The Crucifixion of Our Lord

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Pressing Forward while Acknowledging the Sacrifice and Offering of our Forebears

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There is so much we take for granted — to our own detriment. By failing to acknowledge the sacrifices and offerings of our forebears, we don’t cultivate the gratitude necessary to acknowledge the foundations we inherit and to build upon them. Let us consider some of the things we take for granted and which we fail to acknowledge as great gifts passed onto us from the generations that preceded us.

- **Lent and Holy Week** — It was easy to take the services of Lent and Holy Week for granted, until they were unthinkably taken away from us last year. Authentic spiritual growth would be nearly impossible to accomplish on our own. As St. Nikodemos teaches, the Church is the locus of our spiritual lives. I personally would be lost without the structure the Church provides for our prayer, fasting, repentance, and worship, which allow us to enter into the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Many people are joining our Orthodox Church because they long for such services and structure, which we often take for granted. Where would we be without our Church and the Season of Lent? We lost last year in many ways. Let’s make up for it this year by participating in the services and making the most of our ability to worship and pray together this year.

- **Our Annunciation Church** — This year is our parish’s centennial, which provides the perfect opportunity to reflect and cultivate gratitude for our church’s history. It is easy to take for granted our established building and highly developed church community on 64 Hershey Ave. We drive to the parking lot and walk through the doors of this sacred building to worship God, to fellowship, to learn, and to be sanctified. It is the center of our spiritual and social lives. We take it for granted, but generations of hardworking and faithful Orthodox Christians — most of whom were poor immigrants from Greece — sacrificed greatly to build up this church and make it a shining beacon of Orthodoxy in Lancaster County and beyond. We benefit greatly from their sacrifice. They built this church — brick by brick. All we have to do is renovate, beautify, and build up the Body of Christ — which is the people who make up the Church. Let us all sacrifice a little to build on the sacred work of our forebears who sacrificed much. Let us never rest on their laurels, but continue to sacrifice and build upon the great gift they left for us.

- **Patriotism** — A cynical attitude has gradually developed towards patriotism in our country, which again is a reflection of our lack of gratitude, our pride, and not understanding how repentance works. Without a doubt we as Americans have all benefited from our country’s founding Christian principles, the leadership, and the sacrifice of those who have come before us. Every country — just like every person — is a work in progress. No country is perfect, and it is easy to stray from its founding principles and ideals. This does not mean we disregard the foundation of the country and forgo our patriotism; it simply means we strive to stay true to our principles and build upon the foundation of our forebears. The devil wants to make it a battle of right versus left, conservatives versus progressives. God, however, desires that we all work together, keeping each other accountable to hold onto our founding Christian and core principles of freedom, responsibility, sacrifice, and love, while always progressing and pressing forward to build upon the good foundation established for us.

In all things, let us acknowledge the sacrifice and offering of our forebears with gratitude, and press forward towards greater perfection as we build upon the good foundation we have inherited!

With love in Christ,

+Fr. Hector
Missions... In 1962, Fr. Alexander Veronis began a Lenten Self-Denial Club (LSDC) in support of foreign Orthodox missions. Since then, Annunciation Church has taken a leading role in promoting overseas missions in the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, planting the seeds for the establishment of the Endowment Fund for Orthodox Missions (EFOM) in 1981 and the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) in the mid 1990’s. The parish has also sponsored many mission teams and missionaries to witness the love of Christ and the Orthodox Faith in many countries and places throughout the world, including Kenya, Uganda, Albania, Romania, Guatemala, Mexico, Alaska, and to a Navajo Reservation in New Mexico. In addition, Fr. Luke and Presvytera Faith Veronis served for ten years in Albania as long-term missionaries, and Fr. Hector and Presvytera Katerina Firoglanis served for two years in Albania. For much of its 100 year history, Annunciation Church has remained faithful to the final commandment of our Lord Jesus Christ to “Make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...” (Matthew 28:20).
### Parish News

