

Church School Opening Day

Today is Opening Day for our **Church School**.

We pray that our students and teachers will have a good and profitable year!

Many Years!

Për Shumë Vjet!

Archdiocesan Assembly

Father Dennis will be attending the **Archdiocesan Assembly** in Southbridge, Mass., on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. As a result, Daily Matins will not be celebrated on Friday, September 23rd.

Akathist and Bible Study

This Wednesday, September 21st, we will celebrate the Akathist Hymn, "**Glorify to God for All Things**" at 6:30 p.m. with our Adult Study group following at approximately 7:00 p.m.

This year, we will be studying the basics of the Orthodox Faith. We will begin by looking at and studying **The LORD's Prayer**.

Come for the service. Come for the study group. Come for both.

Jesus Prayer Meditation Group

On Tuesday, September 27th, there will be a **Jesus Prayer Meditation Group** at the home of Gregory Buzi II, 60 Brookdale Rd. in Seymour. The evening will begin at 7:00 p.m. with Evening Prayers followed by recitation of the Jesus Prayer and a period of silence. A meal will be provided after the meditation.

Speak to Gregory for more information and to let him know you will be attending.

Orthodox Education Day

Father Dennis will be attending **Orthodox Education Day** at St. Vladimir's Seminary on Saturday, October 1st. If anyone would like to go with him, let him know.

Also, Great Vespers will not be celebrated that afternoon because Father will be away.

FORCC Banquet

The 23rd **Annual FORCC Benefit Dinner** will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 9th. This year's event will be held at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church on Park Avenue in Bridgeport. **Louis A. Zagami**, Development Officer of *International Orthodox Christian Charities*, will be the guest speaker.

Menu options include chicken or stuffed fish fillet. Tickets are \$35 per person for adults and \$10 per person for children and must be purchased by October 2nd. Adult tickets purchased between October 2nd and 8th will be \$45.00 per person (*no tickets will be sold at the door*).

See *Father Dennis* or *Bob Lazar* for information.

Akathist and 12-Step Meeting

The next **12-Step Discussion Group** will be held on Friday, October 14th. We will celebrate the **Akathist to the Icon of the Virgin, "The Inexhaustible Cup"** at 7:00 p.m., followed by our group meeting. This is a change to the second Friday of the month from the usual third Friday because of the Teuta Ladies' Society Bazaar on the 22nd.

The focus of the meeting will be the *Tenth Step*.

News from the Teuta Ladies' Society

The **Teuta Ladies' Society** annual **Bazaar** will be held on Saturday, October 22nd.

This is **the** major fund-raising event for our Parish each year and there are many costs involved in putting it on. Please help us make it as much of a success as possible by making monetary donations to offset the costs of the *Bazaar*.

Please see *Louise Gallagher* or *Susan Galich* if you can help.

Also, please consider placing an ad in the **Program Booklet**. Forms are available at the Candle Desk.

Charity Collection

This month we are again supporting the **Rett Syndrome Research Trust** which raises funds for research into *Rett Syndrome*, the disease that took *Eva Karajani* from us three years ago this month.

