



# Saint Paul the Apostle Orthodox Church

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## We Are A Stewardship Parish Of Time, Talent and Treasure

The mission of our parish faith community is to teach the Gospel message in the rich tradition of the Orthodox Church; to enable people to reflect the image of Jesus Christ in every day activities of life; to offer spiritual formation through changing times; and to celebrate community among Orthodox believers in our Freehold area. We of St. Paul the Apostle Parish dedicate ourselves to maintaining the sanctity of worship and spiritual enlightenment in a family environment that reaches and involves all ages and unifies all people. We believe in the spirit of ecumenism in which we share our faith by word and example and extend our spiritual insights to all people.

We accept the responsibility of Christian Stewardship that through generous giving we may all experience a faith communion with Christ as the Center of our lives.

We dedicate ourselves to insuring the well-being of all people so that we may truly experience the message of Christ's salutary gospel.

We are a beacon on a hill with the eyes of many upon us; that beacon is the inspired Light of Christ which must shine brightly in our lives.

*It is not ourselves we preach but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' has shone in our hearts, that we in turn might make known the glory of God shining on the face of Christ. This treasure we possess in earthen vessels to make it clear that its surpassing power comes from God and not from us. We are afflicted in every way possible, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in us 2 Corinthians 4: 5 - 8.*

## GLAD TIDINGS

+++ Monday is the simple feast of the Three Hierarchs. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 7: 30 PM. Please come and join us in prayer and praise.

+++ Thursday is the solemn feast of the Meeting of our Lord in the Temple. In anticipation, the vespereal Divine Liturgy will be celebrated Wednesday evening at 7: 30 PM. We are blessed this week with dual liturgical celebrations. Come and enjoy the blessings of heaven! Candles are blessed on this holyday!

+++ The next Pirohi Sale will be this Saturday, February 4. Preparations will be made Thursday morning at 7:00 AM. Please secure orders to assure its success.

+++ Those who would like their homes sanctified with the newly blessed water of Christ's baptism, please advise Father as soon as possible.

+++ The sign-up sheet for both the Web Site and Bulletin sponsors is on the bulletin board in the kitchen. Please sign up as soon as possible. Do NOT make payment until your sign-up month has arrived. This will make it easier for Father to keep track of payments. Thanks in advance to all who support the parish in this way.

+++ We offer thanks to the Blessed Trinity for inspiring generosity in the souls of our faithful and the blessing of abundant grace in our midst with the offering received this past week: Tithe Offering, \$240.00; Candles, \$15.00; Energy, \$30.00; Food Coupons, \$60.00, Christian Fellowship, \$5.00, for a total of \$390.00. We express our profound gratitude to the parishioner communicants who offered their God-given treasure and labored for the sake of the Lord and the good of our parish. God bless and reward you good and faithful souls! The attendance was 44 adults and 13 children last Sunday.

+++ As faithful believers, we intercede and associate ourselves in prayer with the following who have prayed and offered seven day lights for their intentions: Father Lucas, Pani Lucas, Maria Idromenos, Anna Zacharyczuk, Eleni Pallas, Debra Szmaida, Paul Szmaida, and Pani Buletza.

+++ We make a **PENNIES FROM HEAVEN** Canister available for our faithful to bring in pennies for our altar and its appointments. We are already in receipt of \$1050.00 from this apostolate. Even your pennies can help and are a blessing to our parish.

+++ For the expansion of our much needed parochial facilities, our parish pledge support to date totals \$110,000.00. As we thank the Lord for inspiring generosity in the hearts of our faithful, we also thank the donors for accepting the challenge of the Lord in building up His Body. We cordially invite and look forward to receiving additional and increased pledges from all our devoted parishioners.

+++ Please be certain to see a member of the Parish Council if you would like to help our parish by using **Shop Rite Food Coupons** available in \$20.00 denominations. We invite **ALL** to be caring and supportive and use Grocery Coupons for food shopping as we have gratefully realized \$1350.00 on this project to date!

