



Words of Wisdom

From the Saints & Teachers

5:1–11 PEACE WITH GOD

Faith Gives Us Peace with God. St Ambrosiaster: Faith gives us peace with God, not the law. For it reconciles us to God by taking away those sins which had made us God's enemies. And because the Lord Jesus is the minister of this grace, it is through him that we have peace with God. Faith is greater than the law because the law is our work, whereas faith belongs to God. Furthermore, the law is concerned with our present life, whereas faith is concerned with eternal life. But whoever does not think this way about Christ, as he ought to, will not be able to obtain the rewards of faith, because he does not hold the truth of faith. Commentary on Paul's Epistles.

Bray, G. (Ed.). (1998). [Romans \(Revised\)](#) (pp. 122–123). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

6:22–23 Light and Darkness

As Mind Is to Soul, the Eye Is to the Body. St Chrysostom: Now Christ leads us to an analogy more within the reach of our senses, that we may not be confused. He has already spoken of the mind as enslaved in captivity. Now he shifts his attention to the eye and to lessons on outward things lying directly before our eyes, so that we might grasp it easily and that we may learn from the body what we did not learn from the mind. For what the mind is to the soul, the eye is to the body. The Gospel of Matthew, Homily 20.3.

Simonetti, M. (Ed.). (2001). [Matthew 1–13](#) (p. 142). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.



From The Ambvon

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Sun, July 3rd, 2022 2nd 3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Tone 2. Martyr Hyacinth of Cæsarea in Cappadocia (108)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays: Bernard (6/30)

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Anniversary: Bernard & Beverly (6/8), Fr Michael (Diaconate 7/2)

Baptism:

Travelers: For all who are traveling this week

Visitors: Thank you for joining us and please introduce yourself to Fr Michael

Kitchen Schedule: Need volunteers for Kitchen

Prosphora Schedule: July - Volunteers from Prosphora class! Thank you!

August -

Do you have a birthday or anniversary this/next week? Please add it to our list on the shelf in the Vestibule/Narthex.

DEAR GUESTS AND FRIENDS: *A most sincere and heartfelt welcome to you from our community. According to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared to receive themselves by fasting and a recent (monthly) confession..If you have questions please ask Fr Michael!*



Service Schedule

THIS WEEK - DOEPA Youth Camp - I will be out of the office all week!

NEXT WEEKEND

SAT, July 2: @ 3:45 PM Catechism

SAT, July 9: @ 5:00 PM Great Vespers / Confession After

SUN, July 10: Hours @ 9:10 AM, Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM

UP COMING

Akathist to St Alexis of Wilkesbarre for revitalization: 13 July 11:00 AM

Panikhida for Gene Washko: 13 July 4:00 PM

Proskomedie Class: 17 July @ 8:00 AM

Baptismal Liturgy & Chrismation for Michael and Mia Keklak: Aug 7th



Announcements

& Upcoming Parish & Diocesan Events

St Tikhon's Summer Camp: July 3-9 (Diocesan Campers are FREE!)

Financial Meeting: This Wednesday July 6th, @ 10 a.m.

Clergy Continuing Education: July 7th @ 10 a.m. St Nicholas, Bethlehem PA

Knoebels: July 10th

Parish Prospora Baking Class: July 12th at 10 a.m.

All American Council: July 18-22

Church Work Day: July 23 All Day. Many items to be cleaned - COME HELP!

Parish Steering Meeting: July 23, @ 3:30 p.m. prior to Great Vespers

Bazaar/Food fest: July 29/30 Holy Trinity - Wilkesbarre

Daniel 12:1 - "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book."

Holy Archangel Michael Pray unto God for us!

Archpastoral Message of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon regarding the overturning of Roe vs. Wade

Monday, June 27, 2022

To the Hierarchs, Clergy, and Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America:

Christ is in our midst! He is and ever shall be!

On June 24, the American people received the news that the Supreme Court of the United States, in its opinion concerning the case of Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, has overturned the right to abortion created by the court in its 1973 decision in Roe v. Wade.

Undoubtedly, this should be a cause for rejoicing for all Orthodox Christians.

As I affirmed in my recent archpastoral message for the feast of the Annunciation, "The Orthodox Church in America has always believed, upheld, preached, and defended the sanctity of human life from the time of conception in the womb." From the earliest times, the shepherds of the Church have taught that abortion and the exposure of infants, even when accepted by the wider culture, are violations of the sanctity of human life and an offense against God and man. The overturning of Roe v. Wade is the first step towards a society and culture that recognizes the value of all human life and every human being made in the image of the Creator.

Yours in Christ,

+Tikhon

Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada

Read the rest of the letter on the OCA website.

<https://www.oca.org/holy-synod/statements/his-beatitude-metropolitan-tikhon/statement-on-the-overturning-of-roe-v-wade>

***The Lord's Prayer* - "The Law of God" By Seraphim Slobodskoy.**

Our Father, Who Art In The Heavens, 1. Hallowed Be Thy Name. 2. Thy Kingdom Come. 3. Thy Will Be Done, On Earth, As It Is In Heaven. 4. Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread. 5. And Forgive Us Our Debts, As We Forgive Our Debtors. 6. And Lead Us Not Into Temptation. 7. But Deliver Us From The Evil One. For Thine Is The Kingdom And The Power And The Glory Of The Father, And Of The Son, And Of The Holy Spirit, Now And Ever, And Unto The Ages Of Ages. Amen.

