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REGULAR SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP:

Saturdays: Great Vespers 7:00pm-8:00pm

Confession 8:00pm-9:00pm (by Appointment only)

Sundays: 9:00am-12:00pm

(9:00am Orthros & 10:30am Divine Liturgy)

Agape Coffee Hour 12:00pm-1:00pm

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"LIVING BEHIND THE MASK OF OUR OWN INVENTION"

By: Abbot Tryphon (All-Merciful Saviour Orthodox Monastery, Vashon Island, Washington)

We are all surrounded by fictional characters, persons who are the invention of filmmakers, promoters, and even self-inventors. The original meaning of the word "hypocrite" was "actor", and it is ignorance of our true nature as children of God that keeps us living as fictional characters, unaware of our own true purpose, the one God has chosen for us. When we stop relying on our own goodness, and stop deluding ourselves into thinking we do not need God, we can cast our entire focus on discovering our true self. It is an ignorance of our true nature that is the base cause of so many living as though they were actors on a stage, afraid of what they might see if they were honest about themselves. True self-awareness can only come when we are open to letting Christ into our lives, totally. Continuing to live comfortably behind the mask of self-delusion, we are content to live in a carnal world, where we think happiness has its base in partying, making money, having sex, eating and drinking, living in the best house, and "looking good". We become a Hollywood promoter, living behind the mask of our own invention, fearing we will be less interesting to others if we are outwardly religious. We fail to realize it is not enforced austerity and deprivation that is required, but a submission in love to Christ that brings us new found freedom to be true to ourselves. Our new path leads to unspeakable joy and enduring peace. "Indeed, if we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that Our Lord finds our desires, not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased (C. S. Lewis)."

THE HOLY EPISTLE (1 Corinthians 6:12-20)

Brethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" -- and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

يَا إِخْوَةَ، كُلُّ الْأَشْيَاءِ تَحِلُّ لِي لَكِنْ لَيْسَ كُلُّ الْأَشْيَاءِ تُوَافِقُ. كُلُّ الْأَشْيَاءِ تَحِلُّ لِي لَكِنْ لَا يَتَسَلَطُ عَلَيَّ شَيْءٌ. الْأَطْعِمَةُ لِلْجَوْفِ وَالْجَوْفُ لِلْأَطْعِمَةِ وَاللَّهُ سَيُبِيدُ هَذَا وَتِلْكَ. وَلَكِنَّ الْجَسَدَ لَيْسَ لِلزَّانَا بَلْ لِلرَّبِّ وَالرَّبُّ لِلْجَسَدِ. وَاللَّهُ قَدْ أَقَامَ الرَّبَّ وَسَيَقِيمُنَا نَحْنُ أَيْضًا بِقُوَّتِهِ. أَلَسْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّ أَجْسَادَكُمْ هِيَ أَعْضَاءُ الْمَسِيحِ؟ أَفَأَخَذَ أَعْضَاءَ الْمَسِيحِ وَأَجْعَلُهَا أَعْضَاءَ زَانِيَةٍ؟ حَاشَا! أَمْ لَسْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّ مِنَ التَّصِقِ بِزَانِيَةٍ هُوَ جَسَدٌ وَاحِدٌ لِأَنَّهُ يَقُولُ: ((يَكُونُ الْاِثْنَانِ جَسَدًا وَاحِدًا)). وَأَمَّا مِنَ التَّصِقِ بِالرَّبِّ فَهُوَ رُوحٌ وَاحِدٌ. أَهْرَبُوا مِنَ الزَّانَا. كُلُّ خَطِيئَةٍ يَفْعَلُهَا الْإِنْسَانُ هِيَ خَارِجَةٌ عَنِ الْجَسَدِ لَكِنَّ الَّذِي يَزْنِي يُخْطِئُ إِلَى جَسَدِهِ. أَمْ لَسْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّ جَسَدَكُمْ هُوَ هَيْكَلٌ لِلرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ الَّذِي فِيكُمْ الَّذِي لَكُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ وَأَنْتُمْ لَسْتُمْ لِأَنْفُسِكُمْ؟ لِأَنَّكُمْ قَدْ اشْتَرَيْتُمْ بِثَمَنٍ. فَمَجِّدُوا اللَّهَ فِي أَجْسَادِكُمْ وَفِي أَرْوَاحِكُمْ الَّتِي هِيَ لِلَّهِ.

Today's Memorial Service is for the Departed Servants of God:

*Itaf Sabee Ayoub (9th day). Offered by Colette, Elvir, Charles & Maggie.

