

Giving With Love

We can give without love but such loveless giving has no value in the eyes of God. St. Paul writes, "If I give away all that I have ... but have not love, I gain nothing" (I Cor. 13:3). It is only when we give because we love that our gift is pleasing and acceptable to God.

Our weekly offering to God is first and foremost an offering of love. One can give without loving but one cannot love without giving.

From the Fathers

Christ's sheepfold is the Church. Anyone who wants to enter the fold must enter by using the gate: he must preach the true Christ. And not only preach Christ. He must also seek Christ's glory, rather than his own. Many, in seeking their own glory, have scattered the flock of Christ, when they ought to have been uniting it. Christ is the gate that is humble and low. All who want to enter by this gate must humble themselves and stoop low. Any who do not humble themselves, but make themselves important, are clearly proposing to enter by scaling the wall. But climbing the wall means heading for a fall.

Augustine

We should always say the Jesus prayer wherever we are; not just in the morning or at night. When we walk, we should not waste our free time, but instead take advantage of it and repeat the prayer. When we are working in a busy place and it is difficult for us to concentrate on praying, we can quietly chant without disturbing others.

Elder Paisios the Athonite

Let us consider, beloved brethren, what the congregation of believers did in the time of the apostles. Back then, at the beginning, the mind flourished with greater virtues. The faith of believers burned with a warmth of faith that was still new. Back then they sold houses and farms and gladly and generously presented the proceeds to the apostles to be distributed to the poor.

St. Cyprian of Carthage

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Ecclesiastical New Year

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Commemoration of: 40 Holy Women of Thrace; Symeon the Stylite; Joshua of Navi

Apolytikia - Entrance Hymns

Ote katilthes (Hymn of the Day) Tone 2
When You descended to death, O Life immortal, rendered to Hades a mortal blow by Your radiant Divinity, and when from the depths of darkness You raised the dead, all the power of Haven were crying out to You, O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to You.

O pasis thimiourgos (1- Hymn of Ecc. New Year) Tone 2
O Fashioner of all creation, who made seasons and years by Your own authority, bless the crown of the year with Your goodness, O Lord, and preserve our rulers and Your city in peace, at the intercession of the Theotokos, and save us.
(AgesInitiatives.com)

Haire keharitomeni (2- Hymn of Ecc. New Year) Tone 7
Rejoice, Maiden full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos; a haven and protection are you for all of mankind. From you did the Redeemer of the world become incarnate, only you are both a Mother and a Virgin. O Lady ever blessed and ever filled with glory, intercede with Christ God, beseeching Him to grant peace to the universe.
(AgesInitiatives.com)

Ypomonis stilos (Hymn of St Symeon) Tone 1
You became a pillar of patience, O devout one, emulating the forefathers, Job in his sufferings and Joseph in his temptations, and the manner of the bodiless, though you were still in body. O devout father Symeon, intercede with Christ God, to save our souls. (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 of mankind.

Kontakion
O ton eonon Piitis Tone 4
You, the Creator and the Lord of the ages, O God of all, truly transcending all essence, we earnestly entreat, that You will bless the year, and, O tender-loving Lord, in Your infinite mercy, only Master, save us all who worship and serve You, O our Redeemer, and who cry with fear, "For all Your servants, make fruitful the coming year." (AgesInitiatives.com)

Epistle Reading I Timothy 2:1-7
Timothy, my son, first of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions, that

we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way. This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony to which was borne at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Gospel Reading Luke 4:16-22

At that time, Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and he went to the synagogue, as his custom was, on the sabbath day. And he stood up to read; and there was given to him the book of the prophet Isaiah. He opened the book and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." And he closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke well of him, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth.

Announcements

Today

SUN, 9/1– *Ecclesiastical New Year; Sunday School Blessing of the Waters; Sunday School Meeting in partition room of Social Hall; Training for the Operation of the Partition dividers in Social Hall, 12:30-1pm (see Barry upstairs)*

This Week

- ✘ MON, 9/2– *Offices closed in Observance of Labor Day*
- ✘ FRI, 9/6– *Byzantine Chant 1:30 to 3 p.m.*
- ✘ SAT, 9/7 – *Great Vespers 5:30 p.m.*

Budget 2020 committee begins now. If you'd like to join the group, email pc@greekorthodoxhawaii.org

Fundraiser Bake Sale on Sunday, 9/15, for Aloha Youth Choir/Dance Group for FDF

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.*