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“These words spoke Jesus, and lifted up His eyes to heaven, and says, Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You.”

He that has done and taught, it says, the same shall be called great in the Kingdom of heaven. And with much reason; for to show true wisdom in words is easy, but the proof the proof which is by works is the part of some noble and great one. Wherefore also Christ, speaking of the endurance of evil, puts Himself forth, bidding us take example from Him. On this account too, after this admonition, He betakes Himself to prayer, teaching us in our temptations to leave all things, and flee to God. For because He had said, ‘In the world you shall have tribulation,’ and had shaken their souls, by the prayer He raises them again. As yet they gave heed unto Him as to a man; and for their sake He acts thus, just as He did in the case of Lazarus, and there tells the reason; ‘Because of the people that stand by I said it, that they might believe that You have sent Me’ (John 11:42) Yea, says some one, this took place with good cause in the case of the Jews; but wherefore in that of the disciples? For they who, after all that had been said and done, said, ‘Now we know that You know’ (John 16:30), most of all needed to be established. Besides, the Evangelist does not even call the action prayer; but what says he? He lifted up His eyes to heaven, and says rather that it was a discoursing with the Father. And if elsewhere he speaks of prayer, and at one time shows Him kneeling on His knees, at another lifting His eyes to heaven, be not thou troubled; for by these means we are taught the earnestness which should be in our petitions, that standing we should look up, not with the ... **(Cont. on the back page)**



EPISTLE READING :

Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36

IN THOSE DAYS, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.' " And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.



GOSPEL READING :

The Gospel According to John 17:1-13

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, ...**(Cont. on the back)**

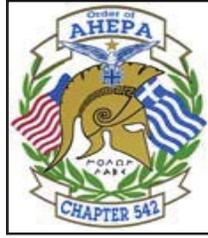
(Gospel Reading Cont.) having accomplished the work which you gave me do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made. "I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

(Cover Message Cont.) eyes of the flesh only, but of the mind, and that we should bend our knees, bruising our own hearts. For Christ came not merely to manifest Himself, but also about to teach virtue ineffable. But it behooves the teacher to teach, not by words only, but also by actions. Let us hear then what He says in this place. 'Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You.' Again He shows us, that not unwilling He comes to the Cross. For how could He be unwilling, who prayed that this might come to pass, and called the action glory, not only for Himself the Crucified, but also for the Father? Since this was the case, for not the Son only, but the Father also was glorified. For before the Crucifixion, not even the Jews knew Him; 'Israel, it says, has not known Me' (Isaiah 1:3); but after the Crucifixion, all the world ran to Him. Then He speaks also of the manner of the glory, and how He will glorify Him. (St. John Chrysostom)

May Weekday Liturgical Schedule

Mon. May 21 Sts. Constantine and Helen
8:15 AM Orthros, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
Sat. May 26 Saturday of the Souls,
8:15 AM Orthros, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

UPCOMING EVENTS



TODAY, AHEPA Sunday **Holy Apostles Church**

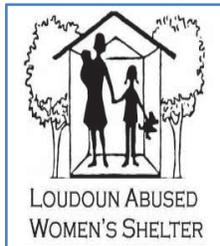
We will have a memorial for deceased AHEPAns and Daughters of Penelope, a presentation, and sponsor the coffee hour.

May 26th, AHEPA Memorial Day Wreath Laying, Arlington National Cemetery: All families and parishioners are invited. Go to our website for more details and to sign up.



HAGOC Mother-Daughter Tea **TODAY, 1:30pm** **Blooming Hill Lavendar Farm** **in Purcellville**

\$15 per person. See Julie Burke.



Collection for LAWS, through May **Holy Apostles Church**

Philoptochos is collecting cash donations and gift cards from grocery stores, gas stations, and retailers such as Walmart and Target for LAWS. Thank you!

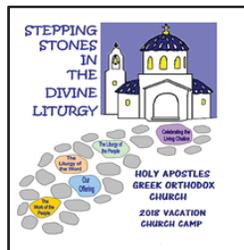
Additional Philoptochos Events

- **TODAY**, Distribute bags at church to fill with boxes of cereal for Loudoun Hunger Relief. We will be collecting cereal through June 10.
- **June 8**, 4-7pm, Volunteer at Women Giving Back
- **June 23**, 11:30am at Sunset Hills Vineyard. Join us for our last meeting before summer.



