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TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

EPISTLE: Brethren, Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Much more than, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. (*Romans 5:1-10*)

GOSPEL: "The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?

"Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?

"So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

"Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

"Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. (*Matthew 6:22-33*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU

To everyone who helped out Fr. John and family with the passing of his father-in-law and subsequent travel back east for the funeral. A special thanks to Fr. George for filling in for all duties, to Subdeacon Jon Failla for assisting with a baptism, and Reader John Butcher for filling in for Juliana when travel problems arose.

SCHEDULE CHANGE

The ninth day panikhida for George Fedak, father-in-law of Fr. John and grandfather of Juliana, has been rescheduled to Monday evening before the Akathist and picnic. Travel problems due to severe storms prevented them from being back in time for a Saturday celebration. The service will be at 5:30 PM.

NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Please join us for the celebration of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. We will celebrate Divine Liturgy on Wednesday at 9:00 AM. It was on this day 30 years ago that Fr. John was ordained to the Holy Priesthood by His Grace, Bishop Boris (Geeza) of blessed memory.

PATRONAL FEASTDAY — SS. PETER AND PAUL

We have a special celebration planned. We have Vespers and Litiya at 6:00 PM this evening and Divine Liturgy will be served at 9:00 AM tomorrow morning. But since many can't attend in the morning, we will have an Akathist to the saints at 6:00 PM, followed by a parish picnic. We hope everyone will make an effort to spend at least a little time with us on our parish feastday.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - SUMMER CAMP

- We have set aside July 12-16 at Camp Potosi Pines for our annual Summer Camp. The theme of the Camp: **Be Doers of the**

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jun 29: 2 Cor 11:21-12:9	Matthew 16:13-19
Jun 30: Rom 10:11-11:2	Matthew 11:16-20
Jul 1: Rom 11:2-12	Matthew 11:20-26
Jul 2: Rom 11:13-24	Matthew 11:27-30
Jul 3: Rom 11:25-36	Matthew 12:1-8
Jul 4: Rom 6:11-17	Matthew 8:14-23

STEWARDSHIP: SUNDAY, June 21

Stewardship Donations 6/21:	\$ 1,932.00
Total Income (incl. Stewardship) 6/21:	\$ 2,654.00

Weekly expense to run parish: \$ 4,593.00

YEAR TO DATE INCOME GOAL (25 wks): \$114,821.63
YEAR TO DATE INCOME ACTUAL: \$128,301.62
Percentage of Budgeted Income: 111.7%

SUNDAY, 28 JUNE 3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2. Translation of the Relics of the holy and wonderworking Unmercenaries Cyrus and John. Ven. Xenophon, Abbot of Ro-beiksk. Ven. Sergius and Herman, Wonderworkers of Valaam. St. Paul the Physician, of Corinth. Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos, "THE THREE HANDS." VESPERS/LITIYA, 6:00 PM	MONDAY, 29 JUNE DIVINE LITURGY, 9:00 AM Ss. PETER AND PAUL, LEADERS OF THE APOSTLES PANIKHIDA, 5:30 PM AKATHIST, 6:00 PM PARISH PICNIC		SATURDAY, 4 JULY GREAT VESPERS, 6:00 PM CONFESSIONS	SUNDAY, 5 JULY 4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3. Ven. Athanasius, Founder of the Great Lavra and Cœnobitic Monasticism on Mt. Athos, and his six disciples. Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Sergius (Sérgii) of Rádonezh. Martyr Anna at Rome and Martyr Cyrilla, of Cyrene in Libya, a widow. Ven. Lampadus of Hirenopolis. Hieromartyr Cyprian of Mt. Athos.
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Word and not Hearers Only" (James 1:22). Registration fee is \$125 per child, \$100 per child for more than one in a family.