+++ **The Clothing Drive** is a permanent on-going project in our parish. Please bring any type of clothing and fabrics along with stuffed animals and shoes for the benefit of our parish. The bags can be left in the vestibule or on the front porch of the rectory. Please invite your friends and neighbors to assist us in disposing of unwanted clothing, shoes and fabrics.

+++ We remember only those who are present for the entire Divine Liturgy should come forward to receive Communion. The entire Liturgy means "Amen" to "Amen."

+++ Please pray the Lord our God grant us an enrichment of our spiritual lives for his glory.

+++ We need a volunteer to be in charge of arranging trips to the Lancaster Co., Pa. Theater for our parishioners. Please see Father immediately.

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US

### God's Revelation To Us

*Indeed, God's word is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword. It penetrates and divides soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the reflections and thoughts of the heart* Hebrews 4: 12.

*Every word of God is tested; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Add nothing to his words, lest he reprove you, and you be exposed as a deceiver* Proverbs 30: 5, 6.

*Let the word of Christ, rich as it is, dwell in you. In wisdom made perfect, instruct and admonish each other. Sing gratefully to God from your hearts in psalms, hymns, and inspired songs* Colossians 3: 16, 17.

*Therefore take these words of mine into your heart and soul. Bind them at your wrist as a sign and let them be a pendant on your forehead. Teach them to your children, speaking of them at home and abroad, whether you are busy or at rest. And write them on the door posts of your houses and on your gates, so that, as long as the heavens are above the earth, you and your children may live on in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers he would give them* Deuteronomy 11: 18 - 21.

*Your word O Lord endures forever; it is firm as the heavens* Psalms 119: 89.

*Simon Peter answered him, "Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life"* John 6: 68.

*The heavens and earth will pass away, but my words will endure* Matthew 24: 35.

## He Calls Us By Name

One day, as He approached Jericho, Jesus met a blind man by the name of Bartimaeus who was crying out: "Help me! have mercy!" Luke 18: 38. Jesus turned and said, "Bring him to me" Luke 18: 40. When Bartimaeus came to Jesus, the Lord asked, "What do you want me to do for you?" Luke 18: 41. The blind man replied, "Lord, that I may see" Luke 18: 41. And Jesus gave him his sight.

If Bartimaeus had not cried out to Jesus at that time, he might never have received his sight. But he took advantage of that one moment in his life, and he did not care what other people thought. He simply cried out of need, "Lord, have mercy on me!" Luke 18: 38.

Is Jesus passing through where you are now? Should you also be praying, "Lord help me"?

Jesus went through Jericho. As a crowd gathered around Him, there as a short man in the crowd called Zachaeus. He wanted to see the Lord, but he could not see over the heads of the people in front of him. So he ran to a sycamore tree, and he climbed up to gain some height.

Zachaeus was the head of the tax division for Rome in that region. Rome would tell him how much money they expected him to collect in that region each year. Then, if he collected more, he could keep the difference. So, of course, he collected all that he could and he had become a wealthy man, but the people hated him.

Zachaeus was up sycamore tree, and Jesus was passing under the tree. Jesus looked up, and said, "Zachaeus" - He called him by name - "come down out of that tree. I am going to your house today" Luke 19: 5. Zachaeus was surprised and joyful. He quickly climbed down the tree and said, "Lord, come to my house." Luke 19: 6. The witnessing people began to murmur and say, "He has gone to a sinner's house" Luke 19:7.

Zachaeus was curious. He heard about the Lord, but he wanted to see for himself. He decided to go and check for himself. He was not willing to rest on what others said. Zachaeus faced a lot of obstacles to get to Jesus. First there was the press of the crowd and he was a short man. You too have obstacles incoming to Jesus. Your obstacle may be pride. You would come to Christ, but you are afraid of what people will say. Or you say, 'I'm a church member. I'm a good person. I receive the sacramental Mysteries. I pray and read Scripture frequently.'

Another obstacle for you might be the love of the world. People have said, "I hope that Jesus doesn't come for a long time. I'd hate to have to leave." "What does it profit a man if gains the whole world," asked Jesus, "and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Mark 8: 36, 37.

