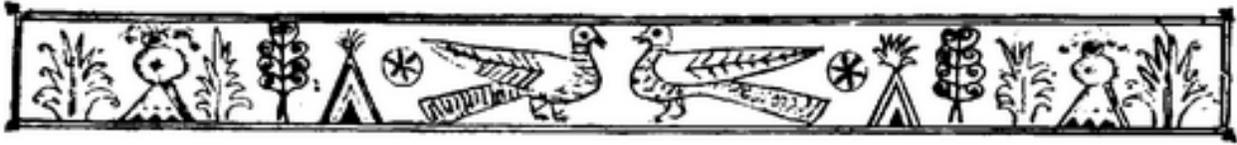

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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

An Educated Orthodox Christian

Virtually everyone sees the value of education in life. People commonly understand that a good education can lead to good opportunities and a better life. Almost every parent rightly wants their children to be well educated. They recognize the danger of their children in being uneducated or undereducated. Parents realize that it would be bad for their children to not go to school, to not undergo the discipline of study and learning.

Unfortunately, these same values and expectations regarding secular learning are not nearly transferred with the same importance by Christians themselves when it comes to instruction in the Faith. Christian education, among the Orthodox included, is for the most part ignored.

The divine, God revealed truths – the Bible and Gospel teachings which lead to salvation – are not very well known. Basic Church history in its most basic form is almost totally unknown. We live in a time of great biblical and spiritual illiteracy which will lead Christians ultimately toward error, false teachings, sin, and

destruction. We today need education in the faith more than ever! If we can see the danger of not participating in secular learning, why then can we not see it in regards to our revealed and holy Faith? I think we desperately need some adjustment in our thinking and decision making concerning education in Orthodoxy for ourselves and our children and grandchildren.

The good news for us at OCCS is that we have upgraded our educational offerings. We have a newly organized Church Sunday School, Teen Group, and Adult Classes. Additionally, there are inquirers classes that any parishioner can also participate in. Also, we have our bookstore – the finest selection of Orthodox books that can be found in all of Florida, right here at our parish!

I encourage all our parishioners to accept the discipline of learning by participating in the educational programs and resources of our parish. Let's know our Orthodox Faith so that we can better live it and pass it on to the next generation, as well as to all those who are seeking God's revealed truths.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Philip





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OCTOBER 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sep 25 8:30 Matins 10:00 Divine Liturgy Annual Parish Meeting	Sep 26	Sep 27	Sep 28 Fast	Sep 29 10:30 Bible Study	Sep 30 7:00 Great Vespers Fast	1 Protection of the Theotokos 10:00 Divine Liturgy 5:00 Adult Study 6:00 Vespers & Confessions
2 8:30 Matins 10:00 Divine Liturgy 12:00 Orthodox Movie	3	4	5 7 PM Akathist Fast	6 10:30 Bible Study	7 Fast	8 Sisterhood cooking day 5:00 Adult Study 6:00 Vespers & Confessions
9 8:30 Matins 10:00 Divine Liturgy	10	11	12 Fast	13 10:30 Bible Study	14 Fast	15 5:00 Adult Study 6:00 Vespers & Confessions 7:30 Singing Miamians barbershop quartet concert
16 8:30 Matins 10:00 Divine Liturgy	17	18	19 Fast	20 10:30 Bible Study	21 7 PM Vespers Fast	22 10 AM St Demetrius Soul Saturday 5:00 Adult Study 6:00 Vespers & Confessions
23 8:30 Matins 10:00 Divine Liturgy	24	25	26 Fast	27 10:30 Bible Study	28 Fast	29 Clergy leave for All American Council
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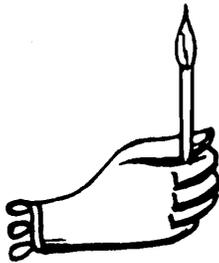


ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY MOVIE-TIME

Join us on Sunday, October 2 after Coffee Hour for "The Apocalypse of St John" starring Richard Harris, projected on the "big screen" with superb surround sound!

In need of our prayers



Kathryn LaCroix / Anna McGregor
Lidia Brookes / Susan Simpkins
Esperanza Sarenac / Fr. Theodore Soroka
Fr. George Gerov / James Perkins
Ludmilla & Peter Voinescu
Svetlana Roadway / Betty Calvert
Andrey Idriceanu (USMC) / Neil Hamilton
Fr. Thaddeus & Matushka Valerie Werner

THE SINGING MIAMIANS OF PINECREST

directed by Gene Cokecroft

present

Hollywood Harmonies

Saturday, October 15 at 7:30 PM

at Christ the Saviour Cathedral
Admission \$10 children 17 and under free

October Birthdays

Irene Margitich-Fregien 9
Veronika Bond 15
Raya Minkin 18
Diane Fountain 24
James Perkins 25
Joann Fregien 29
Priest Joseph Lucas 29



SISTERHOOD OF THE HOLY CROSS

Come join the women of the Sisterhood, dedicated to the spiritual life of the parish, to works of charity and to the beautification of the temple. All ladies are welcome!

