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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 TONE 2

27th Sunday after Pentecost/Prophet Habakkuk

Tone 2 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, / Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. / And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of heaven cried out:// “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

Tone 2 Troparion (*Prophet Habakkuk*)

We celebrate the memory / of thy Prophet Habakkuk, O Lord; through him we beseech Thee:// “Save our souls!”

Tone 2 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, / seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! / The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, // and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Tone 8 Kontakion (*Prophet Habakkuk*)

Divinely eloquent Habakkuk, thou didst announce to the world the coming forth of God from the south; from the Virgin. Standing on the divine watch, thou didst receive a report from the radiant Angel: / “Thou didst proclaim the Resurrection of Christ to the world!” / Therefore in gladness we cry out to thee:// “Rejoice, splendid adornment of the Prophets!”

Luke 18:18-27 (*Gospel*)

Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'" And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

Join us this Advent for our **Adult Education Series**

"On the Incarnation" by St. Athanasius of Alexandria, held each Saturday after Vespers until Christmas.

Those interested in purchasing a book, please see Father. If you would like to read or print it from an online source, a PDF is available at

http://www.copticchurch.net/topics/theology/incarnation_st_athanasius.pdf

Time Management: an Orthodox Perspective

By Albert Rossi, PhD and Julia Wickes, MA

The first thing to say, from an Orthodox perspective, is that there is no such thing as time management. We don't manage time. Time manages us if we allow the Lord to have a place in our schedule. **Whose time is it?** Christ is everything, including the giver and owner of our time. He is the Way we format our schedule, the Truth about the meaning of time, and the flow of Life that moves us through time. C. S. Lewis makes a profound point about time. He says that we usually regard time as our own. We start our day with the curious assumption that we are the lawful possessors of an upcoming twenty-four hours. With that hazardous assumption we then plot a matrix for our day, filling in time slots with tasks or restful moments. We might hope that we are managing our time in a way that will somehow please God. But when we begin with the assumption that time is ours, inconveniences and unexpected interruptions become intrusions into "my time." By contrast, we can begin with the assertion that time is not our own. Time belongs to the Lord and He has a plan for time that He desires us to accept for our own peace and joy. **Adjusting our expectations**

Those who are trying to use their time to do the Lord's will must begin every day, and every moment, with Jesus Christ. One question might be, "Lord, what do you want me to do, now?" But an even better question is, "Lord, what do you want to do through me now?" This takes the emphasis from the ego and places it on the Lord. If we believe that God has a plan for each moment, we can then be sensitive to each moment as it unfolds in unexpected ways. When we receive each moment as from the Lord we will begin to experience our time on earth as a series of small deaths and resurrections. Every loss is a gift that God gives us so that He can give us more. It might be saying goodbye to high school or college days, a move from the old neighborhood, the loss of a job, the loss of physical or mental health. We might lose loved ones through separation or death. In degrees, the reactive thought might be, "This is the beginning of the end." A more truthful thought would be, "This is the beginning of the beginning." Death is the beginning of a new relationship with Christ, a fresh beginning of an entirely new life. Each loss and little death is a new beginning towards our ultimate beginning—heaven. As we adjust our expectations time takes on a new meaning. **Sacrament of the present moment** Simple awareness of the presence of God is the power within the present moment. The present moment—now—is the only place where God is. He discloses Himself through the reality of the present moment. Nowhere else. This is a mystery we can participate in by simply trying to be aware of His presence. Awareness, conscious contact with God, is the key. **Conclusion** Time manages us because the Lord lives within the time He gives us. So, it is He, through the reality we call measured time, who manages, leads, nourishes and strengthens us. We don't live life. Life lives us. Time is our friend, not our burden to endure. We need only remember that we are in the holy presence of God. We can pause and say the Name of Jesus, thereby bringing us into His very life within us. While on earth we have an opportunity to "sanctify time." (Copied from the OCA website, see for complete text)

Calendar of Events – Starting today: December 02

Sunday	12/02	9:10am - Hours 9:30am - Divine Liturgy Sunday School
Monday	12/03	
Tuesday	12/04	
Wednesday	12/05	2:00-5:00pm Office Hours 6:00pm Great Vespers
Thursday	12/06	St Nicholas 9:10am - Hours 9:30am - Divine Liturgy
Friday	12/07	
Saturday	12/08	6:00pm Great Vespers 7:00pm Adult education
Sunday	12/09	9:10am - Hours 9:30am - Divine Liturgy

Weekly announcements, looking ahead:

- ◆ Myrrhbearers of St George meet this Sunday after fellowship:
We will discuss:
 1. Decorating the temple for Christmas / flowers.
 2. Saint Nicholas party for the children.
 3. Christmas meal for a family in need.
- ◆ **Today is the LAST day to contribute donations for the fire victims through the church. We know of at least 5 OCA families and so many others who suffered huge losses. Please keep them in your prayers and consider helping financially today.**
- ◆ Office Hours this Wednesday 2-5pm.
- ◆ Tuesday St Barbara monastery celebrates their Altar feast day.
- ◆ Wednesday, December 5th, Vespers at 6pm.
- ◆ Thursday, December 6th Divine Liturgy at 9:30am. Afterwards those who can **please stay to help decorate for Christmas.**

Please keep our brothers and sisters in your prayers this week:

For good health and healing: Souraya, Christina, Eddie, Ruth, Fred, Gloria, Nicholas, Mary, Dragosh, Doreen, Jordan.

For a new Job: Mario, Jason, Janice, Jamileh, Timothy.

Memory Eternal: Newly Departed Abraham. Archpriest Gabriel, Matushka Jeannette, Rita, Daniel.