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Schedule for the Week of July 16 - 22, 2017

Sunday Jul 16	Martyr Hyacinth Vespers for Royal Martyrs – 5:30 PM
Monday Jul 17	Russian Royal Martyrs 9:00 AM Liturgy
Saturday Jul 22	5:30 PM Vigil
Sunday Jul 23	St. Anthony of the Kiev Caves Преп. Антония Киево-Печерск 8:15 AM Nocturns, Hours, Confessions 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy / Литургия

пути? – Тот, Кто сказал: «Без Меня не можете
делать ничего» (Ин. 15,5) (Блаж. Августин)

About being cautious toward all that is not according to Christ

“Brethren, see to it that no one captivate you with an empty, seductive philosophy according to human tradition, according to the elemental powers of the world and not according to Christ (Colos 2:8).

Brethren, do not let philosophy enslave us, which by conjecture, says that there is no eternal life nor resurrection from the dead. For we do not arrive at the Truth through the conjecture of man, but by God’s revelation. That which we know about the truth we know from Truth Itself which was revealed in the Lord Jesus Christ and which was communicated to us through the faithful and wise witnesses of the truth: the apostles and the saints. If we, because of our sins, were to reject these witnesses and accept the conjecture of humans, we will fall into the dark and bitter slavery of nature, of the body, to sin and to death.

Brethren, let us not be deceived by the empty myths of men, as though another world does not exist or if another world does exist, we, so to speak, do not know anything about it. Behold, we know with confidence that another world does exist. We know this not from conjecturers or deceivers, but from the Lord Jesus Himself Who, on Mount Tabor, appeared to His disciples with Moses and Elijah who long ago departed this world; and Who Himself appeared to many of His followers after death. We also know about this from the apostles, saints and numerous discerners to whom, because of their chastity and sanctity, God revealed the ultimate Truth about the other world. If, because of our sins, we do not believe these holy and truthful witnesses, we will then have to believe those unholy and false men and we will be slaves to darkness, sin and death.

Brethren, let us not be led astray by worldly teaching, which examines animals, plants and stones, and says it has not found God among these things; and, from that, arrogantly attests that there is no God. Behold, we know that the Creator cannot be as a thing among things, rather He is above all things and

Слово на праздник свв. Апп. Петра и Павла



Итак, братья, празднуя ныне память святых апостолов Петра и Павла, вспоминая честные их страдания, возлюбим их истинную веру, святую жизнь, возлюбим неповинность, страдания их и чистоту исповедания. Любя в них эти высокие

качества и подражая их великим подвигам, «чтобы уподобиться им», и мы достигнем того вечного блаженства, которое уготовано всем святым. Стезя жизни нашей прежде была тяжелее, тернистее, труднее, но «имея вокруг себя такое облако свидетелей» (Евр. 12,1), прошедших по ней, соделалась ныне для нас она и легче, и глаже, и удобопроедемее. Сперва прошел по ней Сам «Начальник веры и Совершитель» Господь наш Иисус Христос (Евр. 12,2), за Ним последовали Его неустрашимые апостолы, потом мученики, отроки, жены, девы и многий сонм свидетелей. Кто же действовал в них и помогал им на этом

different from all things. We know this, as much by spiritual understanding and conscience, as well as by the obvious revelation of the Lord Jesus Himself, Who appeared in the body of a man as the Lord of all created things, as well as through the witness of the apostles, many other saints and discerning men. Rather, let us glorify the Lord Jesus resurrected from the dead.
(from the prologue of Ochrid)

Святое Причастие

Мы причащаемся Святых Таин. Что же это значит? Это значит, что чудом святого приобщения жизнь Христова, человеческая природа Христова делается нашей жизнью и нашей природой.

Каждый из нас в меру своей отдачи Богу, в меру того, верит он или не верит в Христа – не словом, не чувством только, но всей жизнью своей, каждый из нас призван пройти путь Христов. А путь Христов мы знаем...