October Anniverseries

Nevis & Irene Fregien 3
James & Mary Perkins 5
Anthony & Nina Moskevich 24
Valentin & Enis Jakolenko 28
Jose & Josefina Cofino 30
Subdeacon Alexander & Juliana Dimich 30

APOSTOLIC TRADITION

The Importance of Canonicity

by Priest Joseph Lucas

There is a conflict today within the Orthodox Church between modernism and traditionalism, liberalism and conservatism. On one side we perceive compromise, and on the other side a reaction to compromise. But if we understand Orthodoxy to be an integral, holistic way (and not merely an organization or belief system), and if we are firmly rooted within the life of the Church, then we have nothing to fear from the world. What protects Orthodoxy in the face of modernity is our concept of "canon."

Defined as a rule or guideline, a canon places a fence around doctrine and practice in order to protect the foundations of our Faith. In the Church we have canons pertaining to dogmatic issues, and canons that preserve good hierarchical order. The guidelines that dictate iconography, hymnography and liturgical matters, etc., are also referred to as canons.

If something conforms to the established norms of Orthodoxy, we say it is "canonical."

Canonicity is much maligned, but usually misunderstood. It does not stifle creativity; rather, it promotes true freedom. It sets a boundary around what is acceptable, within which the spiritually free person can move. For example, every iconographer who remains within the canonical norms of his craft (established over many centuries) is able to develop his own style. He will write icons that are unique, an expression of his own communion with God and the fruit of his prayer and asceticism. At the same time, he will create an object of veneration that is immediately recognizable as being congruent with our received tradition. In Orthodoxy there is diversity in unity, liberty in obedience.

Canonicity prevents misguided innovation from leading to a deviation from the Faith, a diminution of the character of Orthodoxy. It is similar to how children learn right from wrong. As a baby becomes a toddler, she will continually test the boundaries of her parents. She will attempt some action, and then await her parents' reaction. If the parents are consistent, in time the child will understand her boundaries. Children who know this are happier because they are truly free. They know the limits within which they can act.

Once we understand what freedom we possess, and what our boundaries are, we can rightly engage our contemporary culture. The freedom



that an Orthodox Christian possesses allows him to peer into culture, philosophy, other religions, or any aspect of the world, and to find there what is in agreement with or what is helpful to Orthodoxy. He does not fear the world, but remains open to the leading of the Spirit. This is because he is also free of the world. He can take what is useful from other sources

without being beholden to it; he can remove the wheat from the chaff. He can extract one useful argument without endorsing the conclusions. He is not bound by the processes established by others, but can utilize them if desirable.

This freedom separates us from the necessity that often marks the way of the world. We can dialogue with others, but are never required to endorse the views of others. We can adopt their language if we find it useful, or we can prefer our own. "The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one." (1 Corinthians 2:15). There is no necessity with Orthodoxy in regard to the world. Our ethos remains inviolate, so long as we preserve canonicity.



READERS CORNER

Bread & Water, Wine & Oil

by Archimandrite Meletios Webber

Conciliar Press, 2007

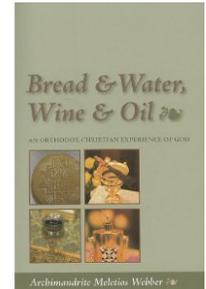
In this unique and accessible book, Archimandrite Meletios Webber first explores the role of mystery in the Christian life, then walks the reader through the seven primary Mysteries of the Orthodox Church, showing the way to a richer, fuller life in Christ.

Rather than explaining the Mysteries of the faith in isolation, Father Meletios intertwines the role of personal spirituality and liturgical commonality in his approach to Church life. To be and become an Orthodox Christian means to enter into

the inner life of faith where asceticism, pursuit of virtue and participation in the community are all necessary aspects of our faith.

“Bread & Water, Wine & Oil” is a perfect primer for Orthodoxy, and may be utilized as an adult catechism. At the same time, Father Meletios’ insightful approach will take the dedicated Orthodox Christian on a journey to deeper understanding of his or her faith.

You can find “Bread & Water, Wine & Oil” and many more edifying books in our Orthodox Book Center.



FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

On Providence and God’s Foreknowledge: Excerpt from St Maximos’ “Questions and Doubts”

Question: What does the short saying from Psalm 104 show, “He turned His heart to hate His people”?