This prayer is called the **Lord's prayer**, because the Lord Jesus Christ Himself gave it to His disciples when they asked Him to teach them how to pray. Therefore, this prayer is most important for everyone. In this prayer we address God the Father, the first Person of the Holy Trinity. It is divided into **an address, seven petitions**, or seven requests, and a **doxology**.

The address: OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN THE HEAVENS. By these words we call on God, and calling Him the Heavenly Father, we call on Him to hear our requests or petitions. When we say that He is in the Heavens, then we must understand the spiritual, invisible Heavens, and not the visible, blue vault that is stretched out above us and which we call "heaven."

1st petition: HALLOWED BE THY NAME, that is, help us live in righteousness and holiness and by our holy deeds to glorify Thy name.

2nd: THY KINGDOM COME, that is, make us worthy even here on the earth of Thy Heavenly Kingdom, which is **righteousness, love and peace**. Reign over us and rule us.

3rd: THY WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN, that is, may everything be not as we want but as is pleasing to Thee, and help us to submit to this, Thy will, and to fulfill it on the earth just as obediently, without complaining, as the holy angels fulfill it in Heaven, with love and joy. Thou alone knowest what is useful and needful for us, and desirest good for us, more than we ourselves.

4th: GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD, that is grant us on this day, for today, our daily bread. By the word "bread" here we mean all that is necessary

for our earthly life: food, clothing, a dwelling, but most important of all, the all pure Body and precious Blood in the Mystery of Holy Communion, without which there is not any salvation or eternal life. The Lord commanded us to ask not for wealth nor luxury, but only for the essential things, and to hope in God for all things, remembering that He, as a Father, is attentive and cares for us.

5th: AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS, that is, forgive us our sins just as we forgive those who wrong or hurt us. In this petition, our sins are called "our debts," because the Lord gave us the strength and ability in order to do good deeds, but we often use them for sin and evil and become "debtors" before God. We are constantly in debt to God. And so, if we ourselves will not sincerely forgive our "debtors," that is, people who have committed sins against us, then God will not forgive us. Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself told us about this.

6th: AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION. Temptation is the state when someone or something tries to get us to commit a sin, attempts to get us to do something wrong or foolish. Here we ask: do not let us fall into temptations which we cannot overcome; help us to overcome temptations that come to us.

7th: BUT DELIVER US FROM THE EVIL ONE, that is, deliver us from every evil in this world and from the father of evil, from the Devil, who is always ready to destroy us. Deliver us from this conniving, evil power and its deceptions, which are nothing before Thee.

Doxology: FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, NOW AND EVER, AND UNTO THE AGES OF AGES. AMEN.

For unto Thee, our God, the Father and Son and Holy Spirit, belong the kingdom and the power and eternal glory. All this is right, truly so.

Questions: Why is this called the Lord's prayer? Whom do we address in this prayer? How is it divided? What does it mean: "Who art in the Heavens"? Explain the petitions: 1st, "Hallowed be Thy Name;" 2nd, "Thy Kingdom come;" 3rd, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven;" 4th, "give us this day our daily bread;" 5th, "And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;" 6th, "And lead us not into temptation;" 7th, "But deliver us from the evil one." What does the word "amen" mean? 5

Knoebels Amusement Park Picnic Dinner on Sunday July 10th. Everyone is invited to Annual Picnic outing, sponsored by The Central Pennsylvania District of the FOCA. Arrive after your Liturgy and stop by Pavilion D (near the Giant Ferris Wheel) to check in and spend the afternoon at the Park. At 6pm there will be a Picnic Dinner in Pavilion D. Hamburgers, hotdogs, sodas and side dishes will be served. Cost: Only \$5 per person and children under 6 are FREE! See you there!

Holy Trinity - Bazaar/Foodfest: The dates for this year's event will be Friday & Saturday, July 29 & 30. In addition to the sale of the usual favored foods we will again be offering music, beer & wine, our bake sale and some games of chance (basket rae and instant bingo). We will also be offering dine-in service this year. Bazaar preparations are underway and sign up sheets are in the vestibule for a variety of different activities. Preparation of food will center mainly on the week leading up to the bazaar on the 29th & 30th so we ask that anyone who can donate time and energy to please reserve time on your calendars and sign up.

Contributions in the form of merchandise (for the basket rae) or monetary donations will also be appreciated. Cash donations help defray the costs of food supplies, are also being accepted. Inflation has hit hard with costs of just about everything at an all time high. All monies received will be very much appreciated. Please see Greg, Coleen or Sandy if you wish to donate.

Please sign up for early bird and prosphora making on the shelf in the Vestibule/Narthex

Readings Today

Epistle: Romans 5:1-10 (*Epistle*) Gospel : Matthew 6:22-33 (*Gospel*)

Service Attendance:
Last weekend Divine Liturgy: 34

Parish Prayer List

Living: Fr John Nightingale, Fr Theodore Orzolek, Matushka Paula Soucek, Mike Jadick, Bernie Elko, Rose Krenitsky, Margaret Pregmon, David Lezinsky, Stella Krenitsky, Marie Buranich, Helen Wytovich, Tammy Wytovich, Rosemary Kuzmich, Sandra Pritchky, Marie Pasternak, Sandy Batton, Paula Stavisky, Al Pritchky, Eli Stavisky, Evelyn Bunevitch, Nadia Macheska, John Pritchky, Paulette Ezbiansky, Andrew Lutzick, Daniel Jones

Departed: Irene Pritchky (6/5)

Catechumen: Michael Keklak (6/12), Amaya Jackson (6/19), Robert Kane (6/19)

Reminder: Names will be rotated off on occasion - request again to have a loved one put back on again.