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SUNDAY WORSHIP:

Orthros/Matins 9:00am-10:30am

Divine Liturgy 10:30am-12:00pm

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THE HOLY EPISTLE (1 Timothy 1:15-17)

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. To the King of Ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory to the ages of ages. Amen.

يَا وَلَدِي تِيموثَاوُس، صَادِقَةٌ هِيَ الْكَلِمَةُ وَمُسْتَحَقَّةٌ كُلُّ قَبُولٍ: أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ يَسُوعَ جَاءَ إِلَى الْعَالَمِ لِيُخَلِّصَ الْخَطَاةَ الَّذِينَ أَوْلَهُمْ أَنَا. لَكِنِّي لِهَذَا رُحِمْتُ: لِيُظَهَرَ يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ فِيَّ أَنَا أَوْلًا كُلِّ أَنَاةٍ، مِثَالًا لِلْعَتِيدِينَ أَنْ يُؤْمِنُوا بِهِ لِلْحَيَاةِ الْأَبَدِيَّةِ. وَمَلَكَ الدُّهُورِ الَّذِي لَا يَفْنَى وَلَا يَرَى، الْإِلَهَ الْحَكِيمِ وَحْدَهُ، لَهُ الْكَرَامَةُ وَالْمَجْدُ إِلَى دَهْرِ الدُّهُورِ. آمِينَ

THE HOLY GOSPEL (St. Luke 18:35-43)

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ فِيمَا يَسُوعُ بِالْقَرَبِ مِنْ أَرِيحَا كَانَ أَعْمَى جَالِسًا عَلَى الطَّرِيقِ يَسْتَعْطِي. فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ الْجَمْعَ مُجْتَازًا سَأَلَ: ((مَا عَسَى أَنْ يَكُونَ هَذَا؟)) فَأَخْبَرُوهُ أَنَّ يَسُوعَ النَّاصِرِيِّ مُجْتَازٌ. فَصَرَخَ قَائِلًا: ((يَا يَسُوعُ ابْنَ دَاوُدَ، ارْحَمْنِي!)). فَانْتَهَرَهُ الْمُتَقَدِّمُونَ لِيَسْكُتَ، أَمَّا هُوَ فَصَرَخَ أَكْثَرَ كَثِيرًا: ((يَا ابْنَ دَاوُدَ، ارْحَمْنِي!)). فَوَقَفَ يَسُوعُ وَأَمَرَ أَنْ يُقَدَّمَ إِلَيْهِ. وَلَمَّا اقْتَرَبَ سَأَلَهُ قَائِلًا ((مَاذَا تُرِيدُ أَنْ أَفْعَلَ بِكَ؟)) فَقَالَ: ((يَا سَيِّدُ، أَنْ أَبْصِرَ!)). فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: ((أَبْصِرْ. إِيْمَانُكَ قَدْ شَفَاكَ)). وَفِي الْحَالِ أَبْصَرَ، وَتَبِعَهُ وَهُوَ يَمَجِّدُ اللَّهَ. وَجَمِيعُ الشَّعْبِ إِذْ رَأَوْا سَبَّحُوا اللَّهَ.

NEWS: We are waiting for confirmation from the Government to proceed with the applications for sponsorships of Syrian Refugees via our parish. Stay tuned! We are onboard with this program. (Fr. Mark)

TEEN SOYO: Annual Valentine's Dance

Saturday, Feb 13 at 8pm at the Church Hall.

See Nicholas Zakaib, Mary Eve or Justina Anderson for Tickets & information.

*** Gourmet Burger Lunch ***

Sunday, January 31 following the Divine Liturgy

Tickets: \$15.00

Hosted by our Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

(formerly known as the Fellowship of St. John the Divine)

For tickets: please see Rudy Tabcharani or Carol Maker.

THE PRIESTHOOD IS....

(Anonymous Comments from Orthodox Priests)

Prepared by: Fr. Andrew Stephen Damick - from the Blog: Roads From Emmaus.

