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Δ' Ματθαίου - 4th Sunday of Matthew

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀνασιόσιμον

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια,
ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος·
ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον· πρωτότοκος τῶν
νεκρῶν ἐγένετο· ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς,
καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἁγίου Νικολάου

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας
διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποίμνῃ σου, ἡ τῶν
πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια· διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτήσω τῇ
ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῇ πτωχείᾳ τὰ
πλούσια, πάτερ Ἱεράρχα Μεθόδιε· πρέσβευε
Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Κονιάκιον

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε,
μεισιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης,
ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς
ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς
κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ
σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ,
Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

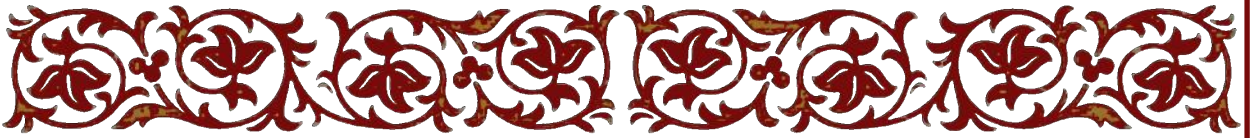
Let the heavens be glad. Let the earth rejoice
exceedingly. For the Lord has shown strength with
his arm. He trampled death by death. He became
the first-born of the dead. Out of the belly of
Hades, He has rescued us, and to the world He has
granted the great mercy.

Apolytikion for St. Nicholas

A rule of faith are you, and an icon of gentleness,
and a teacher of self-control. And to your flock
this was evident, by the truth of your life and
deeds. You were humble and therefore you
acquired exalted gifts, treasure in heaven for
being poor. Father, holy hierarch
Methodius, intercede with Christ our God, and
entreat Him to save our souls.

Kontakion

O Protection of Christians that never falls,
intercession with the Creator that never fails, we
sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our
prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly
come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with
faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to
supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and
ever those who honor you.

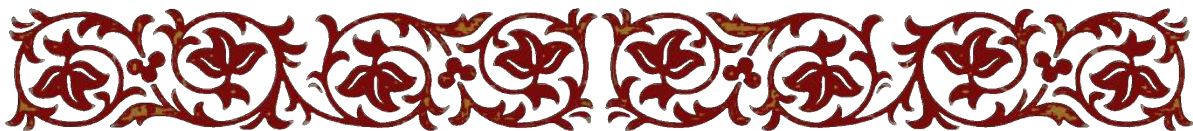


ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΙΚΟ ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΜΑ (Ρωμ. 6:18 23)

Ἀδελφοί, ἐλευθερωθέντες ἀπὸ τῆς ἁμαρτίας ἐδουλώθητε τῇ δικαιοσύνῃ. ἀνθρώπινον λέγω διὰ τὴν ἀσθένειαν τῆς σαρκὸς ὑμῶν. ὥσπερ γὰρ παρεστήσατε τὰ μέλη ὑμῶν δοῦλα τῇ ἀκαθαρσίᾳ καὶ τῇ ἀνομίᾳ εἰς τὴν ἀνομίαν, οὕτω νῦν παραστήσατε τὰ μέλη ὑμῶν δοῦλα τῇ δικαιοσύνῃ εἰς ἁγιασμόν. ὅτε γὰρ δοῦλοι ἦτε τῆς ἁμαρτίας, ἐλεύθεροι ἦτε τῇ δικαιοσύνῃ. τίνα οὖν καρπὸν εἶχετε τότε ἐφ' οἷς νῦν ἐπαισχύνεσθε; τὸ γὰρ τέλος ἐκείνων θάνατος. νυνὶ δὲ ἐλευθερωθέντες ἀπὸ τῆς ἁμαρτίας δουλωθέντες δὲ τῷ Θεῷ ἔχετε τὸν καρπὸν ὑμῶν εἰς ἁγιασμόν, τὸ δὲ τέλος ζωὴν αἰώνιον. τὰ γὰρ ὀψώνια τῆς ἁμαρτίας θάνατος, τὸ δὲ χάρισμα τοῦ Θεοῦ ζωὴ αἰώνιος ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ τῷ Κυρίῳ ἡμῶν.