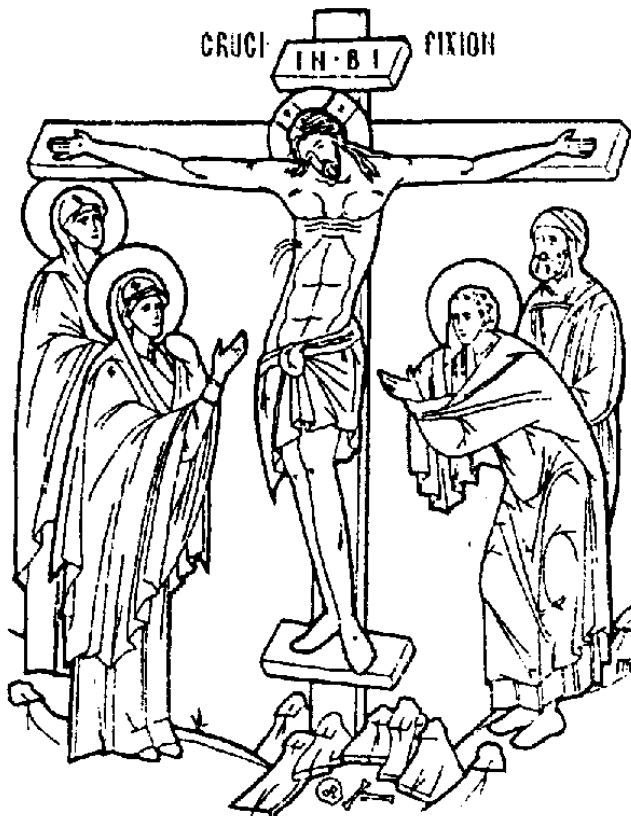
Please be generous!

Galatians 2:16-20

Brethren, we know man is not justified by the works of the Law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. Hence we also believe in Christ Jesus, that we may be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the Law, because by the works of the Law no man will be justified. But if, while we are seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore the minister of sin? By no means. For if I rebuild the things I destroyed, I make myself a sinner. For through the Law I have died to the Law that I may live for God. With Christ I am nailed to the Cross. It is now no longer I who live, but Christ is living in me. And the life I now live in the flesh, I live within the faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Mark 8:34-39

The LORD said, "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For anyone who would save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will save it. For what does it profit a man, if he gains the whole world, but suffers the loss of his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when He comes with the holy Angels in the glory of His Father." And He said to them, "Amen I say to you, there are some of those standing here who will not taste death, till they have seen the Kingdom of God coming in power."



Galatianëve 2:16-20

Vëllezër, duke ditur se s'del i drejtë njeriu prej veprash ligji, veçse me anë të besimit të Jisu Krishtit, edhe ne i besuam Jisu Krishtit, që të dalim të drejtë prej besimit të Krishtit, dhe jo prej veprave të ligjit; sepse asnjë njeri s'ka për të dalë i drejtë prej veprave të ligjit. Po në qoftë se duke kërkuar të dalim të drejtë në Krishtin, u gjetëm edhe ne mëkatarë, Krishti pa fjalë qenka shërbëtor i mëkatit? Qoftë larg. Sepse nëse ndërtoj përsëri ato që prisha, bëj veten time ligjshkelës. Sepse unë me anë të ligjit vdiqa në ligj, që të rroj në Perëndinë. Bashkë me Krishtin u kryqëzova; dhe s'rroj më unë, po Krishti rron tek unë; dhe atë që rroj unë tani në mish, rroj në besimin e Birit të Perëndisë, i cili më deshi dhe dorëzoi veten e tij për mua.

Marku 8:34-9:1

ZOTI tha: "Kush të dojë të vijë pas meje, le të mohojë veten e tij dhe le të ngrerë kryqin e tij, dhe le të më vijë pas. Sepse kush të dojë të shpëtojë shpirtin e tij, do ta humbasë; po kush të humbasë shpirtin e tij për shkakun tim dhe të ungjillit, ky do ta shpëtojë. Sepse ç'dobi do të ketë njeriu, në fitoftë gjithë botën, dhe të dëmtojë shpirtin e tij? Apo ç'do të japë njeriu për këmbim të shpirtit të tij? Sepse cilitdo që t'i vijë turp për mua dhe për fjalët e mia në këtë brez të përdalë e fajtor, edhe të birit të njeriut do t'i vijë turp për atë, kur të vijë në lavdinë e Atit të tij bashkë me engjëjt e shenjtë." Edhe u thoshte atyre: "Me të vërtetë po ju them juve, se janë disa prej këtyre që rrinë këtu, që nuk do të provojnë vdekje, deri sa të shohin mbretërinë e Perëndisë të ardhur me fuqi."