

# THE DOVE

June, 2009

Rev. Father Paul C. Bebis



## I am the Vine and you are the Branches

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"I am the Vine and you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in Him, bears much fruit, for without me you can do nothing. As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you, abide in My love." (John 15:5, 9). This is an important scriptural verse for it reminds me of Spring and Summer. Now that the weather is becoming warmer, we see people today planting their gardens, caring for their lawns, and beautifying their homes. We put forth so much effort in giving attention to our property, and yet for some of us we do not put the same attention into our spiritual lives. This verse from the Gospel of John really points to the essence of the Christian Life, which is to walk with God, and to be attached to His presence. In this verse, Christ is the vine, God the Father is the gardener who cares for the branches, and the branches are the followers of Christ. The fruitful branches are the true believers who by their living union with Christ produce fruit. If we cut the branch from the vine, then the branch will wither and die. It is the same for us in a religious way, for if we cut ourselves away from the Source of Life who is Christ, then our souls will grow distant from God and our spiritual lives will slowly shrivel and wither away. He nudges us, He calls to us, and He even pursues us in every day. He loves us so much that He won't leave us alone. He comes to us daily in countless ways, gently knocking at the door of our hearts. When we choose to open our hearts, He joyously enters in and gladly dwells with us. If we

do accept His invitation to enter into our hearts, then an immediate consequence occurs, we will bear fruit, an abundance of spiritual fruit. The question is, what is this fruit that we will bear if we abide in Christ? St Paul beautifully describes it as, "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, and self control." These holy virtues will dominate our lives. These joys no earthly challenge can take away, for it is a peace that passes all human understanding. It is a love that transcends any boundaries or limits. Other fruits will be the spirit of mercy, kindness, compassion towards others, especially towards those in need. It can affect our readiness to forgive, to reconcile with one another, even with our own worst enemies, and our attitude of continual repentance. The fruit of a vibrant relationship with God will surely include a generous heart towards others for Christ Himself said, "it is more blessed to give than to receive." If we have Christ abiding in us, we adopt the "mind of Christ" which has no self-centeredness within it. The Gospel of John says, "every branch in Me that does not bear fruit My Father takes away, and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit." (John 15:2). The spiritual life is all about the pruning process, for even a good branch is pruned to bear more fruit, and for us, God sometimes needs to discipline us, to strengthen our character and faith so we can produce more and more fruit. (continued next page)

## I am the Vine and you are the Branches (continued)

*He who abides in me, and I in Him, bears much fruit, for without me you can do nothing.*

If we are not bearing spirit-filled fruit in our lives, the time will come "when God will gather the withered branches and throw them into the fire, where they will be burned." As we work in the garden this summer, let us remember the garden of our hearts.

Father Paul C. Bebis



## Barnabus the Apostle

For hundreds of years, the unknown and unmarked grave of the Apostle Barnabus on Cyprus was known only as a healing place. Many people who came to visit this area were healed without knowing why. He was born into a wealthy family and he received his initial religious education under Gamaliel. Barnabus was present at the first Pentecost and he was one of the seventy apostles. He was known for giving the money from the sale of his many properties to the Apostles as was the custom of the Early Christian Church. He preached with the Apostle

Paul and His council Mark throughout Syria, Asia Minor, Cyprus, Greece, Egypt, Jerusalem, and Rome. He was burned to death by the Jews on Cyprus and was buried by his cousin Mark holding the Gospel of Matthew that he had personally written. Five centuries after his death, he appeared to the Archbishop of Cyprus on three consecutive nights to make known the place of his relics and to ensure that the Church of Cyprus not to be engulfed by another jurisdiction but remain independent.

### Ushers for this month

*Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>*  
George Gogos  
Maria Katsis

*Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>*  
Deanna Gountras  
Toni Printzos

*Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>*  
Tony Zannis  
George Raptis

*Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>*  
Dimitri Gogos  
Chris Rongos

## Father's Day

On Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009, we honor and commemorate our fathers. Let us remember our Fathers who have sacrificed for us and who have taught us right from wrong. They also taught us to have integrity, patience and strength. A father is a man who endures much for the sake of his

family. In many households, he is considered the breadwinner. But a father today is much more than that. Sometimes he shares in much of the housework, cleaning, and taking care of the children. Remember always that the father is a Gift from God.