EPISTLE READING (Rom. 6:18 23)

Brethren, having been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΑΚΟ ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΜΑ (ΜΑΤΘ. 8:5 13)

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, εἰσελθόντι τῷ Ἰησοῦ εἰς Καπερναοὺμ προσῆλθεν αὐτῷ ἑκατόνταρχος παρακαλῶν αὐτὸν καὶ λέγων· Κύριε, ὁ παῖς μου βέβληται ἐν τῇ οἰκίᾳ παραλυτικός, δεινῶς βασανιζόμενος. καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· ἐγὼ ἐλθὼν θεραπεύσω αὐτόν. καὶ ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ ἑκατόνταρχος ἔφη· Κύριε, οὐκ εἰμι ἰκανὸς ἵνα μου ὑπὸ τὴν στέγην εἰσέλθῃς· ἀλλὰ μόνον εἰπέ λόγῳ, καὶ ἰαθήσεται ὁ παῖς μου. καὶ γὰρ ἐγὼ ἄνθρωπός εἰμι ὑπὸ ἐξουσίαν, ἔχων ὑπ' ἐμαυτὸν στρατιώτας, καὶ λέγω τούτῳ, πορεύθητι, καὶ πορεύεται, καὶ ἄλλῳ, ἔρχου, καὶ ἔρχεται, καὶ τῷ δούλῳ μου, ποίησον τοῦτο, καὶ ποιεῖ. ἀκούσας δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐθαύμασε καὶ εἶπε τοῖς ἀκολουθοῦσιν· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, οὐδὲ ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ τοσαύτην πίστιν εὔρον. λέγω δὲ ὑμῖν ὅτι πολλοὶ ἀπὸ ἀνατολῶν καὶ δυσμῶν ἤξουσι καὶ ἀνακλιθήσονται μετὰ Ἀβραάμ καὶ Ἰσαὰκ καὶ Ἰακώβ ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τῶν οὐρανῶν, οἱ δὲ υἱοὶ τῆς βασιλείας ἐκβληθήσονται εἰς τὸ σκότος τὸ ἐξώτερον· ἐκεῖ ἔσται ὁ κλαυθμὸς καὶ ὁ βρυγμὸς τῶν ὀδόντων. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τῷ ἑκατοντάρχῳ· ὕπαγε, καὶ ὡς ἐπίστευσας γενηθήτω σοι. καὶ ἰάθη ὁ παῖς αὐτοῦ ἐν τῇ ὥρᾳ ἐκείνῃ.

GOSPEL READING (MT. 8:5 13)

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.



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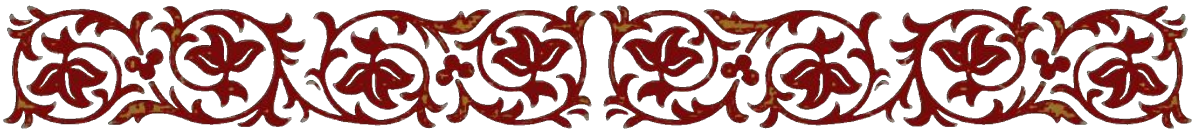
June 2026 Eortologion

June 28 SUN	4th Sunday of Matthew 4η Κυριακή του Ματθαίου 7:30 a.m. Orthros / 8:45 a.m. Liturgy	June 30 TUE	Synaxis of the Holy Apostles Σύναξις των Αποστόλων 8:00 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 a.m. Liturgy
June 29 MON	SS. Peter and Paul Των Αγ. Πέτρου και Παύλου 8:00 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 a.m. Liturgy		Great Vespers of the Holy Anargyroi Μ. Εσπερινός των Αγ. Αναργύρων 7:00 p.m.

July 2026 Eortologion

July 1 WED	Holy Anargyroi Άγιοι Ανάργυροι 8:00 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 Liturgy	July 19 SUN	Sunday of the Holy Fathers Κυριακή τῶν Ἁγίων Πατέρων 7:30 a.m. Orthros / 8:45 Liturgy
July 2 THU	Deposition of the Precious Robe of the Theotokos in Vlacherna Κατάθεσις Εσθήτος τῆς Θεοτόκου ἐν Βλαχέρναις 8:00 Orthros / 9:00 Liturgy	July 20 MON	The Prophet Elias Πρ. Ηλιού του Θεσβίτου 8:00 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 Liturgy
July 5 SUN	5th Sunday of Matthew 4τη Κυριακή του Ματθῆου 7:30 a.m. Orthros / 8:45 Liturgy	July 22 WED	St. Markella of Chios Αγ. Μαρκέλλης της Χίου 8:00 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 Liturgy
July 7 TUE	St. Kyriaki the Great Martyr Αγ. Κυριακῆς Μεγαλομάρτυρος 8:00 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 Liturgy	July 24 FRI	St. Christina the Great Martyr Αγ. Χριστίνης Μεγαλομάρτυρος 8:00 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 Liturgy
July 11 SAT	St. Euphemia the Great Martyr Αγ. Ευφίμιας Μεγαλομάρτυρος 8:00 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 Liturgy	July 25 SAT	Falling Asleep of St. Anna Κοίμησις Ἀγίας Ἄννης 8:00 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 Liturgy
July 12 SUN	St. Paisios Agiorites Αγ. Παΐσιου του Αγιορείτου 7:30 a.m. Orthros / 8:45 Liturgy	July 26 SUN	St. Paraskevi the Great Martyr Αγ. Παρασκευῆ Μεγαλομάρτυρος 7:30 a.m. Orthros / 8:45 Liturgy
July 15 WED	SS. Kyrikos and Ioulita Αγ. Κυρίκου και Ιουλίτας 8:00 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 Liturgy	July 27 MON	St. Panteleimon the Great Martyr Αγ. Παντελεήμωνος 8:00 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 Liturgy
July 17 FRI	St. Marina the Great Martyr Αγ. Μαρίνης Μεγαλομάρτυρος 8:00 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 Liturgy		





