

Holy Nativity of the Lord Mission

August 24, 2015,



Sunday Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:33-42 (*Gospel*)

Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. 34

Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?

They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes?'

SS. Alexander John, and Paul, Patriarchs of Constantinople Troparion & Kontakion

Troparion: O God of our Fathers, always act with kindness towards us; take not Your mercy from us, but guide our lives in peace through the prayers of the Patriarchs Alexander, John, and Paul!

Kontakion: Set a flame by the love of Christ, O glorious ones, you took up the yoke of His precious Cross revealing, yourselves as Followers in His footsteps by your way of life, and you became partakers of His divine glory, divinely-wise Alexander, with wonderful John and glorious Paul.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	<p>St. Emilia Ladies Night out @ Twisted Root – 5:45</p>	<p>Fast Vespers, Meal, Bible Study at Foster’s 5:30- 7:00</p>		<p>Fast Men’s Lunch</p>	<p>Great Vespers: 5:00</p>	<p>Divine Liturgy (Barksdale) 10:00</p>

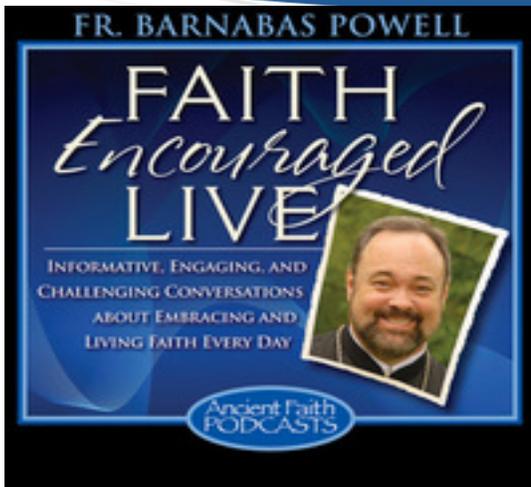
Service

A reminder to those who serve Holy Nativity this week. Your service is greatly appreciated!

Sunday Coffee Hour – Stacy Cosse

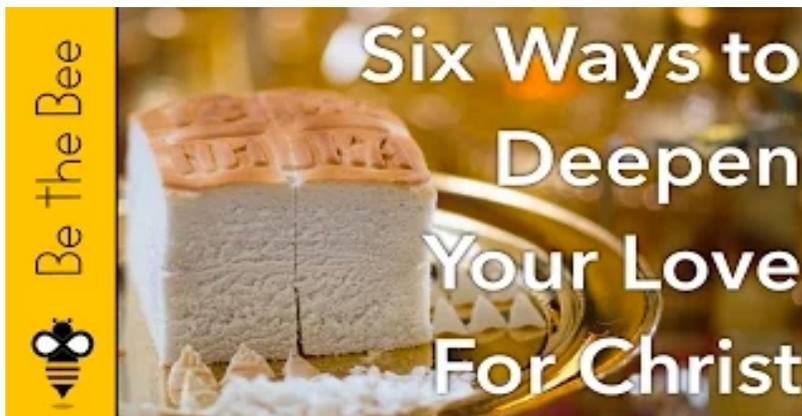
Prospora (needs to be brought to Great Vespers)– Stacy Cosse

No Choir
Practice this
Saturday



Fr. Jonathan Ivanoff joins Fr. Barnabas for a discussion about the Orthodox view of salvation. What do you tell people when they ask you “Are you saved?”

http://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/faithencouragedlive/what_must_i_do_to_be_saved



Be the Bee – Six Ways to Deepen Your Love for Christ

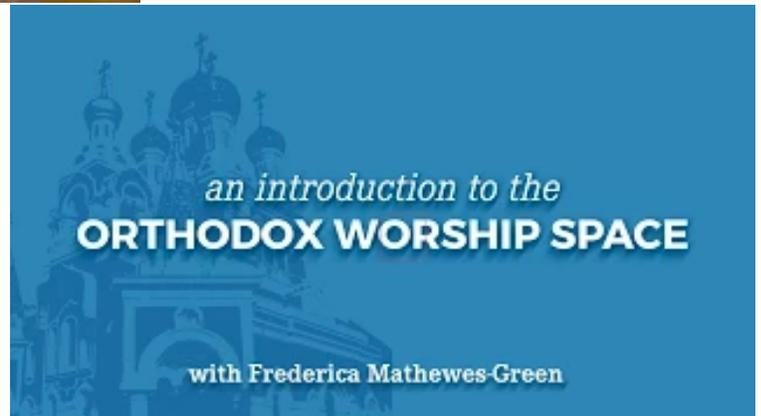
Living Orthodoxy is about love. Here are six ways you can deepen your love for Christ.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9oddGj2JOAM>