## Daughters of Penelope Corner

Sisters: please plan on attending our next meeting Daughters of Penelope Meeting on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:00PM at

the Church. This will be our last meeting until the Fall. Linda Schubert is the hostess.

## Philoptochos Corner

"The Ladies of Philoptochos is so proud to announce that we are almost done with making most of the sweets for the Greek Festival. We thank all the ladies who have helped out for the events with hard and dedicated work for the preparation of our Annual Greek Festival. We will still need more help to finish the final preparations the week before the festival and also the following week which is the big event, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup> of June, 2009. God Bless us to have a successful and prosperous festival for our church.

The Elections of our new Board for Philoptochos was held on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at our General Philoptochos Meeting. Elections for the new officers were held on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at our church. The new members for 2009-2011 are as follows,

1. Elly Schmidt-President.
2. Eva Collis, First Vice President.
3. Thomai Mattingly, Second Vice-President.
4. Teddy Harmon, Recording Secretary.
5. Mary Gering, Corresponding Secretary.
6. Soultana Myers, Treasurer.
7. Trish Poursanidis, Advisor of the Board.
8. Deanna Gountras, Board Member.
9. Pat Furos, Board Member.
10. Rea Fourgas, Board Member.
11. Traiana Kaplanis, Board Member.
12. Poly Kaplanis, Board Member.
13. Voula Maggos, Board Member.
14. Stacy Raptis, Board Member.
15. Kathy Rongos, Board Member.

Now we would like to thank Mary Spirou for serving a one year term as a Second Vice President and all of your years dedicated in service to Philoptochos. May God Bless you Mary. Also, we thank Fran Foster for serving three terms of 6 years continuously as a treasurer doing excellent work May God Bless you Fran. To Anna Hatzigeorgiou, we all thank you for serving as a Recording Secretary for one term of two years. May God Bless you Anna.

I would like to express my thanks to the Philoptochos Board Members for electing me for one more term of two years as the President of Philoptochos, and I will promise to do what I can to follow my duties as a president according to the bylaws from our Archdiocesan National Philoptochos. Also I would like to show my appreciation to the new board members and new officers and I hope that they will fulfill their duties and obligations according to the by laws, and to our faith to complete all our philanthropic activities as the Philoptochos Organization requires. We hope that we all can work together in a very co-operative and responsible way to accomplish a successful chapter of the Philoptochos Organization. Thanks again and may God Bless you and may God help us with strength and peace to achieve our humanitarian and Christian obligations. Now I wish for everyone to have faith and a good summer. I will see you in September at our first Philoptochos Meeting of the year, 2009. God Bless."

- Elly Schmidt,  
President of the Philoptochos

**note:** please sign up to volunteer at the Greek Festival.

### Baking Schedule for Greek Fest

*Thursday and Friday,  
June 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>*  
"Bake Baklava"  
9:00AM at Holy Trinity

*Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>*  
"The Karidopita"  
9:00AM at Holy Trinity

*Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>*  
"Cut/Syrup – the  
Baklava, Kataifi, and  
Karidopita"  
9:00AM at Holy Trinity.

*Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>*  
"Make combos"  
9:00AM at Holy Trinity

**Prepare to set up  
for festival!**



St. Nicholas  
Orthodox Church

Monday, Tuesday, &  
Wednesday

June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 24<sup>th</sup>

Each day begins at 9:00  
AM & ends at 11:15 AM

See Flyer in back for  
more information

## Liturgical Calendar

Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>  
**The Saturday of the Souls**  
 Orthros, 8:30AM  
 Divine Liturgy 9:00AM

Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Holy Pentecost**  
 Orthros, 9:00AM  
 Divine Liturgy, 10:00AM

Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>  
**The Monday of the Holy Spirit**  
 Orthros, 8:30AM  
 Divine Liturgy, 9:00AM

Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>  
**The First Sunday of St. Matthew, The Sunday of All Saints**  
 Orthros, 9:00AM  
 Divine Liturgy, 10:00AM

Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>  
**The Second Sunday of St. Matthew**  
 Orthros, 9:00AM  
 Divine Liturgy, 10:00AM

Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>  
**The Third Sunday of St. Matthew**  
 Orthros, 9:00AM  
 Divine Liturgy, 10:00AM

Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>  
**Holy Apostles Peter and Paul**  
 Orthros, 8:30AM  
 Divine Liturgy, 9:00AM

Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>  
**Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles**  
 Orthros, 8:30AM  
 Divine Liturgy, 9:00AM

## Holy Spirit Week in July

Mark your calendars for this special week of services in July:

**Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>**  
 Orthros, 8:30AM  
 Divine Liturgy, 9:00AM.

**Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> +**  
 Orthros, 8:30AM  
 Divine Liturgy, 9:00AM

**Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> +**  
 "The Service of the Euchalion," 7:00PM

**Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**  
 Orthros, 8:30AM  
 Divine Liturgy, 9:00AM

**Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> +**  
 "A Vespersal Divine Liturgy," 7:00PM

## Greek Fest News

+If anyone would like to **Cashier in the Food Line** at the Greek Festival, please see Fran Foster.

+**Making the Pastichio:** will take place on Thursday afternoon, June 11th, 2009 at the Church beginning at 4:00PM.

+Every parishioner should sell or buy 20 **raffle tickets** for one dollar a piece. Buy 20 tickets and give them to your friends, so your friends could sign their names on the tickets and then in turn will come to the festival.

+There are **posters** available and ad books – please help circulate them around the city to advertise our Festival!

**Volunteers are needed at the Festival!**  
**Please, help and support our church.**  
**Give some time to God!!!**

## A change of pace for all of us!

Many of us stray away from the Church during the Summer. Bring the Lord into your lives. Keep God alive in your hearts during the hot Summer months.

### +Notes:

On **Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>**, Father Paul will hear "*Holy Confession*" from 1:00PM to 5:00PM. The Church Doors will be open.

Following the service of the Euchalion, (Holy Unction) on **Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>**, Father Paul will have a seminar on "*What is Holy Unction?*"

Following Divine Liturgy on **Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>**, a "*Pot Luck Dinner*" will be served. Please bring food to the church.

**A Reminder:** please sign your name on the worksheets to give your time for the festival in front of the Social Hall during Coffee Hour.

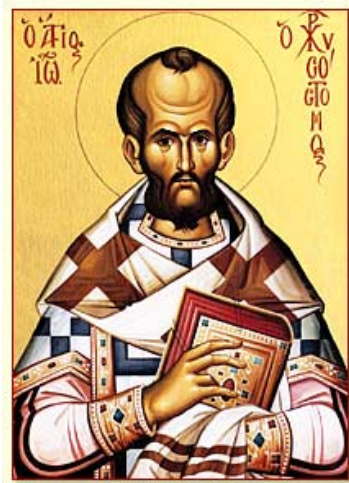


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 GRANDCHILDREN, AND GREAT-  
 GRANDCHILDREN OF THE EARLY  
 IMMIGRANTS WHO CAME TO THIS  
 LAND AND LABORED UNDER  
 DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES TO  
 MAINTAIN THEIR HERITAGE AND  
 ORTHODOX FAITH. WE OWE IT  
 TO OUR ANCESTORS TO  
 PRESERVE THE HERITAGE AND  
 CUSTOMS WHICH HAVE BEEN  
 DELIVERED TO OUR CARE!!