I recently had the idea to ask Orthodox Christian priests to give me a short sentence or two about the priesthood—something honest and anonymous. I was delighted at the responses I got, from experienced priests, from those ordained only a short time, and from those somewhere in between. Some were heartening. Some were painful. Some were paradoxical. And some were a bit humorous. Some reflected the character of that particular man, while others were intended to be taken more universally. But all struck me as from the heart. Here are the responses, in no particular order. Each is from a different priest:

- * As a priest there is a constant struggle between what you want to do, what you have to do and what needs to get done.
- * The priesthood is both the greatest blessing and the heaviest cross, sometimes simultaneously.
- * Remove the priesthood from the man and you may find a narcissist waiting for Christ to come along and save him. Add the priesthood, and the man becomes a shepherd.
- * Priesthood is a ministry that tests your faith and assures it to you several times, daily.
- * The priesthood is learning to live in the gray areas of life, to be engulfed in the divine drama as well as the human drama, the willingness to lose ourselves in the hopes of bringing salvation to others.
- * The priesthood is for me, both a tremendous source of joy and a surprising source of sorrow.
- * Sometimes you just gotta show up.
- * The priesthood is a type of martyrdom, with times of great joy and the awesome privilege of serving the Holy Mysteries and Divine Services thrown in to keep us priests from despair.
- * The priesthood is a job where you can both gain and lose faith in humanity in a single day.
- * We are professional witnesses, the beginning and end of lives, good and bad events, and our presence and attention makes hidden sins real, so that they may be remedied.
- * The priesthood is being privileged to stand in the presence of the Holy of Holies witnessing to the reality of Christ's Holy Church while being reminded that you are unworthy to do so but you have been called AND chosen.
- * That part of the anaphora where we pray of the benefits we receive that are seen and unseen, known and unknown makes me think about the priesthood.
- * An awesome responsibility, and a source of great joy.
- * Your own from what is Your own, we (the priest, clergy, laity) offer unto You, on behalf of ALL, AND FOR ALL.
- * The priesthood is a white-collar job for a blue-collar heart.
- * The priesthood is God's deep medicine to heal the heart of the man who is called to serve as a priest.
- * The priesthood is herding squirrels.
- * Not a profession, despite me, but a little theophany, despite me, and a tiny role in the universal deification, a shard of beauty, again despite me but more so because of Christ through all of us.
- * The further along in the priesthood I go, the more I realize I really haven't got a clue as to what it's about let alone how to carry it out.

So how would you contribute to this list, whether you are a clergyman or a layman?

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COMMENTS BY FR. MARK:

I was not a part of this above article, but my comment would be that we need to remember that the Priesthood is not a job, it is a life. And we need to resemble the Donkey that our Lord chose to ride upon for His triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday: Humble, yet given a very important & honourable task. Hard working, yet low key. And like a donkey, expect the Priest to be stubborn every so often, but always faithful to his Master.

And a comment made by another Priest that really touched me was the following:

"I remember what the Bishop quietly said to me when for the first time he placed the gold mitre on my head: "The people will see a crown of gold, but I assure you it is a crown of thorns..."

GREAT VESPERS
EVERY SATURDAY
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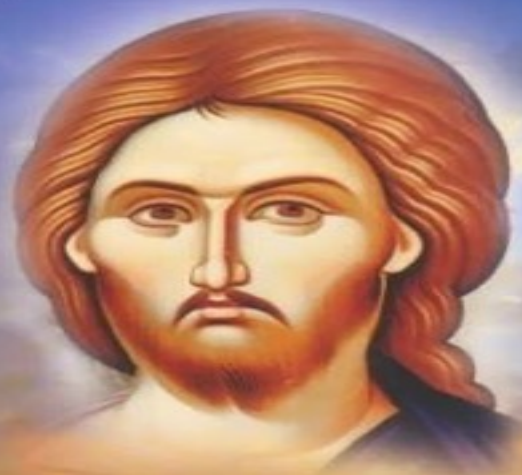
HEALING SERVICE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

8:00PM-9:00PM

+ FOR THE HEALING OF SOUL & BODY +
ALL ARE WELCOME!

- * SMALL COMPLINE (PRAYERS BEFORE SLEEP)
- * METALYSIS CANON (PRE-COMMUNION PRAYERS)
- * JESUS PRAYER (PRAYER ROPE)
- * ANOINTING WITH BLESSED OIL FROM
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*"If we ourselves do not learn humility,
God will not stop humbling us."*

-Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica