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THE THORN IN THE FLESH

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On **June 29th** every year we commemorate the Pillars among the Apostles, **Sts. Peter and Paul**. With this commemoration, we have the opportunity to reflect on a few major qualities which define the ministries of these two Apostles in their commitment to the glory of God.

Having denied Christ three times, St. Peter dedicated himself to remaining faithful to Christ through every kind of tribulation in his ministry. Like St. Paul, his ministry in this world ended in martyrdom. Perhaps the phrase that sums up St. Peter's ministry is that which he himself wrote in his First Epistle: *"Do all that is right and trust in God."* (1 Peter 4:19). This statement reflects the whole of spiritual life: we make the *effort* to do everything "right," meaning that we do all things with the motive of offering glory to God, and we allow God to ultimately be in

charge so that His Will is done. God's love shines through our humility.

This is the lesson learned by St. Paul: *"Lest I be exalted above measure by the abundance of revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure."* (2 Corinthians 12: 7). It is clear that St. Paul's "thorn in the flesh" did not keep him from doing "all that is right," as preached by St. Peter. Indeed, St. Paul put his "trust in God."

Regarding the "thorn in the flesh," debate among Biblical scholars continues in the efforts to discern the actual nature of this "thorn." Some have argued that it was a physical ailment; others have suggested that the "thorn" was a crowd of false teachers (or, even an unnamed deceiver). Still others have promoted the notion that the "thorn" represented the stubborn-mindedness

of Israelites who opposed him.

There are three reasons why I argue that St. Paul's "thorn" is a chronic, physical pain: 1) St. Paul refers to the "thorn" as a thorn *in the flesh* -- and he used the Greek word *sarki* ("skolops ti sarki"). The word "sarki" actually means *flesh*. 2) The noted Orthodox theologian, Panagiotis Trembelas, describes the word "skolops" as a "wooden bat" or, in Greek, "kseelon," used to strike something and inflict punishing pain (*a Greek idiom used to this day*). In addition, Trembelas offers the nuance that the "thorn" is indeed, a chronic illness ("arhosteia"). (*The New Testament With Immediate Orthodox Interpretation [Kenee Dhiathiki Meta Syntomou Erhmenias]*, pg. 743). 3) In his Epistle to the Galatians, we also find reference to "his infirmities of the flesh," (Galatians

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4: 13-15).

St. Paul preferred to *pray three times* asking our Lord to cure him of his “thorn in the flesh.” This is consistent with the Apostolic admonition noted in the General Epistle of St. James (5: 13-14) upon which the Sacrament of Holy Unction is based. The Holy Sacraments along with our personal prayers are considered by our Church to be active components of the healing process, along with the implementation of all modern, up-to-date medical procedures and physical therapy. At the same time, in His answer to St. Paul’s prayers, our Savior allows us to find meaning in our suffering: *“My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.”* (2 Corinthians 12:9).

Perhaps, with our Lord’s words in mind, St. Paul reveals that the strength given by Christ is not some impersonal, cosmic force independent of the love and empathy of our Incarnate God: *“Because He Himself has suffered and been tempted, He is able to help those who are tempted.”* (Hebrews 2:18). With these words, we learn that *our* suffering is, at the same time, *Christ’s* suffering, just as His Incarnation; His Resurrection from the dead and His Ascension are all very much a reality involving our bodies and souls in the present.

We will not leave this earthly life without suffering from our own personal “thorns in the flesh.” All the while let us know that Christ our God truly suffers with us as He also blesses us and saves us. Accepting this fact and finding His strength requires our humility, as St. Paul’s experience teaches us. Humility is the only way that we can experience the power of God overtaking our feeble weakness. Given this realization, St. Paul, in yet another of his Epistles, offers these words of comfort: *“All things work together for good to them that love God.”* (Romans 8:28), confirming St. Peter’s words, *“Do all that is right and trust in God.”*

+FR. THEODORE

STATEMENT FROM METROPOLITAN GERASIMOS REGARDING OUR ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE



Beloved in the Lord,

“Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.” Matthew 12:25

Upon reflection, I have decided to address the unfortunate public statements regarding the relationship between the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America at the commencement exercises at Hellenic College Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology on Saturday, May 19, 2018. At the time, the remarks (in Greek) were missed by many in the assembly; I myself was stunned that such sentiments would be expressed so blatantly in the presence of Hierarchs of the Ecumenical Throne, much less in front of the graduates of our School and their families. Although I did subsequently confront the individual in private for his inappropriate comments, I do feel that the faithful of the Metropolis of San Francisco deserve a decisive, deliberate, and dutiful affirmation to serve as a correction to the unfortunate remarks given at our School.