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| **Thank You**                          | Andrea Phillips appreciates all the prayers, cards, and kind gestures of parishioners as God continues to bless her recovery from surgery. |

| **Funerals**                           | Dear Parishioners: |
|----------------------------------------| As our church faces the continued challenges of the Pandemic with fewer parishioners attending Liturgies, we thank you for continuing to show your love and support for the church through your stewardship giving. During this Lenten season of prayer and reflection on all our blessings and the good in our life, we ask that you continue to remember your stewardship pledges to our church. If you have not pledged yet for 2021, please submit a pledge with the church office and get caught up on your stewardship giving. Pledges also enable our leaders to budget appropriately knowing we can count on certain revenues to meet our expenses and bills. |
| **March 2**                            | As we are all reminded in the Gospels, all that we own is a gift from God and we are called by Him to be good stewards of all the money, talents and time he has given us. Thank you for your generosity in the past and may God continue to bless you and your families in 2021. |
| **March 17**                           | The Stewardship Committee |
| **Aristotle Theros (97)**              | *If you have not made your pledge for 2021, please call Eleni Mamas at the church office at 717-394-1735 or email her at Eleni@agochurch.com.* |

| **Thank You from the Dimopoulos Family** | To our treasured parish family, |
|----------------------------------------| When we say Christ is in our Midst, for us this has a new meaning. Not only did God answer our most intimate of prayers for healing for Panayioti, but he brought into our lives the deepest knowledge that He indeed is with us and that love surrounds us in our most difficult of times. We can never express fully the gratitude we have for all of you-- our beautiful parish that supports us with so much love and care. We can only pray that in your own lives you will experience the blessings and goodness and light that emerge in the darkest of days. We keep you in our prayers and heart and give glory to God for each of you. |
|----------------------------------------| Love, The Dimopoulos family (Panayioti, Nicoletta and Maria) |

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[www.annunciationorthodox.org](http://www.annunciationorthodox.org)
SCHOLARSHIPS 2021/2022
Scholarship forms for AHEPA, Daughters of Penelope and Pan-Coan are available for those that are eligible. For information, call or Email the church office at office@agochurch.com

Daughters of Penelope
Deadline for submission is May 2nd.
Mail or email completed forms to: Kim McDevitt
2018 Robindale Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17601
mcdevittkim@gmail.com

AHEPA
Deadline for submission is July 2nd.
Mail completed forms to: George Ioannidis
1032 Steeplechase Drive Lancaster PA 17601

Pan-Coan
Deadline for submission is May 1st.
Mail completed forms to: Tasos Marinos
656 Eastside Drive, Landisville, PA 17538

Scholarships are now available from The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Applications can be accessed by visiting www.goarch.org/-/scholarships

Additional Scholarship opportunities available through The Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia, for information:
http://hucphiladelphia.org/huc-scholarship-program
AHEPA Academy, http://www.ahepacademy.com/

FOOD BOX DONATIONS FOR APRIL

April 1, 2021
Donated by, AHEPA - For the Glory of God and in memory of AHEPA Chapter 71 Brothers and in support of our community.

April 15, 2021
Donated Anonymously “For the Glory of God & in memory of our parents.”

April 29, 2021
Donated by Paulette Steffa “In Thanksgiving for Father & Presvytera Veronis and with prayers for their health.”

Paschal White-Gold Altar Coverings

The Paschal White-Gold Altar Coverings were donated by:
Joanna Mamas, in loving memory of her husband, Stavros, and son, Constantine, and for the spiritual & physical health of her children and grandchildren.
### THE PROGRAM OF HOLY WEEK SERVICES & BRIGHT WEEK - April 25 – May 7, 2021

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**St John Chrysostom’s Paschal Homily**

Let no one fear death, for the Savior's death has set us free. He that was held prisoner of it, has annihilated it. By descending into Hell, He made Hell captive. He angered it when it tasted of his flesh.

And Isaiah, foretelling this, did cry: Hell was angered, when it encountered you in the lower regions. It was angered, for it was abolished. It was angered, for it was mocked. It was angered, for it was slain. It was angered, for it was overthrown. It was angered, for it was fettered in chains.

It took a body, and met God face to face. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took that which was seen, and fell upon the unseen.

O Death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are overthrown. Christ is risen, and the demons have fallen. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life is liberated. Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave.

For Christ, having risen from the dead, becomes the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages.

Amen.
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Experiencing & Understanding Holy Week
By Fr. Andrew Domotses

The services of Holy Week transform us into eyewitnesses and direct participants in the awesome events of the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Here is a summary of the week.