- We also need adult volunteers in addition to campers. We will desperately need drivers to transport campers to and from the camp. If you can't be there for the whole camp, even a day or two would help a lot. Please consider helping us for this most important project for our young people.
- Please see Senayt Hailu or Nadine Wood for more information and forms. If you have a financial hardship, please see Fr John.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We need **volunteers to join coffee hour teams**. We also need **volunteers to serve as official greeters** beginning in September. Please see Irina McClellan if you can help. We also need to establish a regular rotation of **volunteers willing to count and verify the collection** on Sundays. Please contact Kim Arianoff (kimberly@arianoff.us) if you can offer some talent in this area.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Regular evening hours will be suspended until September and the resumption of Church School and Adult Class. As always, Fr. John is normally available outside of office hours and for appointments. Please contact him to set an appointment.

Monday - office closed

Tuesday - Fr John: 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Wednesday - Fr John: 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Thursday - Fr George: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Friday - Fr George: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

REMEMBER, O LORD...those in need of prayer

Archpriest James	Ioana Dan
Protodeacon Alexis Washington	Augustina Sandou
Subdeacon Vladimir	Miriam Elias
Antoinette Ziegler	Fernande Bica
Tara Caterine	Natasha Zonitch
Madeline & Serge DeSemov	John Harling
Edward & Dorothy Grudzina	Peter Jovaleski
Constantina Kontoyannis	Bobbie Lazar
Russell Alexander	Philip Lykos
Al & Anita Maresca	Vadim McClellan
Christine Sechrist	Nicholas Mihalko
Marteen Moore	Peter Nahas
The child Christopher Elliott	Carl Miller

Newly departed George

FAITH OR GOOD WORKS

C. S Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

Christians have often disputed as to whether what leads the Christian home is good actions, or Faith in Christ. I have no right really to speak on such a difficult question, but it does seem to me like asking which blade in a pair of scissors is most necessary. A serious moral effort is the only thing that will bring you to the point where

you throw up the sponge. Faith in Christ is the only thing to save you from despair at that point: and out of that Faith in Him good actions must inevitably come. There are two parodies of the truth which different sets of Christians have, in the past, been accused by other Christians of believing: perhaps they may make the truth clearer. One set were accused of saying, 'Good actions are all that matters. The best good action is charity. The best kind of charity is giving money. The best thing to give money to is the Church. So hand us over £10,000 and we will see you through.' The answer to that nonsense, of course, would be that good actions done for that motive, done with the idea that Heaven can be bought, would not be good actions at all, but only commercial speculations. The other set were accused of saying, 'Faith is all that matters. Consequently, if you have faith, it doesn't matter what you do. Sin away, my lad, and have a good time and Christ will see that it makes no difference in the end.' The answer to that nonsense is that, if what you call your 'faith' in Christ does not involve taking the slightest notice of what He says, then it is not Faith at all -- not faith or truth in Him, but only intellectual acceptance of some theory about Him.

The Bible really seems to clinch the matter when it puts the two things together into one amazing sentence. The first half is, 'Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling'-- which looks as if everything depended on us and our good actions: but the second half goes on, 'For it is God who worketh in you'-- which looks as if God did everything and we nothing. I am afraid that is the sort of thing we come up against in Christianity. I am puzzled, but I am not surprised. You see, we are now trying to understand, and to separate into watertight compartments, what exactly God does and what man does when God and man are working together. And, of course, we begin by thinking it is like two men working together, so that you could say, 'He did this bit and I did that.' But this way of thinking breaks down. God is not like that. He is inside you as well as outside: even if we could understand who did what, I do not think human language could properly express it. In the attempt to express it different churches say different things. But you will find that even those who insist most strongly on the importance of good actions tell you you need Faith; and even those who insist most strongly on Faith tell you to do good actions. At any rate that is as far as I go.

PARISH PATRONAL FEASTDAY

THE GLORIOUS LEADERS OF THE APOSTLES, PETER AND PAUL

JUNE 29

LITURGY 9:00 AM

AKATHIST, PICNIC, 6:00 PM

JOIN US!!

