

On the Divine Liturgy

What is the Creed?

Anaphora is a Greek word meaning “carrying up,” or offering. In the Old Testament, the priest, would offer up an animal sacrifice to God. In this case, the offering is bread and wine that we are bringing to God and asking they be consecrated at the altar in Heaven. You’ll note that even before the gifts are consecrated, we thank God (“Let us give thanks to the Lord”). This is similar to the way that Jesus would thank God before he preformed His miracles;

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb; it was a cave, and a stone lay upon it, and Jesus said, “Take away the stone. “ Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days. “ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you hear me always, but I have said this on account of the people standing by, that they may believe that you sent me. “ When He had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazurus come out.” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with bandages, and his face wrapped with a cloth. (John 11:38-44)

You’ll notice that first Jesus thanked the Lord and *then* the miracle occurred.

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From the Fathers

Has so-and-so slandered you? Don't give in to hatred. If you hate the slanderer, you are hating a person and therefore breaking the commandment to love. The evil done with words you are now doing by your deeds. On the other hand, if you keep the commandments, you are helping the other as much as you can to become free from this sin... The more you pray with all your heart for the one who has slandered you, the more readily God reveals the truth to those whom the slanderer has scandalized.

St. Maximos the Confessor

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5th Sunday of Matthew

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Commemoration of: Cosmas & Damian Unmercenaries;

Apolytikia - Entrance Hymns

To fethron (Hymn of the Day) Tone 4

Having learned the joyous news of the angel of Your resurrection, the disciple women of the Lord, and having rejected the ancestral judgment to the Apostles with boasting did they proclaim, death is despoiled Christ our God has risen granting to the world the great mercy. (Translation as sung by the Choir)

Ayii Anargiri (Holy Unmercenaries) Tone 8

Holy Unmercenaries and Wonderworkers, visit our infirmities. Freely you received; freely give to us. (Translation from AgesInitiatives.com)

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 are the lover mankind. (Translation as sung by the Choir)

Kontakion

Prostasia ton Hristianon Tone 2

O protection of Christians that can not be put to shame, mediation to the Creator immovable. Do not over look, the pleading voices of those in sin, but be in time as a kind one to our help, who in faith cry out to You: Hasten to intercede and be quick to beseech. You who always protect, Theotokos, those who honor You. (Translation as sung by the Choir)

Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 12:27-31; 13:1-8

BRETHREN, you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1

At that time, when Jesus came to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one would pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

Announcements

Today

SUN, 7/1– 5th Sunday of Matthew; Fr. Alexander departs for Clergy-Laity Congress in Boston, returning on Saturday, July 7th.

Everyone is welcomed to attend a presentation in the conference room at 11:45 A.M. titled "Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Mt. Athos" where Peter, Carlos, and Mike will share their recent experiences.

This Week

WED, 7/4– Offices closed in observance of Independence Day

SUN, 7/8– 6th Sunday of Matthew

***Fr. Alexander will be off-island from the afternoon of Sunday, July 1st, to Saturday, July 7th. In the event of a pastoral emergency during this short period, please call Fr. Athanasius Kone at (808) 256-9482, or email him at: Fr.A@Iveron.org.

HOW MUCH DO YOU OWN IN THAT DIRECTION?

A rich native son of Texas who had made much money in producing oil from his land brought his pastor to the top of a tall building in one of the Texas cities. With a wide sweep of his hands and a tone of boastful pride in his voice, he said, "Pastor, everything you see to the south I own. Everything you see to the north I own. Yes, and everything you see to the west with its field on field of waving grain I own, too."

The pastor did not seem too impressed. Pointing his hands heavenward he asked, "How much do you own in that direction?"

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.*