PALM SUNDAY EVENING - This evening's service calls to mind the beginning of Jesus' suffering. Tonight's hymns commemorate the prophetic figure of Joseph, who, while virtuous, nonetheless suffered unjustly before being greatly rewarded, and the parable of the fig tree, which in failing to bear fruit, became a symbol of fallen creation, and of our own lives.

HOLY MONDAY - This evening's theme is the need for watchfulness and preparation, lest we be called unprepared before the awesome judgment seat of Christ to render an account of ourselves. The hymns remind us of the parable of the Ten Virgins, in which the faithful Christian is exhorted to vigilance.

HOLY TUESDAY - The need for true repentance is the concern of today. This transformation from the life of sin to a life of faith and obedience is exemplified in the person of the sinful woman who received the gift of forgiveness when she anointed Jesus with myrrh and washed His feet.

HOLY WEDNESDAY - Today's theme is our human need for the healing and forgiveness that comes into our lives when we establish a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. We are reminded that the way to this relationship is to be found, above all else, through a life of prayer. In the Sacrament of Holy Unction, we are anointed and healed both physically and spiritually.

HOLY THURSDAY - In the morning we join the Twelve in the upper room and witness the Last Supper, when Christ established the Sacrament of the Eucharist. In the evening service, we re-live the suffering of Christ, endured for our sake, so that we might be reconciled anew to God our Father. The 12 Gospel readings witness for us the betrayal and arrest of Jesus, his trial and conviction, and finally his torture, crucifixion and death at the hands of a sinful humanity.

HOLY FRIDAY - We again witness the undeserved suffering and death of Christ, to his terrible passion and death. In the evening, we see Christ's descent into Hades. The service includes lamentations sung as we stand before the tomb of Christ. Death is being confronted and conquered.

HOLY SATURDAY - The crucifixion is over, Christ is buried, the twelve apostles and other disciples are scattered and defeated. And yet, three myrrh-bearing women come in faithfulness to perform the last act of love - to anoint Jesus according to the Jewish burial custom. Their unwavering devotion is rewarded - they are the first to share in Christ's triumph over evil and death. They are the first witnesses to the Resurrection. This joy is commemorated through the scattering of bay leaves and rose petals in the morning service. In the Midnight Service, lamentations of the previous night are repeated and the church is plunged into darkness to symbolize the despair and defeat experienced before the dawn of Christ's victory over death. Precisely at midnight, a single light emerges from the altar representing the victory of Christ over death. As the light is passed from person to person, it pushes back the darkness of the church and defeats it completely, as the Resurrection is proclaimed.

PASCHA SUNDAY - Christ is Risen! Christ's Resurrection and victory is affirmed. The Gospel is read in numerous languages to illustrate the universality of the Good News of the Resurrection and its proclamation to the very ends of the earth.
Pictures — GOYA TGIF and Sunday of Orthodoxy
Thank you for your patience as we continue with the renovations of classrooms 1-8, along with the hallways and bathrooms. Seven of the eight classrooms have been sponsored by parishioners in loving memory of family members and loved ones. We are beginning to seek classroom donors for the second phase of the renovation project which will include rooms 9-11 on the Philoptochos side of the building. Thank you for your loving support and patience as we update and beautify our church facilities in memory of loved ones as we celebrate our parish centennial!

Sponsor a Renovated Classroom!

If you are interested in sponsoring the renovation of a classroom in memory of a loved one, please contact our Parish Council President, Dr. Spencer Phillips (drsphillips@mdvip.com), Fr. Hector Firoglanis (frhector@agochurch.com), or call the church office.

Meet the Lisney Family!

On January 30th, Kieran Lisney was received into the Orthodox Church with the baptismal name, Ephraim. Kieran is married to his wife, Adrienne, and they are the happy parents of their son, Oliver.

Kieran grew up in the Roman Catholic Church but left the faith in his early twenties. After a few years of seeking Christ and His church, Kieran discovered Holy Orthodoxy. The moment he stepped foot inside Annunciation he knew he was home. He and his family currently reside in Millersville. Kieran asks that everyone reading this would pray for him and his family that they would find salvation, and that his wife and son would join the Church as well.

