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Are you concerned about the next generation keeping faith in Christ?
Are you interested in learning what you can do to effectively communicate the faith to others?
Do you want to grow in knowledge of the faith yourself?

This seminar is designed for you!

Description: At the beginning of the upcoming catechetical year, our new Eparchial Guidelines for Catechesis will be fully implemented in our church catechetical programs. This program is designed to assist clergy, coordinators, catechists, parents and all adults in effectively implementing the new guidelines.

Date: July 19 @ 8 - 9 pm EST

Participants: This on-line webinar is open to parish catechists, parents, and all adults interested in learning to more effectively communicate the teachings of the Church to the next generation.

For more information, please e-mail Father Hezekias Carnazzo at Fatherhezekias@gmail.com
Registration URL: <https://zoom.us/webinar/register/85e69ffae47c0721d746f627e8486654>

Ignorance of Righteousness from God

WHETHER THEIR IGNORANCE WAS DUE TO MALICE. "Paul says that the Jews did not accept Christ because they were mistaken, not because there was any malice on their part." AM-BROSIAS: COMMENTARY ON PAUL'S EPISTLES.

"Once again, ignorance would seem to be an excuse for pardoning them. But it turns out to lead only to a stronger accusation.... It was from small-mindedness and a desire for power that they erred rather than from ignorance, and even their own righteousness was not based on keeping the law." CHRYSOSTOM: HOMILIES ON ROMANS 17.

SEEKING TO ESTABLISH THEIR OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS. "Paul said this about the Jews who because of their self-confidence rejected grace and as a result did not believe in Christ. The Jews, he says, seek to establish a righteousness of their own that comes from the law, not that the law was established by them but rather that they had placed their righteousness in the law which comes from God by supposing that they were able to fulfill this law by themselves. For they were ignorant of the righteousness of God, not that righteousness whereby God is righteous but the one which comes to man from God." AUGUSTINE: GRACE AND FREE WILL 12.24.

THEY DID NOT SUBMIT. "When Paul talks about the Jews' own righteousness he means their inappropriate way of keeping the law. For they were trying to keep something which was already out of date." THEODORET OF CYR: INTERPRETATION OF THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS.

"To convert somebody go and take them by the hand and guide them." St. Thomas Aquinas

Do not forget the hungry!

(Collection Basket in the Narthex)
Please bring Peanut butter, Soups, Jelly, breakfast cereals (not the ones with lots of sugar, please), Canned meats and vegetables, disposable diapers & detergent, etc. Put your donations in the Narthex.

JULY 9, 2017

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - THE HEALING OF THE GERASENE DEMONIACS

ROMANS 10:1-10

MATTHEW 8:28-34; 9:1

TONE 4

Thursday, July 13 7:30 pm Children Internet Education
Sunday, July 16 10:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Ladies Guild Meeting and the Social Hour
(+) Adeeb Khoury, (+) Pauline Hamra, (+) Alan Herro

Today's Intentions

- Health and Salvation of Most Rev. John Elya
- Repose of the Soul of all Alan Herro
- Repose of the Soul of Pauline Hamra by Paul & Shirley Davis
- Repose of the Soul of Adeeb Khoury by Nijoud Khoury

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: MAY OUR PRAYERS BRING HEALTH, HEALING AND HOPE TO THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE SICK, ESPECIALLY:

Fadia Loegering, Munther Hattar, Dr. Farouk Habra, Marianne Krouchian, John Davis, Jennifer Rimmer, Paul Davis, Jacques Rainis, Elizabeth Nahhas, Mk. Brendan, Mk. Basil and Samira Abou-Eid.

(NAMES REMAIN ON THE PRAYER LIST FOR 6 WEEKS, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE OR EMAIL TO EXTEND.)

Today, during the Social Hour, the Men's Group will meet

"Do you own a business? Close it on Sundays, come to church, and allow your Christian employees to come to church as well. Do you work at a business on Sundays? Tell your boss you are a Christian and must have Sundays off and help other Christians employed there come to church as well. The Jews have Saturday off. The Muslims have Friday off. Why don't the Christians have Sunday off? Don't let materialism stop you from worshipping the Lord on Sunday! Don't betray the Lord for thirty pieces of silver! We will survive this present attack of materialism. There may be casualties, but we will survive. We will survive and we will thrive through every persecution of the evil one, just like we have for thousands of years, until the great day when our risen Lord returns." Sophia Magazine, Vol. 42 - No. 3 - Summer 2017. "The Deli Dilemma" - Fr. Sebastian Carnazzo is the priest of St. Elias Melkite Church in Los Gatos, CA (steliasmelkite.org)

HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT IS AUTHENTIC TRADITION? We believe by faith that the Church is the temple of God, the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit, who guides the Church to all truth (John 16:12-13). Authentic Tradition reflects the guidance of the Holy Spirit by its coherence and continuity. It does not contradict Scripture and is consistent with what has been upheld by the Church from the beginning.

Necessary Weekly offering \$ 2,174.00

Attendance: 42 Souls - Number of envelopes Mailed: 75 - Number of Envelopes Returned: 17

Tithing: 1,045.00 - Bulletin Ads: 0.00 - Building Fund: 54.00 - Feasts: 0.00 - Candles: 0.00

Coffee Collection: 0.00 - Stole Offerings: 170.00 - Flowers/Memorial/Donations: 0.00 - Marked Fund: 0.00

Thanks for your gift of thanksgiving to the Lord!

WHILE SHOPPING, PLEASE REMEMBER THE POOR

Canned Fruits, Canned Roast Beef, Granola Bars, Jelly, Protein Bars, Tomato Paste, Tomato Sauce, Water Bottles, Spaghetti, Rice, Dry Foods, Canned Vegetables, etc.

For all your Gifts, please call St. John of the Desert Gifts at (602) 363-GIFT

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