## GOYA Gossip

Greetings from GOYA. The last GOYA Meeting and end of the Year Barbecue will be on Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 starting at 5:00PM. Details will be on the GOYA Face Book Profile. The older group will start playing 6 VS 6, outdoor soccer at the Plex beginning Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The first game will begin at 6:50PM. I will let everyone know the exact start time but it will be between 5:30PM and 8:00PM. Remember the new GOYA EMAIL Account is [fortwaynegoya@gmail.com](mailto:fortwaynegoya@gmail.com). There is also the GOYA Face Book Profile simply called FORT WAYNE GOYA. This will allow all GOYANS to add this page to their face book friends. This page will be full of updates and information and pictures from events and fundraisers that the GOYA attends. If you want to keep track of events or see pictures then please visit the Face Book Page. If you would like to EMAIL GOYA about anything, please use

the EMAIL address above or leave a message on Face Book. The GOYA has the following fundraisers going on or scheduled: First, the GOYA will be selling Coupon Books worth at least \$30.00 in savings of food purchased from McDonalds. These Coupon Books will be available to all of us on Sundays after Church, look for our display and table at the Church. GOYA will also host a Car Wash Fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, August 1st, from 10-2PM, at Wendy's on Dupont Road next to Krogers. We also have a date set for August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009 for a Nelson's BBQ Fundraiser. The date is set and we are working on the location, hopefully at the Dupont Road Kroger location. Again, if anyone who has a youth who would like to join GOYA, or if anyone would like to donate to the GOYA fund, please contact me at 260-341-4458. Thank you.



*"Things themselves do not remain, but their effects do. Therefore, we should not be stingy and calculating with what we have but we should give with a generous hand. Look at how much people give for their own entertainment—shouldn't we give just as much to Christ."*

*St John Chrysostom*

## Alter Boy Retreat

Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
at Holy Trinity

Lunch will be served.

**You must be 8 years old or more to join!**

## Alter Boys for this month

*Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>*

**"The Ephesians"**

Co-Captains: Jimmy Cox & Panagiotis Pliastos, Nick Gogos, Chris Gogos, George Rongos

*Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>*

**"The Galatians"**

Co-Captains: Yanni Boutaris & Bayden Lee, Demetrios Lee

*Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>*

**"The Corinthians"**

Co-Captains: George Hatzigeorgiou & Panagiotis Pliastos, Sam Bourounis, Christos Nakos Joshua Bebis, Anthony Fourgas

*Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>*

**"The Thessalonians,"**

Co-Captains: Greg Kaplanis & Pantelis Kaplanis, Triandaphillos Kaplanis, Frank Makridakis

## Ὁ ὄσιος Σεραφεῖμ (1759 – 1833)

Ὁ ὄσιος Σεραφεῖμ, τὸ ὀλοφώτεινο ἀστέρι τῆς Ρωσικῆς Ὁρθοδοξίας, ἔζησε, ἔδρασε καὶ ἔλαμψε στὶς ἀρχές τοῦ 19ου αἰῶνα (1759-1833).

Γεννήθηκε στὶς 19 Ἰουλίου τοῦ 1759 στὴν πόλη Κούρκ καὶ παρέμεινε ἐκεῖ μέχρι τὰ δεκαεννέα του χρόνια. Στὴν ἡλικία αὐτὴ πῆρε τὴ γενναία ἀπόφαση ν' ἀφοσιωθεῖ ὀλόψυχα στὸ Θεό· κι ἑκεῖνος ὁδήγησε τὰ βήματά του στὸ μοναστήρι τοῦ Σάρωφ.

Ἐνῶ ἦταν ἀκόμη δόκιμος, ἀρρώστησε βαριά ἀπὸ ὑδρωπικία. Μετὰ ἀπὸ τρία χρόνια ἀσθενείας, θεραπεύθηκε θαυματουργικά μὲ ἐπίσκεψη τῆς Θεοτόκου.

Στὴ μοναχικὴ του κουρὰ (1786) ὀνομάστηκε Σεραφεῖμ - προηγουμένως εἶχε τὸ ὄνομα Πρόχορος. Τὸ ἴδιο ἔτος χειροτονήθηκε διάκονος καὶ μετὰ ἀπὸ ἐπτὰ χρόνια, σὲ ἡλικία 34 ἐτῶν, ἱερέυς. Ὅταν λειτουργοῦσε, πετοῦσε στὰ οὐράνια, καὶ πολλές φορές ἀξινόνταν νὰ βλέπει θαυμαστά ὀράματα καὶ ν' ἀκούει ἀγγελικὲς μελωδίες.