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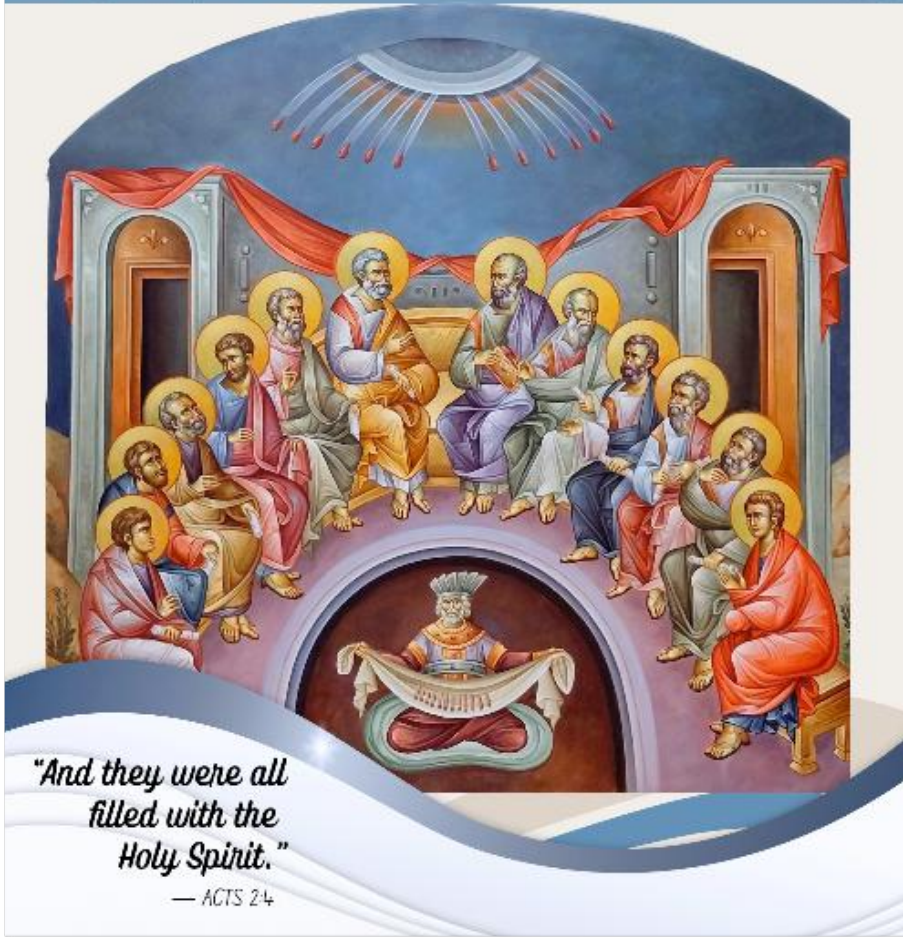
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Program Director Margarita Eleftheriadis

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"SO LET EACH ONE GIVE AS HE PURPOSES IN HIS HEART; NOT GRUDGINGLY OR OUT OF NECESSITY; FOR GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER"

KIDS BULLETIN PAGE

Saints Peter and Paul are called the "Leaders of the Apostles" because they did so much to build the early Christian Church. Even though they came from very different backgrounds, they worked toward the exact same goal: sharing Jesus' love with the world.

- **Saint Peter:** He was a simple fisherman from Galilee. Jesus called him to be a "fisher of men." He was the first to boldly say out loud that Jesus is the Son of God. He led the first Christians in Jerusalem and eventually traveled all the way to Rome.
- **Saint Paul:** He started out as a strict scholar who actually persecuted Christians! But after a miraculous encounter with the Risen Christ on the road to Damascus, his heart completely changed. He became a missionary, traveling thousands of miles across Greece and Asia Minor to start new churches, and wrote many of the books in our New Testament.

