



Worship Schedule

Great Vespers

Saturday Evenings, 6:00 PM
Confessions after Vespers or by appt.

Matins

Sunday Mornings, 8:00 AM

Sept. time changes to 8:30 AM

Divine Liturgy

Sunday Mornings, 9:00 AM

In Sept. time changes to 9:30 AM

followed by a 15 minute

Adult Orthodoxy Lesson

-See calendar for feast day services-

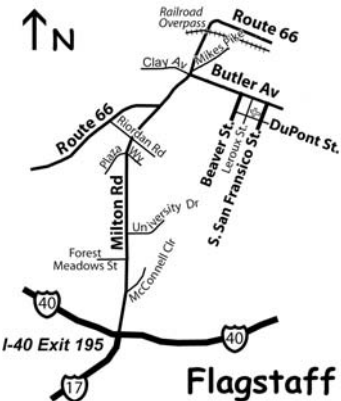
Religious Education

Study the Understanding of Orthodox Christianity

Every Tuesday in
September and October
at 5:00 pm in the Community Room

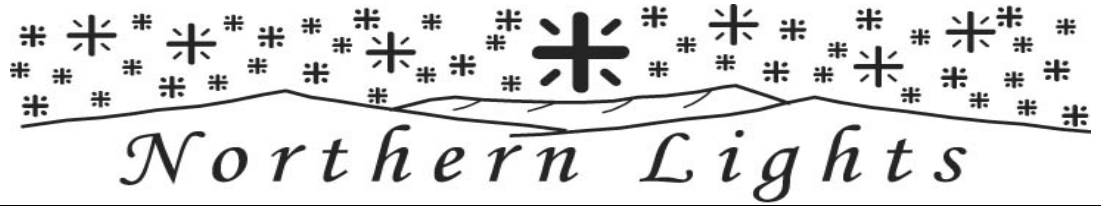
Bible Study of the Letter by St James

Starting in September every
Wednesday evenings following
Paraklesis Service 6:30 pm
in the Community Room



Directions from Interstate Hwys: From I-17N proceed into Flagstaff. From I-40, take Exit 195 into Flagstaff.

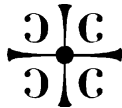
Once in town, continue north on Milton Rd. Pass through five lights. The sixth light will be at Butler Avenue. Turn right onto Butler. At the 2nd traffic light turn right onto South San Francisco Street. Holy Cross Church is one block down the street on the right-hand side (corner of S. San Francisco and DuPont Streets). Additional Sunday parking available at El Charro Restaurant. Additional weekday parking after 6:00 PM at the Arizona State Credit Union.



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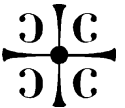
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Pastoral Message

Fr. Nicholas Andruchow



Christ the Founder of Science

Have you ever wondered why electricity, the telephone, the printing press, the airplane and the micro computer just happen all to develop in Western Society? Well you should. It is no accident. According to certain religious¹ and political leaders², modern science owes it's existence to the spread of Christianity through out the world. There is no other faith tradition that pushes more the limit of knowledge than Christianity. Hindus and Buddhist are not called to utilize reason in the pursuit of knowing God. Hence you will not find theologians in this faith. Judaism and Islam are mainly religions of Law, with God as the Divine lawgiver.³ I mean not to speak flippantly but credit needs to be given when it is due. Christ coming into the world opened the door to initiate the pursuit of knowledge that the world has never before seen.



God is logical?

