



UNDERSTANDING THE WRITINGS OF THE CHURCH

Throughout the ages, the venerable Fathers and Saints of our Church have left us valuable threads of wisdom. By reading their words, we are able to weave a rich tapestry of Christian beliefs. Today, we present just a few that may help you in your daily struggle.

ON HUMILITY: “Learn to love humility, for it will cover all your sins. All sins are repulsive before God, but the most repulsive of all is pride of the heart. Do not consider yourself learned and wise; otherwise, all your efforts will be destroyed, and your boat will reach the harbor empty.”

(St. Anthony the Great)

ON ARROGANCE: “Do not practice arrogance. For arrogance is like a very tall but rotten tree. All of its branches are brittle and if someone climbs upon it, he immediately falls from the height he has attained.”

(St. Ephraim the Syrian)

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HOLY MYSTERIES

VISITATIONS OF THE SICK AND INFIRM - If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Father Stephen at the Rectory. Our hospitalization code for Christiana and Wilmington Hospitals is **UKR**.

EMERGENCY CALLS - Please call the Rectory anytime (day or night) in an Emergency!

BAPTISMS - Celebrated by appointment.

CROWNING IN MARRIAGE - Please discuss timing with Father prior to setting a date. At least six months notice is needed. There are three 2-hour courses that must be attended prior to the Wedding.

BULLETIN DEADLINE - The deadline for getting information printed in the Weekly Bulletin is Wednesday.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS - For the Needs of the Parish; 2nd Youth Ministry

January 20, 2019
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of January 20 - 27, 2019
Celebrating our 92nd year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, January 20 – Sunday after the Theophany – Tone 1

8:30 – 9:00 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

BLESSING OF THE SCHUYLLKYL HAS BEEN POSTPONED

Monday, January 21

9:00 – 11:00 AM – Pyrohy Orders

6:30 PM – Akathist

7:00 PM – Bible Study

Tuesday, January 22

9:00 – 11:00 AM – Pyrohy Orders

Thursday, January 24

7:00 AM – Peeling potatoes

6:00 PM – Making potato balls

7:00 PM – Boy Scouts

Friday, January 25

7:00 PM – Making the pyrohy

1:00 – 3:00 PM – Pick up

Sunday, January 27 – 35th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 2

8:30 – 9:00 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Pankhyda: +Dorothy Sacco (40th Day)

Coffee Hour

3:00 PM – Blessing of the Schuylkill (2 Boathouse Rd, Philadelphia)

SCRIPTURAL READINGS

34th Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday after Theophany – Matthew 28:16-20; Liturgy: Ephesians 4:7-13; Matthew 4:12-17
Monday – Hebrews 8:7-13; Mark 8:11-21
Tuesday – Hebrews 9:8-10, 15-23; Mark 8:22-26
Wednesday - 10:1-18; Mark 8:30-34
Thursday – Hebrews 10:35-11:7; Mark 9:10-16
Friday – Hebrews 11: 8, 11-16; Mark 9:33-41
Saturday after Theophany – Ephesians 4:7-13; Matthew 4:12-17; Day: Hebrews 5:1-8; Luke 14:1-11
35th Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: Mark 16:1-8; Liturgy: Colossians 3:12-16; Luke 18:18-27



Saint George the Chozivite Commemorated on January 8(21)

Saint George the Chozebite was born on the island of Cyprus toward the end of the sixth century. After the death of his parents, he went to Palestine to worship at the holy places. Here he entered into the monastic community of Chozeba between the River Jordan and Jerusalem, and he later became head of this monastery. St George presented the monks example in fasting, vigil and physical efforts. Having lived as an angel upon the earth, he died in peace.

Troparion - Tone 5

God-bearing Father George, * you cultivated the word of grace * and gathered the splendid fruits of righteousness, * having chosen the way of godliness.* Therefore, you partook of the glory of Christ; * intercede with Him unceasingly * that He may have mercy on our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 4

You have appeared as a brilliant light * and have illumined with divine rays those who cry to you, * O George. Pray for us to Christ the Master, * Who appeared in the waters to illumine those born on earth.

Sunday after Theophany

Because we lived along the East Coast for so many years, we've had the opportunity to see many of America's old lighthouses. I love them. But not long ago we came up over the top of a hill on an interstate and I saw what I certainly never expected to see hundreds of miles from any ocean. It was a lighthouse. With a bright, functioning light on top. Obviously, it wasn't there to point any ships in the right direction. Actually, it was part of a church that stands right near the highway. See, this lighthouse is for people!

Well, I want to have A Word With You today about "The Great Lighthouse Shortage."

It seems to me that Jesus intended for every church to be a lighthouse, whether or not they have a lighted tower as part of their building. And He intended for every Christian to be a lighthouse, every ministry. Tragically, with so many lives around us headed for disaster, there is a terrible lighthouse shortage.