Answer: God not only knows before the ages the things that exist, since they exist in Him, in the Truth itself, and if all these same things, both the things that are and the things that shall be, did not receive simultaneously being known and actual being on their own, but each thing receives being at the proper time--for it is impossible for the infinite to exist simultaneously with things finite--nevertheless also the goal of the disposition of each thing occurs according to movement. For there is neither time nor age separating this movement from God.

For nothing in Him is recent, but the future things are as the present. And if the times and ages indicate the things that are in God, they do this not

for God but for us. For we also must not think that, when God acts, it is then that His knowledge of a thing begins.

And if this is correct, as it surely is, He definitely knew the future as though it were present, not only the future wickedness of the Egyptians and their purpose to disobey every working of good and their ready disposition for vengeance or the evils that were done by the Israelites according to the custom of Egypt, but also the future disposition of the Israelites to approach in an obedient way the word of piety by faith.

Therefore, since He allowed such dispositions that had been hidden and had earlier been held back by Him to become actualized, because of this He is said “to have turned around.” For when a tightened valve holds back by force the pressure of water, if something by chance should turn it, suddenly the water releases its hidden pressure; so also, when providence allows it, both the wicked and good dispositions are brought through intervening events into manifestation.



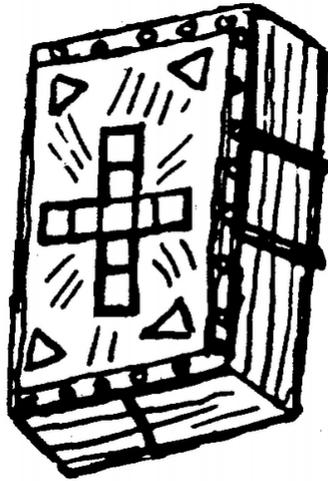
News

Sunday School Begins*by Gregory Zoll*

As the summer vacation season wanes, students and teachers are returning to the classroom. OCCS is no exception as Sunday School began their first class on September 18, following Holy Communion.

Over many years, the parish has developed a curriculum for children ages 3-18. Lisa Herbert, a certified teacher in theatre and music, and Director of Performing Arts at The Cushman School, will be directing the Sunday school program at OCCS.

Supplementing the curriculum, she will conduct the program with an approach referred to as a "flowing curriculum," which follows the church calendar. This means that Sunday school classes are all inclusive, and missing class sessions will not cause



anyone to fall behind.

The classes run 20 minutes, and include hands-on projects and art (assisted by artist Ayesha Doten). There are currently three teachers, who will divide the pupils into age appropriate grade levels.

As classes overlap the weekly Sunday coffee hour, our clergy ask that parishioners be sensitive to the needs of the students, and try to keep noise down until classes are dismissed. This will no longer present a problem once the new classrooms are completed as part of our parish building project.

Sunday school provides the youth with a safe, nurturing place that strives to maintain Orthodox values into adulthood, the future of Orthodoxy. If you have not yet registered your child for Sunday School, you can do so

any Sunday after the Divine Liturgy.

Sisterhood of the Holy Cross Begins New Year*by Deborah Bowser*

"A ministering angel shall my sister be."

-William Shakespeare

On September 18th the Sisterhood of the Holy Cross hosted an outstanding membership drive and welcome luncheon. Special heartfelt thanks go to our guest speaker, Presbyteria Irina Lucas for delivering an eloquent commentary about the spiritual importance of sisterhood and how, according to the passage of Luke 10:38-42, she hopes it will impact our lives. With eternal gratefulness we also would like to thank our luncheon committee members, Hope, JoAnn and Juliana for a superb job, we couldn't have done it without you!

The true meaning of sisterhood is an appreciation of love and support for our Church and for one another. Our Sisterhood is passionate about its purpose and dedicated to its mission. It is open to all women of the parish and those who join it as

members may be perfected in Christian virtue in accordance with the teaching of the Holy Orthodox Church. Under the pastoral guidance of Fr. Philip and in close connection with Church life, we constantly strive for a greater degree of success in the fulfillment of the following goals: to seek spiritual guidance and education in the faith; maintaining the Church building, both during the Divine Services and apart, as in adornment and vestry care; visiting the sick, assisting the needy; visiting the dying and lending moral support to thier families; works of charity; and assisting in some Parish fundraising events through communication with Fr. Philip, Fr. Joseph and the Parish Council.

Our membership drive is not over! We encourage the ladies who have not had a chance to join, to please do! Your participation is a ministry to glorify God, we truly need your unique skills and talents. For those ladies who have joined us, we welcome you and look forward to your gracious expression of love and service to the Sisterhood of the Holy Cross.