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America is under the spiritual and canonical aegis of our beloved Ecumenical Patriarchate. For anyone to randomly call for the Greek Orthodox Church in America to abandon her duty to the Mother Church is as foolish as it is absurd. Usually, such imprudence would not be worthy of our attention; however, the fact that these remarks were given at our Seminary – the very place where we train the future clergy for our Church in America – demands a complete, resolute and public response. Let there be no mistake. We absolutely reprove and repudiate any call for separating our Holy Archdiocese from the Body of our Ecumenical Patriarchate and assure our faithful that this will not happen.

Let us remember that without its roots, a tree
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will dry up and wither. We cannot sever our spiritual and ecclesiastical roots without serious consequences.

Praying that the Lord will grant His peace and healing upon our Church and all those who labor for His Glory, I remain,

With Love in Christ,

++METROPOLITAN GERASIMOS,

Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco

FROM THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD TO THE CELEBRATION OF "ALL SAINTS"

As we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, we turn to Him and follow His direction leading us to partake of His glory. The destiny of His Saints is to participate forever in His Kingdom.

Celebrating the community of *all* the Saints (those who are known to us and those who are known only to God) was the practice of the Apostolic Church following the Feast Day of the Lord's Resurrection from the dead. Over time, the celebration of all Saints in the Church of Rome was superseded by the Celtic and Germanic celebration of the dead, which took place in the Fall, on November 1st. Hence, October 31st every year is All Hallows Eve, or Halloween.

For the Orthodox Church, all things about glorifying God begin with the Lord's Resurrection. It is the fulfillment of the glorious "Eighth Day," otherwise known as Eternal Life. All Saints celebration also follows the Ascension of Christ, showing that we share in the Lord's glory.

There are two other things that allow us to share in His glory. The first, is the receiving of the Holy Spirit. The body - the whole person - will be received into Heaven, just as Christ was glorified. Our entrance into God's Kingdom is the result of the "heaven-to-earth" activity of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit descends upon us, as in the case with the Apostles on the Day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is the Giver of Life, not only in terms of providing for our existence in the present, but in terms of taking us into the Life of the Eternal

Kingdom. Hence, the Holy Spirit guides us in following the path of the Lord, whereby we are taken heaven-ward from the cares of this world.

Secondly, this heaven-ward journey to God is a continuous day-by-day ascent into the life of God's Kingdom among the, Saints who are pleasing to God through real faith in the promised Redeemer. Through the Holy Spirit every soul is made clean and renewed, and, in this way, we pass through the entire cycle of celebration: the Resurrection of Christ and our participation in His Eternal Life; His Ascension, whereby, our participation in His Life is found in the unity of our individual personhood with that of the flesh borne by Christ; the celebration of Pentecost, whereby our lives are Christ-centered as inspired by the particular activity of Holy Spirit in our individual circumstances. With this, we live saintly lives and are part of the community of all Saints.

One special Saint that is glorified by all Orthodox and most Christians is the Ever-Virgin Mary, Who represents all Saints in terms of the virtues that She showed and the sacrifices She made. She sums up all that the Saints were in terms of faith and love for the Lord. Yet, there are so many others, as well. There were martyrs who were put to physical death for their proclamation of faith in Jesus Christ. There were the bishops who wrote and preached correct doctrine. Ascetics and Confessors who showed examples of spiritual discipline and, in that way, inspire others to live a life of spiritual virtues on a daily basis.

Perhaps we can see in our own life what kind of saint we can be and what benefit we can show our neighbor or stranger in the love of Christ. By following the examples of the Saints - as they followed the way of life and the teachings of our Savior - we, too, are destined to become Saints of the Church: the Holy People of God, living the reality of Christ's Resurrection every Sunday of the year following the Day of Pentecost. Every Sunday is truly the Lord's Day, while it is also our day in the Lord in that we are among *all* Saints in God's heavenly choir.

