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May 7, 2006

3rd Sunday of Pascha; Tone 2, Holy Myrrhbearing Women; Repose of Saint Alexis Toth, Confessor and Defender of Orthodoxy in America; Martyr Acacius, the Centurian at Byzantium

Readings:

Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7 and the Epistle to the Galatians 1:11-19

Gospel: Saint Mark 15:43 – 16:8 and Saint John 10:1-9

8:00 a.m.—Orthodox Radio on AM 720 WW II

9:00 a.m.—Church School Classes for Students & Adults; Prayers of Repentance; Confessions

9:30 a.m.—Prayers of Repentance; Confessions

10:00 a.m.—Divine Liturgy, Sermon, Student and Senior A cappella Choirs

11:45 a.m.—Fellowship

12:30 p.m.—Panahida

Calendar

May 9, Tue: Church Choir Rehearsal—7:30 p.m.

May 11, Thu: "O" Club Meeting at the Parish Hall—7:00 p.m.

May 13, Sat: Vespers—7 p.m.

May 14, Sun: *Mothers Day* 720 AM Radio—8 a.m.; Church School—9:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy—10:00 a.m.; Fellowship—11:45 a.m.

May 16, Thu: Orthodox Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

May 20, Sat: Maintenance Work—9 a.m.; Vespers—7 p.m.

May 21, Sun: 720 AM Radio—8 a.m.; Church School—9:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy—10:00 a.m.; Fellowship—11:45 a.m.; Beginning of Grave Blessings—11:30 p.m.

May 22, Mon: Parish Council Meeting—7:00 p.m.

May 23, Tue: Pirohi Making—8 a.m.; Church Choir Rehearsal—7:30 p.m.

May 25, Thu: Pan-Orthodox Academy Meeting—6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

May 27, Sat: Vespers—7 p.m.

May 28, Sun: 720 AM Radio—8 a.m.; Church School—9:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy—10:00 a.m.; Fellowship—11:45 a.m.

May 29, Sun: Memorial Day Annual Pilgrimage to St. Tikhon's Monastery, Chartered Bus departs—6 a.m.



Today's Prayers: Please remember those mentioned here in your daily prayers in the morning and in the evening, at home and in church. The detailed prayer list is published once a month in the parish mailing. However, the names will be mentioned during the Liturgy of Preparation every Sunday. Parishioners are urged to update their prayer listings.

Those Ailing: **Joseph Fatula**, at the VA Med Center in Lebanon; **Russ Sass**;

Health and well-being of: **Mary Essock**, sister of George Krempasky; **Diane Williams**, sister of Deb McGinnes Lyudmila and child to be born of her; **Capt. Ronald Hancher, Jr.**, USA Nat'l Guard in Iraq;

Newly Departed from This Life:

Helen Neff—April 26th, 74, Pat Drebot's sister; **Daniel Medill**, father of Rebecca Jekel—April 24th; **Robert Dove**—April 19th; **Betty Rudd**—Apr 8th, Aunt of Barbara Norato;

Anniversaries of Those Departed from This Life:

Paul Drebot, Sr, he would have celebrated his birthday today

Evelyn Bacha, sister of Andy Fedetz & mother of Lydia Mantle & Catherine Kemp, May 1st was the 35th anniversary;

Nicholas Demitriou, May 7th is the 9th anniversary;

Stella Delewski, grandmother of George Hatalowich, May 8th is the 31st anniversary;

Michael Samuel Yannone, May 9th is the 26th anniversary;

Serge Pankiw, cousin of Evelyn Krempasky, May 9th is the 1st anniversary;

Nicholas Philapovich, father of Millie Wolfe, May 10th is the 48th anniversary;

Anna J. (Dolly) Mallick, wife of Adam Mallick and mother of Michael Mallick, May 10th is the 7th anniversary;

Candle Offerings

◆ **Two decorated candle** on the center table offered for Michael Samuel Yannone by his wife Helen Yannone. May 9th is the 26th anniversary of Michael's departure from this life.

◆ **Two decorated candles in front of the iconostas** offered in memory of James Wolfe by his wife Millie Wolfe. May 1st was the 17th anniversary of James' departure from this life.

◆ **Nine plain candles on the altar** offered for newly departed **Evelyn Bacha** by the Fedetz Family.

◆ **Seven Day Eternal Lamp Votive Candle**, offered in memory of **Matushka Margaret Ressetar** by Florence Ivanoff.

