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Reflection... There is Only One Priest

Part I

There is only one Priest, in the fullest meaning of the word. There is only one Priest who both "offers and is offered," according to the words of our Liturgy. This unique Priest is Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Savior. As the Epistle to the Hebrews affirms with such power, the sacrifice which Jesus Christ has made upon the Cross has brought to an end all former sacrifices and former priestly ministries. The immolation of Christ, offered to God once and for all, expiates and takes away every sin. Jesus, our High Priest, is the only Mediator between God and human persons. He is the only source of grace.

Nevertheless, Jesus wanted to give all people an active part in his work of redemption and sanctification. He did not bestow his sacerdotal grace only upon a chosen few, but rather upon all Christians of whom the Apostle Peter said, "You are a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices to God through Jesus Christ... You are a royal priesthood" (1 Pet 2:5,9). In a very concrete way, then, we can speak of a universal priesthood, a "priesthood of all believers." Every one of us is truly a priest, insofar as we can unite ourselves to the priestly offering and intercession of Jesus Christ.

Epistle:

The Lord is my strength and my song. With chastisement hath the Lord chastened me.
The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (5:1-10)

Brethren, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him also we have obtained our access by faith to this grace in which we stand,

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Gospel:

St. Matthew (6:22-33)

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness.

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Please Pray For The Health And Spiritual Welfare Of:

David Khoury, Nichole Roedding, Michael, Andrew and James Muawad, Mark Mackool, Marion Severs, Fares Fakhoury, Yvonne Holwey, Gladys Solomon, Said Muawad, Minerva Basila, Nour Dahdal, Sue Williams, Jeannie Packard and Jacque Williams.

Epistle:

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and we boast in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we also boast in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces patience; and patience produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put to shame, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. For while we were still weak, in due season Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die, though perhaps for a good man one would even dare to die. But God shows his own love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, through him shall we be saved from the wrath. For if we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, while we were enemies, much more, being reconciled, we will be saved by his life.

Gospel...

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If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink; nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not the soul more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of heaven: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his stature? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon himself in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

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For Sunday, July 03, 2022

◆ For the health and spiritual welfare of Layla Kfouf on the occasion of her 9th birthday, offered by her grandparents Fr. Joseph & Kh. Elen Antypas.

God Bless America

***God Bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her through
the night with a light from above. From
the mountains, to the prairies, to the
oceans white with foam. God Bless
America, my home sweet home. God
Bless America, my home sweet home.***

Congratulations Natalie!

Natalie Baradihi accepted her 2nd place creative photography award at the parish Life conference in Grand Rapids on June 18th.



Third Quarter Of Fiscal Year Update

- ◆ We are into the third quarter of the year. It would be greatly appreciated if you would update your donations to the Archdiocese Dues, General Fund, etc. Church membership implies proper stewardship.

Attention Parishioners

- ◆ We would appreciate when you use your church pledge envelope and write your check, if you would place your pledge number on your check. Also, add your name on the envelope. This will help our treasurer and staff in documenting your donation more efficiently. Thank you!

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7/5- Ryan McCall
7/6- Nadine Austin, Rita Fakhoury
7/7- Layla Kfouf, Zohir Molhem
7/9- Michael G. Mackool



Happy Anniversary

7/9- Ron & Jeanie Packard

***May the Lord Jesus Christ bestow
his blessings upon them***

Welcome

St. George is a parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, under the Primacy of His Eminence Metropolitan Joseph, Archbishop of New York and of all North America, and whose auxiliary Bishop is Anthony who resides in Toledo, Ohio The mission of St. George Church is to serve God in the Greater Detroit Area by commitment to the Gospel Command and to grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ through faith, hope, and love.

St. George Church follows the faith and practice of the Apostles and Disciples of Christ handed down by the ancient Christian fathers and twenty centuries of Church tradition. Genuine Christian life nurtures and stimulates our spiritual and moral development.

To join the community of St. George of Troy or to find out more information, please give your name, address, and telephone number to one of the ushers. Father Joseph will be happy to contact you and answer any questions. We hope this day will be spiritually rewarding for you. Please join us in the

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Sunday, July 03, 2022

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