Каковы были Его слова на Кресте? – Прости им, Отче, они не знают, что творят...

Только тогда, когда мы являемся жертвой, мы получаем ту власть, которую Христос имел, -- сказать: «Прости им, Отче!» Безмолвно отдавая себя на поругание, на насмешки, мы получаем власть прощать...
(Мит. Сурожский Антоний)

Holy Apostle Peter, brother of Apostle Andrew, born a Judean, was distinguished by the ardor and boldness of his character. Called by the Lord from the modest lot of fisherman to catching men, he was one of the zealous disciples of the Savior. Up to his calling he was called Simon. After his calling, as an omen and reward for his firmness in faith, he received the name Cephas, which in Greek is Peter, which means rock. He remained faithful to this name all his life and proved this by numerous examples of his strong affection for the Lord. He was the participant and witness of the greatest miracles of the Savior and the major events of His mortal .

In the reign of Nero, having arrived in Rome, he endured a martyr's death on a cross. Recognizing himself unworthy to be crucified the way Jesus Christ was crucified, Apostle Peter asked that he be crucified with his head downwards.

... Apostle Peter was distinguished with special zeal for Christ which gave him superiority of honor according to Apostolic labor. The same as the other apostles, he proposed the council to decide the matters of the church; and these matters were decided by the common voice of the apostles and presbyters with the entire Church *(Acts 15:7, 12, 14; 1:23-26; 6:2-6; 15:22-23)*. The council sent Peter on the matter of serving the same way as the other disciples of Christ *(Acts 8:14)*.

The Holy Apostle Paul, named Saul up to his calling to be among the Apostles, was born as a Judean in the city of Tarsus. He was a disciple of the famous Hebrew teacher Gamaliel, he belonged to the sect of the Pharisees, and severely persecuted Christians. Wonderfully called to be an apostle by the Lord Himself, Who was revealed to him on the way to Damascus, Paul accepted Holy Baptism from Apostle Ananias, and since that time became the most zealous preacher of the Gospel *(Acts 9:3-30)*. He wrote that he labored in the good news of Christ more than all *(1 Cor. 15:10)*. He was mainly the apostle of the nations and preached Christ in Arabia, Palestine, Caesarea, Asia Minor, Greece, Italy and many other countries. *(excerpted from S. V. Bulgakov, Handbook for Church Servers, 2nd ed., 1274 pp. (Kharkov, 1900), pp. 0221-0223. Translated by Archpriest Eugene D. Tarris © September 3, 2007. All rights reserved.)*

Дорогой Отец Иоанн! В этот летний день я хотел бы поздравить Ваше Высокопреподобие с днём рождения! Восприняв благодать Святаго Духа с детского возраста и увидев примеры аскетического благочестия лучших людей русского зарубежья, Вы поняли, что сила и правда может быть только у Бога. Встав на путь монашеского делания Вы ревностно несёте этот крест уже четыре десятилетия. Благодать и радость объяла меня встретив Вас в далёком 2014 году. Поняв истинный смысл жизни я припал к Вам с упованием и до сих пор следую по пути Ваших мудрых советов, которые только преображают мою жизнь. Дорогой Отец Иоанн, Виктор Арсеньевич! От всей семьи поздравляю Вас с 67-ой годовщиной появления на свет Божий! Пусть Господь, Пресвятая Богородица, святитель Иоанн, митрополит Гобольский, святитель Иоанн, архиепископ Шанхайский и Сан-Францисский укрепляют Вас в вере и ведут своими примерами в Желанное Царство. Желая Вам здоровья, РАДОСТИ, терпения, упования на Божий Промысел и всего того, что Вам сейчас необходимо. Оставайтесь таким же прекрасным духовником, которым Вы и являетесь! Преображайте людей и дальше так, как Вы это умеете! С праздником! С днём рождения, любимый духовник! Мы с Вами!

Михаил Обвигалин