

On Stewardship and Giving

Stewardship is caring for the needs of others.

Stewardship is offering one's self to God as He offered Himself to us.

Stewardship is what a person does after saying "I believe..." as proof of that belief.

~Williams and McKibben on *Oriented Leadership*~

Pearls of Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

"In order to acquire & preserve our inner peace, we must be with the Lord constantly in our thoughts. You see, we direct all of our thoughts and all of our attention to those whom we love. This is exactly how we should be towards God, for - as our Parent - He rightfully asks that we give back to Him what He has given us. This is for our own good, in order that we may participate in Divine joy, peace and life. Therefore, let us turn to God and seek Him ceaselessly through prayer."

~ Blessed Elder Thaddeus of Serbia

"God is a fire that warms and kindles the heart and inward parts. Hence, if we feel in our hearts the cold which comes from the devil—for the devil is cold—let us call on the Lord. He will come to warm our hearts with perfect love, not only for Him but also for our neighbor, and the cold of him who hates the good will flee before the heat of His countenance."

~St. Seraphim of Sarov

"We advance toward humility by means of trials. He who rests on his virtue without suffering tribulation has the door of pride open before him."

~St. Isaac of Syria

"Do not steal anything from anyone, and take nothing, and be content with what you earn by your own labors. Be diligent and avoid idleness. For as diligence is pleasing to God, so idleness on the contrary, as a source of every evil, is a sin very offensive to God."

~ St. Tikhon of Zadonsk

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Commemoration of: Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council in Nicea; Carpos, Papylos, Agathodoros, & Agathoniki of Pergamus; Benjamin the Dn.

Apolytikia - Entrance Hymns

Katelisas to Stavro (Resurrection Hymn) Tone 7

O Lord by Your sacred Cross You abolished death, and granted unto the thief blessed paradise. The Myrrh-bearers ceased lamenting and turned to joy. The apostles did preach the Good News at Your command, that You had risen from the dead O Christ our God, bestowing Your mercy upon the world evermore.

Iperthethoxamenos i Hriste (Holy Fathers) Tone 8

You are greatly glorified, O Christ our God, who established our Fathers as luminaries upon the earth, and through them led us all to the true Faith: O most Compassionate, glory to You.

Tou Stavrou Sou (Hymn of the Church) Tone 8

Having seen in the sky the form of Your Cross and, like Paul, having received his calling not from men, Your apostle among Kings, Lord, placed his reigning city in Your hand, which you guard in peace forever, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, for You alone love mankind.

Kontakion

Prostasia ton Christianon Tone 2

Champion of Christians not put to shame, advocate before the Maker always steadfast, do not spurn sinners' voices raised in prayer. In your goodness respond to bring help to us who devoutly petition you. Hasten your intercession and urgently make entreaty; for you unfailingly defend, O Theotokos, those who honor you.

Epistle Reading Titus 3:8-15

TITUS, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the law-

yer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Luke 8:5-15

The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

Activities & Announcements

- ✘ **Memorial**– Today's 40 day Memorial is held in remembrance of Stamatina (Matina) Manthos. May her memory be eternal!
- ✘ **Stewardship Sunday**– Today we will "kick off" our Stewardship Program with a brief presentation by Lucian Saikevych.
- ✘ **Adult Religious Education**– We will begin having our Adult Religious Education with Fr. Alex. We will meet in the Bookstore after a brief coffee hour.
- ✘ **Orthodoxy 101**– Thursday, October 17, 6:30 to 8 pm in the Conference Room.
- ✘ **St. Luke the Evangelist**– Friday, October 18, Orthros 8:30, Liturgy 9:30 a.m.
- ✘ **Byzantine Music Instruction**– Saturday, October 19, 5 to 6 pm.
- ✘ **Great Vespers**– Saturday, October 19, 6:30 pm.
- ✘ **O.C.M.C. Presentation**– Next Sunday, October 20, our own, Stavros, will share his experiences in Mission work in Guatemala and Kenya. The presentation will take

To Our Visitors:

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. Just a reminder, however: the Sacrament of Holy Communion is a manifestation of the *unity of the Body of Christ*. As such, only those who are members in spiritual good standing of the Orthodox Church – and who have prepared themselves for the Sacrament – may partake of the Holy Chalice. However, *everyone* is welcome to come up with our people at the end of the service to receive blessed bread. *Please be sure to join us at Coffee Hour following Services.*