Science is the pursuit of knowledge through observation or experience. It comes from the Latin term *scien* to know. This word is used frequently in the Old and New Testament in Latin translations of the original Hebrew and Greek texts (Gen 3:22, Pro 9:13, Dan 11:32, Mat 12:15, Mark 5:33, John 13:1, 1 Tim 1:9, Rev 12:12). The fuller understanding of God is intrinsic in the manifestation of Christ in the world. We are guided to **logically** pursue our relationship with Him in the vastness of His divine mysteries. I stress **logically** because in the very title of Christ we have the assumption of logic. We see this in the gospel of John "In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God, the Word was God." (John 1:1) The original Greek text that was used for "Word" was "*Logos*". The root of this same word is used in the English word logic. Therefore in a sense the verse can be translated "In the beginning there was Logic, the Logic was with God, the Logic was God." I know that this translation is somewhat loose but it is quite effect to emphasize the point that Christ came into the world as the Word of God, so that through logic we can better understand the Divine. This new outlook has allowed human beings access knowledge like never before.

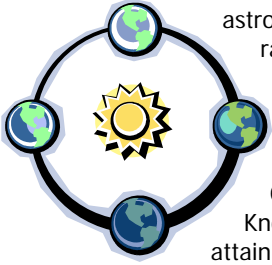


Science the new knowledge.

The growth of science developed out of the Enlightenment and Renaissance periods. This occurred not in opposition to Christianity but rather in a rebirth of learning during the stabilization of the Roman Western church and the decay of the Christian state in the Eastern Roman Empire under the Moslem conquest. In the sixteenth century, *what we now call science was referred to as natural philosophy*.⁴ Philosophy is a word taken from Greek which means the "love of knowledge or wisdom". Therefore up to this time society's desire to learn was referred to as Philosophy. In the 1,600's

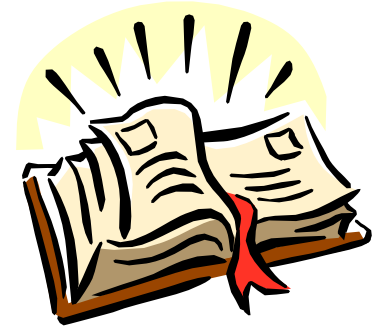
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in the attempts to develop military strategy, a term was coined “La Nova Scientia” the New Knowledge. The new knowledge combined the approach of Philosophy, the effort to understand nature through observation and reason, with calculated mathematic deduction,⁵ hence the building blocks of modern day science. This new knowledge truly was solidified when the astronomer Galileo used mathematics to affirm the observation that the Earth rotates around the Sun (heliocentric) rather than the Sun rotates around the Earth (geocentric). Galileo was a Christian and who was even admired by the reigning Pope. Also Copernicus, who first proposed the heliocentric theory, and Kepler who continued with Galileo’s research were also Christians with no intent to discredit the church rather to pursue every means possible to understand universe which God had created. This mentality was continued by such well known scientist as Issac Newton, Blaise Pascal, and Louis Pasteur, who were all Christian. Even the astronomer Georges Lamaitre, who first proposed the theory of “The Big Bang”, was not only a Christian but he was a priest. Knowing this history we as Christians should not see God and science at odds but rather we should utilize science to attain a deeper understanding of God.



We all need to be Scientists!

There is no way to prove or disprove the existence of God. Ultimately it is based on faith. But we can utilize our scientific observations to understand some important questions. Was the universe created or did it always exist? If it was created then who or what was responsible for it’s creation? Is humanity really that special or are we one of trillions of created creatures in this vast universe? Was man truly made by God or are we just an accident of evolution and survival of the fittest? These questions are being posed by our youth, scholars and our society as a whole. As disciples of Christ we should be able to respond responsibly to reveal the depth of God’s mysteries in the observed scientific findings. To do this you need to know the bible, therefore read it daily. Also educate yourself on the facts of science. A great book to read about this is “What’s so great about Christianity” by Dinesh D’Souza. And pray to the Lord for two things. Pray for divine understanding concerning the vastness of His creation and for the fullness of the Holy Spirit so that you might lovingly communicate that knowledge with the entire world. By doing this we will affirm the fact the Christ, the Word of God, who came into the world, has revealed to us the logic of God’s mystery and the gift of science.