St. Kieran celebrates on March 5th on the Orthodox Calendar along with Saint Adrian and St. Olive. May these Saints, who all celebrate on the same day, intercede on behalf of the Lisney family!
Lenten Retreat/Pascha Sweet Bread

METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH AND
THE GOA CENTER FOR FAMILY CARE
A FAMILY LENTEN RETREAT
Jesus -
the Resurrection and
the Life of the Family
Saturday, April 17th
10-11:30 am

Zoom registration link:
tinyurl.com/GOMoP-FamilyRetreat

Retreat Schedule
10:00 am - Welcome
   - Opening Prayer
   - Comments
10:15 am - Keynote Address-
   Fr. Alex Goussetis
10:30 am - Guided Discussion
10:45 am - Breakout Groups
11:15 am - Wrap-up Discussion
11:30 am - Closing Comments

More info? Fr. Joseph DiStefano
Email: frjdistefano@yahoo.com
Phone: 724.304.1230

PASCHA SWEET BREAD SALE
From Holy Protection Monastery
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Please call or email the Church Office to place your
order by April 16th!

717-394-1735  Eleni@agochurch.com

Orders may be picked up the week of April 26th,
8-4 Monday-Friday, from the church office.
Make checks Payable to：“Holy Protection Monastery”
The Daughters of Penelope wish to thank our Annunciation Community for their support of our Annual Fasolada and now, Paximadia Sale. Due to your generous hearts, even with Covid restrictions, we had a successful sale. All net proceeds will be given to our local Integrated Immigration Services. New immigrant families will receive services for: learning the English language, finding and furnishing an apartment, helping with rent downpayments, finding jobs, enrolling children in school, and job training. Because we have all been immigrants somewhere "down the line", some more recently than others, we thought it a fitting cause for our organization.

Further Thanks go to our delicious soup maker, Brother Kosta, our go-to David, our delightful paximadia makers - Sisters Demetra, Kyvele, Mersini, and Kaliopi, Sisters Dory, Lynn, Demetra, and Kyvele for packaging, and Sisters Becky, Jackie, and Tina for the "driveway delivery". A Special Thank You to Susanne and Kenny Myers of Kegel's Produce for donating all the vegetables and herbs and to "Office Eleni" for the wonderfulness of her assistance.

Κει του Χρόνου! Πρέπει ο Θεός!

Eυχαριστούμε!

**GYROFEST 2021**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Saturday, May 15, 2021**

11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Drive-thru only

**Baking Schedule 8:30AM – 3:00PM**

- **Monday, April 19**
  Koulourakia

- **Tuesday, May 11**
  Baklava & syruping

- **Friday, May 14**
  Cutting & Packing

You may contact Helen Hazatones, (717) 330-2093 or Kyvele Karpouzis, (717) 940-2783 for more details.

**Volunteers Needed**

For Baking!

Please sign up on our Website, under sing-ups or on the link below:

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

We welcome members to sign up for the Philoptochos sponsored food distribution on Thursday May 13th - please see church website or call church office to sign up for this very worthy cause aiding our community neighbors in need of food during the pandemic. Any questions please do not hesitate to call the church office or Joanne Martin.

2021 Philoptochos Stewardship is due
Make checks payable to "Philoptochos" and mail to the church office.
Thank you to all members who have already generously responded!

The Lenten Prayer of Saint Ephraim the Syrian

O Lord and Master of my life!
Take from me the spirit of laziness, idle curiosity, lust for power, and vain talk
But grant to me, your servant, the spirit of moderation, humility, patience, and love.
Yes, Lord and King! Grant me to see my own sins and not to judge my brother,
for you are blessed unto ages of ages. Amen

Our dedicated group of women, along with our members, will continue to work to fulfill the mission of Philoptochos, which is:

To promote charitable, benevolent and philanthropic outreach, to preserve the sanctity of life and family, and to perpetuate and promote our Orthodox faith and tradition.

SERVICE & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Off The Streets

Our Annunciation Move was a big one which was held Saturday, February 27th. Supporting a young woman with a 5 month old and a 3 year old with Special Needs. Thankfully, the rain held off. The young mother was very appreciative of OTS & all we did for her. The home was filled with wonderful items that she needed from furniture to kitchen supplies and bedding. Our volunteers also worked outside raking the front of her home!

Currently Annunciation Moves are every 5 weeks, 4/3, 5/8....
See church website to sign up for heavy lifting. OTS shields & masks will be provided.

