



**Holy Apostles  
Greek Orthodox Church**

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**10 Tips for Those Who Consider**

**Themselves Christians (Part 1)**

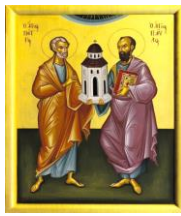
**1. Know your faith and know how to explain why we confess Orthodox Christianity.** “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear” (1 Peter 3:15).

**2. Be not arrogant.** To know and love your faith does not mean to blaspheme other people’s faith and to look down on the representatives of other confessions and religions, for such attitude to others’ beliefs is unworthy of the high name of a Christian. Remember that you are honored to be an Orthodox Christian only by God’s grace and that “we have this treasure in earthen vessels” (2 Corinthians 4:7).

**3. Love the word of God and study it all the time.** Every Christian should wholeheartedly read the Holy Scripture, following the teaching of the church and the words of Apostle Paul: “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord” (Colossians 3:16).

**4. Set a rule for yourself – to read a piece of the Epistle or the Holy Gospel and the Scriptures of the Old Testament.** When Christ said “search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me” (John 5:39), He meant exactly the Old Testament

**5. Pray.** Keep learning to pray for your whole life. Prayer is the main connection between God and the human being. If there is no prayer, there is no connection with God, and we cannot be His sons and daughters, His redeemed people, as well as He cannot be our Father. To recognize God as our Father, we need to ... **(Continued on the back)**

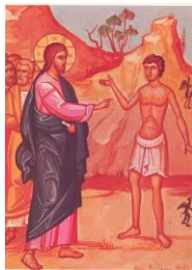


### **EPISTLE READING:**

#### **St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20**

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ

Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.



### **GOSPEL READING:**

#### **The Gospel According to Luke 8:26-39**

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he

lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into... **(Continued on the back)**

**Loudoun Hunger Relief Thanksgiving Dinner**

**Bags, Bring to church by Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>**

Place in a reusable bag: stuffing, 4 cans of vegetables boxed potatoes, gravy (mix or jar), cornbread or biscuit mix, cranberry sauce, dessert mix/ingredients, no perishables, \$10 grocery store gift card in envelope.

**Laconian Society of DC 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dance:**

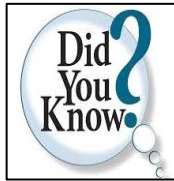
Friday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8pm-1am, Tysons Corner Marriott, Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres, Greek and American music, raffle prizes, call 703-734-3200 for tickets.



**GREEK SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

**continues!** Classes are Wednesdays at 5:00pm.

See Ergini Martnishn for program details and the curriculum.



Did you know, our basic operating costs in this temporary facility are \$4,701 a week! Help us move to a permanent church campus where we can invest in a church and buildings that are actually ours! Make a

donation today to our **Capital Campaign** for a permanent church campus in Ashburn.

**GUIDELINES FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:**

Holy Communion is offered in the Orthodox Church only to those individuals baptized and Chrismated (Confirmed) in the Orthodox Faith. To participate in Holy Communion one must be in good standing with the Church spiritually (for example, married people must have had their marriage blessed in the Church; and, all must be without grave sin on their hearts). For all Orthodox Christians, the proper preparation for Holy Communion must be observed: that is, examination of conscience, confession, reading the prayers for Holy Communion, and the proper fasting and abstinence prior to Holy Communion. If you have any further questions about this, please speak with our Parish Priest. Women should remove all lipstick when approaching for Holy Communion.



### **Greek Dance Group Practice, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>**

#### **After Sunday School**

For ages 5 and up. Registration forms are in the church hall and on our website. Contact Maria Plevrakis:

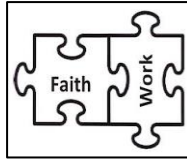
holyapostlesdance@gmail.com.



### **Prepare spanakopita and tiropita for the Philoptochos Bake Sale**

**Saturday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM**  
**Holy Apostles Church**

**Order your Spanakopita and Tiropita (\$25 per tray) by November 9th for pickup November 17th and 18th.**



### **“Career and Faith” series, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Immediately following Sunday School**

GOYAns will learn how our faith impacts career and business decisions from our Stewards Con Sofologis

(formerly in the United States Secret Service) and Ron Baldinger (American Airlines Pilot and former Air Force Pilot). All teens are welcome!



### **Hope & Joy Meeting, November 5<sup>th</sup>** **6:30-7:30pm, Holy Apostles Church**

Contact Ashley Joiner

(ashleyjoiner@gmail.com)



### **PAREA (Our Company of Friends)**

#### **Lunch, November 6<sup>th</sup>**

**11:30am, Delia's Pizzeria and Grill**  
**28 Edds Lane, Sterling 20165 (703-444-1661)**

LCPS will be closed that day, so feel free to bring the whole family! RSVP to Marina (571-969-9234)



### **PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY,** **Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, Immediately**

**following church** Make sure your stewardship is current so you are eligible to vote! Email Ron.Baldinger@gmail.com.

**Weekly Feature: Stewards of the Faith, All Things are Possible to the One Who Believes in Christ**

(Excerpt from Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America Stewardship brochure)

Through faith, God's will is accomplished in the world. Our great example is Mary, the Theotokos, the Mother of our Lord. When Archangel Gabriel came to her at the Annunciation, tradition and hymnology hold that all creation awaited her response. In faith and obedience to the will of God, Mary replied to the angel, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be according to your word" (Luke 1:38 NKJV). Mary responds with faith in order to fulfill God's will for all the world. **Stewardship of our faith** calls us to do those things that strengthen and grow our faith. Research has shown that Christians we seek three things from their church: Transcendence, Significance and Fellowship (Lost in America, Clegg & Bird 2001). Transcendence is to know God and to experience His presence. This we do through prayerful participation in Liturgy and the sacraments. Significance is the desire to have a purpose – to do something meaningful – most often in service to our fellow man. Fellowship is connecting with others through meaningful relationships. The Church offers opportunities for Transcendence, Significance and Fellowship, and in their pursuit, we also serve and support the Church and fully become members of the Body of Christ. **To be stewards of the faith** we are also called to be stewards of our local church which nurtures our faith and the faith of others. **Stewardship is an act of faith.** When we believe, stewardship follows. Stewardship is faith in action; action motivated by humble gratitude to God for his blessings in our life. As Saint John tells us about all that is written in his Gospel, "...these things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31 NKJ V).

**Weekly Liturgical Schedule for October**

Oct. 26 St. Dimitrios the Great Martyr 8:15 AM  
Orthros, 9:30 AM Liturgy



*Thank you to Diana Scordalakes for  
sponsoring today's Coffee Hour!*

(**Cover Message Cont.**) be His true children, which is just impossible without the communication through prayer. "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit" (1 Thessalonians 5:16- 19). (St. Elisabeth Convent/PRAVMIR)

(**Gospel Reading Cont.**) the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey will be honoring the Feastday of their Patron Saint, St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. All are invited!

**Mon. Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>**, 7pm Hierarchical Great Vespers

**Tues. Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>**, 9am Orthros and Divine Liturgy

All services are at the St. John Chrysostom Chapel in our Metropolis Headquarters (215 E. Grove Street, Westfield, NJ 07090) and will be followed by a reception at the Metropolis Headquarters.

*Today's memorial is in memory of **Maria Lekka (9 months)**, beloved sister of Diana Scordalakes. May her memory be eternal.*