¹ Pope’s Benedict XVI speech at University of Regensburg, Germany, September 12, 2006

² Dinesh D’Souza, *What’s so great about Christianity*, 2007, Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., Chp. 8 Christianity & Reason: The Theological roots of Science.

³ Idib.: 96-97

⁴ <http://www.friesian.com/hist-2.htm>

⁵ <http://www.mhs.ox.ac.uk/geometry/cat1.htm>



Thanks for Making the Move Happen!



Inside of the Church in 1943



Inside of the Church in 2009

Additional Thanks

The Anonymous donor & the Howington Family for the large Icon of the Theotokos, Virgin Mary (the Platitera) over the Altar.

Bill & Jean Miller, and St. Irene Philoptochos Society for the new church chairs.

The Fakoury family for donating the funds for the outside sign of the church.

Jan Morin, Michael Horn and Aphrodites Devolites for the purchase the new office printer.

Summer Update



To the faithful of Holy Cross,
Hello Everyone! I have heard the summers up in Flagstaff are just amazing and I am sure everyone is enjoying this one even more due to our new beautiful church. This past semester went by so fast and I speak on the behalf of OCF that it was topped off by our first Pascha in our new location.

For most of us, Pascha is celebrated while we are away from our families and this year's was extra special and I thank everyone who made it absolutely amazing. Summer is going by so quickly and in a short while we will be back in Flagstaff by the end of August and personally I can't wait! We will hopefully accomplish a great deal this upcoming year and look forward to sharing it with all of you! Kicking off the year as always we will have a potluck at Father's house and hopefully we can find some fresh Orthodox lumberjacks to bring! Father has some great ideas for us including a community cultural night at the new church! OCF would also like to be a big part in the Think Jesus potlucks and the Glendi celebration as well as serve in many service projects throughout the community. The OCF Real Break trip to Turkey changed our lives this past semester and we look forward to going somewhere else next spring as well – possibly Guatemala! This is my last year at NAU and I speak for all of us when I say that we want to make this year a good one. On behalf of OCF I wish everyone a lovely summer and we can't wait to see everyone in the fall!



Our fearless Vice President Rings the bell for Pascha!

In Christ,
Adrienne Allen
OCF Secretary



All Saints Summer Church Camp 2009

By Joshua Andruchow

This year I went to church camp. It was fun but there were three things that I enjoyed most. First, I really liked my counselor and roommates. My counselor brought a lot of snacks and my roommates were funny because they knew a lot of jokes. Second, I loved going to the Aquaplex on Wednesday. There was a fun slide there and a lazy river. Third of all I loved Thursday because all that day we did activities for the Olympics. My favorite event was the tug-a-war. Unfortunately my team lost but it was still fun. In conclusion, church camp 2009 was enjoyable and I hope to see you guys at church camp in 2010!!!



Olympic Team at Summer Camp 2009



Father Nick in battle gear!

Church News



Nursing Home Ministry

(We do make a difference!)

Summer visits to Infinia will take place on **July 18th** and **August 22nd**. We will meet at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church at 9 am to drive over together. We usually spend about one hour visiting individual rooms from 9:30-10:30; then, time permitting, go for coffee. Last month, I was greeted by a nursing attendant with a message that one of the residents wanted us to know that her room had changed, but she was looking forward to our visit. Moments like this make one realize that these visits are important. If you have an idea for an activity, would like to visit, or just need more information, contact Mary Grove at 928-226-1882 or e-mail Mary at mfgrove@hotmail.com



Church School Enrollment and More

We would like to extend a special 'Thank You' to all our Church School teachers who volunteer their time, talents and love to all our students. *This year, we are in need of a new church school teacher. Please see Fr. Nicholas or Cookie Kraus if you would like to help.*

Church School classes will resume on Sunday, September 13, 2009. Please enroll your child(ren) by August 16th. To help cover the cost of the materials, we are also seeking a contribution of \$10 per child or \$20 per family. Forms are available at our entry table, or contact Elpitha "Cookie" Kraus at (928) 774-2883 or familykraus@hotmail.com to have a form sent to you. *Thank you!*

Men's Morning Breakfast

Our men's breakfast will continue through the summer. Please join us for our monthly men's breakfast (last Thursday of each month). This is a great opportunity for the men of our parish to have a morning out, and share fellowship over breakfast and coffee!