--MATTHEW DAVIS

CHURCH AND MENTAL ILLNESS

"It's time to abandon the famous phrase, 'nature vs. nurture' as if the two forces were vying for control of our children's lives. Nature and nurture, in tandem, is really the way it works." (*Science of Personality*, pg. 21; "Personality in Bloom," by Carlin Flora). In other words, of two factors that shape our personalities, *nurture*, is that which involves the environment in which we live. Our most important environments include family and Church. All the while there is an interplay between who we are as individuals and the environment which we collectively create individuals. "Environmental factors can switch genes on or off; at the same time, genes shape the environment." (*ibid.*, pg. 21). To the extent that "our genes" involve our personality, we might consider how we can change our personalities in order to change our environments. The Apostles are a great example of this. Having taken upon themselves individually a Christ-centered personality, they influenced others to such an extent that their "environment" (in their case, the world itself) changed into a Christian society.

I consider myself an "average" Greek Orthodox priest who pastors what almost anyone would consider to be a parish of "average" Greek Orthodox communicants. But, being "average" is not really a virtue compared to the standards set by the Holy Apostles and the Saints of our Church who followed them. For us, "average" means that we are comparing ourselves to *average* Americans.

The Barna Group is a private, non-partisan, for-profit organization under the umbrella of the Issachar Companies. Located in Ventura, California, Barna Group has been conducting and analyzing primary research to understand cultural trends related to values, beliefs, attitudes and behaviors since 1984. Herein are the research releases in Faith and Christianity as of September 15, 2016. According to Barna Group research, "average" Christianity in America spells out like this, in part:

As to "How Americans Experience and Express their faith": 75% pray to God; 35% attend a church service; 34% read the Bible; 17% attend adult a religious ed. class (Bible Study or formal class).

Of the American Christian Population: 48% consider themselves as "post-Christian." A "post-Christian" is a former Christian who identifies as one who no longer believes in God and/or is an atheist or agnostic; who disagrees that faith is important in life; who has not prayed to God in the last year; who will not make a commitment to Jesus; who disagrees that the Bible is accurate and has not attended a Christian church in at least a year. Aside from this group, 31% consider themselves as practicing Christians, while more, 41%, identify as non-practicing Christians. On a positive note, the Barna Group found that Christians are generous. Of Christians, 96% give to their church and/or non-profit charities. Of secular counterparts, 60% give to charity.

What I find interesting from such findings is that Christianity in America is not necessarily the Christianity of the Apostles. I suggest that our "American environment" indeed influences our standard *parish* environment. It is striking that of the 75% of Christians who pray, 35% attend church, with 34% reading the Bible and 31% identify themselves as practicing Christians. This seems to add up in terms of the regular Orthodox Christian parish experience - that being, of, let's say 100 parishioners, typically 31-35 are regularly in church *and* also find themselves at Bible Study groups. This speaks to the *environment* of our parish life. The question is: Who can help change our parish environment into one that is *more conducive* to turning the 31%-35% percent of church attending/practicing Christians into a 100% of the parishioners? Accordingly such an environment will help in terms of shaping individual Orthodox Christian personalities so that each of our lifestyles can more closely resemble that of our Saints.

The answer to this question can only be found in *me and you!* We must make extra efforts to commit ourselves whole-heartedly to Christ, as did the Holy Apostles. We can all learn more about the *mentality* of our Saints and the *reasons* behind our Church's teachings, all of which are based on the Bible. I'm sure it will make a positive difference!
+FR. THEODORE

ADULT COLLORING GROUP



prize! We were pleased to have little **Eleni Castrale** in attendance at our coloring session along with her YiaYia, Pat Dalkas. Eleni colored in the words, "Hope is Best When Shared," which is visible in the picture to the left (upper, center sample).

The attendees were asked to color a page out of their special coloring books that were given to them at the March session. The coloring books are inspired from passages in the Bible and titled, "Words of Grace" and "Words of Joy." Those colored pages are displayed in the church hall. (See photo).

You are invited to join the next Adult Coloring Session which will be held in September, date yet to be determined.

--RHONDA LATKOVIC,
Coloring Group Organizer

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The Parish Council met on Wednesday, May 2, 2018. Matters of discussion included the following:



The **J.P. Morgan** and the **Endowment Fund accounts** came up for analysis in terms of their over-all interest-bearing tack-records. More analysis at this time is considered to be helpful in planning the financial strategies for the parish in putting these funds into good use in the future.

It was reported that the **St. George Annual Golf Tournament, held on April 14** was a great success, netting about **\$10,000**. Participation in the tournament as well as the awards dinner that followed turned out to be most impressive. With Pascha (Easter) being celebrated in 2019 on April 28th, our parish golf tournament will likely take place the first week in May, in accordance with our past scheduling trends.

