated and worthy of emulation!



CASH FLOWS THROUGH 9/30/18					CASH FLOWS IN OCTOBER 2018					FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT		
OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	AS OF: 10/21		
Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Available	Restricted	Savings
77,453	83,097	11,700	9,070	-3,014	3,639	9,233	0	0	-5,594	7,239	4,964	12,000



## THE CHURCH AND MISSION

By Fr. Alexander Schmemmann

To recover the missionary dimension of the Church is today's greatest imperative. We have to recover a very basic truth: that the Church is essentially Mission, that the very roots of her life are in the commandment of Christ: "Go Ye therefore and teach all nations" (Matt. 28:19). A Christian community that would lose this missionary zeal and purpose, that would become selfish and self-centered, that would limit itself to "satisfying the spiritual needs of its members", that would identify itself completely with a nation, a society, a social or ethnic group – is on

its way to spiritual decadence and death, because the essential spiritual need of a Christian is precisely that of sharing the life and the Truth with as many men as possible and ultimately with the whole world. Mission th us is the organic need and task of the Church in the world, the real meaning of Church's presence in history between the first and the second advents of her Lord, or, in other terms, the meaning of Christian history. Obviously not all members of the Church can go and preach in the literal sense of the word. But all can have a concern for the missionary function of the Church, feel responsible for it, help and support it. In this respect each diocese, each parish and each member of the Church are involved in the missionary ministry.

## AN EXCERPT FROM "THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY"

By Metropolitan Hilarion Alfeyev

**Secularism:** A decline of Christianity in some Western countries is to a significant degree due to the unprecedented onslaught of militant secularism, which is claiming ever more impressive victories in Western society, declaring itself the only legitimate world-view on which the new world order both in and outside Europe should be built. To drive religion out of the social sphere and relegate it to the outskirts of human existence, limiting it exclusively to the private life of individuals: this is the program which adherents of modern militant secularism are attempting to realize. We are witnesses of a consistent, systematic and conscious assault of secularism on the remains of Western Christian civilization, the desire to rid oneself of it once and for all. This assault is taking place to the drum beat of the adherents of democracy and liberal values, to loud cries over the defense of the rights and freedoms of the citizen. However, in doing so the main right of the person: that of openly confessing one's faith in God, is being questioned; the right of societies to order their lives based on the religious world-view is under threat...

**Relativism:** The 'dictatorship of relativism' is another force challenging Christianity, of which Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger spoke several days before his election to the Papacy. He noted that relativism 'does not recognize any limitations and proposes the human ego and its desires as the final criterion'. Relativism has become the dominating ideology in elementary, secondary and higher education in most educational institutions in Europe. From childhood on pupils are inculcated with the idea that there are no absolute moral norms and values, that religion is something from the past, that the main value for the person should be his own prosperity and comfort...

**Rediscovery of Patristic Theology:** Knowledge of the Fathers will prevent students of theology from losing their way amidst the multitude of currents in modern philosophy and world-views, from getting 'carried away by strange teachings' (Heb. 13:9). It will help them to reconnect their studies with their spiritual life, to establish their personal relationship with God. Contrary to the prescriptions of such modern teachings as psychoanalysis, the counsels of the Fathers radiate a healthy spirit, based as they are on a sound understanding of the human mind, the need to combat one's sinful tendencies and to exercise good deeds. The counsels of the Fathers, I believe, are far more universal than the fundamental postulates of Freudianism and apply to people living in the most diverse cultural and temporal contexts.