Place: Alvin's Mason Jar Restaurant
Time: 7:00 a.m.
Dates: July 30, Aug. 27 & Sept. 24



Project Mexico

July 7th - 14th

"Our love must not be a thing of words and fine talk. It must be a thing of action and sincerity" - 1 John 3:18

Our team from Flagstaff will be leaving at 5:00 am on Tuesday, July 7th. Please pray for the stewards as they serve on the Project Mexico Mission Team and to Tijuana in July to build homes for poor families.

Fr. Nicholas, Joshua Andruchow, Lisa Brollini, Cody Burkett, Elise Dillingham, Nick Sexton, Alexa Tavlarides, Teddy Tavlarides, Andy Adondakis, George Adondakis, Kim Adondakis, and Sam Adondakis.

Upcoming Bible Study Class

Bible Study of the Letter by St James

following Paraklesis Service,
6:30 pm, Wednesday Evenings,
September thru October
in the Community Room

Study the Understanding of Orthodox Christianity

Every Friday from
September 16th thru October 20th
at 5:00 pm in the Community Room

Think Jesus 2009

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Think Jesus dinners we will be hosting: **Sunday Sept. 27th (Bushmaster Park)**, and **Sunday Dec. 27th (Killip School)**. All your help and donations are greatly appreciated.

In Christ,
The Philanthropy Committee

Collection for the Homeless



On **Sunday August 2nd**, we will pass a second basket for an offering for the homeless. Please plan accordingly.

NEWS FROM IRAQ



Nick Lucas will be traveling from Iraq back to the US for several weeks in order to visit his family. Keep him in your prayers as he travels and takes a break from serving our great country

Rummage Sale Update

Our 6th Annual Rummage/Bake Sale was a three day event this time, May 15, 16 & 30, and grossed just under \$2000. Although the dollar amount we brought in was less than in years past, we got to meet and talk to many of our neighbors at our new Church location. It was great to be able to collect, sort, price and display our sales items and baked goods right in our Community Room, & not have to transport everything the night before the Sale. Thank you to everyone that donated rummage sale items and baked goods. Many thanks also to those who gave your time in setting up, sales help, (& covering things during the monsoon rain!) and getting our leftover items boxed up for donation.

We are looking forward to a special Christmas Bazaar this fall, when we will be selling new and gently used holiday items, hand crafted decorations and gifts, our homemade Baklava and other baked goods. Details in the next newsletter.

We are blessed to spend this time together working for the good of our Church. *Kathleen*

Bookstore and Library



Hi there!

Can you see me? I'm in the Community Room, standing next to the books and the blinking lights. Please stop to browse! You will find Bibles, Prayer books, Spiritual books, Music, Children's books, Icons, small Gifts, large Candles for weddings and baptisms, Cook books and more! I will be more than happy to see you and assist you. Love, *Toula*

Thank you for Palms and Epitaphios Flowers!!

Our heart felt thanks goes to our Angels of God here on earth, for making the first Pascha celebration in our beloved Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church a wonder of pious beauty! Thank you to the ones, who with their loving and unselfish giving, made our Pascha services complete.

Thank you to Elaine Volner for making a special trip from Phoenix to bring the so beautiful and right amount of palms, which she cut from her own tree.

Thank you to Angela Hapgood, Athena and Jerry Vasilatos, Kathleen and Dave Park, Mary and Serafim Grove, Eli and Daniel Sexton, Jane and Lee Jones, Sophie and George Kretsedemas, Helen and Randy Schulz, and Vicki and Brad Barber for their generous donations for the Epitaphios flowers and all the flowers needed for the Holy Week daily decorations.



