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**Schedule for the Week of June 27 – July 3, 2010**

Sunday Jun 27	Prophet Elisha
Saturday Jul 3	5:30 PM Vigil
Sunday Jul 4	Martyr Julian of Tarsus 8:30 AM Nocturns, Confessions 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy / Литургия

**Размышления о бессмертной душе**

*О сердце человеческого*

Вог даровал человеку бессмертную, разумную душу, и пребывает она в нашем теле в сердце.

Духовный опыт святых отцов свидетельствует, что именно сердце, а не разум чувствует присутствие Божие. Из Священного Писания мы узнаем, что сердце есть орган наших желаний, источник воли и добрых (или злых) намерений наших. Из текстов Священного Писания видно, что именно желаниями и стремлениями сердца определяется поведение человека и выбор им жизненного пути.

Именно сердце, а не ум (как пытаются доказать психологи) мыслит, размышляет, познает.

И новейшие исследования науки дают нам право считать сердце не только органом кровообращения, но и органом чувств. *(Архим. Иоанн Крестьянкин)*

**Reminder:**

**ST. SERAPHIM'S DAY** this year falls on **SUNDAY**, August 1. Please be sure to attend to honor our patron Saint. Bishop Peter will be celebrating with us on this day.

Saturday July 31 6:00 PM  
Vigil with Akathist

Sunday Aug 1 9:00 AM  
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy / Литургия

Our culture elevates certain people as “stars” because of their ability in sports, music, acting, or some other talent. Some of them are stars for awhile and then disappear. The stars who don’t disappear are those who accept their popularity graciously and maintain humility, knowing that many help them to rise. They are humble stars.

Followers of Christ can be stars of another kind. We are to shine “as lights in the world” by being “blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without fault, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.” (Phil. 2:15). This is how we are to stand out in the dark, sinful world in which we find ourselves. The time we are living in is much the same as was the world of the Philippians to whom St. Paul wrote that epistle. He echoes the Exodus story for both warning and encouragement. (Exodus 15-17; Number 14-17).

We can look to Jesus, His Mother, and many saints as our models of humility. Although Jesus had every right to hold on to His high position in heaven, “He sits at the right hand of the Father,” He “made Himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men.” (Phil. 2:7). He became not only a man but a servant. What a lowly position. Much can be written about His Mother. We read in Luke 1:38 that when the Angel Gabriel came to her with the announcement that she would bear Jesus, she humbly said, “be it according to thy word.” As we read the lives of many saints, we are struck by their humbleness. They make themselves meek and submissive to the Divine Will of God.

They are example of genuine servanthood and yet they are bright stars. As we try to become like them, we will become bright and shining stars, and people will be drawn to Christ through our humble service. *(from The Orthodox Herald)*

Хотя и рядом, да не вместе  
И грех и святость столько лет.  
Но капля Правды перевесит  
Греховный мир – прельщенный свет.  
А ложь над новым поколеньем  
Восходит истиной, как встарь.  
И хулит Бога в ослепленье  
Из праха созданная тварь.  
Увы, неправда не престанет  
Собой вселенную питать...  
И все же капля перетянет –  
Пречудной силою Креста.

*(Иером. Роман Матюшин)*