If but ten among us lead a holy life, we shall kindle a fire which shall light up the entire city. ~ Saint John Chrysostom

Many Years (Names for the singing of MANY YEARS after the Sunday Divine Liturgy will be accepted for publication in the weekly bulletin. Please email ctsocahbg@aol.com with the information.)

Peter and Patti Taleff will celebrate their wedding anniversary on **May 8th**.

TODAYS NEWS



THE MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM will deliver food items from Theo's Food orders today after the Divine Liturgy. The team thanks you for your support!

THE PARISH SOFTBALL TEAM will play *today* at **5:30 p.m.** against Church of the Brethren and Trinity E.C. Come and see the team play!



ST. TIKHON SUMMER CAMP will run from Sunday **July 9th** through **Saturday July 15th** and is open to boys and girls ages 7-17. The camp will be limited to 100 campers (ages 7-13) and 30 campers (ages 14-17).

Forms are on the candle desk and should be brought to church by *next Sunday, May 14th*. Half of the **\$150** tuition will be taken care of by **St. Mary's Altar Guild**. First come first served.

PARISH NEWS

THE HARRISBURG "O" CLUB will have a meeting at the parish hall at **7:00 p.m. Thursday, May 11** to discuss plans for the summer and to receive reports about the National F.O.C.A. Basketball Tournament in Cleveland, Ohio.

Light refreshments will be served.

THE ORTHODOX BIBLE STUDY class will have sessions on **Thursday May 18** and on **June 1** from **7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** The lessons, led by **Leavitt Keener** are extremely well-prepared. The discussions are thorough. Come and experience a Biblical night-out.

FOR MOTHERS DAY: May 14th gifts will be distributed by the Harrisburg Jr. and Sr. "O" Clubs to all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, foster mothers, and step-mothers present in church.



FUTURE NEWS

THE PAN-ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ACADEMY will have a meeting Thursday, **May 25** from **6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** at the **Laurel Building** near the **YMCA on Trindle Road**. Turn left upon entering into the Laurel Building parking lot. Another school site is available to consider.



A CHARTERED BUS has been reserved for the pilgrimage to **St. Tikhon's Orthodox Monastery** Memorial Day, **May 29**. The bus will leave the parking lot of Christ the Saviour Church in Harrisburg at 6:00 a.m. and will make a stop at Holy Ascension Church in Frackville.

The fare that will include the bus driver tip is **\$20** for each seat. Because the gas prices will be nearing \$3.02 per gallon, fares must accompany the reservation in cash or check made payable to Christ the Saviour Church. We expect the bus to be filled quickly on a first come first serve basis. "No pay — No seat"

THE ANNUAL PARISH ETHNIC FOODFEST will be held on **Sunday afternoon June 4th from 12 to 7 p.m.** There will be music by Joe Stanky and The Cadets from the coal region. Lots of homemade halupki, halushki, kifli, pirohis, kielbasi, roast lamb, Macedonian hamburgers and baked goods to *eat in or take out*. Religious and ethnic articles will also be on sale.

COME RECEIVE THE LIGHT will broadcast the following programs **Sundays from 8 am. To 8:30 am. On AM 720 Tune in...**



05/14/2006 Sacred Meals

Fr. John Finley

Over ninety percent of meals are eaten at home. Although these numbers are starting to diminish, there is value to gathering around the table for a shared family meal. Fr. John Finley's book, *Sacred Meals*, offers great recipes and written commentary that guide use through the Great Banquet making connections along the way to our Orthodox Christian faith. Be sure to join us, as Fr. Chris and Emmy speak with Fr. John about this must read book in a fast-paced, fast-food society.

05/21/2006 Did God Change from the Old Testament to the New Testament?

V. Rev. Paul Nadim Tarazi

The Old Testament addresses Israel and the New Testament addresses the whole world. Be sure to join Fr. Chris and Emmy when they speak with Fr. Paul Tarazi, Professor of Old Testament and Biblical studies at St. Vladimir's Seminary on this most intriguing discussion.

05/28/2006 Pop Goes Religion: Faith and Popular Culture

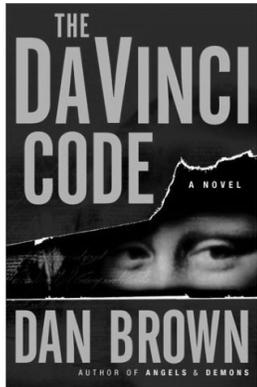
Terry Mattingly

Johnny Cash, Harry Potter, the Simpsons, and John Grisham: What do all of these icons in pop culture have to do with faith? Join us to find out when Terry Mattingly, author of *Pop Goes Religion: Faith and Popular Culture*, speaks about his book and gives us relevant insight into the world of today's entertainment.