Gyro Booth Fundraisers Flagstaff Music Festival and More

June 20 & 21 marked our first Gyro Booth fundraiser during the Music Festival at Heritage Square. Patrons enjoyed Gyro, homemade Baklava and Greek Ice Tea while listening to music. Our volunteers had a good time working together, plus we are invited back to next year's Music Festival! Proceeds grossed \$2916.97, and after expenses we cleared \$1503.24 plus \$30.00 in cookbook sales.

Special thanks go to supporters of Holy Cross Church from our sister church, St. Katherine, for donating a vendor food-tent and two propane griddles costing over \$1200.00! We also thank our sponsor, Nick Fakhoury of Coco's, for donating all the onions and tomatoes we needed. These donations allowed our first gyro booth to go beyond meeting expenses and actually earn money for our church!

We thank our many volunteers that helped set-up, break-down, transport items, and put in 6-hour shifts or longer to make our gyro booth a successful event. And we thank our parishioners for stopping by to say hello and having a bite to eat. *Everyone's help and support is very much appreciated!*

We are planning a Pastry and Novelties booth at the County Fair (Sept. 4-7) and a Gyro Booth at the Oktoberfest (Oct. 3), and are checking into other events. Please watch for details to come.

We are also coordinating a raffle fundraiser of electronic items (e.g. laptop, digital video cameras, etc.) and need help getting raffle items donated or at cost. To help please see Fr. Nicholas, Tammy, or anyone else on the fundraising committee. *Thanks!*



Landscaping Efforts Pay-off.....

Dear faithful,

I wanted to thank everyone who was able to help with landscaping the church. I understand that having a weekday work event for the community is difficult but I am very grateful for those who able to make the sacrifice. Especially, I wanted to thank **Tiki and Teddy Tavlarides** who took a day off from work in Phoenix and came up to improve the outside grounds of our worship space.

In Christ,

Fr. Nicholas



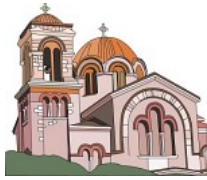
Dear Faithful of Holy Cross,
Christ is in our midst!

We have been our new location for over 2 months. It has been a true blessing. One of the largest benefits to our move is being a more permanent part of the local community. We have a plot at the community garden.

The garden park is across from the church. Stop by and see our church garden plot and those of many other community members. For more information contact Mary Ann Poulos, our garden coordinator, at (928) 225-7955 or e-mail her at novenaflex@yahoo.com.

To help with cleaning of our garden plot or become involved in other ways please contact Mary Ann – your help is much appreciated!





Building a House of God

By the grace of God, our Capital Campaign is on a path of success. Through the generous contributions of the faithful, we have collected \$214,500 with \$65,900 in additional pledges. This puts us well on our way to establishing the first permanent Orthodox Christian place of worship in Northern Arizona. These individuals and families who have contributed in our fundraising efforts have our sincere gratitude.

Please call 928-774-8279 or visit www.HolyCrossFlagstaff.org for further information on ways you can help.

Honorary Founder \$25,000 and greater

Paul & Sandy Boyce

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memory be eternal**

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Zella Zannis -In honor of the,

Kretsedemans, Pappas & Schultz Families

Stewardship 2009

STEWARDSHIP



As of July 15, 54 of our Tithing Stewards have returned their pledge forms - pledging a total of \$68,287.40. Thank you for being committed to our Lord Jesus Christ and for seeing that His "house", our Holy Cross Church, His Church is cared through your loving offerings from His offerings to you. Thank you to all our Stewards and supporters for sharing their time and talents. May our loving Lord shower you with His abundant heavenly blessings. Our Lord loves you and blesses you. In Christ with love, *Toula*.

