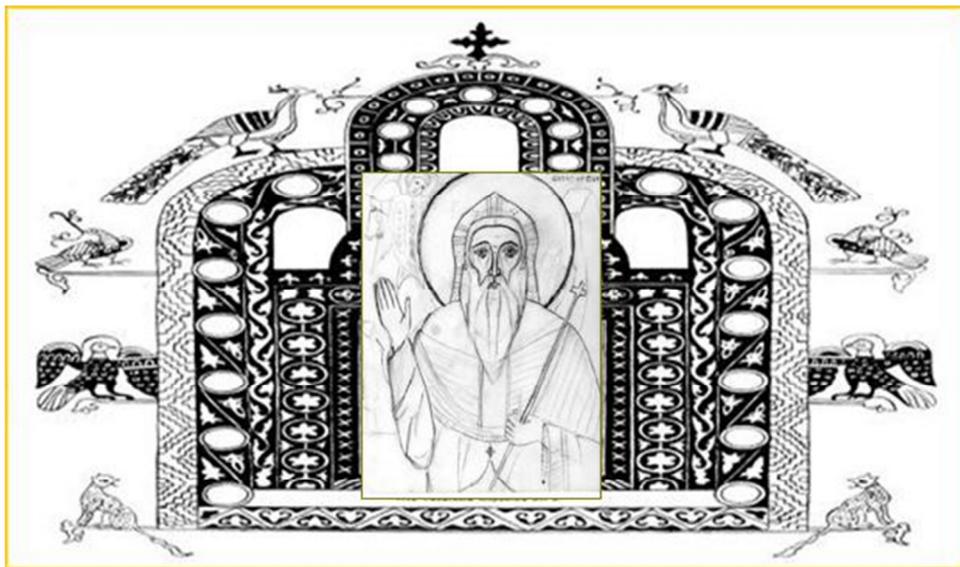


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SCHEDULE

ORTHROS: WEDNESDAY, 7:30AM AT BOND CHAPEL.

VESPERS: SATURDAY, 6PM AT CALVERT HOUSE

THURS. 6:30pm VESPERS AT BRENT HOUSE, 5540 WOODLAWN

DIVING LITURGY: SUNDAY, 10AM AT BOND CHAPEL (ORTHROS AT 9AM)

No Matins this Wednesday, while Fr. Elijah at Council; Thursday OCF still to take place. At OCF the remainder of the quarter, we will be sharing stories of our experience in or coming to Orthodoxy.

NEW AND RESTARTED CHURCH EDUCATION:

Inquirers class: Thurs. 5pm at Icon Studio – contact Fr. Elijah for info. Begin new series 11/10 “Church History and Dogma.” Open to all, not just inquirers.

BIBLE STUDY BEGINS 11/12, “UNDERSTANDING LAW AND THE GOSPEL” 5:15pm at Calvert prior to Vespers, led by Presvytera Rebecca.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for the kids is being arranged by Richard Zaleski: kids should go talk to him about what they would be willing and able to do.

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Thank you’s:

Thanks to Natasha, Lindsey-Anne, Mara and Rebecca for baking prosphora. Thanks to Deacon Lawrence for covering part of the AAC expenses. Thanks to Panayota Rigas and Alexander Sotiropoulos for attending mandatory RSO training for the OCF. Thanks once again to the Polites for hosting the beginning of the school-year party. Thanks to Rebecca, Natasha, Mara, Jeannell, Claire and others for coffee-hour help. Thanks to Lindsey-Anne and Shannon for starting the parish directory. Thanks to Richard for all the

general intern help. Thanks to all who help out with the kids in various ways. Thanks to all helping with the services and donating. Thanks to all who have helped with set-up and taking down of the chapels.

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Fr. Elijah and Rebecca will be from Sunday afternoon to Friday evening at the All-American Council of the Orthodox Church in America, a triennial hullabaloo. Pray for us and the Church in this land. May the grace of the Holy Spirit make mercy and love to prevail, so that as little as necessary is disturbed by the excessive talking of all of us... We can be reached by phone, and can arrange for Deacon Lawrence or someone else to come and visit in an emergency.

Joking aside, this is an important first: it is the first All-American Council held West of the Mississippi. All our Orthodox jurisdictions (maybe except for the Serbs) tend to be weighted toward the East coast and Pennsylvania. One hopes for a Church which is not centered on the trans-atlantic concerns of immigration, but truly lifting up the cross of Christ and manifesting the Good News of the resurrection here. The 'better place' we should be yearning for, is not an earthly homeland, but the kingdom of heaven. The nostalgia we should feel for Paradise, and the witness of the saints who call us into the heavenly kingdom.

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The Savior has taught men what they could never learn among the idols. It is also no small exposure of the weakness and nothingness of demons and idols, for it was because they knew their own weakness that the demons were always setting men to fight each other, fearing lest, if they ceased from mutual strife, they would turn to attack the demons themselves. For in truth the disciples of Christ, instead of fighting each other, stand arrayed against demons by their habits and virtuous actions, and chase them away and mock at their captain the devil. Even in youth they are chaste, they endure in times of testing and persevere in toils. When they are insulted, they are patient, when robbed they make light of it, and, marvelous to relate, they make light even of death itself, and become martyrs of Christ.

— St. Athanasius the Great [293-373]

On the Incarnation, Chapter 8, 52

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Please remember to pray for the Coptic Orthodox in Egypt, who have experienced recent violence. Our prayer for the Orthodox in the Middle East is that a miracle of peace, stability and tolerance take place in all those societies. As countries move toward democracy, we pray that democracy does not mean the majority versus the minority/ies, as it so often does in our own American society. Let us not respond to the situation there with casual generalizations and a political mentality, but with the peace of prayer.

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It is a fearful thing to hate whom God has loved. To look upon another – his weaknesses, his sins, his faults, his defects – is to look upon one who is suffering. He is suffering from negative passions, from the same sinful human corruption from which you yourself suffer. This is very important: do not look upon him with the judgmental eyes of comparison, noting the sins you assume you'd never commit. Rather, see him as a fellow sufferer, a fellow human being who is in need of the very healing of which you are in need. Help him, love him, pray for him, do unto him as you would have him do unto you.

— St. Tikhon of Zadonsk (1724-1783)
