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Saint Paul the Apostle Orthodox Church

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FREEHOLD, NJ 07728

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2011

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J. Korba and Nikitas Tsokris, Cantors

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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

+++ Today we have festal anointing on the occasion of this past week's most solemn feast of the Universal Exaltation of the Life-Giving Cross. We are privileged to venerate the relic of the Cross today. The customary greeting is "Christ Is Among Us!" to which we respond, "He Is And Shall Be!"

+++ This past Friday was the feast of St. Euphemia, whose relics repose in the antimension on our altar table, along with all the other churches of our diocese. A reliquary, which was recently obtained for her relics is also

available on the sacramental table today for veneration. Prior to his departure from this earth, Father obtained the relics of the martyr from the Most Blessed Metropolitan for our veneration on her feast. St. Euphemia, martyr for Christ, pray to God for us!

+++ 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, \$568.00; Candles, \$23.00; Holyday, \$92.00; Food Coupons, \$360.00; Christian Fellowship, \$4.00, for a total of \$1047.00. 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, Robert Gorbich, Anna Zacharyczuk, Debra Szmaida, Paul Szmaida, and Pani Buleta.

+++ 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 \$1631.00 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 \$109,000. 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 **Helen Karpiak** or 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 \$5350.00 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."

+++ The next **Pirohi Sale** is **Saturday, October 1**. Please secure orders and offering helping hands.

+++ May all glory, adoration and worship be accorded our God in the Holy Trinity by all the faithful of our parish with one mind, one soul and one heart each day of the week!

LORD



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Attributes Of God

O Lord, you have probed me and you know me; you know when I sit and when I stand; you understand my thoughts from afar. My journeys and my rest you scrutinize, with all my ways you are familiar. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold O Lord, you know the whole of it. Behind me and before, you hem me in and rest your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; too lofty for me to attain Psalms 139: 1 – 6.

Who would dare refuse you honor, or the glory due your name, O Lord? Since you alone are holy, all nations shall come and worship in your presence. Your mighty deeds are clearly seen Revelation 15: 4.

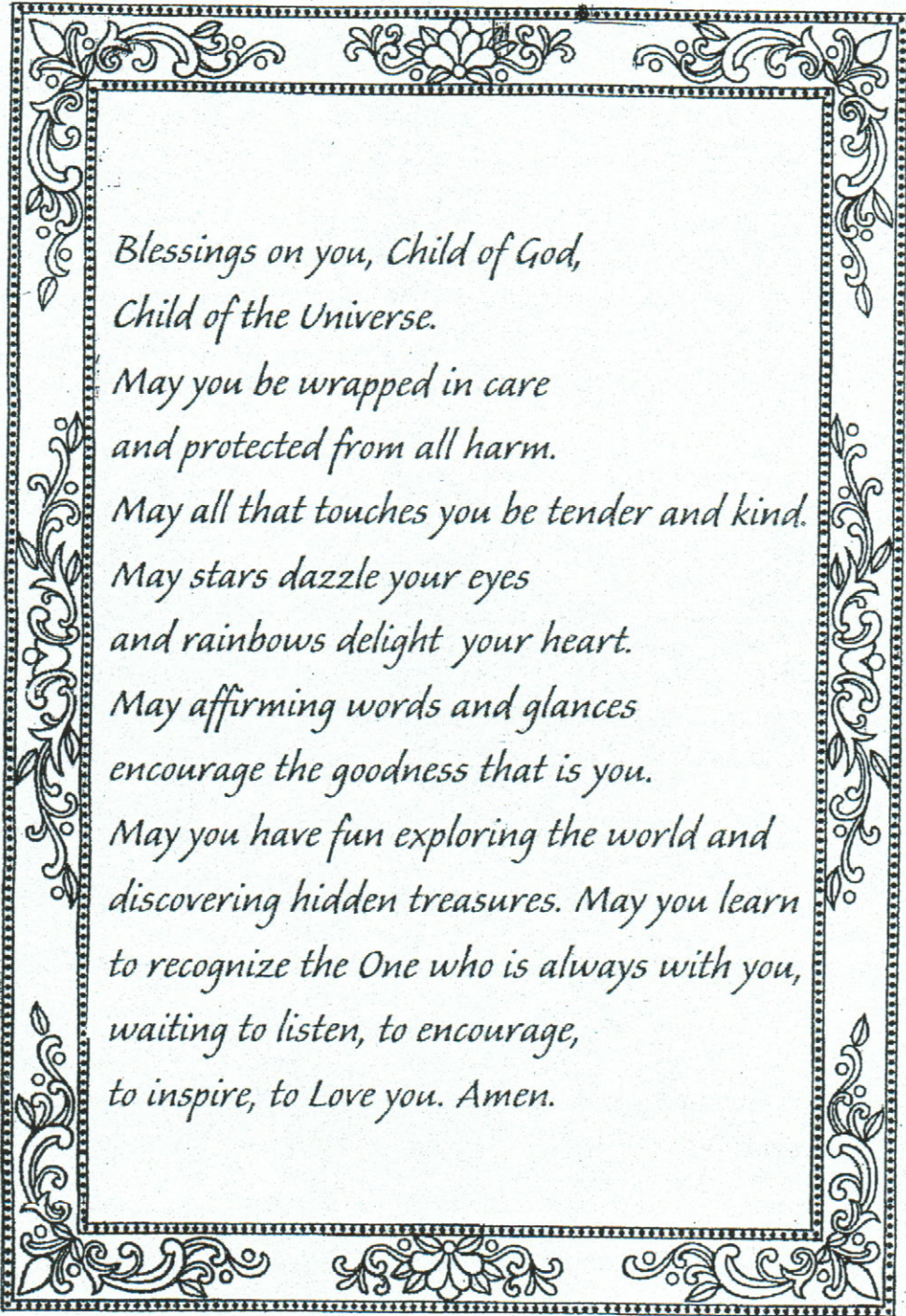
But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us; not because of any righteous deeds we had done, but because of his mercy Titus 3: 4, 5.