Thank you to our pledged stewards

George & Kim Adondakis
Fr Nicholas and Pres. Merilynn Andruchow
John and Nana Allen
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Alex and Diane Tkatchov
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Alex and Elisabeth Venetiou
Connie and George Venetis

**** If you have returned a pledge prior to July 15th, and your name is not on this list, please call 928-774-8279 to notify us ****

Stewardship 2009 Pledge Distribution

Pledge Amount	# Stewards	Pledge Amount	# Stewards	Pledge Amount	# Stewards
\$5,001 - \$6,000.....	1	\$2,001 - \$3,000.....	8	\$501 - \$1000.....	7
\$4,001 - \$5,000.....	1	\$1,001 - \$2,000.....	11	\$1 - \$500.....	22
\$3,001 - \$4,000.....	4				

AVERAGE PLEDGE: \$1,264.59



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 Address _____
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 Signature _____ Date _____

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I/We, joyfully pledge this amount
to support the needs of
Holy Cross Greek Orthodox
Church of Flagstaff

\$ _____

Weekly Monthly
 Quarterly Annually

Time and Talent: I/We pledge to volunteer my time and talent to Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church of Flagstaff in the following areas:

- Outreach Construction Coffee Hour Baking Greeters Parish Council
 Fund raising Sunday School Philanthropy Other _____

Please mail to: Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church • P.O. Box 2164 • Flagstaff, Arizona 86003-2164

Fall Classes Offered by the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church



Bible Study of the Letter by St James



Coming this Fall the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church of Flagstaff, Arizona will be offering an exciting new class on the biblical writings of St. James.

Some of the topics to be covered:

- How to bridle one's tongue.
- Biblical practice of confession.
- True and undefiled religion.
- How to rejoicing in difficulties.
- And Much more.

When

Wednesday Evenings, September thru October
Class time is 6:00 PM
Paraklesis followed by Bible Class

Where

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church
319 S. San Francisco St.

For more information

Contact Fr. Nicholas at 774-8279 or
priest@holycrossflagstaff.org

The Understanding of Orthodox Christianity



September and October Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church will be providing an opportunity to learn more about its' ancient Christian faith. This course will cover the fundamental teachings and the historical surroundings of the Orthodox Church.

When

Tuesday evenings
September 1st thru October 13th
Class begins at 5:00 PM

Where

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church
319 S. San Francisco St.

For more information

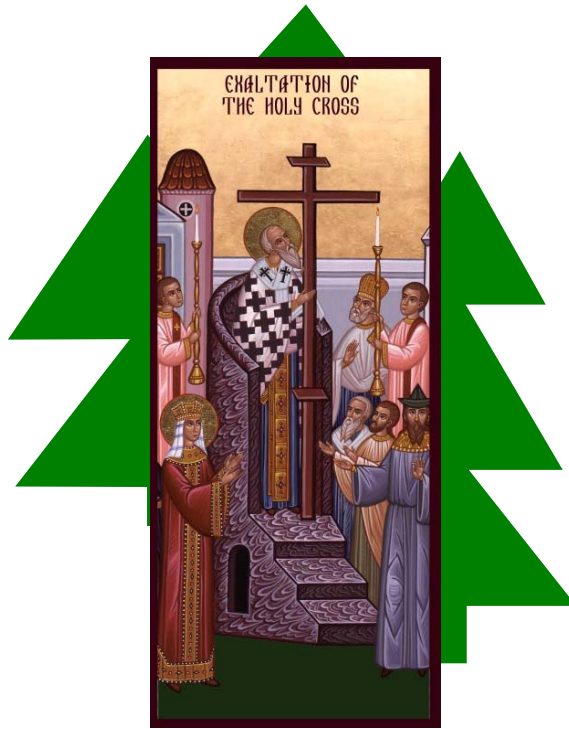
Contact Fr. Nicholas at 774-8279 or
priest@holycrossflagstaff.org

(Note: There will be a \$30 charge for books and materials)

Feast Day

Summer Picnic in the Pines

Cool off in the mountains and celebrate
the Feast of the Holy Cross!