Food Distribution

Thanks once again to our volunteers & donors. Your service certainly puts a smile on many faces of those in need. We were so happy to see new volunteers & AHEPA helpers on 2/25! Anyone interested please try to signup OR just come out & observe to experience the outreach.

We encourage Philoptochos members to sign up on Thursday May 13th - this distribution is being sponsored by Philoptochos, thank you for your stewardship.

Community Aid donations

All donated items donated to our Bin, January through March, were allocated to assist A Woman’s Concern - Thank you!

A Women’s Concern’s annual Partners Event will be held virtually in April, your support and prayers are much needed. If you would like to donate: A Women’s Concern

1102 Millersville Pike
Lancaster, PA 17603

If you would like information about the event - contact Joanne Martin.
In the Classroom

April Activities:
We will be learning about our Earth through themes of the farm, reduce, reuse, recycle, planting, and gardening. Assessments will be taking place in April.

Religious Focus
We are removing rocks each day from our Pascha Path. We colored Lady Lent and started removing the feet off of her and counting down the weeks to Pascha, and we are learning the Lenten prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian.

Open House!
We are currently scheduling times for parents interested in finding out more about our program for the 2021-2022 school year. Contact us, 717-394-1735, to schedule your time!
There will be a Preschool Open House, April 15 & 16 from 10:30 - 11:45 AM
ΙΕΡΕΣ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ ΑΠΡΙΛΙΟΥ

ΜΕΓΑ ΑΠΟΔΕΙΠΝΟ
Δευτέρα - 5, 12 &19 Απριλίου στις 7:00 μμ

ΠΡΟΗΓΙΑΣΜΕΝΗ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ
6:00 μμ Τετάρτη, 7, 14 &21 Απριλίου
8:30 πμ Παρασκευή, 2, 9, 16 & 23 Απριλίου

ΧΑΙΡΕΤΙΣΜΟΙ ΤΗΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ
Παρασκευή, 2 & 9 Απριλίου στις 6:30 μμ

ΑΚΑΘΙΣΤΟΣ ΥΜΝΟΣ
Παρασκευή - 3 Απριλίου στις 6:30 μμ

ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ ΤΟΥ ΛΑΖΑΡΟΥ
24 Απριλίου
8:30 πμ Ορθρος - 9:30 πμ Θεία Λειτουργία

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΒΑΙΩΝ
25 Απριλίου
7:00 μμ Πρώτη Λειτουργία
8:15 πμ Ορθρος - 9:30 μμ Λειτουργία
7:00 μμ Ακολουθία Του Νυμφίου

ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΚΑΙ ΑΓΙΑ ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΑ

ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ: 26 Απριλίου
7:00 μμ Ακολουθία Του Νυμφίου

ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΤΡΙΤΗ: 27 Απριλίου
7:00 μμ Ακολουθία Του Νυμφίου
«Τροπάριον Της Κασσιανής»

ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ: 28 Απριλίου
8:30 πμ Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία
4:00 μμ Ευχέλαιο
7:00 μμ Ακολουθία Του Νυμφίου

ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΠΕΜΠΤΗ: 29 Απριλίου
9:00-10:30 πμ Εσπερινός και Θεία Λειτουργία
6:00 μμ ΤΑ ΠΑΘΗ ΤΟΥ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥ – 12 ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΑ

ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ: 30 Απριλίου
9:00 μμ Βασιλικά Όρας
2:00 μμ Εσπερινός Αποκαθήλωσης
7:00 μμ Επιτάφιος Θρήνος-Εγκώμια

ΜΕΓΑΛΟ ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ 1 Μαίου
9:00 -11:00 πμ Εσπερινός και Θεία Λειτουργία
Κύματι Θαλάσσης
10:15 μμ ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΙΜΗ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΑ
Ορθρός και Θεία Λειτουργία
Τα φώτα σβήνουνε ακριβώς στις 11:00 μμ

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΣΧΑ 2 Μαίου
12:00 μμ Εσπερινός της Αγάπης

ΔΙΑΚΑΙΝΗΣΙΜΟΣ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ 3 Μαίου Αγίου Γεωργίου
8:30 πμ Ορθρός
9:30 πμ Θεία Λειτουργία