We know that Jesus said that those who belong to Him are "the light of the world." (Matthew 5:16) And Matthew 4:16, our word for today from the Word of God, tells us which direction our light should be pointing. Jesus says, "The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned." See, it's the people in spiritual darkness, the people who are spiritually dying who should be the focus of all this light God has given us.

The problem is that often we are content to have all the lights inside the church, shining on those who are already headed for heaven. Meanwhile, we let countless lost people just get another day closer to hell. We do what's easy - we just work with the sheep who are already in - when Jesus said He would leave ninety-nine of those just to go out and find one lost one. But notice - you have to go out to find them. You can't just stay in the Christian cocoon waiting for someone to stick their head in the door and say, "Excuse me, but is there any light in here?" The lighthouse needs to be out where they are!

We can go to all our Christian meetings, fellowship with all our Christian friends, enjoy all our Christian books and programs, and we feel like we must be winning. Not when two-thirds of Americans can't tell you half of the Ten Commandments or who did the Sermon on the Mount! Not when the number of people who say they believe in nothing has doubled in the last ten years - and the number of

those who are self-declared witches has grown over 1,500% in the past decade. Even in one Bible Belt state, the statistics just came in - two-thirds of the people even there are essentially unchurched! You have working near you, living near you, going to school with you people who have no idea that what Jesus did on the cross was for them and that He's their only hope! If our Christian subculture makes us feel like we're winning, it's the illusion of winning.

How can we be content to spend all our time with the already-rescued when we are living surrounded by a sea of dying people? How can we say that we are following the One who came, as He said, to "seek and save what was lost" - and not be doing that with all our heart? If you're following Jesus, I'll tell you where He's going. He's always headed for a sea of lost people. That should be where we end up too. Oh, it's bright inside the lighthouse, but it's very dark outside the walls.

So many headed for eternal destruction - they desperately need a lighthouse that is out where they are, pointing them to life in Jesus Christ. Be their lighthouse!

Holy Hierarch Savva, First Archbishop of Serbia

(12/25 January)

The Hierarch Savva has a significance for the whole Orthodox world, as have all the great saints. The heritage of Hierarch Savva of Serbia lives on especially in the Church tradition of the Slavic peoples. The first introduction of the Jerusalem Typicon into Slavic monastic communities is connected with his name. The Serbian Monastery of Chilandar on Athos lives hitherto according to the Typicon of Saint Savva. The edition of the Rudder (the collection of the Church's legal norms, or the canons of the Church and the laws of the state) belonging to the Hierarch became the edition most prevalent in the Slavic Churches. Such was the contribution of Hierarch Savva to the canonical treasury of Orthodoxy.

Saint Savva, Rastko (Rostislav) in the world, was the son of the Autocrat of Serbia, Stefan Nemanja, and Anna, the daughter of the Greek Emperor Romanus. From early childhood, he diligently attended Church services and nourished a special love for monks. At the age of seventeen, having met a Russian monk from the Holy Mountain of Athos, Rastko secretly left his father's home and arrived at the Monastery of Saint Panteleimon. His father, upon learning that his son was on Athos, equipped a whole company, assigning it a loyal commander, and wrote to the ruler of the province in which Athos lay that if they did not return his son to him he would go to war with the Greeks. When the commander arrived at the monastery, he ordered that Rastko not be allowed out

of sight. During the evening Divine service, when the soldiers fell asleep intoxicated with wine, Rastko received the tonsure (1186) and sent his worldly clothing, his hair and a letter to his parents.

The monk Savva was able to convince his sovereign parents to receive monasticism. The venerable one's father (the commemoration of Venerable Stefan, Simeon in monasticism, the King of Serbia, is on the 13th of February) struggled in asceticism together with his son in the Athonite Monastery of Vatopedi. On Athos, they restored the Serbian Monastery of Chilandar. In the Monastery of Chilandar, Venerable Savva was ordained a deacon and then a presbyter. For his monastic struggles on the Holy Mountain, the venerable one was deemed worthy of the rank of archimandrite in Thessalonica. In 1219, in Nicea, on the feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Birth-giver of God, the Ecumenical Patriarch Germanus ordained Archimandrite Savva to the rank of Archbishop of all Serbia. Along with this, Venerable Savva requested from the Greek emperor the right for one seeking the dignity of archbishop to be ordained in Serbia by a council of bishops, which was very important for that time of frequent wars between eastern and western rulers. When he arrived on the Holy Mountain from Nicea, the Hierarch went around to all the monasteries for the last time, venerated all the churches, and, recalling the blessed life of the desert fathers, bade farewell to the ascetics in profound compunction, "going forth from the Holy Mountain, as if from a kind of Divine paradise". On the way from Athos, the Hierarch, dispirited by the difficulty of parting from the Holy Mountain, was hardly able to walk. Only the words of the Most Holy Birth-giver of God, who appeared to the saint in a dream "having me as a surety before the King of all, my Son and God, why art you still sorrowful?" helped him out of his despondency, changing his grief into joy. In memory of this appearance, the Hierarch commissioned two large icons of the Savior and the Mother of God in Thessalonica, which were placed by him in the church at Philokalia.