What Does the Icon Show?

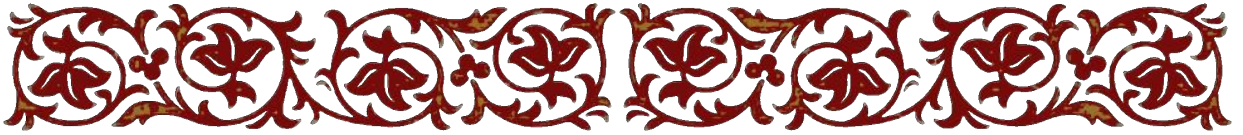
If you look at the icon for this feast, you will see Saints Peter and Paul standing together, often hugging or holding a model of a church building between them. This reminds us that even though they were different and sometimes disagreed on details, they were totally united in their faith and love for Christ.

Why Do We Fast and Celebrate?

Before this feast, we participate in the **Apostles' Fast**. We do this to copy the Apostles, who always fasted and prayed before going out on difficult missions.

On **June 29th**, the fast ends. We celebrate their bravery, sing beautiful hymns honoring them, and gather as a church family to enjoy a great feast together.

APOSTLES	ICONOGRAPHY	H O R H E N I R H S Y
CHURCH	JUNE	P N R E L P E R N S H
FASTING	ORTHODOX	G E O T T G E G U L P
FISHERMEN	PAUL	R M O T H E H Y D A A
GREEK	PETER	E R N M C O P O U H R
HYMN	SHRINE	E E P H R S D L F N G
		K H I S U O T O T M O
		K S O L H R J R X Y N
		E I G P C S U Y R H O
		S F A S T I N G S H C
		A P O S T L E S H L I



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Αικατερίνης Νικολοπούλου
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Θεώνης Σταθοπούλου
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REFLECTIONS FROM TODAY'S READING | *Matthew 8:5-13*

“Seek the good of the city”

Fr. George Parsenios

The Roman centurion in today's Gospel reading shocks Jesus, because the centurion has more faith than anyone in Israel. Most modern readers are less shocked, because we do not understand what a Roman centurion was. A centurion was an army officer whose authority extended over 100 men (a century), which was a basic unit in the Roman military. Roman centurions were the tip of the Roman spear of occupation over the Jewish people. The Roman army was not only respected and feared; it was often violent and oppressive. Ancient inscriptions tell us, for instance, how Roman soldiers would force local civilians into carrying their packs or weapons. Jesus seems to have precisely this in mind when he says that, if someone forces you to walk one mile with him, you should



walk two (Matthew 5:41). Centurions were the face of this oppressive force. Nor is the centurion in today's Gospel reading the only one who turns to Christ. Another centurion stands at the foot of the cross and confesses Jesus to be the Christ (Mark 15:39), and yet another one, named Cornelius, converts to Christianity under the guidance of St. Peter (Acts 10). There was no one more hostile in Judea than the Roman army, but three of its chief representatives were converted and followed Christ. We should cherish this truth in our current environment. We live in an age that is increasingly hostile to the Christian message. We cannot allow this opposition to quiet our witness or discourage our faith. Christianity entered a hostile world that killed the Savior. But he rose from death and converted that world. Let us face the world with confidence and zeal to go and do likewise.

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FROM THE ORIGINAL GREEK: Eucharist (εὐχαριστία) What does “Eucharist” mean?

Fr. George Parsenios



The term *εὐχαριστία/Eucharist* has a very special place in Christian worship. The noun *εὐχαριστία/Eucharist* means “thanksgiving” and comes from the verb *εὐχαριστῶ*, which means “I am thankful.” The word *εὐχαριστία/eucharist*/thanksgiving is a

term used by the earliest Christians to refer to Holy Communion. We see this already in a first century document called the *Didache* (9:1) which was written roughly at the same time as some New Testament writings. Holy Communion is

called the act of “thanksgiving” because Jesus presided over the Last Supper by “giving thanks” (Luke 22:17). When St. Paul describes the Eucharist in ancient Corinth by reciting what Jesus did at the Last Supper, he repeats Jesus’ actions by saying, “when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you (1 Cor 11:23-24).” We continue to call Holy Communion “thanksgiving” because when we receive it, we express our thanks to God for sending his Son Jesus to reunite our fallen humanity to divine glory. In the Eucharist, therefore, we both experience union with God through partaking of the body and blood of Christ, and at the same time we return a thank-offering to the God who has wrought this great salvation for us.