You free me from the snare they set for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hands I command my spirit; you will redeem me O Lord, O faithful God Psalms 31: 5, 6.

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name over all the earth! You have exalted your majesty above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings you have fashioned praise because of your enemies, to silence the hostile and the vengeful Psalms 8: 2, 3.

In a word, you must be made perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect Matthew 5: 48.

We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God and God in him 1 John 4: 16.



*Blessings on you, Child of God,
Child of the Universe.*

*May you be wrapped in care
and protected from all harm.*

May all that touches you be tender and kind.

*May stars dazzle your eyes
and rainbows delight your heart.*

*May affirming words and glances
encourage the goodness that is you.*

*May you have fun exploring the world and
discovering hidden treasures. May you learn
to recognize the One who is always with you,
waiting to listen, to encourage,
to inspire, to Love you. Amen.*

New Testament Names and Titles of our Lord Jesus Christ

The following is a list of names and titles of Christ, together with their biblical citations, that appear in the New Testament:

I John 2:1	Advocate
Revelation 1:8; 22:13	Alpha and Omega
Revelation 3:14	Amen
Hebrews 3:1	Apostle and High Priest of our religion
Luke 2:12	Baby
Matthew 12:18	Beloved
John 6:33	Bread of God
John 6:35	Bread of life
John 6:50	Bread that comes down from heaven
John 3:29	Bridegroom
Mark 6:3	Carpenter
Matthew 13:55	Carpenter's son
I Peter 5:4	Chief shepherd
Matthew 2:20	Child
Luke 23:35	Chosen One
Matthew 16:20	Christ
I Timothy 1:15; Colossians 1:1	Christ Jesus
Luke 9:20	Christ of God
Luke 2:12	Christ the Lord
Romans 9:5	Christ who is above all
Hebrews 2:9	Crowned with glory and splendor
Romans 8:29	Eldest of many brothers
Revelation 1:5; 3:14	Faithful witness
Matthew 12:18	Favorite
Revelation 1:17; 2:8	First and the Last
Revelation 1:5	Firstborn from the dead
Colossians 1:15	Firstborn of all creation
Luke 2:7	Firstborn (Son)
I Corinthians 15:20	First fruits
Matthew 11:19	Friend of tax collectors and sinners
John 10:7	Gate of the sheepfold
John 10:11, 14	Good Shepherd
John 12:41	Glory
Luke 2:32	Glory of your people Israel
Hebrews 7:22	Greater Covenant
Hebrews 13:20	Great Shepherd of the sheep