In Serbia, the activity of the Chief Hierarch in ordering the affairs of Church and fatherland was accompanied by numerous signs and miracles. During the Liturgy and the All-Night Vigil, when the Hierarch came to cense the grave of his father, Venerable Simeon, the holy relics streamed forth fragrant myrrh.

In carrying out negotiations with the Hungarian King Vladislav, who had declared war against Serbia, the Hierarch, who was glorified by heavenly signs, not only obtained the desired peace for his fatherland, but also brought the Hungarian monarch to Orthodoxy. Having laid the beginning of the historical existence of the independent Serbian Church, Hierarch Savva likewise promoted the

establishment of Serbian statehood. In order to strengthen the independent state of the Serbs, the holy Archbishop Savva crowned his sovereign brother, Stefan, as king.

After the death of Stefan, having crowned his eldest son, Radoslav, as king, Hierarch Savva departed for the Holy Land "to tearfully kiss the holy Tomb of Christ and the fearful Golgotha". Upon returning to his homeland, the Hierarch blessed and crowned Vladislav as king and, for the greater confirmation of the Serbian throne, he betrothed him to the daughter of the Bulgarian prince, Asan. The holy Chief Hierarch went about the whole Serbian land, corrected the monastic rules according to Athonite and Palestinian patterns, built and consecrated a multitude of churches, confirming the Orthodox in the faith. When he had completed his struggle in his homeland, he appointed Hieromonk Arsenius as his successor, ordaining him bishop, and when he had imparted a blessing to all, the hierarch departed on a journey from which he would not return, desiring "to end his days as a wanderer in a foreign land". Passing through all of Palestine, Syria and Persia, Babylon, Egypt and Anatolia, everywhere visiting holy places, conversing with great ascetics, collecting the sacred remains of the saints, the Hierarch ended his wandering in Trnovo, in Bulgaria, in the home of his relative, King Asan, where with spiritual joy he committed his soul to the Lord (+1236). During the transfer of Hierarch Savva's holy relics to Serbia in 1237, the healings were so numerous that the Bulgarians began to murmur against Asan, "Why does he yield up such a treasure". In the homeland of the Hierarch, his precious relics were placed in the church at Mileshevo, granting healing to all who came with faith. The inhabitants of Trnovo continued to receive healings from the remains of the Hierarch's coffin, which the pious Asan had ordered to be collected together and placed in a newly constructed reliquary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to the following: Halyna Bacha, 1/21; Thomas Kasprzyk, 1/21; Valentina Plachuta, 1/23 & Anastasios Pantelopulos, 1/24. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

ENVELOPES FOR 2019 – The Church envelopes and Calendars for 2019 are ready and can be picked up in the back of the Church.

THE POWER OF PRAYER – Please remember your daily prayer for our country. Today, we begin Day 26.

POSTPONED-GREAT BLESSING OF THE WATERS AT THE SCHYLKYLL

The Greater Philadelphia Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood invites all to come and pray with them on Sunday, January 27 beginning at 3:00 PM at 2 Boathouse Row in Philadelphia. The Pan Orthodox Choir will be singing the responses. All are invited to attend.

DO YOU SHOP ON AMAZON? – Did you know that if you would get on Smile Amazon and choose our Parish as your beneficiary that Amazon would donate a percentage of your purchase to us? Search on Orthodox Wilmington and choose SS Peter & Paul Ukrainiaan (yes it is misspelled and we've tried to correct it). Try it and help our Parish Family benefit from your shopping experience!

MEETINGS - MINISTRIES

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Sunday, February 3

PARISH BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, March 5 @ 6:30 PM

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 20 - John and Sandy Cramer

January 27 - David & Eve Lazaration

February 3 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

February 10 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 20 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

January 27 - Jean Roeth

February 3 - Thomas Kasprzak

February 10 - John Plachta

February 17 - Irene Maskaly

February 24 - Andrew Duncan

March 3 - Jean Roeth

March 10 - Linda Hnatow

TRUSTEES MINISTRY SCHEDULE

(Please find a substitute if you cannot make a given week)

January 20 – Linda Hnatow and Lorraine Neff

January 27 – Victor Kaliakin and Ann Duncan

February 3 - Victor Kaliakin and Ann Duncan

February 10 – Irene Maskaly and Linda Hnatow

February 17 – Irene Maskaly and Linda Hnatow

February 24 – Lorraine Neff and Victor Kaliakin

POINTSETTIAS – are available to be taken home. Please help yourself.