Sponsored by the

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church Of Flagstaff, Arizona

- What: Community potluck, refreshing air and community fellowship.
When: September 13th immediately following Divine Liturgy
(Also feast day Great Vespers on Sunday night & Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Monday morning)
Where: Foxglenn Park in Flagstaff, Arizona (Butler Ave. & Fox Glenn Dr.)

For more Information call the Church office at (928) 774-8279

www.holycrossflagstaff.org or priest@holycrossflagstaff.org

Hope to see you all there!

Sayings of our Holy Fathers

The Writings of Staretz Silouan:
Adam's Lament

ON THE MOTHER OF GOD AND THE SAINTS

"I love them that love me, and them that honour me will I honour," says the Lord.

God is glorified in the Saints, while the Saints have been given glory by God.

The glory which the Lord gives the Saints is so exceedingly great that were men to see a Saint as he really is they would fall on their faces in veneration and awe, for man in the flesh is unable to bear the manifestation of heavenly glory.

Be not astonished at this. The Lord so loved His creature that He gave man abundantly of the Holy Spirit, and in the Holy Spirit man became like unto God.

But wherefore does the Lord so love man? Because He is Love itself; and this love is made known through the Holy Spirit.

By the Holy Spirit does man come to know the Lord his Creator, and the Holy Spirit with His grace fills his entire being: his mind and his body.

The Lord gave the Saints His grace, and they loved Him and clung to Him utterly, for the sweetness of the love of God prevents man from loving the world and its beauty.

And if it be thus here on earth how much more are the Saints in heaven united to the Lord in love! And this love is ineffably sweet and proceeds from the Holy Spirit, and all the heavenly hosts are nourished thereon.

God is love; and the Holy Spirit in the Saints is love.

By the Holy Spirit is the Lord made known. By the Holy Spirit is the Lord magnified in heaven. By the Holy Spirit do the Saints glorify God, and with the gifts of the Holy Spirit does the Lord give glory to the Saints, and this glory shall have no end.

To many people the Saints seem far from us. But the Saints are far only from those who have taken themselves away from them, and are very close to those who keep Christ's commandments and possess the grace of the Holy Spirit.

In heaven all things live and move by the Holy Spirit. But this same Holy Spirit is on earth too. The Holy Spirit lives in our Church; in the Sacraments; in the Holy Scriptures; in the hearts of the faithful. The Holy Spirit unites all men, and so the Saints are close to us; and when we pray to them they hear our prayers in the Holy Spirit, and our souls feel that they are praying for us.

How happy and blessed are we Orthodox Christians, that the Lord has given us life in the Holy Spirit; and He makes glad our souls. But we must guard Him soberly – a single evil thought and He forsakes the soul, and the love of God is then no longer with us; we have no more assurance in prayer and no firm hope that we shall receive that for which we ask.



Parish Council elections
are coming up this fall!

*Think you might be
interested?*

We will have two seats open and we are looking for some good candidates to fill these positions. If you think you might be ready to take on this responsibility and would like additional information, please speak with Dave Park. Thank you!

Chrismations and Baptisms

June 7, 2009

Nathaniel Brollini

Sponsor: Fr. Nicholas & Presbyteria Merilynn

Marriage Blessing

May 2, 2009

Wayne & Terry Tallent

Sponsors: Toula & Jay Howington

Up-coming Calendar of Events



JULY

July 7th to July 14th

- Project Mexico

AUGUST

August 15

Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos the Virgin Mary

SEPTEMBER

September 4th to 7th

- County Fair Days - Booth

September 13th

- Holy Cross Feast Day Picnic
Be there to help us celebrate!

September 14th

- Fest Day Liturgy – 9:00 am

September 27th

- THINK JESUS

OCTOBER

October 3rd

- Oktoberfest – Gyro Booth

NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 15th

- Fall General Assembly

DECEMBER

Sunday, December 6th

General Elections

Sunday, December 27th

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