THIS WEEK’S LOOK AT CHURCH HISTORY Early American Philhellenism

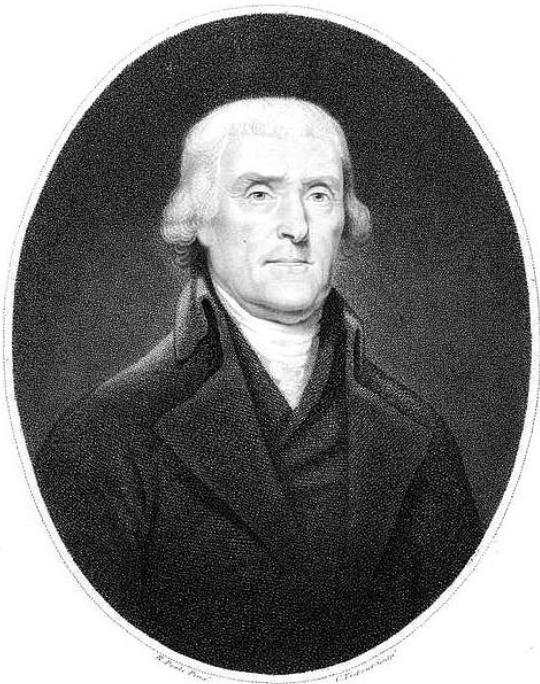
Ben Malian, MTS

When the Greek War for Independence broke out on the Feast of the Annunciation in 1821, the United States of America was nearing the fiftieth anniversary of its unprecedented experiment in democratic self-governance. Many Greek revolutionaries were understandably captivated by the American struggle for independence and the almost mythic status of its leading figures.

In 1823, a remarkable exchange of correspondence occurred between Adamantios Koraes, one of the leading Greek intellectuals of the age, and Thomas Jefferson. Responding to Koraes’ plea for American support, Jefferson wrote: “No people sympathize more feelingly than ours with the sufferings of your countrymen, none offer more sincere and ardent prayers to heaven for their success: and nothing indeed but the fundamental principle of our government, never to entangle us with the broils of Europe, could restrain our generous youth from taking some part in this holy cause.”

While the U.S. never materially supported the Greek revolution, numerous American philhellenes were personally involved in the struggle, seeing it both as their Christian duty and more broadly as a humane endeavor.

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THOMAS JEFFERSON.

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Doing Our Best For Christ



Fr. Jim Kordaris

There is a simple truth passed down through generations: “Do the best you can—where you are, with what you have, now.” In the Orthodox Christian life, this is not merely good advice; it is a way of discipleship. We see it clearly in the Gospel when Christ feeds the five thousand. A young boy brings forward what little he has—five loaves and two fish. It seems insignificant. Yet because it is offered with sincerity, it becomes the beginning of a miracle.



Like the disciples, we are often tempted to think in terms of limits. We measure what we have—our time, our energy, our resources—and conclude that it is not enough. But Christ does not ask us for what we do not have. He asks a different question: “What do you have?” And then He invites us to bring it to Him.

In every Divine Liturgy, we live this same mystery. We bring bread and wine—simple gifts of the earth and of human labor—and offer them to God. Through the Holy Spirit, Christ returns them to us as His very Body and Blood. What we offer is small; what He gives is beyond measure. The same is true of our lives. When we offer ourselves—our efforts, our struggles, even our weaknesses—God receives them and transforms them.

We give with joy because we have already received everything from God. As Saint Paul reminds us, we give “as God has prospered us,” trusting that generosity opens our hearts to deeper communion with Him. You cannot outgive God. Saint Gregory the Theologian teaches that everything we offer already belongs to Him. Yet He delights in our offering because it is an expression of love and trust.

You may feel that what you can offer is small. That is enough. Bring it to Christ anyway. Offer your time, your talents, your presence, and your prayers. Do the best you can—right now, right where you are—and leave the rest to Him.

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TODAY, TAKE ONE CONCRETE STEP

Offer something intentionally to God—your time, your help to someone in need, your prayer from the heart—and place it in His hands. Watch how He multiplies it.



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Saints Peter and Paul

Just For Kids!
(...and the young at heart)

Saints Peter and Paul loved Jesus with all their hearts and helped share His love with the whole entire world! Peter was a fisherman, and Jesus called him while he was working by the sea. Peter left his nets to follow Jesus right away. Eventually, Jesus made him a leader of the Church. Paul started out not knowing Jesus, but when he met Him, his life changed forever! He traveled far and wide teaching others about Christ. He wrote many books of the Bible that we hear today! In this icon, Saints Peter and Paul are giving each other a big hug. This hug shows love, peace, and friendship! We celebrate them on June 29.

**SAINT
 PETER**

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 PAUL**