Members of the Parish Council are in the process
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May Adult Coloring Session -- The Adult Coloring Group met on Friday, May 4th in the church hall. This was the final meeting of our group for the first half of 2018. Our theme for this coloring session was "Cinco de Mayo" with the luncheon featuring homemade Mexican cuisine. A total of twenty plus attendees enjoyed a lunch of tacos, chips & salsa, guacamole, black bean & tomato salad, cornbread, corn casserole, flan, and margaritas! Our thanks to Pam Zaverdas and Christine Kundanis who contributed additional homemade side dishes and dessert for the luncheon.

The group enjoyed lively conversation and commenced with their Coloring Projects after lunch. A raffle was held with many attendees winning a

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of entertaining ideas and plans for future development of parish property. In this regard, however, it is suggested that the parish maintain the lease for the immediate future with the Desert Cancer Foundation, our tenants next door.

The Parish Council had voted to give \$500 to Philoptochos toward the purchase of an **AED defibrillator**. It was reported that **Athena Snarskis**, a member of our parish Philoptochos, has volunteered to train various parishioners in using this life-saving machine. Athena will be scheduling classes in working with the AED defibrillator in the near future. Please contact her for more details.

Lula Valissarakos reported that monies have been donated toward making a set of **red Altar coverings** for our parish. This is in response to the request from Fr. Ted that a *red colored set* be made. He had explained that liturgical colors--red being one of them -- signify the Ecclesiastical season in which the Church finds Herself at any given time during the course of a year. Purple, for example, is the color of Great Lent. **Red** is the liturgical color used in commemoration of Feast Days of great martyrs; the Feast Days of the Holy Cross. Seasonally, **red** is used in honor of the commemoration of the Holy Apostles (the last few weeks of June) and the weeks before and after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (commemorated on September 14th).

In discussing the dates for the 2019 St. George Greek Festival, the Parish Council voted that the 2019 Festival will be held on **President's Week-end in February (February 16-17)**.

END OF MAY STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As of the end of May, we have 103 total stewards (individuals and/or families). The total pledge year-to-date is \$112,769 which is 94% of our 2018 goal of \$120,000. The open stewardship balance is \$59,036. We are beginning the summer season here in the desert where the weather heats up and activities at the church slow down. Please keep in mind that the church still has monthly

bills to pay to keep the church functioning and operational and maintaining your existing level of giving is important.

For those snowbirds that have left us for the season and others who are vacationing, we wish you a happy and healthy summer, and await your return back to the desert in the fall.

Thank you!
RHONDA LATKOVIC,
Stewardship Chairperson

THE LATEST ADDITIONS TO OUR PARISH BOOK STORE

Two new additions to our Greek Cookbook assortment have arrived to our bookstore. We now have the popular cookbook "Flavor It Greek" and a new cookbook "Greek Cooking in an American Kitchen". Both books are hardbound covers and are priced at \$30 & \$35 respectively and would make a wonderful gift!

--RHONDA LATKOVIC,
Parish Bookstore Chairperson



Pictured above are additions to our St. George bookstore: *Flavor It Greek*; *Greek Cooking*; *Orthodox Lenten Recipes*; *Greek Cookery*, and, *Classic Greek Cooking*.

SACRAMENTS IN MAY

Wedding: **Margaret Maletis** married **George Apostolou** at our St. George Church on **May 5, 2018**. **Catherine Volm** (bride's sister) and **Patrick Doherty** served as *koumbaroi*. Margaret Maletis is the daughter of **Kristi and Chris Maletis**.

Baptism: The children of **Christian and Christine Kirov** were baptized at our St. George Church on **May 26, 2018**. Their son, **Alexander**, and their daughter, **Lili**, are the newly baptized members of our Church. **Liliana Traikirova** (Christian Kirov's grandmother) served as the God parent.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

In May, we purchased the **AED Machine** for the Church. With all your donations and \$500 donated by the Parish Council we made the purchase. **Athena Snarskis** is familiarizing herself with the model we ordered and she will soon be setting up a class to train us.

During the summer we will be donating to the **Visitors Nurses Association** for air fans for the elderly and **Coachella Valley Rescue Mission for the Bottled Water Project** for the homeless.

This is a reminder that Memorial koliva and cookies are usually prepared by Philoptochos. If you are planning a Memorial Service, contact Fr. Ted and he will contact Philoptochos with your needs.