Διψώντας νὰ πλησιάσει περισσότερο τὸ Θεό, τὸν παρακάλεσε νὰ τὸν ἀξιώσει ν' ἀποσυρθεῖ σὲ κάποια ἐρημικὴ περιοχὴ. Ἐνα χρόνο μετὰ τὴ χειροτονία του σὲ ἱερέα, ἔλαβε ἄδεια ἀπὸ τὴ μονὴ ν' ἀφοσιωθεῖ στὴ μελέτη, στὴ σιωπὴ, στὴν ἀσκήση, στὴν ἔντονη προσευχὴ. Γιὰ δεκαεξί χρόνια, βαθιὰ μέσα στὸ δάσος, ἀγωνίζονταν ν' ἀνεβαίνει, μέρα μὲ τὴ μέρα, τὴν κλίμακα ποὺ ὀδηγεῖ στὸν οὐρανό. Τότε ἔκανε καὶ τὴ γνωστὴ ἀσκήση, τίς «χίλιες νύχτες προσευχῆς»: Πάνω σὲ μιὰ μεγάλη πέτρα, ξαγρύπνησε προσευχόμενος ἐπὶ χίλιες νύχτες.

Μαζὶ μὲ τὴν προσευχὴ, διάβαζε ἀκατάπαυστα τὴν Ἁγία Γραφή. «Πρέπει νὰ τρέφεις, ἔλεγε, τὴν ψυχὴ μὲ τὸ λόγο τοῦ Θεοῦ, γιατί ὁ λόγος τοῦ Θεοῦ εἶναι ὁ «ἄρτος τῶν ἀγγέλων». Μ' αὐτὸν πρέπει νὰ τρέφονται οἱ ψυχὲς ποὺ ἀγαποῦν μὲ πάθος τὸ Θεό». Εὐλαβεῖτο ἀφάνταστα τὴ Θεοτόκο. Στὸ πρόσωπό της ἔβρισκε ἀνέκφραστη πνευματικὴ ἀγαλλίαση. Συχνὰ ἔλεγε: «Ἡ Παναγία εἶναι ἡ χαρὰ, ἡ μεγαλύτερη ἀπ' ὅλες τίς χαρές».

Στὸ διάστημα ποὺ ἀσκήτευε στὴν ἔρημο, δέχθηκε ἐπίθεση ληστῶν, ποὺ τὸν τραυμάτισαν βαριά, θεραπεύθηκε καὶ πάλι θαυματουργικά ἀπὸ τὴ Θεοτόκο.

Τὸ 1810 ἐπέστρεψε ἀπὸ τὴν ἔρημο στὴ Μονὴ τοῦ Σάρωφ καὶ ἔμεινε ἐγκλειστος στὸ κελλί του, ἀσκούμενος στὴ σιωπῇ. Στὴν ἀρχὴ ἀπέφευγε τὸν κόσμο. Ἀργότερα ὁμως, τὸ 1815, σὲ ἡλικία 56 ἐτῶν, ἄνοιξε τὸ κελλί του καὶ δεχόταν κάθε ἐπισκέπτη. Εἶχε ἀποκτήσει πιά φήμη ἁγίου καὶ φωτισμένου ἀνδρὸς καὶ ὁ κόσμος ἔτρεχε κοντὰ του νὰ ξεδιψάσει. Ὁ ἴδιος, ὡστόσο, δὲν βγήκε ποτὲ ἀπὸ τὸ κελλί του γιὰ ἄλλα δέκα χρόνια.

Σὲ ἡλικία 66 ἐτῶν, κατόπιν ὀράματος καὶ προσταγῆς τῆς Θεοτόκου, ἀφιερώθηκε ὀλοκληρωτικά στὴ διακονία τοῦ πλησίον καὶ ἀρχισε στὸ ἐξῆς τὸ ἔργο τοῦ «στάρετς», τοῦ πνευματικοῦ καθοδηγητοῦ.

Ἡ δρᾶση τοῦ ὡς «στάρετς» ὑπῆρξε καταπληκτικὴ. Ἀναρίθμητες ψυχὲς ἔτρεχαν κοντὰ του, γιὰ νὰ βροῦν τὴ γαλήνη, τὴ χάρη, τὴ σωτηρία. Καὶ ὅσοι δὲν μπορούσαν νὰ

φθάσουν μέχρι τὸ κελλί του, τὸν κατέκλυζαν μὲ ἐπιστολές.