## QUESTIONS ON THE BOOK OF REVELATION

- 1) Christ will come back, establish an earthly kingdom, and reign for 1,000 years.
  - a) true
  - b) false
- 2) The Book was not written by St. John the Theologian but by another author named John.
  - a) true
  - b) false
- 3) According to the Book of Revelation the world as we know it will end:
  - a) in the year 2019 AD
  - b) when the whole world is converted to Christ and lives in godliness
  - c) after the great tribulation which follows the rapture of believing Christians
  - d) none of the above
- 4) Which of the following statements are true? (choose all that apply)
  - a) Revelation should not be read because it is just too difficult.
  - b) Revelation should be used to predict the exact time of Christ's return by matching symbolic imagery to actual historical events, places, and persons.
  - c) Revelation teaches how the faithful can overcome the devil, the Anti-Christ, and the world by being attentive to their spiritual state, by having no fear of suffering and death for Christ's sake, and by patiently enduring to the end with firm trust in God who will bring the final everlasting victory.
  - d) Revelation is a historical book dealing with the persecutions of early Christians under Rome and has nothing to do with the actual end of times.
- 5) Place the following in the proper order:
  - a) The Second Coming of Christ
  - b) The Great Tribulation
  - c) The 1,000 year reign of Christ
  - d) The coming of the Anti-Christ
- 6) The Christians of Laodicea were lukewarm in their faith, and because of this the Lord will:
  - a) reward them for having at least a little faith
  - b) excuse them because it is so hard to be a Christian in the world
  - c) vomit them out of His mouth
  - d) none of the above
- 7) According to Revelation, Babylon is the capital of the new world order, the global political and pseudo-religious government led by the devil, the Anti-Christ, and the false prophet.
  - a) true
  - b) false
- 8) Allegorically speaking the acceptance of the "mark of the beast" on the forehead or the right hand, without which one cannot buy or sell, is the acquiring of temporary advantages at the price of renunciation of Christ.
  - a) true
  - b) false
- 9) Faithful believers will be "raptured" up to heaven, so they can escape the Tribulation.
  - a) true
  - b) false
- 10) Which of the following mean to "keep the words of this book"? (choose all that apply)
  - a) to offer repentance and faithfulness, no matter the circumstances of life
  - b) to neither add nor take away from the prophecies of the book
  - c) to keep the Book of Revelation on our bookshelves and never read it
  - d) to study it with respect and the mind of the Church, practicing what it teaches

### Answers

1) b    2) b    3) d    4) c    5) c, d, b, a    6) c    7) a    8) a    9) b    10) a, b, d





## ON THE DUTIES OF THE RICH AND THE POOR

*Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk*

### On the Duty of the Rich

- 1) First, riches are a gift of God bestowed upon men, for *the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof* (Ps. 23:1). They are given you, O Christian, not for your sake alone, but also for the sake of the poor. Then take pleasure in it with moderation, and give thanks to God, and provide for the needs of the poor. This is the correct use of riches. Remember that you are a steward, not the master of your riches, for you will be strictly examined for everything.
- 2) Second, the holy word of God praises and blesses those that are merciful and generous to the poor. *Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy* (Mt. 5:7). *Blessed is the man that considers the poor: the Lord will deliver him in the time of trouble* (Ps. 40:1). Works of mercy are exalted before the whole world by Christ, the Just Judge, and in other places in the Holy Scriptures. O Christian, if you wish to partake of blessedness be merciful and generous to the poor.

Do you have much? Then give much. Do you have little? Then give a little, but give from the heart. Alms are judged not by the number of what is given, but by the zeal of the giver, *for God loves a cheerful giver* (II Cor. 9:7). Now you give into the hands of the poor man, but you will receive a hundredfold from the hands of Christ. Then give, do not be afraid. What is given shall not be lost, for He that promised is faithful.

- 3) Third, many Christians do not think that alms receive such a great reward and either guard their property like watchmen of they squander it on their whims and luxuries. Hoarded property will be left to strangers, and often even falls into the hands of enemies. What is squandered on whims and luxury perishes, as you see for yourself, O man. But both of these, hoarders and squanderers, are not only deprived of blessedness, but they shall be cast out by God as wicked servants. Beware of this, O Christian!

### On the Duty of the Poor

The poor that receive alms must be grateful both to God Who showed His mercy through a man, and to the man that gives it and helps them in their need, and they should love him as their benefactor, and honor him and remember him in their prayers.

It is, then, the obligation of the rich to give, and of the poor to receive gratefully, and to pour forth heartfelt prayer to the giver. Nevertheless, even though the recipients of alms may not pray for the giver, the alms themselves given from a good heart pray more than any man and continually intercede before God and voicelessly beseech mercy of Him for the giver.



### **Rich Man and Lazarus**

*But Abraham said to the rich man, Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things. But now he is comforted and you are tormented. (Lk 16:25)*



### **The Rich Fool**

*And the rich man said to himself, Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years. Take your ease, eat drink and be merry. But God said to him, Fool! This night your soul shall be required of you, then whose shall be those things which you have prepared? So is he who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God. (Lk 12:19-21)*