*Joseph Nackley (22nd year). Offered by his wife and Children.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL (St. Luke 15:11-32)

The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

قَالَ الرَّبُّ هَذَا الْمَثَلُ : ((إِنْسَانٌ كَانَ لَهُ ابْنَانِ. فَقَالَ أَصْغَرُهُمَا لِأَبِيهِ: يَا أَبِي أَعْطِنِي الْقِسْمَ الَّذِي يُصِيبُنِي مِنَ الْمَالِ. فَقَسَمَ لَهُمَا مَعِيشَتَهُ. وَبَعْدَ أَيَّامٍ لَيْسَتْ بِكَثِيرَةٍ جَمَعَ الابْنُ الْأَصْغَرُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ وَسَافَرَ إِلَى كُورَةٍ بَعِيدَةٍ ، وَهُنَاكَ بَذَرَ مَالَهُ بِعَيْشٍ مُسْرِفٍ. فَلَمَّا أَنْفَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ ، حَدَثَ جُوعٌ شَدِيدٌ فِي تِلْكَ الْكُورَةِ ، فَابْتَدَأَ يَحْتَاجُ. فَمَضَى وَالتَّصَقَ بِوَاحِدٍ مِنَ أَهْلِ تِلْكَ الْكُورَةِ ، فَأَرْسَلَهُ إِلَى حُقُولِهِ لِيُرْعَى خَنَازِيرَ. وَكَانَ يَشْتَهِي أَنْ يَمَلَأَ بَطْنَهُ مِنَ الْخُرْتُوبِ الَّذِي كَانَتْ الْخَنَازِيرُ تَأْكُلُهُ ، فَلَمْ يُعْطِهِ أَحَدٌ. فَجَرَعَ إِلَى نَفْسِهِ وَقَالَ: كَمْ مِنْ أَجِيرٍ لِأَبِي يَفْضُلُ عَنْهُ الْخُبْزَ وَأَنَا أَهْلِكُ جُوعًا! أَتَقُومُ وَأَذْهَبُ إِلَى أَبِي وَأَقُولُ لَهُ: يَا أَبِي ، أَخْطَأْتُ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ وَقُدَّامَكَ ، وَلَسْتُ مُسْتَحِقًّا بَعْدَ أَنْ أُدْعَى لَكَ ابْنًا. اجْعَلْنِي كَأَحَدِ أَجْرَاكَ. فَقَامَ وَجَاءَ إِلَى أَبِيهِ. وَإِذْ كَانَ لَمْ يَزَلْ بَعِيدًا رَأَى أَبُوهُ ، فَتَحَنَّنَ وَرَكَضَ وَوَقَعَ عَلَى عُنُقِهِ وَقَبَّلَهُ. فَقَالَ لَهُ الْإِبْنُ: يَا أَبِي ، أَخْطَأْتُ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ وَقُدَّامَكَ ، وَلَسْتُ مُسْتَحِقًّا بَعْدَ أَنْ أُدْعَى لَكَ ابْنًا. فَقَالَ الْآبُ لِعَبِيدِهِ: أَخْرِجُوا الْحُلَّةَ الْأُولَى وَاللِّسُوءَ ، وَاجْعَلُوا خَاتَمًا فِي يَدِهِ ، وَجِذَاءً فِي رِجْلَيْهِ، وَقَدِّمُوا الْعِجْلَ الْمُسَمَّنَ وَادْبَحُوهُ فَنَأْكُلْ وَنَفْرَحَ ، لِأَنَّ ابْنِي هَذَا كَانَ مَيِّتًا فَعَاشَ ، وَكَانَ ضَالًّا فَوُجِدَ. فَابْتَدَأُوا يَفْرَحُونَ. وَكَانَ ابْنُهُ الْأَكْبَرُ فِي الْحَقْلِ. فَلَمَّا جَاءَ وَقَرَّبَ مِنَ الْبَيْتِ ، سَمِعَ صَوْتَ آلَاتِ طَرْبٍ وَرَقْصًا، فَدَعَا وَاحِدًا مِنَ الْعُلَمَانَ وَسَأَلَهُ: مَا عَسَى أَنْ يَكُونَ هَذَا؟ فَقَالَ لَهُ: أَخُوكَ جَاءَ فَذَبَحَ أَبُوكَ الْعِجْلَ الْمُسَمَّنَ ، لِأَنَّهُ قَبِلَهُ سَالِمًا. فَغَضِبَ وَلَمْ يَرِدْ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ. فَخَرَجَ أَبُوهُ يَطْلُبُ إِلَيْهِ. فَاجَابَ وَقَالَ لِأَبِيهِ: هَا أَنَا أَخْدِمُكَ سِنِينَ هَذَا عَدْدَهَا ، وَقَطُّ لَمْ أَتَجَاوَزْ وَصِيَّتَكَ ، وَجَدِيًّا لَمْ تُعْطِنِي قَطُّ لِأَفْرَحَ مَعَ أَصْدِقَائِي. وَلَكِنْ لَمَّا جَاءَ ابْنُكَ هَذَا الَّذِي أَكَلَ مَعِيشَتَكَ مَعَ الزَّوَانِي ، ذَبَحْتَ لَهُ الْعِجْلَ الْمُسَمَّنَ! فَقَالَ لَهُ: يَا بَنِيَّ أَنْتَ مَعِيَ فِي كُلِّ حِينٍ ، وَكُلُّ مَا لِي فَهُوَ لَكَ. وَلَكِنْ كَانَ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ نَفْرَحَ وَنُسَرَّ ، لِأَنَّ أَخَاكَ هَذَا كَانَ مَيِّتًا فَعَاشَ ، وَكَانَ ضَالًّا فَوُجِدَ)).

