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The Ladies Guild are planning a delicious Middle Eastern Dinner
On October 14, 2017
Tickets and menu will be available soon. So, mark your calendar for this Fund Raising Event.

Catechetical Summary for the Sunday after the Cross

The Epistle which is proclaimed in the Church today is one that has been misused by many non-Apostolic Christians who would look to reject the Church's teaching on salvation. "Faith" in our understanding is the union of our entire self to Christ. This union which entrusts my intellect, spirit, soul and body to the Savior joins me to Christ in such an intimate way that my life is transformed into his life. This is the process of Theosis or divinization. As Saint Paul says "it is now no longer I who live, but Christ is living in me." Faith, then, is an aspect of love by which I give my life to the one that I love. And in this act of total self-gift we can discern two important truths. The one who loves first must die to himself in as much as the lover's life is no longer about himself but totally about the one whom he loves and whom he sustains through the gift of his life. And the second truth that results from the first is that the lover, having died to himself, comes to life or is "resurrected from the dead" in the life of the beloved. The Gospel which is proclaimed today confirms and makes explicit for us the above explanation of loving faith. "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For anyone who would save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will save it." The cross, the exaltation of which we celebrated this past Thursday, is the sign of the Lord's total self-giving love. The cross reveals to us the breadth and depth of God's love. What remains is our response to that gift and our union with that love.

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

"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.

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017
SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

GALATIANS 2:16-21

MARK 8:34-38; 9:1

TONE 5

Thursday, September 21
Sunday, September 24

No Internet Class for our Children

10:20 am Doxology

10:30 am

Divine Liturgy Followed by the Social Hour

A Suffering Person, Dunia Dababneh, John Davis, (+) Alan Herro, (+) Andres Bolinaga, (+) Adeeb Khoury

Today's Intentions

- For the Health and Salvation of John Davis by Denise & Jim Hamra
- For the Health and Salvation of a Suffering Person by Denise Hamra
- For the Health and Salvation of Dunia Dababneh
- For the Health and Salvation of Sami Shakkour by Iraz and Adeel I. Hattar
- For the Health and Salvation of Fr. Bryan McNeil by Kh. Simone
- For Full recovery of Jumana Ishak by the Parish
- For the victims of Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma
- Repose of the Soul of Joseph Davis by Ursula Smith
- Repose of the Soul of Adeeb Khoury by Nijoud Khoury
- Repose of the Soul of Ann Molony by Kh. Simone
- Repose of the Soul of Andres Luis Bolinaga
- Repose of the Soul of Alan Herro

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 and Marthe Rainis, Alice Harrison, Dunia Dababneh, Jumana Ishak, Fr. Philaret Littlefield, Sami Shakkour. (NAMES REMAIN ON THE PRAYER LIST FOR 6 WEEKS, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE OR EMAIL TO EXTEND.)

If you have always dreamed of making your own icon but think that you have no artistic talent, here is your opportunity: we will have an Iconography Class on Saturday, October 21st from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm here at St. John of the Desert. The class is offered by renowned artist Lisa Fitzgibbons. The cost of the class is \$75.00 which includes all supplies. This is a terrific price! If interested please call Lisa Fitzgibbons at (602) 349-5838. Check the posters on the hall door for more details.

TODAY, OUR LADIES GUILD WILL MEET DURING THE "SOCIAL HOUR"

Please, try to bring to Church, next Sunday, something for the poor and needy who come begging at the door of our Church. Our pantry is almost empty. We need small diapers and food. May our Lord bless you!

Necessary Weekly offering \$ 2,174.00

Attendance: 60 Souls - Number of envelopes Mailed: 76 - Number of Envelopes Returned: 22

Tithing: 1,164.00 - Bulletin Ads: 125.00 - Building Fund: 0.00 - Feasts: 0.00 - Candles: 0.00

Coffee Collection: 23.00 - Stole Offerings: 80.00 - Flowers/Memorial/Donations: 0.00 - Marked Fund: 340.00

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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