David Daleiden – The Man Behind the Planned Parenthood Exposé

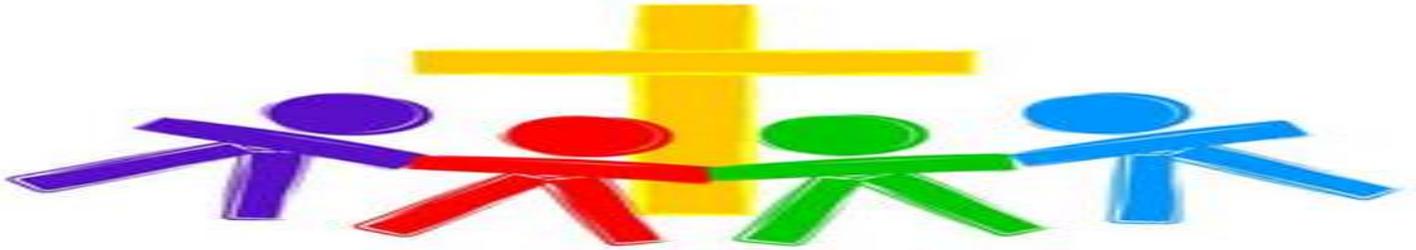
In this special edition, Kevin speaks with David Daleiden, the director of the Center for Medical Progress, the pro-life activist organization that planned and produced the videos that have shaken the abortion industry in the United States.

http://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/aftoday/david_daleiden_the_man_behind_the_planned_parenthood_expose



Join Frederica Mathewes-Green, on a journey into the Eastern Orthodox Church. Learn about the teachings and dogma, Orthodox architecture and terminology, and what it means to live an Orthodox life.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YimgCkBbH7cx> Life.



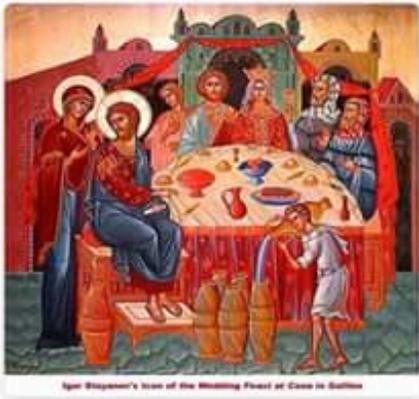
Wednesday Night Vespers, Meal, and Bible Study: 5:30-7:00



St. Emilia Ladies Night
out this Tuesday at
Twisted Root- 5:45



Men's Lunch
every Friday at
Shanes on
Youree, 12:00.



The love of husband and wife is the force that welds society together. Men will take up arms and even sacrifice their lives for the sake of this love. St. Paul would not speak so earnestly about this subject without serious reason; why else would he say, “Wives, be subject to your husbands, as to the Lord?” Because when harmony prevails,

the children are raised well, the household is kept in order, and neighbors, friends, and relatives praise the result. Great benefits, both of families and states, are thus produced. When it is otherwise, however, everything is thrown into confusion and turned upside-down.

+ St. John Chrysostom, Homily 20 on Ephesians

LIVE BROADCAST MONDAY, AUG 24, AT 8 PM EASTERN

REMEMBERING
Father Thomas Hopko



A special live call-in broadcast
hosted by Kevin Allen

KEVIN'S GUESTS:

Dr. Al Rossi, Mother Christophora,
and Dr. Peter Bouteneff



ANCIENT FAITH RADIO

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**Remembering Father
Thomas Hopko**

**Live Broadcast
TONIGHT, 8pm EST**



**Venerable
Seraphion, Abbot
and
Wonderworker of
the St. John the
Baptist Monastery
Commemorated on
August 24**

Saint Serapion was abbot of the Monastery of St. John the Baptist in the Davit-Gareji Wilderness. He was endowed by God with the ability to work miracles.

Once St. Serapion set off for the city, following at a short distance behind several of the monastery's brothers.

While they were traveling, a group of bandits attacked the monks who were walking in front of their abbot and made off with many of the church vessels they were carrying.

Terrified, the monks ran back to Serapion and told him what had happened.

"Great is God!" said Serapion. "I will not permit the unbelievers to steal His sacred things!"

With staff in hand, the elder raced ahead alone in pursuit of the robbers. When the robbers turned back they saw a terrible flame issuing forth from the elder's staff and became greatly afraid. They abandoned the donkey that had been carrying their spoils and took to their heels. Another time Serapion suddenly burst out of his cell and cried to the brothers, "Woe is me! Woe is me! Robbers have attacked the servants on their way to the monastery!"

Having made this frightening announcement, he returned to his cell and began to pray. After a few hours the distraught servants arrived at the monastery and reported that bandits had attacked them along the way. The servants said that, when fleeing their attackers, they had abandoned the mules that were hauling the monastery's property. A short time later the mules arrived at the monastery unaccompanied, bearing their load as before.

St. Serapion eventually abandoned his leadership of the monastery. He was tonsured into the great schema and withdrew into seclusion. Soon after, God revealed to him that his death was near, and he asked the brothers to bury him under the church gates, in a grave that he had prepared for himself. He intended for all who entered there to walk over his grave.

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