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+ 2016 LENTEN SCHEDULE OF PRAYERS & BLESSINGS +

- * Sunday, March 13 - Cheesefare Sunday & Ceremony of Mutual Forgiveness
- * Wednesday, March 16 at 7:30pm - Presanctified Divine Liturgy
- * Thursday, March 17 at 7:30pm - Great Compline
- * Friday, March 18 at 7:30pm - 1st Akathist, **Anointing** with miraculous Myrrh from the Holy Relics of St. Demetrios
- * Saturday, March 19 at 7:00pm - Great Vespers & Confessions by Appointment
- * Sunday, March 20 - Sunday of Orthodoxy (Procession with Icons)
Evening: Pan-Orthodox Vespers - 7:00pm at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
- * Wednesday, March 23 at 7:30pm - Presanctified Divine Liturgy
- * Thursday, March 24 at 7:00pm - VIGIL for Feast of the Annunciation at St. Mary's Church with the Montreal Clergy.
- * Friday, March 25 at 7:30pm - 2nd Akathist, **Anointing** with Holy Oil from Mt. Athos: PARAMYTHIA Miraculous Icon
- * Saturday, March 26 at 7:00pm - Great Vespers & Confessions by Appointment
- * Sunday, March 27 - Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas, **Holy Water** from Mt. Athos: Miraculous Spring of IVIRON
- * Wednesday, March 30 at 7:30pm - Presanctified Divine Liturgy
- * Thursday, March 31 at 7:30pm - Great Compline
- * Friday, April 1 at 7:30pm - 3rd Akathist, **Anointing** with Holy Oil from Mt. Athos: PORTAITISSA Miraculous Icon
- * Saturday, April 2 at 7:00pm - Great Vespers & Confessions by Appointment
- * Sunday, April 3 - Sunday of the Holy Cross (Procession with Crosses & Mid-Lenten Luncheon)
- * Wednesday, April 6 at 7:30pm - Presanctified Divine Liturgy
- * Thursday, April 7 at 7:30pm - Great Compline
- * Friday, April 8 at 7:30pm - 4th Akathist, **Anointing** with Holy Oil from Mt. Athos: ST. NICHOLAS Miraculous Icon
- * Saturday, April 9 at 7:00pm - Great Vespers & Confessions by Appointment
- * Sunday, April 10 - Sunday of St. John Climacus, **Holy Water** from Russia: Healing Spring of St. Seraphim
- * Wednesday, April 13 at 7:30pm - Small Compline & Canon of St. Andrew (and Life of St. Mary of Egypt)
- * Thursday, April 14 at 7:30pm - Presanctified Divine Liturgy
- * Friday, April 15 at 7:30pm - 5th Akathist, **Anointing** with Holy Oil from Mt. Athos: ST. ANNA Miraculous Icon
- * Saturday, April 16 at 7:00pm - Great Vespers & Confessions by Appointment
- * Sunday, April 17 - Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt, **Holy Water** from the Life-Giving Font in Constantinople
- * Tuesday, April 19 at 7:30pm - Great Compline
- * Wednesday, April 20 at 7:30pm - Presanctified Divine Liturgy
- * Friday, April 22 at 7:30pm - Small Compline & Canon of St. Lazarus
- * Saturday, April 23 at 10:00am - Orthros & Divine Liturgy for St. Lazarus
Evening at 7:00pm - Great Vespers & Confessions by Appointment
- * Sunday, April 24 - Palm Sunday (Outdoor Procession & Bake Sale)
Evening at 7:30pm - 1st Bridegroom Service
- * Monday, April 25 at 7:30pm - 2nd Bridegroom Service
- * Tuesday, April 26 at 7:30pm - 3rd Bridegroom Service
- * Wednesday, April 27 at 7:30pm - Holy Unction Service
- * Thursday, April 28 at 10:30am - Vespereal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil (Mystical Supper)
Evening at 7:30pm - Holy Passion Gospels Service
- * Friday, April 29 at 10:00am - Holy Paramon
Evening at 7:30pm - Lamentation Service with outdoor Procession
- * Saturday, April 30 at 10:00am - Vespereal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil (Saturday of Light)
Evening at 10:00pm - Paschal Vigil
- * Sunday, May 1 at 1:00pm - Agape Vespers (Indoor Candle Procession)
- * Monday, May 2 - Bright Monday & Feast of St. George - Divine Liturgy with Bishop Alexander & Montreal Clergy at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church. (Exact morning time will be announced later)
- * **NOTE: the above Anointings & Holy Water will ONLY be administered at those times, book the dates from now!**