Hope and Joy, June 1st **6-7:15pm, Holy Apostles Church**

Join us for the last meeting of the 2017-2018 school year. See Ashley Joiner.



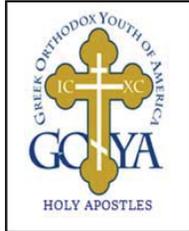
Deadline to Register is June 1st **HAGOC Vacation Church Camp** **June 18th-22nd; 9:30am-12:30pm**

Open to ages 4-11. Registration information is on our website. See Denise Lansdell or Asha Ioanou.

UPCOMING EVENTS



June 2nd, Adults' Night Out 7pm, Parallel Wine Bistro in Broadlands: No need to RSVP, just come! See Kristina Ayoub of the Stewardship Committee.



- **June 3, End-of-year Picnic:** 2-5pm, GOYAnS and their families are invited to celebrate the end of a great year at the new property in Ashburn! Details will be sent to all GOYA families.
- **June 10, End-of-year Discussion:**

Join us upstairs with Deacon Harry Chelpon after church



PAREA (Our Company of Friends) Lunch, June 5th, 11:30am at Mediterranean Breeze in Ashburn

Our June luncheon will be the last before the summer hiatus. RSVP to Marina (703-349-1842)



Sunday School and Greek School Graduation is June 10th

The Sunday School graduation theme is "Orthodox Christians: Many Nations One Faith." If you would like to contribute ideas, please see Ergini.

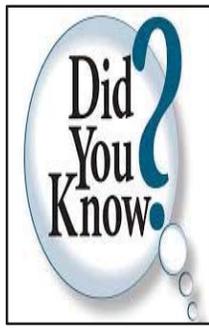
Camp Good Shepherd, July 8-14, Camp Painkatank in Hartfield, VA. An overnight week long camp for the Metropolis of NJ. For kids who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade. Go to goarch.org or see Lia Economou or Denise Lansdell to learn more.



Today's Memorial is for deceased AHEPAnS, Daughters of Penelope, and Vladimir and Galina Repin's mother, Elena, and fathers, Alexander and Alexey. May their memory be eternal.



Thank you to **AHEPA** and **Galina Repin** for sponsoring today's coffee hour!



After attending a FIRESIDE CHAT, attendees are coming up with creative ways to raise money for our Capital Campaign! Schedule your chat so you can be part of this momentous effort and give what we all have...TIME. Make this effort a priority of your time for your and our future!

WEEKLY FEATURE: Living as Apostles to America by Fr. Constantine Sitaras (*Excerpt*)

Knowledge of the Faith translates into living the Faith. Learning more and more about Orthodoxy by reading the Bible, participating in the Divine Liturgy and the services of the Church as disciples translates into being witnesses and models of Orthodoxy and Apostles to America. Discipleship is the process of living as Apostles. The word Apostle comes from the Greek verb apoSTELno which means I send or I dispatch. Apostolos means the one who is the dispatcher or the carrier of the Good News. As disciples of the teachings of Jesus Christ we must become Apostles of the great message of salvation. On the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit came with power upon the disciples as promised by the Master. They received that power and were empowered to go into the world with the most powerful message of all time: Death is vanquished – eternal life is a reality – the ultimate reality of the essential message of LOVE. From the time of one's baptism and chrismation, a Christian is on a life-long spiritual journey. That path can be one of passivity, a passerby with no inclination towards exploring the value and meaning of an Orthodox Christian lifestyle. The road can also be one of searching for greater meaning in life, experiencing the glory of the Resurrection, the depth of Orthodox teaching, and yes, the fellowship of being in communion with the Church and her members, living as a steward of the Faith and sharing yourself and your time, talent and treasures with others. The calling comes to each and every one of us. It is up to each individual to allow the Holy Spirit to work within us so that as we learn more, we may live more fully as witnesses and models and Apostles to America.