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WISDOM FROM FR. B: DON'T SAY "BOO, BOO" WHEN YOU ONLY HAVE TO SAY "BOO"

A Message from Fr Noah

Dear Saint Philip's Family,

Christ is in our midst! He is and always shall be!

We use this beautiful expression to remind us of that fact that our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ is really present with us. He is present in many ways, especially in the Church and her holy ones (the saints, of course, but also repentant monastics, clergy, faithful), in the holy elements (scriptures, sacraments, services, temples, icons), and in creation. He is present as the God who not only "looks down from heaven" as the Creator, but also as one who has lived in and transformed humanity.

He is also present, and this is our feast today and this beautiful Pentecost season, by sending us the Holy Spirit. We know that the Holy Spirit proceeds, is derived from, God the Father only (Nicene Creed quoting our Lord as recorded in John 15:26). The Church is and will be the continuing presence of Christ in the world by inspiration, enlightenment, and life-giving energies of the Holy Spirit!



Let us cooperate with the Holy Spirit by bringing forth fruit worthy of repentance! By having the "fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control".

Come Holy Spirit and Abide in Us!

+ Fr. Noah

Biblical Wisdom: God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.

James 4:6

Parenting Suggestion

From *Parenting Toward the Kingdom* by Philip Mamalakis:

"Children do not need perfect parents, they only need repentant parents."



Challenge for 2017:
Be led by the Spirit, not pushed by the passions
 (Romans 8:12-14)

Beg God for self-knowledge, for purity of heart, for humility and repentance. Too often because of our false-love we think we are speaking the truth but people can't hear it because we have little love and are like a clanging cymbal or sounding brass. Lord, help us to be joyfully humble, more reliant on you and more thankful for those around us!

Summer Reading!

For Grades Pre-K to 5

"Be Kind to One Another"

Begins Sunday, June 11
 with a Read-Aloud after church

Return Book Reviews
 by Sunday, July 30

Readers' Celebration
 Sunday, August 6

Sign up in the Narthex.



Read a book of the Bible!

Read the Song of Songs and ignite your passion for God with a reminder of His love..

Missions Minute

Calling all Medical Personnel

Do you work in the medical field? OCMC Health Care Teams need you! By participating on an OCMC health care outreach, you will treat illnesses, care for the poor and needy, offer public health training and be a witness of our Orthodox Faith. Health care providers are needed! Visit ocmc.org for details.

Everyday Evangelist

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

Join a friend in an activity or hobby.

Mark Your Calendar:

High School Graduate Recognition
 Sunday, June 11

Parish Life Conference
 June 28 - July 2 Morristown, NJ
 Hosted by St George, Little Falls
www.antiochianevents.com/ny.html#

Apostles' Fast - June 12-28

Services for Sts. Peter & Paul
**** Held at St Paul Church, Emmaus ****
 Wed, June 28 - Matins 6 pm, Liturgy 7 pm

Sacred Music Institute
 July 12-16

At the Antiochian Village

Vacation Church School
 August 7-11

The Parables of Christ

Fr Boniface Memorial & Retreat
 August 12-13

International Food Festival
 Sept 15 & 16 - Work & Pray & Invite!

Wisdom from Fr. B.

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As all who knew him remember, Fr. Boniface was a wise and shrewd man. He was very careful not to over-speak. It is a lesson he tried to teach me over and over again. I think I've finally begun to learn it. Let's ask ourselves these questions before we open our mouths: **"Why** do I want to speak? Is it **pleasing to God**? Is it for the **hearer's benefit** or my own benefit? Is this the **best time**? Is this the **best place**? **How** should I say it?" We don't want to overthink our every word, unto "paralysis of analysis," but we do want to measure our words carefully since we will be measured against them by others and especially by God.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

HIGH SCHOOL



Ephrem Acker is graduating from Souderton Area High School, where he has enjoyed singing with the Advanced Choir and performing in several dramatic and musical stage productions. He will be attending Montgomery County Community College in the fall, but is as yet undecided as to his course of study.

Kira Godshall is graduating with Honors from Springside Chestnut Hill Academy. She has enjoyed being active in a number of clubs including the Honors A Cappella Choir and will be traveling to Ireland with her choir this summer to perform. Kira has also enjoyed performing in her school's plays and musicals. Captain of the JV tennis team, Kira was presented the coach's award at the end of her final season. More than all of her academic and extracurricular achievements, Kira's most cherished high school memory was helping to take care of her Yiayia who was battling cancer during Kira's freshman year. Kira is completing her high school career by working with the therapy teams at Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Hospital and will be entering the College of Health and Human Development at Penn State University Park in the Fall.

