

The Gospel's Voice



Orthodox Parish of the Holy Transfiguration

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From Death to Resurrection

We have arrived at the end of lent, during which we have heard Christ announcing: *“The son of man will be delivered into the hands of men who will put him to death; and three days after his death, he will come back to life.”* (Mark 9/31)

Thus, we have progressed with this view: the cross, the place of death, of sacrifice and sign of victory over death and evil, promise of forgiveness and healing.

Only the one who lives the Gospel can say that he is truly Christian. But to live the gospel is to participate fully in the death

and resurrection of Christ. This participation implies a radical change of point of view, the *metanoia* which is at the same time repentance, change of perception, exaltation of affectivity and penetrated intelligence of the divine energies.

Living the gospel also means reorienting our desire from fragmented partial desires to total reunified desire, love.

*“You shall love the Lord your God with **all** your heart, with **all** your soul, with **all** your strength, and with **all** your mind. And your neighbor as yourself.”* (Luke 10/27)

To live the Gospel involves an effort, a struggle, the asceticism that applies first to the intelligence. Fasting is not just about food, but about thoughts. That is why all Orthodox spirituality is a persistent attention to the movements of our mind, a constant vigilance, a joyful sobriety and an intellectual purge.

To participate in the death and resurrection of Christ is a total commitment to the mystery of love. Orthodoxy is nothing but the following of Christ, poor and humble of heart. It is not a doctrine, a philosophy, metaphysics, morality, a method to access well-being, but the paschal existence of dying to oneself by taking on the burden of others, to enter the true life as deified men and women, who have become temples of the Holy Spirit.

P. Athanasios



Divine Liturgy

Every Sunday at 9.30 a.m.

Holy Week 2018

Sunday 1st of April at 9.30 am: Palm Sunday

Holy Wednesday April 4th at 6.30 pm : Office of the holy oil

Good Friday 6th at 5 pm: Vespers of the burial.

The church will be open from 2.30 pm to prepare the epitaphion's stand.

Holy Saturday 7th at 8 pm : Easter Matines

Sunday 8th at 9.30 am: Saint and Bright Easter Sunday

Sunday 15th: Thomas' Sunday

22nd: Myrrhophores and Joseph of Arimathea's Sunday

29th: the Paralytic's Sunday

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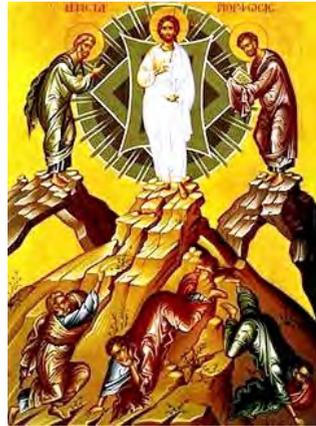
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