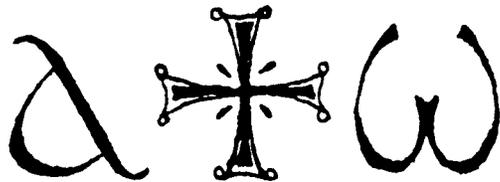


ETERNITY

How long is eternity? Pondering such a concept can, indeed, give us a headache! A simple dictionary definition of the word describes it as “infinite time” or “time without a beginning or ending.” When we think of eternity in the framework of our faith, however, we focus in on 2 specific areas: eternal life in heaven or eternal damnation in hell. There is no question at all concerning where we WANT to spend eternity. The question is: How do we earn a spot in that wonderful place “where there is no longer sickness, nor sorrow, nor sighing, but life everlasting?”

Like everything else, the answer lies in the Scriptures. Christ frequently spoke of eternal life and He was quite specific as to how it can be attained. When a certain lawyer approached Him and questioned what he needed to do to inherit it, Christ told him that he must “...love the Lord with all your heart, soul, strength and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.” (Luke 10:27) On another occasion when questioned in a similar manner, the Lord urged His interrogator to “keep the commandments” and to “sell what you own and give it to the poor.” Still another time, He reminded Nicodemus that “...God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but shall have everlasting life.” (John 3:15) To gain eternal life, Jesus also told His followers that they must “eat His Flesh” and “drink His Blood” - a clear reference to the reception of Holy Communion.

To sum all this up, we can confidently say that if we love God, if we follow His Divine Laws, if we care for the needs of others and live a sacramental life, we, too, will be numbered among the saints in God’s heavenly kingdom for all of eternity. Apostle Paul tells us “...eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered the heart of man the thing which God has prepared for those who love Him.” (1 Corinthians 2:9)



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.*

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COMMEMORATION OF: St. Paul the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople

APOLYTIKIA - ENTRANCE HYMNS

Effrenestho ta urania (Resurrection Hymn) Tone 3

Thias pisteos (St. Paul the Confessor) Tone 3

*Your confession of the true divine faith * manifested you unto the whole Church * as another Paul and zealot among the priests. * With you together is shouting the righteous blood * of Zacharias and Abel unto the Lord. * Holy Father Paul, beseech Christ our God fervently, * entreating that He grant us His great mercy.*

Tu Stavru Su (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 forever you guard in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, for You alone love mankind.

KONTAKION

Prostasia ton Hristianon Tone 2

O Protection of Christians unshamable, mediation with the Creator immovable, we sinners beg you, do not despise the voices of our prayers, but anticipate, since you are good, and swiftly come unto our aid as we cry out to you with faith: Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who defend now and ever those who honor you.

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 11:1-19

BRETHREN, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 8:41-56

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years a had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and

touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

7TH SUNDAY OF LUKE; SUNDAY SCHOOL HONORS VETERANS; ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: "BIG CHURCH AND LITTLE CHURCH—ALL OUR LIFE BELONGS TO GOD" 12 TO 12:45 P.M., IN THE BOOKSTORE (BASEMENT); GREEK SCHOOL 1 P.M.; SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING

THIS WEEK

TUE, 11/8— SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGELS: ORTHROS 8:30 A.M., DIVINE LITURGY 9:30 A.M.

WED, 11/9— ST. NEKTARIOS OF AEGINA: ORTHROS 8:30 A.M., DIVINE LITURGY 9:30 A.M.

THU, 11/10— PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 5:30 P.M.

FRI, 11/11— VETERAN'S DAY

SAT, 11/12— PHILOPTOCHOS GYROS, BAKE & RUMMAGE SALE 8 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

SUN, 11/13— 8TH SUNDAY OF LUKE/St. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM; PHILOPTOCHOS MEETING 12 P.M.; ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 12 TO 12:45 P.M.

- ✘ **SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION**— ANYONE INTERESTED IN CHAIRING THE "THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION" ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH, IS ASKED TO CONTACT FR. ALEXANDER BY CALLING THE CHURCH OFFICE, EMAILING HIM AT FR.ALEXANDERLEONG@YAHOO.COM, OR BY INFORMING HIM, IN PERSON, ASAP.
- ✘ **ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**— TODAY, WE BEGIN OUR SPECIAL 4-PART SERIES ON "BLUEPRINTS FOR THE LITTLE CHURCH," LED BY DR. ROBERT ARAKAKI AND FR. ALEXANDER. THE SERIES IS OPEN TO ALL. WE WILL HAVE DISCUSSIONS ON PRACTICAL WAYS FOR LIVING OUR ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN LIVES DAILY. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING THE BOOK, IT IS AVAILABLE FOR \$20. IF YOU ARE WRITING A CHECK, PLEASE MAKE IT OUT TO "SAINTS CONSTANTINE AND HELEN."
- ✘ **FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY** - MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH AT 11:30 AM