Nicholas Habre is graduating cum laude from Germantown Academy, where he completed the Pearl S Buck International Leadership program in his Junior year and has been working with Montgomery County Commissioner Joe Gale for his senior project. Nick will attend Villanova University in the fall, where he will study Electrical Engineering.

Hannah Kemperman is graduating from Boyertown Area High School, ranking 5th in her class of 575. Hannah was in National Honor Society, and participated in Future Business Leaders of America, Concert Choir, Science Olympiad, and track. She traveled to Europe with the German Club and with the Chorus, and hosted two German exchange students for a month last year. Hannah will attend Temple's School of Science and Technology, studying Biochemistry.

COLLEGE

Kevin Burke graduated from Lebanon Valley College with a B.S. in Music Education. He plans to return to this area and work toward additional certifications for his two music fields, teach private music lessons, and work as a freelance live sound audio engineer.

Katie Carpenter graduated from The Pennsylvania State University Schreyer Honors College, summa cum laude, with honors in music and degrees in both Music Education (BME) and Vocal performance (BM). She also earned graduate credits in Musicology, and was inducted into four academic and music honor societies. Katie will be in Chicago for part of the summer singing in Chicago Summer Opera's production of *The Crucible*. She will also spend time working as a singer/server at the Victor Cafe in Philadelphia. Katie is applying for music education positions for the fall and auditioning for various opera companies.

Steven Gozur is graduated from Widener University with a degree in Civil Engineering and a Minor in Mechanical Engineering. He played football for 4 years and was the captain of the team senior year, earning several athletic and academic honors. Steven has accepted employment with Traffic Planning and Design, working out of their Doylestown office.

Tory McClintock graduated from The George Washington University with a degree in Business Economics & Public Policy. She has accepted a position with Young America's Foundation as their development assistant, working out of their Reston, VA, headquarters just outside of Washington, DC.



Nicholas Morelli graduated from Montgomery County Community College with an AAS in Cyber Security. He plans to work toward earning further IT certifications and is seeking a position doing IT/Security work.

Peter Psomiadis graduated a year early from Shippensburg University with the honor of Magna Cum Laude, and will be attending Temple Dental School this coming fall.

Luke Tillger will be graduating from Westchester University next weekend. His degree is in marketing/business with a concentration in computers. He will be working at Philadelphia Sports Club Summer Camp again this summer, his 3rd summer there, while exploring career options.

Lia Vleisides graduated from Drexel University with a Bachelor of Science in Communications.



Ask Abouna

Previous Question: Fr. James, tell us about your summer plans. Any pilgrimages brewing?

Answer: In early August I hope to travel to Alaska. My trip will involve two parts.

The first will be to travel to Eagle River, a suburb of Anchorage, to participate in the Eagle River Institute, an annual symposium that draws distinguished Orthodox speakers to Eagle River. The symposium runs Aug 1-5.

On August 7 the second part of this trip begins, with a flight from Anchorage to Kodiak Island where many Orthodox will participate in the pilgrimage to honor St. Herman, one of the first Orthodox missionaries to America and the first American Saint. His body is enshrined in the cathedral and, after evening services there in his honor, the next day the pilgrims take a boat (weather permitting) to Spruce Island, where Father Herman lived for many years. His life there was a kind of self-imposed exile, in protest to the harsh and often cruel treatment of Native Alaskans by the Russian authorities. He gathered a small community around him, including orphan children whom he raised. He spent his time in prayer and ascetic exercises in addition to tending his vegetable garden and fishing to provide for the orphans. After our services there, it is the custom to have a picnic on the beach (again, weather permitting!).

I hope to be back at St. Philip's by the 10th or 11th. I'll try to bring back lots of Orthodox souvenirs for everyone here at St. Philips!

New Question: Fr. Noah, how was your pilgrimage to Romania?

NEWS ~ N ~ NOTES

GIVING UPDATES

MONTHLY OUTREACH COLLECTION: Thank you for your generosity to the needy of our community! In **June**, we are collecting **Bath & Shower products**.

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD COLLECTION: We continue to collect non-perishables of all kinds for the food pantries.

NEWSPAPERS: Salfid Rescue Kennel, our neighbor on Clearview Road, is always in need of old newspapers. Look for the box in the hallway.

MAY GOD BLESS ALL OUR FAITHFUL GIVERS!