

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Mon. Nov. 9	8 pm	Online Readers Training
Tues. Nov. 10	7 pm	Online Catechism - Lesson 11
Sat. Nov. 14	6:30 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. Nov. 15	10 am	Divine Liturgy
Mon. Nov. 16	8 pm	Online Readers Training
Tues. Nov. 17	7 pm	Online Catechism - Lesson 12
Sat. Nov. 21	6:30 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. Nov. 22	10 am	Divine Liturgy

**Catechism Class** - This class should be taken by *everyone* who has never *studied* the Orthodox faith, whether they were born into the Church, recently converted or who desire to convert to Orthodoxy.

Not sure where to start? See Fr. John today.



### **Christmas Giving Tree**

This year we will be participating in the AZ Department of Child Safety's *Giving Tree* program. For the month of November, you'll have the chance to play Secret Santa to a foster child here in AZ. See Shae Slaughter for info.

### PARISH TEXT ALERTS

Sign up easily! **Text ASONA to 84576**

And get on our parish alerts list, and stay up to date via email or text alerts

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SUN. NOV. 8, 2020 GREAT-MARTYR DEMETRIUS THE MYRRH-GUSHER TONE 5  
COMMEMORATION OF THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE AT CONSTANTINOPLE IN 740 A.D.



# THE BOOKS WILL BE OPENED



by St Symeon the New Theologian

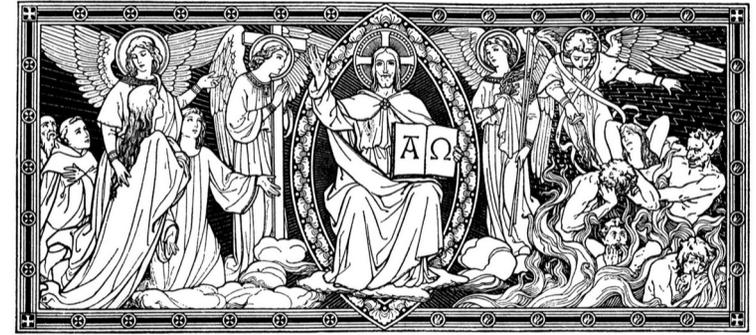
God is truth and light, God's judgement is nothing else than our coming into contact with truth and light. In the day of the Great Judgement all men will appear naked before this penetrating light of truth.

The 'books' will be opened. What are these 'books'?

They are our hearts. Our hearts will be opened by the penetrating light of God, and what is in these hearts will be revealed. If in those hearts there is love for God, those hearts will rejoice in seeing God's light.

If, on the contrary, there is hatred for God in those hearts, these men will suffer by receiving on their opened hearts this penetrating light of truth which they detested all their life. So that which will differentiate between one man and another will not be a decision of God, a reward or a punishment from Him, but that which was in each one's heart; what was there during all our life will be revealed in the Day of Judgement. If there is a reward and a punishment during this revelation – and there really is – it does not come from God but from the love or hate which reigns in our heart.

Love has bliss in it, hatred has despair, bitterness, grief, affliction, wickedness, agitation, confusion, darkness, and all the other interior conditions which compose hell.



# REVELATION

“THE UNVEILING”

STARTING IN DECEMBER, ASONA WILL BEGIN  
A BIBLE STUDY ON THE BOOK OF REVELATION.

Over the past two hundred years, a great deal of exaggerated speculation and millions of dollars have been expended to 'decode' the prophecies of the book of Revelation.

We will look at Revelation as a part of the Bible, a prophetic book, and in light of the teachings and understandings of the Church as experienced by the holy fathers of our faith.

- If you would like to add the book of Revelation to your toolbox as a thoroughly studied book of Scripture;
- If you would like to understand the book of Revelation as the Church understands it;
- If you have always wanted to know with clarity what the book of Revelation says, and what it doesn't say;

Join us for this important study.

The sign up sheet is in the Church hall.

**T**HE LORD SAID, These things I command you, that you love one another. If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. He who hates Me hates My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father. But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated Me without a cause.' But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning. These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.

**A**T THAT TIME, when Jesus got into a boat, His disciples followed Him. And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep. Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. So the men marveled, saying, "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"+



**Prokeimenon in Tone 5 (Ps 12)**

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever!

Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

**In the 7th Tone (Ps 63)**

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, and shall hope in Him.

GALATIANS 6:11-18; 2 TIMOTHY 2:1-10; HEBREWS 12:6-13; 25-27

**B**RETHREN, see with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

**T**IMOTHY, MY CHILD, you therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No

one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops. Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things. Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

**B**RETHREN, for whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives." If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed. See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven." Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.+

### Alleluia in Tone 5 (Ps 89)

I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy Truth from generation to generation.

Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever, and my Truth will be prepared in the heavens.

### In the 4th Tone (Ps 91)

The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

GOSPEL: LUKE 16:19-31; JOHN 15:17-16:2; MATTHEW 8:23-27

**T**HE LORD TOLD THIS PARABLE: There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. 'And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, 'for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'