Ephesians 4:16	Head
Colossians 1:18	Head of the Church (Now the Church is his body, he is its head)
I Corinthians 11:3	Head of every man
Colossians 2:10	Head of every Sovereignty and Power
Revelation 2:17	Hidden manna
Hebrews 3:1; 4:14; 7:26	High priest
Acts 2:27	Holy One
Mark 1:25	Holy One of God
Acts 4:27	Holy servant Jesus
I Timothy 1:2	Hope
John 8:58	I am
II Corinthians 4:5	Image of God
Colossians 1:15	Image of the unseen God
Matthew 1:23	Immanuel
II Corinthians 9:15	Inexpressible gift
I Peter 3:18	Innocent
Luke 2:25	Israel's comforting
Matthew 1:21	Jesus
I John 2:1	Jesus Christ who is just
Hebrews 6:20	Jesus has entered before us
John 18:5	Jesus the Nazarene
Acts 7:52	Just One
Matthew 21:5	King
John 1:50	King of Israel
Revelation 17:14; I Timothy 6:15	King of kings
Revelation 15:3	King of nations
Hebrews 7:2	King of righteousness
Matthew 2:2	King of the Jews
John 1:29, 37	Lamb of God
Revelation 5:12	Lamb that was sacrificed
I Peter 1:20	Lamb without spot or stain
I Corinthians 15:45	Last Adam
Matthew 2:6	Leader
Acts 5:31	Leader and Savior
Hebrews 2:10	Leader who would take them to their salvation
Romans 11:26	Liberator
John 14:6; Colossians 3:4	Life
John 12:35	Light
John 1:4	Light of men
John 8:12	Light of the world
Luke 2:32	Light to enlighten the pagans
Revelation 5:5	Lion of the tribe of Judah

John 6:51	Living Bread
I Peter 2:4	Living stone
Luke 1:25	Lord
John 20:28	Lord and my God
Romans 14:9	Lord both of the dead and of the living
Acts 7:59; I Corinthians 12:3	Lord Jesus (Jesus is Lord)
Acts 10:36	Lord of all men
I Corinthians 2:9	Lord of Glory
I Timothy 6:15	Lord of lords
II Thessalonians 3:16	Lord of peace
Ephesians 2:21	Main cornerstone
John 19:6	Man, The
I Timothy 2:5	Mediator
John 1:41; 4:25	Messiah
Hebrews 8:2	Minister of the sanctuary and of the True Tent of Meeting
II Peter 1:20; Revelation 2:29	Morning Star
Matthew 2:23	Nazarene
Hebrews 1:12	Never change
Revelation 22:16	Of David's line
Ephesians 4:5	One Lord
John 10:16	One shepherd
John 1:14	Only Son of the Father
I Corinthians 5:8	Passover
Hebrews 1:3	Perfect copy of his (God's) nature
I Corinthians 1:25	Power and the wisdom of God
Luke 1:69	Power for salvation
I Peter 2:6	Precious cornerstone
Hebrews 5:6	Priest for ever (You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever)
Acts 3:15	Prince of life
Luke 1:76	Prophet of the Most High
Hebrews 1:3	Radiant light of God's glory
I Timothy 2:6	Ransom
Romans 3:25	Reconciliation
Hebrews 7:25	Remains for ever
John 11:25	Resurrection
II Timothy 4:8	Righteous judge
Luke 1:78	Rising Sun
Revelation 22:16	Root of David

I Timothy 6:15
Revelation 1:5

II Peter 2:20; 3:18
I John 4:14; John 4:42
Romans 15:8
I Peter 2:24

Philippians 2:7

Galatians 4:5

Matthew 1:1

Matthew 1:1

Luke 1:36

John 1:45

John 5:27

Mark 6:3

Mark 14:61; 62

II John 3

Matthew 16:17

Luke 1:32

Mark 5:7

Colossians 1:14

Matthew 17:5

I Corinthians 10:4

I Peter 2:8

I Peter 2:8

Matthew 23:11

Hebrews 9:16

I John 5:20

John 1:9

John 15:1

John 14:6

Revelation 3:15

John 14:6

John 12:24

I Corinthians 1:25

John 1:1

Revelation 19:14

John 1:14

I John 1:1

Ruler of all
Ruler of the kings of the
earth
Savior
Savior of the world
Servant of circumcised Jews
Shepherd and guardian of
your souls
Slave
Son
Son of Abraham
Son of David
Son of God
Son of Joseph
Son of Man
Son of Mary
Son of the Blessed One
Son of the Father
Son of the living God
Son of the Most High
Son of the Most High God
Son that he loves
Son, the Beloved
Spiritual rock
Stone rejected
Stone to stumble over
Teacher
Testator
True God
True light
True vine
Truth
Ultimate source of God's
creation
Way
Wheat grain
Wisdom of God
Word
Word of God
Word was made flesh
Word who is life



Don't Feel Like It

He answered and said, 'I will not,' but afterwards he regretted it and went
Matthew 21: 29.

