



Welcome!

Whether you are searching for a new church home or just visiting, we are glad you're with us today. If you have a prayer request, are looking for more information about the Orthodox Faith, would like to join our parish, or would like to speak with Fr Thomas, we invite you to fill out a visitor's card and drop it in the offering basket as your offering today. We want to get to know you! God bless you!

This Week

Saturday, August 3
No Saturday Vespers/Vigil
Sunday, August 4
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Abba Anthony said to Abba Poemen, 'this is the great work of a man: always to take the blame for his own sins before God and to expect temptation to his last breath.'

To our Visitors: Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians who prepare themselves by prayer and fasting. Non-Orthodox visitors are welcome to come forward to venerate the cross and receive the Antidoron (blessed bread) at the conclusion of the service.

Archpriest Thomas Soroka, *Rector*
Deacon Luke Loboda, *Attached*
Mat. Janet Mihalick, *Choir Director*

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

McKees Rocks/Pittsburgh, PA
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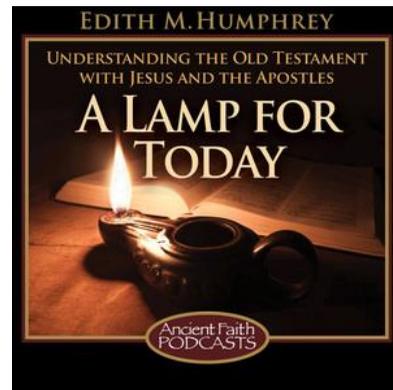
Announcements

➤ During the summer months, let us continue to offer **worship and praise to God every Sunday** in thanksgiving for the continued blessings He richly pours out on us. In this way, God is glorified, we sustain our faith, and we become an example to others. Traveling this summer? Seek out a church to visit on Sunday morning at orthodoxyinamerica.org.

➤ **Please see the ad in today's bulletin** from our new "Orthodox Teen Fellowship." They'll be helping to create and pack backpacks for underprivileged children who are going back to school They need your help! See Annaliese Mertz or Nathaniel Cassidy for information about how you can help!

➤ Bible Study begins up again on Wednesday, August 14. All are welcomed to learn with us!

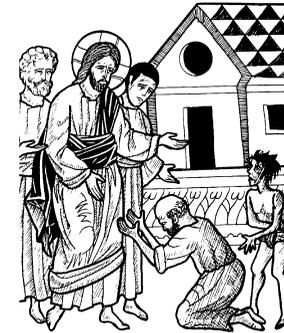
The apostle Peter called the Old Testament a "lamp," confirmed in Christ, which we must heed until the very return of our Lord (2 Peter 1:19). Dr Edith Humphrey, on her podcast "A Lamp for Today," teaches about the Lord in the New Testament and the hymns of the church reaching back to the Old Testament, the Holy Scriptures of the Early Church. Each Episode can be found on our website and at ancientfaith.com



Prayers

➤ **Ill and infirm: Known to be hospitalized (none).** Home: Helen Billak, Jack Saban *Shut in, Rehabilitation, or Nursing Home:* Olga Bednar, Garnette Kerchum, Georgiann Robes, Olga Tryszyn, Mary Zapp.

➤ **Vigil Lights from Mat. Nancy K. Mell and Gregory Mell** for the departed servant, Dn. Joseph Mell; for the health of family and Michelle Bittner. **From George & Nancy Shaytar** for the departed servant, Alise Lugin; for the health of Michelle Bittner. **From Doris Wasilko** for the health of Michelle, Helen & Georgiann. **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the health of (sisters) Doris & Marsha. **From John & Olga** for the departed servant, Carol Ann Kowalchek; for the health of Anatoly & Galina Vilkov and Rachel Heuer & her child to be born. **From Michelle Bittner** for the departed servant, Joseph Knapmeyer; for the health of Sarah Knapmeyer, Greg and John Storoschuck. **From Lindy Hamilton** for the health of Elaine Hamilton. **From Tatyana Sechler** for the departed servants, Polina, Galina, Slava, Valentina, Andrei, Gina, Bruce, Marina; for the health of Tatyana, Christopher, Thomas, Tatyana, Diana, Edward and Adrianna. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the health of my family; special intentions.



Thank You

➤ to **Matushka Nancy Mell and Gregory Mell** for donating all of our July monthly donations in memory of departed members of the Karavlan family. Bulletin (\$60), Holy Bread (\$50), Communion Wine (\$40), Altar Candles (\$25). Incense (\$10)

Dealing with Enemies

And here again Jesus did not say, "O accursed, and sorcerers as you are; O you envious, and enemies of men's salvation;" but rather, "Why do you think evil in your hearts?"