ΔΙΑΚΑΙΝΗΣΙΜΟΣ ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ 7 Μαίου Ζωοδόχου Πηγής
8:30 πμ Ορθρός
9:30 πμ Θεία Λειτουργία

ΜΥΣΤΗΡΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑΣ ΜΑΣ

Βάπτιση
13 Μαρτίου Γρέης, θυγατέρα του Ιωάννη Σγουάρτζ, με Αναδόχο, Τζακουλήν & Ντέαν Άιστερ.
Κηδεία
2 Μαρτίου Αριστοτέτλης Θήρος (97)
17 Μαρτίου Ελένη Κάρθετζ (96)

ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΩ

Τα Πασχαλινά καλύμματα Χρυσό με Ασπρο δωρίστηκαν από την:
Ιωάννα Μαμά «στη μνήμη του συζύγου της, Στάυρου, και του γιου της, Κωσταντίνου, και για την πνευματική και σωματική υγεία των παιδιών και των εγγονών της».

Ευχαριστώ

Η Άντρεια Φίλιπς εκτιμά όλες τις προσευχές, τις κάρτες και τις ευγενικές χειρονομίες των ενορίτων καθώς ο Θεός συνεχίζει να ευλογεί την ανάρρωσή της από χειρουργική επέμβαση.

ΚΟΥΤΙΑ ΤΡΟΦΙΜΩΝ ΔΩΡΕΕΣ ΓΙΑ ΤΟ ΜΗΝΑ ΑΠΡΙΛΙΟ

1 Απριλίου 2021 ΑΧΕΠΑ - Για τη Δόξα του Θεού και στη μνήμη της ΑΧΕΠΑ'ς Κεφάλαιο 71 Αδελφοί, και για την υποστήριξη της κοινότητάς μας.

15 Απριλίου 2021 Δωρεά ανώνυμα «Για τη δόξα του Θεού και στη μνήμη των γονέων μας».

29 Απριλίου 2021 Δωρεά από την Πολέτ Στέφα «Στην Ευγνωμοσύνη για τον Πατέρα και την Πρεσβυτερά Βρηώνη και με προσευχές για την υγεία τους».

ΠΑΣΧΑΛΙΝΟ ΤΣΟΥΡΕΚΙ
Από το Μοναστήρι «Άγια Σκέπη» $15 το κάθε ένα
Καλέστε το γραφείο της Εκκλησίας να κάνετε την παραγγέλια σας προτού της 16 Απριλίου!
Παραγγελίες μπορούν να παραληφθούν την εβδομάδα 26 Απριλίου από το γραφείο της εκκλησίας μεταξύ 8:00πμ - 4:00μμ
Γράψτε την επιταγή στο: “Holy Protection Monastery”
'Επιστολής τοῦ Άγιού Δωροθέου περί πειρασμῶν