All of us face unwanted chores and responsibilities and many times feel as if they were the last thing on earth we want to do. Mowing the lawn, doing the laundry, cleaning the house, writing out checks to pay the bills or even preparing a catechetical lesson after an exhausting week can make us feel like procrastinating.

When this happens we ought to espouse a worthwhile motto and repeat to ourselves: "I don't feel like it, but I am going to do it anyway." There is something about recognizing our lack of motivation and then choosing to be responsible that helps us follow through.

The value of our heavenly Father on faith and obedience can be seen in the parables of our Lord. Christ spoke about two sons who were asked to work in the vineyard. The first son initially said no, but "...afterwards he regretted it and went" Matthew 21: 29. The second said yes, but did not follow through. Then the Lord asked his listeners, "Which of the two did the will of his father?" Matthew 21: 31? The obvious one, easily enough, is the one who finished the task.

Our Lord's illustration underscores a key spiritual principle. Our heavenly Father is interested in our faith and responsive obedience, not just good intentions. Truth is, as all the saints attest, the road to hell is paved with good intentions. Next time you are tempted to shirk responsibilities, even duties, why not simply say, "I may not feel like it, I don't feel like it," and then prayerfully and very quickly ask for and secure the grace from heaven above to do it anyway.

Pray insistently, Lord help us to heed your word and to obey its precepts. Grant us the strength to deny the urge to do things our own sinful, perilous way.



Did You Know That ...

...since life is purposeful, trust that it is unfolding for you according to God's will?

...what we need to know is that God is always with us?

...in seeking God, sacred sparks of wisdom and understanding, shining rays of hope and possibility, radiant beams of love and truth constantly expand our worldview, awakening our soul and deepening our sense of passion and purpose?

...the many names for God in his revelation to us in Scripture reveal the myriad ways He loves us?

...hymnology in the Church is instructive, healing and confirming?

...a regular pattern of worship provides us with a renewed vision of our relationship with the Creator?

...a quiet mind is what is necessary for anyone whose gear shift is perpetually in overdrive?

...times of prayer are not spaces in between the events of life, but their inspiring motivation?

...you cannot put new wine into old wineskins?

...family worship is far more than prayers; it is living the faith in joy daily?

...the believer in Christ wakes to wonderment each day of his life?

...adjusting to periods of increased darkness in our lives, our spiritual eyes may begin to notice things as never before and envision real possibilities for actual change?

...listening to the prayer life of the Church can evoke cherished memories of days past as we experience once again the presence of our gracious God?

...in the stillness of God's silence we hear his whisper, "peace"?

...the dream of God for man is carried in strong hearts and gentle hands?

...we ought by our presence and demeanor share the gift of peace with those with whom we come in contact?

A TIME TO OBEY. . . A TIME TO RESIST. . .

The story of the GREAT MARTYR EUPHEMIA is a story of choices. She was born in Chalcedon in the third century - a time when Christians were still facing terrible persecution from the pagan Romans. Her parents were wealthy aristocrats; her father Philophronus was also a senator. However, they were "something" else: they were secretly devout Christians, and they did their best to foster a love for the Lord within their daughter. Euphemia could have lived a life of luxury and still practiced her Christian faith quietly. Instead, she chose to vocally express her beliefs, even though she understood that by speaking out, her life would be in danger.

Euphemia's faith was put to the ultimate test when the provincial governor Priscus came to Chalcedon to celebrate a pagan festival. Some 49 Christians, led by Euphemia, refused to attend. When the angry Priscus discovered this insubordination, he had them brought before him and demanded to know why they had disobeyed his imperial command. Without hesitation, Euphemia spoke up: *"Both the Emperor's commands and yours must be obeyed if they are not contrary to the God of heaven. If they are, not only must they not be obeyed, they must be resisted."*

Furious with this defiant response, Priscus ordered the dissenters to all be tortured for 19 days. Euphemia was the target of the most brutal cruelties. First, she was tied to a wheel. Then she was thrown into a fiery furnace. Surviving these ordeals, Euphemia was thrown into a pit filled with poisonous snakes. After making the sign of the Cross, she remained unharmed! Finally, St. Euphemia suffered martyrdom after being severely mauled by wild beasts. Her remains rest in the famous Church of St. George in Constantinople.