--LINDA KALLIS,
Philoptochos President

From the Metropolis Philoptochos, we are most pleased to report that the **Metropolis Philoptochos annual Agape Celebration of Love** fundraising reception held at **Newport Beach, CA on May 6, 2018** was a phenomenal success, as members Philoptochos chapters from various Metropolis of San Francisco parishes gathered to raise needed funds for the **Kids 'n Cancer Camp Agape ministries** which serve to offer spiritual support to children suffering from cancer and their families.

Specifically, the various Kids 'n Cancer Summer camps are special places where families have the opportunity to enjoy four carefree summer days, away from the sights and sounds of doctors, laboratories, and hospitals, where they spend so much of their lives. Children and their families engage in hands-on group activities that provide a reprieve from their daily challenges. For children and their families, this is a truly a time to refresh, reflect and form lasting bonds with Philoptochos and new friends to share their journey with.

Kids 'n' Cancer Camp Agape is a Philoptochos

ministry that began at the Saint Nicholas Ranch in Dunlap, California and has expanded to camps in: Portland, Oregon; Ramona, California; and Mayer, Arizona. Camp Agape offers an all-expense-paid summer camp experience to hundreds of cancer-afflicted children and their families. The ministry also supports the Emilio Nares Foundation, which provides oncology transportation programs in San Diego and Orange counties. For more information, please visit the [Philoptochos Camp Agape page](#).

The **National Philoptochos Convention** will be held in Boston, Massachusetts from **July 1-July 5, 2018**.



Pictured above are participants of the Metropolis of San Francisco's Kids 'n Cancer Summer Camp program. This is a picture of those who gathered last year at the Camp in Ramona, California. In the lower left corner are "hero" action figures depicting those who help in supporting this important ministry are truly heroes. (Picture taken from S.F. Philoptochos website)

ST. SOPHIA SUMMER CAMP--
Registration is now open for our Orthodox Christian young children and teenagers to participate in this year's **St. Sophia Summer Camp** program.



The program includes two camp sessions: Session 1: July 22-July 28 / Session 2: July 28-August 4, 2018. Parents of our St. George parish are encouraged to see Fr. Ted for information and recommendations for their children to attend the St. Sophia Summer Camp program this year. Fliers are available in our parish hall. **Registration forms are to be found online at: www.SaintSophiaCamp.org**.

AHEPA NEWS



Sunday, May 20, 2018 was **AHEPA Sunday**. Members of our parish **AHEPA Chapter 528** were honored as the Service of the Blessing of the Five Loaves (*Artoklasia*) was read for their continued blessings and health. In addition, a Memorial Service was held in prayer for the departed Chapter 528 AHEPA members. Special thanks to **Eva Canakis** who prepared the five loaves of bread for the *Artoklasia Service* and the tray of boiled wheat (*kolyva*) for the *Memorial Service*. In addition, special thanks is expressed to **Pam Zervades**, who, along with the wives of our Chapter 528 members worked with **Ana Storton** to present a wonderful reception for all the St. George parishioners in attendance, which took place following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy.

AHEPA Sunday, as is traditional, was also the occasion on which scholarship awards from the **AHEPA 528 Fr. T. P. Theophilos Memorial Scholarship Fund** were bestowed to college students from our community. Accordingly, the following college students received the following Fr. T. P. Theophilos Memorial Scholarship awards:

--**Tia Kolytiris** with the **St George Award**, in the amount of **\$1,000.00**

--**Katrina Storton** with the **George Tcharos Award**, in the amount of **\$750.00**

--**Constantina Karalis** the **Penelope award**, in the amount of **\$750.00**

--**Jack Shannazarian** the **Pericles award**, in the amount of **\$500.00**

Constantina Karalis also revived a scholarship from AHEPA District 20 to be awarded at Convention in Reno this June, and will receive 2 more from AHEPA District 20 and AHEPA National for the Journey to Greece trip.

Jack Shannazarian will receive a scholarship from AHEPA District 20 and AHEPA National for the Journey to Greece trip.

The summer for members of the AHEPA Family will feature two major AHEPA Conventions: **The AHEPA Family Western Regional District Convention** in **Reno, Nevada** from June 21-24, 2018 at the **Atlantis Reno Resort**, and, the **AHEPA Family Supreme Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey** at the **Harrah's Hotel and Casino** from July 22- July 27, 2018.

Members of our AHEPA Chapter 528 will bid to host the **AHEPA District 20 Mid-Winter Conference to be held on January 26, 2019**. Final decision on this matter will be reported over the summer months ahead.