ΣΤΟΝ ΑΔΕΛΦΟ ΠΟΥ ΔΟΚΙΜΑΖΕΤΑΙ ΑΠΟ ΠΕΙΡΑΣΜΟ

'Επιστολή Η˚

— Πρώτα-πρώτα, παιδί μου, δεν γνωρίζουμε τόν τρόπο ποῦ οίκονομεί ο Θεός τή ζωή μας καί όφειλουμε νά Τού παραδίνουμε τόν έαυτό μας νά τόν κυβερνήσει —πράγμα πού όφειλουμε άκριβώς νά κάνουμε καί σ’ αύτήν τήν περίσταση. Γιατί θά δυσκολευτείς, άν θελήσεις νά κρίνεις μέ άνθρωπινα κριτήρια όσα σου συμβαίνουν άντι ν’ άφησες στό Θεό κάθε μέριμνά σου. Πρέπει λοιπόν, όταν σε περικυκλώνουν θλιβεροί καί πιεστικοί λογισμοί, νά κραυγάζεις στό Θεό: «Κύριε, οίκονόμησε αύτήν τήν υπόθεση, όπως Σύ θέλεις καί όπως γνωρίζεις.»1. Γιατί πολλά θέματά τα τακτοποιεί ή Πρόνοια τοῦ Θεοῦ διαφορετικά ἀπ’ ὅ,τι νομίζουμε ἢ ἐλπίζουμε. Καί οἱ ἐλπίδες πού τρέφαμε γιά μερικά πράγματα, ἀπό τήν πείρα ἀποδείχτηκαν λαθεμένες. Μέ λίγα λόγια, πρέπει νά δείχνεις μακροθυμία τήν ώρα τοῦ πειρασμοῦ καί νά προσεύχεσαι καί νά μήν προσπαθεῖς ἢ νά νομίζεις ὅτι μέ ἀνθρώπινους λογισμούς, ὅπως εἶπα, θά ἑξεπεράσεις λογισμούς δαιμονικούς. Ὁ ἀββᾶς Ποιμένας ἑπειδή τά γνώριζε αὐτά, ἐλεγε ήταν ἡ ἐντολή «νά μή μεριμνήσεις γιά τήν αὐριανήν ἡμέρα» 2 (Ματθ. 6, 34) ἀπευθύνοντας σ’ ὅσους βρίσκονται σε πειρασμό. Ἄν λοιπόν, παιδί μου, πιστεύεις ὅτι αὐτά εἶναι ἀληθινά, ἐγκατάλειψε κάθε δικό σου λογισμό —καί ἂν ἄκομα εἶναι συνετός— καί κράτησε τήν ἐλπίδα σου στό Θεό. Σ’ Αὐτόν ποῦ δίνεις περισσότερα ἀπό δας Τοῦ ζητάμε ἢ μποροῦμε νά φανταστοῦμε (Ἑφ. 3, 20). Θά μπορούσα νά σου ἀπαντήσω σ’ ὅλα ὅσα εἶπες, ἀλλά δεν θέλω νά ἔλθω σὲ ἀντίθεση ὅτε μέ σένα οὔτε μέ τόν ἓδη τόν ἑαυτό μου. Τό μόνο ποῦ λέω εἶναι νά στερεωθεῖς στήν ὅδο ποῦ ὅδηγεί στήν ἐλπίδα τοῦ Θεοῦ. Γιατί αὐτή ἡ ὅδος εἶναι ἡ πίο ἀσφαλῆς καί ἡ πίο ἀμερίμνη. Ὁ Θεός μαζί σου.

'Επιστολή Θ˚

ΣΤΟΝ ΙΔΙΟ

— Νά θυμάσαι, παιδί μου, αὐτόν ποῦ εἶπε ὅτι «δία μέσου πολλῶν θλίψεων θά μπούμε στή Βασιλεία τῶν Οὐρανῶν» (Πραξ. 14, 22), χωρίς νά καθορίζει τό εἴδος τῶν θλίψεων, ἀλλά εἶπε ἀόριστα: «δία μέσου πολλῶν θλίψεων». Καί ἔτσι, ἂν έχεις ἀμαρτίες, νά υπομένεις ὅ,τι σου συμβαίνει μὲ εὐχαριστική διάθεσι καί ἑπίγνωση, σάν νά ἤταν κάτι πολύ εὐχάριστο. Ἄν ὅμως δεν έχεις ἀμαρτίες, νά υπομένεις τόν πειρασμό σάν κάτι ποῦ σε καθαρίζει ἀπό τά πάθη ἢ σου γίνεται ἀφορμή νά κερδίσεις τή Βασιλεία τῶν Οὐρανῶν. Ὁ φιλόνθρωπος καί φιλόψυχος Θεός, ποῦ ἐπιτίμησες τόν ἄνεμο καί τή φουρτουνιασμένη θάλασσα καί τή γαλήνης, νά ἐπιτίμησες καί τόν πειρασμό σου, παιδί μου, καί νά σου δώσει εὐρύτητα πνεύματος γιά νά γνωρίσεις τής κακουργίες τοῦ ἐχθροῦ. Ἀμήν.
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We live in a day and age where our lives are filled with busyness and superficial nonsense. We need to remember the advice of the Psalmist to "Be still and know that I am God." In silence and stillness we encounter God. In dedicating time to dwell in His Presence we nourish our souls. We need to consciously choose to take time each day to fill our minds with spiritually uplifting words which enrich our hearts. My prayer is that you will find such words in this book that will bless your heart and nourish your soul.

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2 Day Youth Retreat!

Palm Sunday is the GOYA (6th -12th) Dinner Dialogue!

April 25th from 5:30 PM to 6:45 PM
Food, Fellowship, & Discussion!

Sign-up on the Church Website under the Sign-ups Tab!