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Weekday Services

Vespers Daily 6 PM

Matins Daily 8 AM

Schedule for the Week of July 20 - 26, 2014

Sunday Jul 20	St. Acacius of Sinal Kazan Icon of the Theotokos
Thursday Jul 24	St. Olga 9:00 AM Service
Saturday Jul 26	5:30 PM Vigil
Sunday Jul 27	Fathers of 1st 6 Ecumen. Councils Свв. Отец 6-ти Вселенских Соборов 8:15 AM Nocturns, Confessions 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy / Литургия 5:30 PM Vigil for St. Vladimir
Monday Jul 28	St. Vladimir 9:00 AM Service

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Святой праведный Иоанн Кронштадтский советовал каяться сразу и молить о прощении, пока не почувствуешь, как благодать очистит сердце и облегчит его покаянным вздохом. Опасны малые грехи, обращающиеся в привычку и вырастающие до смертного греха, разлучающего с Богом. Таковыми являются, например, празднословие и пустословие.

Рассмотрим пример: шли две женщины к старцу. Одна, имея большие грехи, скорбела и плакала. Другая же, не имевшая больших грехов, шла весело. Когда пришли, старец велел одной взять больших камней и принести ему, другой – набрать мелких камушков, сколько сможет, и тоже принести ему. Когда исполнили это, велел отнести камни обратно и положить на те места, где они взяли. Первая легко исполнила поведение, а вторая заплакал – не помнила она, где набрала своих мелких камушков. Так и с грехами: чем мельче грех, тем быстрее мы его забываем. Только враг спасения их все собирает и напомнит нам их на мытарствах. Потому истребляй грех покаянием, пока он мал.

(Протоиерей Валентин Мордасов)

Будем жить в любви!

Помни Любовь, положившую жизнь Свою за людей, и ничего не жалея для ближнего: ни пищи, ни питья, ни одежды, ни книг, ни денег, если он в них нуждается. Господь за него воздаст тебе. Мы все его дети, и Он – всё для нас... не жалея и самой жизни своей для брата! Мы – образ Божий, а Бог есть Любовь. Будем же жить в любви, повернуем о ней всеми силами. Господи, помоги! А земное всё, все снеди, одежды, деньги сочтем за сор и не станем из-за сора прогневлять Господа, угрызая друг друга, враждуя друг на друга.

Через какую трубочку диавол высасывает нашу любовь к Богу и ближнему? Через пристрастие к богатству, к пище, к питью, лакомству, одежде, к домам, к мебели, к посуде богатой, к книгам и тому подобному. Поэтому-то богатство, сладости пищи и питья, красота одежд, домов, мебели, посуды – должны быть у христианина в пренебрежении, и первой его заботой в жизни должно быть угождение Богу и ближнему во благое к созиданию. О, как мудр должен быть христианин в жизни! Он должен подвизаться многоочитому Херувиму – быть весь оком, весь и размышлением непрестанным, кроме случаев, в которых требуется неразмышляющая вера. *(Св. Прав. Иоанн Кронштадтский)*

Date to Remember:

Friday, August 1, we will celebrate the

FEAST OF ST. SERAPHIM OF SAROV

**Thursday Evening July 31
6:30 PM Vigil & Akathist**

**Friday Morning August 1 --
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy**

Mark the day

Do not be Anxious

“Therefore I tell you do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on.” These are Jesus’ words found in the Gospel (Matt. 6:22-33). He teaches us the laws of the Kingdom of God.

But these laws seem strange – even naïve – to us. Can we really live without concern for the future? Is it not better to make careful plans so that things will get done? Or can we use the excuse that it was not God’s will when we fail at something? But it may not have been God’s will at all, just the consequences of our carelessness and laziness.

As in so many things, Christian living requires balance. We do need to make plans and count costs to get things done – Jesus Himself says so (Luke 14:28-32). But we must also pray and put our trust in God. It is not a matter of one or the other, we must do both: plan and pray.

Is it so difficult to do both? Can we not include God in our plans? Can we not approach the process of planning with an attitude of piety and fear of God? What do we mean by “fear of God?” This means reverence, honor and respect together with the firm intention that we wish to please God in everything we do and not grieve or anger Him. Not because we fear punishment or rejection, although evil actions certainly do bring punishment upon those who do them. We should aim to please and not grieve or anger God because He is so great and good, so generous and merciful and kind to us. If we have not yet noticed that, then we need to pray for “sound eyes” that our “whole body” may “be full of light,” as Jesus says in the Gospel.

In this way we can plan with joy remembering the many mercies of God – how much He has given us that is truly beautiful and beneficial to us, things for which we have not even asked. He has foreseen our needs and wisely and carefully prepared that they should be met in such a way as to give us the very most benefit – in preparing us to live with Him for eternity.

But how can we plan with joy and confidence when we also know that there are problems and disappointments along the way? We must ask for faith. Faith helps us to see that even the things we may want to call “bad” have a good side to them. We learn many good things from the things we must suffer. We awaken to deeper meanings. We learn how to be compassionate, since we ourselves experience the sadness and pain that

others feel. Truly everything that God sends or permits is for our good.

And so we, Orthodox, must not be anxious. We must plan and work with confidence and joyous hope in God. May He also find joy in us: in what we do that is good and worthy of praise, and also in our willingness to be humble, to admit our faults and to learn to think, speak and act as we ought to, as citizens of the eternal Kingdom – ever precious and ever holy to Him.

(Rev. Ihor Kutash)



We often take God’s blessings for granted until they are taken from us. Then we recognize how important even the most common gifts of God are.

There is a legend about a day when the sun didn’t rise. At 6 in the morning it was dark. At 7 it was still night. Noon came and it was as dark as at midnight. By 4 in the afternoon, people flocked to the churches and held candle vigils to beg God for the sun.

The next morning, huge crowds gathered outdoors, especially on the hilltops, to face the eastern sky. When the first rays of sunlight pushed open the door of the morning, the people burst into cheers and praised God for the sun.

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.” The psalmist who wrote those words knew that he couldn’t possibly remember all of God’s benefits to him. He was distressed that he might forget them all, so he took his sluggish soul in his hand, shook it, and urged it to consider at least some of the good gifts God gave to him.

Because God’s goodness is as constant as the sun, we are in danger of forgetting what He showers on us each day. As we hear these words “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits” sung during the Diving Liturgy, we should meditate on blessings God has given us. If we count our blessings one by one, we will never get finished. But if we jot down a list of 10 or 20 gifts God gives us each day, something will happen to our hearts. Let’s try it and find out.
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