Moses had to choose: "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season" Hebrews 11: 24, 25. Yes, it is true we can have pleasure in sin, but that is only for a temporary time. Just a short time and it is done and over and then we are face to face with judgment and with hell.

We deliberately bring on our own spiritual death by the way we live. By the choices we make, we promote our own eternal death. We become absorbed with the things of this world. We need to surrender ourselves to Christ completely and make our commitment to Him. We cannot escape being in the world, but we do not have to be of the world. We do not need to partake of the world's evil things. We do not need to think the things that we think. We will be judged not only on what we do, but on what we think as well.

What is the secret sin that you do not want anyone else to know about? Is it dishonesty? Is it cheating? Is it fraud? Is it jealousy? Is it lust? The Psalmist David prayed, "Cleanse me from my secret sins" Psalm 19: 12. What is your secret sin; the thing that you hold onto, the thing that you won't let go of? Maybe it is keeping you out of the Kingdom of God. It may be keeping you from knowing the joy and the peace and the satisfaction that Jesus Christ could give you. "Lord, you have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance" Psalm 90: 8. "God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing" Ecclesiastes 12: 14.

"Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart" 1 Samuel 16: 7, the Scripture teaches us. Perhaps you have been battling with secret sins in your heart. Self-righteousness may be your obstacle to coming to Christ. "There is a generation that is pure in their own eyes and yet is not washed from their filthiness" Proverbs 30 :12.

When Jesus called Zachaeus down from that tree, it was a personal call. He used Zachaeus' name. He said, "Zachaeus, come down. I am coming to your house" Luke 19: 5. Jesus calls you and Jesus calls me by name: "Robert, James, John, Marlene, Elizabeth, Danny, Marilyn, Henry...." "I'm coming to your house. I am calling on you to make a commitment in your life to me. Will you come? Will you be serious? I wish to bring peace and joy and enduring patience. I want to give you the absolute assurance that if you live according to my commandments, you will be saved. You will go to heaven if you follow my example." It is a highly personal call because God knows everything about you.

All through salvation history, our God has been calling people personally. Jesus said He was the Good Shepherd, "...calling his own sheep by name and leads them out" John 10: 3. In the very beginning of Scripture, in the very first book, we read that God came to the Garden of Eden personally and called, "Adam, Adam, where are you?" Genesis 3: 9. God certainly knew where Adam was, but He wanted Adam to know where he was, that he was separated from God by sin. And that sin is passed on from generation to generation until all of us are separated from God. We all need to answer the call of God Who calls us by name and asks us to come to Him in repentance and faith.

God called the prophet Samuel by name 1 Samuel 3; 4 - 11. He called the prophet Jeremiah by name Jeremiah 1: 11. He called His disciples by name: Andrew, Peter, James and John. Matthew 4: 18 - 22. On the Damascus road, He called a man by the name of Saul and changed his name to Paul, who became the greatest preacher in the history of the Church. Acts of the Apostles 9: 1 - 9.

The call to Zachaeus was an urgent call, because Jesus said, "Zachaeus, make haste. Come now!" Luke 19: 5. And so, Jesus call us, "Come right now, quickly. Do not wait" Most of the conversions recorded in the New Testament were instantaneous. The call was successful in the case of Zachaeus. It was his golden moment. He waited a long time to see this Jesus about whom he heard so much. What was he going to do? In spite of all the people looking up at him in the tree, Zachaeus made haste and came down, publicly and immediately.

When Jesus called the rich young lawyer, he turned away from Jesus. Luke 18: 18 - 23. Why? Simply because the rich young man loved his riches more. He loved his way of life so much that he did not want any changes to take place. Jesus went to Zachaeus' house and had a meal with him. Zachaeus said, "Lord, I am willing to make restitution. If I have stolen from people, I will restore it fourfold. And I will give half of everything I have to the poor" Luke 19 :8. He proved indeed what he said in words. He stood and made these promises to the Lord in the presence of all the people. Every person whom Jesus called in the New Testament, He called publicly.