Οἱ ἐπισκέπτες του ἐπέστρεφαν ἄλλοι ἄνθρωποι. Καθὼς προσευχόταν γι' αὐτοὺς, καθὼς τοὺς εὐλογοῦσε μὲ τὸ σημεῖο τοῦ σταυροῦ, καθὼς μύρωνε τὸ μέτωπό τους μὲ λάδι ἀπὸ τὸ καντήλι τῆς Παναγίας, καθὼς τοὺς ἔδινε πνευματικὲς συμβουλές..., μιὰ μυστικὴ δύναμη ἀπλωνόταν στὶς ψυχὲς τους. «Ὅποιοσδήποτε ἐρχόταν στὸν στάρετς Σεραφεῖμ, ἔνωθε νὰ τὸν ἀγγίξει ἡ θεϊκὴ φλόγα ποὺ ὑπῆρχε σ' αὐτὸν καὶ ν' ἀγκαλιάζει τὴν ψυχὴ του». Σ' ὅλους μοίραζε εἰρήνη, χαρὰ, θεϊκὲς εὐλογίες.

Συνιστοῦσε συχνὰ τὴν εἰρήνη: «Ἀπόκτησε τὴν πνευματικὴ εἰρήνη καὶ τότε χιλιάδες ψυχὲς ὀλόγυρά σου θὰ βροῦν τὴ λύτρωση». Σχετικὰ μὲ τὸ σκοπὸ τῆς ζωῆς μας, διδάσκει: «Ὁ πραγματικὸς σκοπὸς τῆς χριστιανικῆς ζωῆς εἶναι ἡ ἀπόκτηση τοῦ Ἁγίου Πνεύματος». Μιλοῦσε πολὺ γιὰ τὴν Ἀνάσταση τοῦ Χριστοῦ. Χαιρετοῦσε τοὺς ἐπισκέπτες του μὲ τὰ λόγια: «Χαρὰ μου, Χριστὸς ἀνέστη!». Καὶ κάθε φορὰ ποὺ κοινωνοῦσε, ἀπήγγελλε τὸν πασαλινοῦ κανόνα «Ἀναστάσεως ἡμέρα...».

Ἀπὸ τὰ πνευματικὰ του χαρίσματα, τί νὰ πρωτοαναφέρουμε; Τὸ μάτι του διέσχιζε τὰ βάθη τῶν καρδιῶν. Εἶχε βλέμμα προφήτου. Προέβλεπε τὰ μέλλοντα. Ἀπαντοῦσε σὲ ἐπιστολὲς χωρὶς νὰ τίς ἀνοίξει, γιατί γινώριζε τὸ περιεχόμενό τους. Θεράπευε μὲ τὴν προσευχὴ τοῦ πληθὸς ἀρρώστων. Πολλὲς φορές τὸ πρόσωπό του ἀστραφετὸν ὡς ἡλῖος. Καὶ μέσα στὸ δάσος, ὅταν ἀσκήτευε, εἶχε φιλιές μὲ τὰ ἄγρια πουλιὰ καὶ ζῶα, καὶ μάλιστα μὲ μιὰ πελώρια ἀρκούδα, ποὺ κάθε μέρα ἐρχόταν νὰ φιλευτεῖ ἀπὸ τὸ χέρι του! Ζωὴ προπρωτικὴ, παραδεισένια!

Ὁ θάνατός του ὑπῆρξε ὀσιακός. Στὶς 2 Ἰανουαρίου τοῦ 1833 βρέθηκε νεκρός, γονατισμένος, μὲ τὰ μάτια προσηλωμένα στὴν εἰκόνα τῆς Θεοτόκου. Τὴν προηγουμένη μέρα εἶχε κοινωνήσει τῶν Ἀχράντων Μυστηρίων καὶ εἶχε ἀποχαιρετήσει τοὺς πατέρες τοῦ μοναστηριοῦ.