We must, you see, use gentleness to eradicate the disease. Since he who has become better through the fear of man, will quickly return to wickedness again. For this cause He commanded also the tares to be left, giving an appointed day of repentance. Yea, and many of them in fact repented, and became good, who before were bad; as for instance, Paul, the Publican, the Thief; for these being really tares turned into kindly wheat. Because, although in the seeds this cannot be, yet in the human will it is both manageable and easy; for our will is bound by no limits of nature, but has freedom of choice for its privilege.

Accordingly, when you see an enemy of the truth, wait on him, take care of him, lead him back into virtue, by showing forth an excellent life, by applying speech that cannot be condemned, Titus 2:8 by bestowing attention and tender care, by trying every means of amendment, in imitation of the best physicians. For neither do they cure in one manner only, but when they see the wound not yield to the first remedy, they add another, and after that again another; and now they use the knife, and now bind up. And do thou accordingly, having become a physician of souls, put in practice every mode of cure according to Christ's laws; that you may receive the reward both of saving yourself and of profiting others, doing all to the glory of God, and so being glorified also yourself. For them that glorify me, says He, I will glorify; and they that despise me, shall be lightly esteemed.

Let us, I say, do all things unto His glory; that we may attain unto that blessed portion, unto which God grant we may all attain, by the grace and love towards man of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be glory and might forever and ever. Amen.. (*St John Chrysostom*)

Hymns and Readings for Today

July 28, 2019

Troparion of the Resurrection Tone 5

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, Co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh to endure death and to raise the dead, by His glorious resurrection.

Troparion of St Nicholas Tone 4

You appeared to your flock as a rule of faith, an image of humility, and a teacher of abstinence. Because of your lowliness heaven was opened to you! Because of your poverty riches were granted to you! O holy Bishop Nicholas, pray to Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion of the Resurrection Tone 5

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man and we all cry to Thee, O Lord, save us!

Kontakion of the Theotokos Tone 6

Steadfast protectress of Christians, constant advocate before the creator, do not despise the cry of us sinners, but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith. Hasten to hear our intercessions and to intercede for us, O Theotokos For you always protect those who honor you.

Prokeimenon (Psalm 12) Tone 5

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

Epistle (Rom 12:6-14)

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

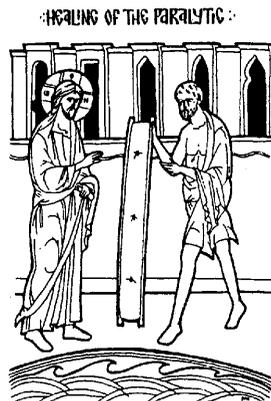
Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Gospel (Matthew 9:1-8)

So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."

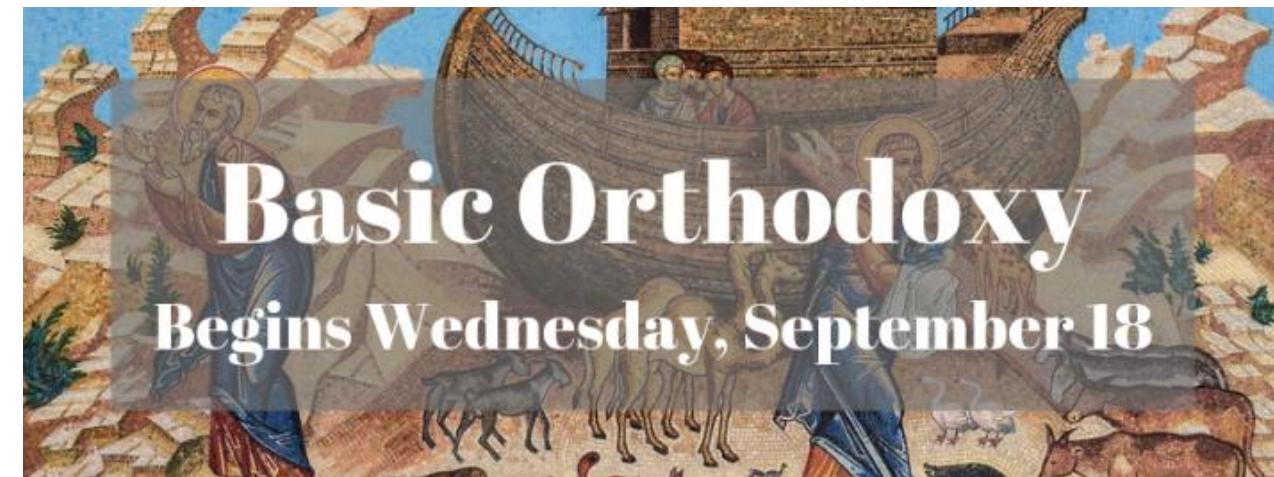
And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!"

But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of



Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house.

Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.



Five one-hour sessions will be perfect for inquirers, new Orthodox Christians, or Orthodox Christians who want to learn more about their faith in an interactive presentation at 7:00 pm. Vespers at 6:30 pm.