Jesus hung on the Cross publicly for us as well. It was no secret and it was not just physical suffering that He experienced. It was spiritual suffering too. In that moment, our heavenly Father laid on Him the sins of every human being that ever lived or ever will live. Jesus never committed a sin, yet on the Cross He became guilty of adultery, He became guilty of pride, He became guilty of thievery, He became guilty of hypocrisy. He became guilty of every sin imaginable in the mind and heart of man to commit. Your sin and my sins were put upon the Lord and He assumed them for us.

On the Cross, Jesus said, as He experienced paying the price for our sins, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me" Matthew 27: 46? because the holy God could not look upon sin.

There is a mystery in what happened on the Cross because no Theologian can totally explain it. But the Cross is the place where our sins were assumed by Christ and where we can find forgiveness and peace and joy and satisfaction.

Are you satisfied with your life? You can find real fulfillment only in Jesus Christ. He is the One Who gives total satisfaction. Our Lord taught us: "Whoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess before my Father who is in heaven" Matthew 10: 32. Are you lost? Are you confused? Are you searching? Are you seeking a new kind of life?

Zachaeus showed his faith by his works. We need to demonstrate our faith. We need to demonstrate what we believe. Jesus calls us by name to come and surrender to Him. That is what the Lord is calling you to do: surrender all to Him. Let the blood dripping from the Cross cleanse your sins. Come to the Cross and realize there will be a resurrection. Jesus is risen for our justification. If you repent and confess your sins, God will forgive you and crown your life with absolute victory. Zachaeus had wealth; that is what a lot of the world is now looking for. But Jesus wants to talk about your soul and how rich it is. He wants to speak to you about heaven and its eternal treasure. Jesus is knocking at the door to your heart and soul. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come to him and will sup with him and he with me" Revelation 3:20.

Invite the Lord in. He is knocking. He is calling. He knows you by name. He wants to change your life. He want you to head in a new direction. Assure your relationship to Jesus Christ. Come to Him with trust as Zachaeus did and you will not be disappointed.







# THERE IS HELP & HOPE

## **EXPERIENCE HOPE**

God wants you to experience hope (Jeremiah 29:11; Psalm 71:5-6). Hopelessness comes from Satan, whose purpose is to destroy the human race (1 Peter 5:8; James 4:7).

## **PRAISE GOD**

If we praise Him, God has promised to fight our battles for us (2 Chronicles 20:12-30).

## **GIVE THANKS**

Everyone can thank God for something. Take time to count your blessings (Psalm 146).

## **DISCOVER GOD'S PLAN**

With a renewed mind, you can know God's will for your life (Romans 12:2).

## **ENJOY PROTECTION**

God has provided us with spiritual armor to protect us from Satan's attacks (Ephesians 6:10-18).

## **RUN FOR HELP**

Confide in a parent, a trusted Christian friend, teacher, or pastor. Look for a Christian counselor for support (Proverbs 11:14; 15:22).

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."*

(Philippians 4:13)



# Did You Know That ...

- ...you can make more friends in a short time by becoming really interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you?
- ...you can treat your friends as you do your paintings by placing them in the best light?
- ...friendship is like a bank account; you cannot continue to draw on it without making deposits?
- ...the reason dogs have so many friends is because they wag their tails and not their tongues?
- ...experience is sometimes knowing a lot of things you absolutely should not do?
- ...failure is our teacher, not our undertaker; failure is delay, not defeat; it is a temporary detour, not a dead-end street?
- ...God calls us to be His praying presence, His healing presence; His life-giving presence in the world?
- ...the gifts of God are meant to be shared, the power to reconcile, to be peacemakers, to bring forgiveness and joy?
- ...we are sent forth to announce the kingdom of God and to witness to the joy and peace of Christ?
- ...by emptying ourselves through fasting we are open to the Trinity's work of transforming us?
- ...the Mother of God holds an important place in our life of prayer because she is our intercessor?
- ...every believer has the privilege of ministering to the people of God?
- ...by its prayers, our faith community continues to show loving concern for those who once shared its life but have gone to their eternal reward?
- ...we treat the goods of the earth respectfully and share our blessings with others?
- ...as believers, we live as a sign of hope in the world?