Τὸ πέρασμά του ἀπὸ τὴ γῆ θὰ μείνει ἀξέχαστο. Ἡ Ἐκκλησία τοῦ Χριστοῦ λίγες παρόμοιες μορφὲς γινώρισε. Τὰ λόγια του καὶ τὰ ἔργα του θὰ δυναμώνουν πάντα τοὺς πιστοὺς.

Ἅγιος ἀνακηρύχθηκε ἐπίσημα τὸ 1903. Ἡ μνήμη του ἐορτάζεται στὶς 2 Ἰανουαρίου, ἀλλὰ καὶ στὶς 19 Ἰουλίου - ἡμέρα τῆς ἀνακομιδῆς τοῦ ἁγίου λειψάνου του. Ἡ ἀγιότητά του γίνεται ὅλο καὶ περισσότερο γνωστὴ στὸν ὀρθόδοξο χριστιανικὸ κόσμο.

Συγκλονιστικὸ γεγονός γιὰ τὴ Ρωσία ὑπῆρξε ἡ εὕρεση τῆς σοροῦ του, τὸ 1990, καὶ ἡ μεταφορὰ της στὴ γυναικεία Μονὴ τοῦ Ντιβέγιεβο (τὴν ὁποία ὁ ὄσιος εἶχε ὑπὸ τὴν πνευματικὴ του καθοδήγησι καὶ προστασία).

Εἶθε οἱ πρεσβεῖες του νὰ μᾶς ἐνισχύουν στὸ δρόμο τῆς ζωῆς μας, καὶ τὸ παράδειγμά του νὰ μᾶς ἐμπνέει.



## Encouragement from God's Word

+One's life does not consist in the abundance of the things one possesses.

+A little that a righteous man has is better than the riches of many wicked men.

+Better is a little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure with trouble.

+ Godliness with contentment is great gain. Having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.

+ Give me neither poverty nor riches-feed me with the food allotted to me; lest I be full and deny You, and say, "Who is the Lord?" Or lest I be poor and steal, and profane the name of my God.

+Give us this day our daily bread.

+ Do not worry about your life, what you may eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and body more than clothing?

+ When I sent you without a money bag, knapsack, and sandals, did you lack anything. So they said nothing."

+Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Luke 12:15; Psalm 37:6; Proverbs 15:16; 1 Timothy 6:6, 8; Proverbs 30:8-9; Matthew 6:11; 25; Luke 22:35; Hebrews 13:5; Luke 24: 46-49.

### Coffee Hour Scheduling

Please schedule your Coffee Hour with Elly Schmidt. If you would like to speak to Elly, please call her at 493-0719. We have openings available.

## Coming Soon: The Trinity Project

We are creating a new process in which entails a new "tool box" of fundraising options. We will retire our dept. More information is to follow.



## Meeting Calendar

Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>  
**"The GOYAL,"**  
 at Pizza Hut on Dupont Road, 6:30PM

Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>  
**"The Greek Festival Committee,"**  
 at Holy Trinity, 6:00PM

Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>  
**"The Daughters of Penelope,"**  
 at Holy Trinity, 7:00PM

Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>  
**"The Parish Council,"**  
 at Holy Trinity, 7:30PM

Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>  
**"The Book Club,"**  
 at Holy Trinity, 11:00AM

Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**"The Trinity Project,"**  
 at Holy Trinity, 7:00PM

### Want your church news by email?

The weekly bulletin and monthly Dove newsletter can be sent to your email.

If you are interested, send an email request to Tammy Toscos at [toscost@ipfw.edu](mailto:toscost@ipfw.edu)

## Church Web Site

Our church web site was created using a tool provided by GOARCH. While it has some limitations it is extremely easy to use. We have been keeping the site updated but want to be sure to get you the type of information that you desire.

Your organization, e.g. GOYA, AHEPA, etc. can have a separate page on the site if you wish. Please visit [www.holytrinity.in.goarch.org](http://www.holytrinity.in.goarch.org) today and send your thoughts to Tammy Toscos at [toscost@ipfw.edu](mailto:toscost@ipfw.edu).