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IN THE DARKNESS OF LIFE

Like a child left alone in the dark, I cry out to You, Son of David, taking refuge in the shadow of Your wings until the storms of destruction pass by. Though my soul is among lions who roar out that there is no salvation for me, my heart is steadfast and I sing these praises:

Jesus, sight for the blind!
Jesus, wealth for the beggar!
Jesus, harbor for those assailed by storms!
Jesus, fortress for all who are besieged!
Jesus, Your glory is above the heavens!
Jesus, Your radiance fills the earth!
Jesus, exaltation of the transcendent Father!
Jesus, bestower of the life-giving Spirit!
Jesus, hear my cry when all others are deaf!
Jesus, call me to Your throne and save me!
Jesus, bottomless ocean of mercy!
Jesus, infinite firmament of truth!
Jesus, light to those in darkness, glory to You!

Akathist to Christ, Light to Those in Darkness

We cannot be a follower of Christ in isolation. We must be connected to THE community of Faith; The Church (the Ecclesia), the Body of Christ.

"For just as the body is one has many members, and all the members of the body, though many are one body, so it is with Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, and all were made to drink on one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many." 1Cor 12:12-14

When we say, **"I don't need to go to Church,"** we're also saying, **"I don't need any of you!"** This directly contradicts what St. Paul is saying. REV. R. ANDREWS - St. George Orthodox Church

"Quiet the storms within me, dispelling the surge of depression." we pray at the Paraklisis Service. "Pacify the rise of my passions and quiet the stormy turbulence of my sins, you who have given birth to the merciful Lord".

"There is nothing more precious to a parent than a child, and nothing more important to our future than the safety of all our children."

"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.

AUGUST 6, 2017

FEAST OF THE HOLY TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

SECOND PETER 1:10-19

MATTHEW 17:1-9

TONE 8

Thursday, August 10	7:30 pm	Children Internet Education
Friday, August 11	7:00 pm	Paraklisis Service
Saturday, August 12	6:00 am	Parish Work day
Sunday, August 13	10:20 am	Doxology
	10:30 am	Divine Liturgy
Followed by the Social Hour and Men's Group Meeting		
(+) Andres Bolinaga, (+) Adeeb Khoury, (+) Alan Herro, (+) Hala Alesh		

Today's Intentions

- For the Health and Salvation of Kh. Simone on her Birthday by Paul & Shirley Davis
- Repose of the Soul of Andres Luis Bolinaga
- Repose of the Soul of Alan Herro
- Repose of the Soul of Anton Hattar by Milad, George, Ghassan and Bassam Ishak
- Repose of the Soul of Steve by Kh. Simone
- Repose of the Soul of Adeeb Khoury by Nijoud Khoury
- Repose of the Soul of Joseph Davis
- Repose of the Soul of Myra McGuire by Paul & Shirley Davis
- Repose of the Soul of Hala Alesh by Fadia & Samir Ishaq

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, Mk. Brendan and Mk. Basil.

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

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, OUR MEN MEET DURING THE "SOCIAL HOUR"

At their last Ladies Guild meeting the ladies have decided to join the men's work day on Saturday, August 12, 2017 from 6 am to 12 noon. They will do a deep cleaning of the kitchen. If you can spare couple of hours on that day, please come and join them.

The Lord does not always appear in glory to all who stand before Him. To beginners He appears in the form of a servant (Phil. 2:7); to those able to follow Him as He climbs the high mountain of His transfiguration He appears in the form of God, the form in which He existed before the world came to be (John 17:5). ... It is therefore possible for the same Lord ... to appear to some in one way and to others in another way, according to the measure of each person's faith. St. Maximos the Confessor - Theology, 13., 7th Century

Necessary Weekly offering \$ 2,174.00

Attendance: 52 Souls - Number of envelopes Mailed: 75 - Number of Envelopes Returned: 21

Tithing: 1,021.00 - Bulletin Ads: 0.00 - Building Fund: 10.00 - Feasts: 0.00 - Candles: 280.00

Coffee Collection: 48.00 - Stole Offerings: 34.00 - Flowers/Memorial/Donations: 1,013.00 - Marked Fund: 250.00

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

7-30-2017