# Epilogue

## FULFILLMENT OF THE PROMISES

Reading about prophecy that has been fulfilled can be fascinating, but we can also find hope and inspiration in the prophecies that have been issued but are yet not yet fulfilled.

In some ways Christ's followers today find themselves in a similar position to the communicants of the early Church. They have received the same promises as the ones we read in the New Covenant; promises that Jesus will come again and justice will be done once and for all. As far as those first believers knew, the fulfillment of these promises was just around the corner, closely imminent. Yet nearly two thousand years have passed and we still wait how these events will unfold.

The prophecies of Scripture are discussed and debated today, much as they might have been in the early days of the Church. But whether one regards these passages as symbolic or literal, it is important to recall that there seemed to be a greater issue weighing on the minds of the prophets themselves; that is how people choose to live their lives as they wait for the prophecies to be fulfilled.

If a new world is coming and everyone will be held accountable for the way they live, the ultimate question the prophet would have us ask is: In what manner are we living? Are we looking ahead eagerly and enthusiastically? Do we have confidence that we are prepared for whatever the future holds? Are we living a life of patient service, with hope and trust in the Lord along with joyful preparation and proclamation as we wait?

Biblical prophecy by its very nature assumes there is a place outside of time and a divine being not bound by the unfolding of human history. The past, present and future are connected and all bound up together. These are a continuity. The amazing thing about prophecy is not so much that it predicts the future as so many unfortunately understand it – it is the idea that it connects our world, the days, weeks, months, years

and all the events that fill them – with a place and a God who is phenomenally bigger than ordinary time as we can only understand it now.

*My dear friends, pay attention.*

*God has given a lot of faith*

*to the poor people in this world.*

*God has also promised them a*

*share in his kingdom*

*that he will give to everyone who loves him*

James 2: 5.

## On The Edge Of Our Seats

If nothing else, the prophecies of Scripture offer hope, the idea that we can rightly expect something else from our lives, something better and enduring. Many who first read the New Testament prophecies of Jesus' return faced persecution for their faith. The end must have seemed close on the horizon. This hope enabled them to anticipate a future where justice and mercy would triumph no matter how badly things seemed at the time.

These same prophecies can offer hope to our world as well. In the face of uncertainty, injustice, and oppression, we are still offered a hope that this life extends beyond what we can see and that someday the scales will be balanced and physical scales will be removed from our eyes. We can look forward in world so often filled with injustice to an expectation that is more than welcome.

## 2 PETER 3: 10 - 14

The Day of the Lord's Return will surprise us like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a loud noise, and the heat will melt the whole universe. Then the earth and everything on it will be seen for what they are. Everything will be destroyed. So you should serve and honor God by the way you live. You should look forward to the day when God judges everyone, and you should try to make it come soon. On that day the heavens will be destroyed by fire, and everything else will melt in the heat. But God has promised us a new heaven and a new earth, where justice will rule. We are really looking forward to this! My friends, while you are waiting, you shall make certain the Lord finds you pure, spotless and living at peace.



## Titus 2: 11 - 14

God has shown us undeserved grace by coming to save all people. He taught us to give up our wicked ways and our worldly desire and to live decent and honest lives in this world. We are filled with hope, as we wait for the glorious return of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ., He gave himself to rescue us from everything evil and to make our hearts pure. He wanted us to be his own people and to be eager to do right.





*Jesus said,*  
I CAME SO  
EVERYONE WOULD  
HAVE LIFE AND  
HAVE IT IN FULL  
*John 10: 10.*





# LONGING FOR WHAT'S AHEAD

The apostle Paul, writer of many of the New Testament letters, told his readers that faith involved a change of citizenship. Christ's followers are no longer citizens of this temporal world alone, but *citizens of heaven* as well. Ephesians 2: 19 – 22; Philippians 3: 20, 21. It is only natural that a citizen of heaven would long for a bit of paradise.