The next **AHEPA Chapter 528 meeting** is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 6, 2018** at St. George at **6:30 p.m.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL



The Sunday School "**End-of-the-Year**" ceremony will be held following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, June 3, 2018**. Following the "**End-of-the-Year**" program, Sunday School students and their parents will enjoy a Sunday afternoon of lunch and bowling.

Special thanks to God are offered for the Sunday School staff who made Sunday School possible throughout this 2018-2019 season:

Class 1- Preschool through early elementary: Maryia Dunkel and Melissa Hawkins

Class 2 - Upper elementary and above: Deacon Euthym Kontaxis, Krisann Kontaxis, Susanna Cox

Childcare: Gloria Christopoulos

Superintendent: Dr. Jim Christopoulos

Sunday School will begin again in September. We pray that our Sunday School staff, students and their parents enjoy a spiritually rewarding summer break.

ALTAR FLOWER BOUQUETS

Many thanks to **Nicholas Demetropoulos**, who has donated all the **Altar Flower Bouquets** for this year (2017-2018) in loving memory of his beloved family. Altar Flower Bouquet program will come to an end now that we are entering the Summer months of June, July and August. Many blessings to Nicholas Demetropoulos for his loving Altar Flower Bouquet donations.

Our parish Altar Flower Bouquet program will resume in October. Those who want to offer Altar Flower Bouquets in honor or in memory of loved ones or friends are welcome to do so. Details will be provided in future parish publications as we begin the Ecclesiastical New Year in the Fall.

STREET LIFE & THE HOMELESS

Again this year, we look forward to serving the homeless in various ways, much like last year in our work with the **Street Life Program** in our Coachella Valley.

Announcements will be appearing in the weekly *Ladder*, as well as in the *July Voice of St. George* giving more details regarding how we can be of continued help for the homeless.

THE FIFTH OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

In our series of soul-searching in preparation for Holy Confession, we turn to the 5th of our Lord's Ten Commandments: "*Honor thy father and thy mother.*"

Questions to ask ourselves:

1. Have I respected my parents and been obedient to them?
2. Have I neglected them or failed to help them?
3. Have I been guilty of deception or caused them pain by my words or actions?
4. Have I done my duty towards my family?
5. Have I been wanting in love towards my husband/wife or harmed him or her in any way?
6. Have I set my children a good example and tried to raise them up properly?
7. Have I corrected their faults with patience and not with anger?
8. Have I over-indulged them or spoiled them?
9. Have I neglected my God-children and failed in my obligations towards them?
10. Have I honored God as my Heavenly Father by treating others as my brothers and sisters in Christ?
11. Have I honored the Church as my Spiritual Mother by honoring and practicing my religion in accordance with Her teachings?

NEW RED ALTAR COVERINGS

We are most grateful to God for the efforts of **Lula Valissarakos**, who is currently making the **red Altar Coverings** for our Church. Anyone who would like to offer a donation towards the cost of the fabrics needed for our red Altar coverings is asked to see **Lula Valissarakos** for more information.

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Schedule of Sunday Services: Orthros-8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy-9:30 a.m.
Sunday School-10:30 a.m.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Vespers: Due to the summer schedule of both clergy and chanters, Saturday Vesper Services will be announced week-to-week. Check with Fr. Ted if planning to attend Sat. Vespers.				1	2
3- All Saints Sunday Ep.-Heb. 11: 33-12: 1-2 Gos.-St. Matth. 10: 32-33;37-38; 19: 27-30 Sunday School "End-of-the-Year" celebration	4	5 Bible Study- 10:00 a.m.	6 AHEPA Meeting- 6:30 p.m.	7	8	9
10- 2nd Sunday of St. Matthew Ep.-Romans 2:10-16 Gos.-St. Matth.4:18-23	11	12 Bible Study- 10:00 a.m.	13	14	15	16
17-3rd Sunday of St. Matthew Ep.-Romans 5: 1-10 Gos.-St. Matth.6:22-33 Fathers Day	18	19 Bible Study- 10:00 a.m.	20	21	22	23
24-Nativity of St.John The Baptist Ep.-Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4 Gos.-St. Luke 1:1-25; 57-68; 76-80	25	26 Bible Study- 10:00 a.m.	27	28	29- SAINTS PETER & PAUL Orthros-8:30 am D. Liturgy-9:30 am	30- HOLY APOSTLES Orthros-8:30 am D. Liturgy-9:30 am