PYROHY – ORDERS (9-11AM) (302) 798-4588

Monday – Tuesday

January 21 & 22, 2019

February 18 & 19

March 18 & 19

MAKING & PICKUP

Friday

January 25

February 22

March 22

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of January 21 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of January 28 - Dawn Daniels, David Duncan & Kathy Duncan

Week of February 4 - Mark & Laura Andreas, Paul Andreas

Week of February 11 - John Cramer, Victor Melnychenko & Joseph Thurstlic

Week of February 18 - WE NEED A TEAM TO TAKE THIS TIME SLOT

Week of February 25 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

DONATIONS (CREDIT CARDS) ACCEPTED – for those who are interested, we can accept donations to the Church through credit cards. See Michael Tilson or Lorraine Neff for details.

Tentative 2019 Schedule

Sunday, February 3 – Parish Annual Meeting – Election of Officers

Sunday, February 3 – UOL Souper Bowl Sunday

Monday, March 11 – First Day of the Fast

Saturday, April 13 – Spring Bazaar

Sunday, April 28 – Pascha

Sunday, May 5 – St. Thomas Sunday – Cemeteries

Sunday, May 12 – Mother's Day Dinner

Sunday, June 16 – Father's Day Dinner

Monday, June 24 – First Day of the Apostle's Fast

Sunday, July 14 – Patronal Feast Dinner

Monday, July 15 – 19 – Summer Camp

Saturday, August 3 – UOL Flea Market

Saturday, November 2 – Fall Bazaar

Tuesday, November 26 – Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, December 15 – UOL Cookie Sale

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father Paul Bigelow, Father John Bohush, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Nestor Kowal, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Victor Wronskyj, father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Pani Dobrodyka Lisa Weremedic, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Charles, Galina, Dolores, Krystyna, Julian, Madison, Mykola, Rita, Ryan, Randy Allen, Carolyn Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Mary Berbick, Ethel Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Betty Bosland, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, George Burns, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Betty Charney, Mildred (Myrophora) Christo, Erik Colazo, Mary Crystal, Patricia Crystal, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, Peter DiVirgilio, John Dmytryk, James Dudrick, David Duncan, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, Stephen Farrell, James Garrett, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovnirov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Mary Eleanor Hamilton, Rick Hastings, Dolores Helms, Victoria Herrschaft, Daniel Holoviak, Caroline Humphrey, Richard Humphrey, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Rosalie Ann Kane, Josephine Kapelus, Sandra Kasch, Thomas Kasprzak, Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, Diane Keyser, Barbara Kirylic, Judith Kocinski, Ludmyla Krawchenko, Mykola Krawchenko, Emma Krasnopera, Volodymyr Krasnopera, Sue Kreisa-Christian, Marlene Kuhar, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Andrew Makolynyk, Paul Markow, Natalia McDonough, Ronald Michel, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Michael Moroz, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Valentina Plachuta, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Lynn Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Fred Royer, Alla Rudawsky, John Ruczhak, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Maria Russak, Dana Sargent, Charles Scully, Doris Scully, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Richard Simmons, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Wasyl Szeremeta, Tatiana Szwec, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Lydia Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Anna Tur, Charles Tyrawsky, Richard Twardus, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, John Wardigo, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Peter Weremedic, Stephen Wienkowitz, Laura Worley, & James Zook.

ON SUFFERING: A holy man was asked why the most virtuous persons are given the greatest sorrow. "Suffering, for those who accept it with forbearance," said the holy man, "is like salt which preserves the soul and allows one to reach heaven purified and cleansed." It is the greatest grace of all to be judged worthy to suffer for Jesus Christ. It is already the perfect crown and a payment not inferior to the reward yet to come. (St. John Chrysostom)

ON SPIRITUAL HEALING: "The person who truly wishes to be healed is he who does not refuse treatment. This treatment consists of the pain and distress brought on by various misfortunes. He who refuses them does not realize what they accomplish in this world or what he will gain from them when he departs this life." (St. Maximos the Confessor)

ON DEATH: "Like the tax collectors who sit in the narrow roads and seize the passers-by and the oppressed, so also the demons watch carefully and grab hold of souls. And when they pass out of the body, if they are not completely purified, they are not permitted to go up into the mansions of Heaven there to meet their Master." (St. Macarius the Great)

ON MARRIAGE: "Two souls united in this way have nothing to fear. With harmony, peace and mutual love, husband and wife possess every possible wealth. They can live in peace behind the impregnable wall which protects them, which is love in accordance with God's will. Thanks to love they are harder than a diamond, harder than iron, they have everything they need as they steer their course towards eternal glory, and enter more and more fully into God's grace." (St. John Chrysostom)