Yet faith is not meant to be a form of frantic escapism that keeps us from living meaningfully in the present. Paul warned against this kind of response to prophecy when he admonished Christians in Thessalonica to ...*settle down and start working for a living*. 2 Thessalonians 3: 12. Taken as a whole God's revelation to us in Scripture describes God's people as those who live fully in the here and now – the abundant life offered by Jesus – and at the same time hope for the future promises still to come.



## Watch What You Sow!

We can never be too careful  
Of the seed our hands shall  
sow;

Love from love is sure to ripen,  
Hate from hate is sure to grow.

Seeds of good or ill we scatter  
Heedlessly along our way,  
But a glad or grievous fruitage  
Waits us at the harvest day.



**Romans 8: 23 – 25** The Spirit makes us sure about what we will be in the future. But now we groan silently, while we wait for God to show that we are his children. This means that our bodies will also be set free. And this hope is what saved us. But if we already have what we hope for, there is no need to keep on hoping. However, we hope for something we have not yet seen, and we patiently wait for it.

**2 Corinthians 5: 1 – 5** Our bodies are like tents that we live in here on earth. But when these tents are destroyed we know that God will give each of us a place to live. These homes will not be buildings someone has made, but they are in heaven and will last forever. While we are here on earth, we sigh because we want to live in that heavenly home. We want to put it on like clothes and not be naked. The tents we now live in are like a heavy burden, and we groan. But we do not do this just because we want to leave these bodies that will die. It is because we want to change them for bodies that will never die. God is the one who makes all this possible. He has given us his Spirit to make us certain he will do it.

**Philippians 4: 4 – 8** Always be glad because of the Lord! I will say it again: Be glad. Always be gentle with others. The Lord will soon be here. Do not worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God. Then, because you belong to Christ, Jesus, God will bless you with peace that no one can completely understand. And this peace will control the way you think and feel. Finally, my friends, keep your minds on whatever is true, pure, right, holy, friendly and proper. Do not ever stop thinking about what is truly worthwhile and worthy of praise.

**Hebrews 10: 21 – 23, 32, 38** We have a great high priest who is in charge of God's house. So let's come near God with pure hearts and a confidence that comes from having faith. Let's keep our hearts pure, our consciences free from evil, and our bodies washed with clean water. We must hold tightly to the hope we say is ours. After all, we can trust the one who made the agreement with us.

Keep on being brave! It will bring you great rewards. Learn to be patient, so you will please our heavenly Father and be given what He has promised. As the Scripture insists, "God is coming soon! It will not be very long! The people God accepts will live because of their faith. From the perspective of revelation and the teaching of the Church, the purpose of Jesus' life, death and Resurrection, from the collective witness of salvation history, we are offered hope and a promise of restored life based on our response in choosing eternal life over death.

## RIGHTLY DISPENSING THE WORD OF GOD'S TRUTH

In every Divine Liturgy we offer prayers for our hierarchs, so they can dutifully perform the awesome task of "...*rightly dispensing the Word of God's Truth.*" Indeed, it is the main task of every bishop to set the proper teachings of the Church before his flock and see that they follow these theological truths. Perhaps no one did this better than ST. GREGORY.

Gregory was born in the 4th century in the town of Nazianzus. His mother Nonna was a pious Christian woman. His father, a pagan at the time of Gregory's birth, would later embrace Christianity and become a bishop himself. He studied in Athens, where he was to develop a friendship with another great hierarch of the Church: St. Basil the Great. Eventually, Gregory would become Bishop of Sasima; later he would be summoned to Constantinople by Emperor Theodosius, where he was enthroned as the city's Archbishop.

This was a difficult time in the history of the Church. The teachings of the Church were often altered and subjected to the heretical whims of both civil and ecclesiastical authorities. When Julian the Apostate became Emperor, Gregory was compelled to write brilliant treatises on the Holy Trinity, earning him the title by which he is still referred: "*the Theologian.*" He was present at the 2nd Ecumenical Council, which was held in Constantinople. Through the efforts of these deliberations, the Creed, which clearly defined the Church's position on God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, was completed and accepted.

St. Gregory served as an instrument of God in unifying the Church into a cohesive unit. He will be remembered as a great "light" of Orthodoxy.