DO YOU HAVE ANY NEW OR USED BOOKS? Want to encourage a student's reading skills? The **Center for Orthodox Christian Education (COCE)** is pleased to announce that it has launched its initial book drive, to help create an onsite library for its students. The Book Drive is expected to run from **June 1 – December 31, 2006**. Bring your old and New or Used Books to **Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church**

Hollywood Is in 'Da Vinci' Mode by Alex McFarland

On May 19, Sony Pictures will release a movie based on Dan Brown's bestselling novel, *The Da Vinci Code*. Brown is not a meticulous historian: His book is rife with errors.



Having said that, I believe the film's release presents an excellent opportunity for us to share the solid, compelling, truthful grounds on which Christianity rests.

The Da Vinci Code begins with a murder, followed by a frantic search for the Holy Grail. Informed by a literary twist, we come to learn that the Grail was not the cup from which Christ drank at the Last Supper, but the very womb of Mary, which carried the descendants of the royal bloodline.

However intriguing this theory might have been to the millions who bought Brown's book, there's no historical evidence to even suggest such a thing. The author also proposes that Mary's tomb contains documents capable of destroying Christianity. It's all presented as part of a virtuous quest to return to a more holistic spirituality constructed around a divine goddess. Although the dubious documents from Mary's tomb are never revealed, the story still takes a dim view of Christianity and distorts doctrine.

The Da Vinci Code is acknowledged as fiction. Still, Brown begins the book by asserting that his characters and historical claims are factual. He sows seeds of doubt about the Christian faith and challenges important core truths:

The identity of Jesus: Christians know Jesus to be God's Son and the promised Messiah based on the testimony of Scripture, the claims of Christ and empirical historical data. Brown depicts Jesus as a mere man.

The deeds of Jesus: Although Jesus was the sinless Savior, Brown portrays Him throughout the novel as the mystical husband of Mary Magdalene.

The mission and purpose Jesus: Brown misrepresents the Lord's mission by claiming that procreation, not eternal salvation, was Jesus' primary purpose.

The origin and content of the Bible: *The Da Vinci Code* presents outright falsehoods regarding the origin of

What are Mothers for?

The young mother set her foot on the path of life. "Is this the long way?" she asked. And the guide said: "Yes and the way are hard. And you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning."

But the young mother was happy, and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years. So she played with her children, and gathered flowers for them along the way, and bathed them in the clear streams; and the sun shone on them and the young Mother cried, "Nothing will ever be lovelier than this." Then the night came, and the storm, and the path was dark, and the children shook with fear and cold, and the mother drew them close and covered them with her mantle, and the children said, "Mother, we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm can come."

And the morning came, and there was a hill ahead, and the children climbed and grew weary, and the mother was weary. But at all times she said to the children, "A little patience and we are there. "So the children climbed, and when they reached the top they said, "Mother, we would not have done it without you." And the mother, when she lay down at night looked up at the stars and said, "This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardness. Yesterday I gave them courage. Today, I have given them strength."

And the next day came strange clouds which darkened the earth, clouds of war and hate and evil, and the children groped and stumbled, and the mother said: "Look up. Lift your eyes to the light." And the children looked and saw above the clouds an everlasting glory, and it guided them

Scripture and recklessly casts doubt on the trustworthiness of the Bible.

The origin of the church: To learn the true history of the beginnings of the church, read Matthew 16 and the book of Acts. Even secular historians have called Luke, the writer of Acts, "a historian of the first rank."

The message of the early church: The true message of the first-century church was salvation, authenticated by the physically resurrected Jesus — an event corroborated by early, eyewitness testimony.

The motives of early church leaders: Brown questions the intentions of trailblazing saints, ignoring why many of them gave their lives to spread and defend the truth of the gospel.

The relevance and trustworthiness of the church today: Given what he considers to be Christianity's devious motives and baseless origins, Brown feels the best hope for the modern world is the elimination of this corrupt, centuries-old institution.

With so much buzz surrounding *The Da Vinci Code*, Christians must be prepared to defend the truths we hold dear against Brown's half truths, faulty logic and revisionist history. I find it interesting that the author claims that Constantine was the first to conceptualize Jesus as deity. Anyone even remotely familiar with the Gospels knows that's a crock of poodle-poo: Jesus asserted His own divinity on many occasions (Matt. 6:64; Luke 24:25, etc.). Much like Anne Rice speculating about Jesus' boyhood years in her disappointing novel *Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt* (written about and narrated by a 7-year-old Messiah), Brown, too, has been inspired by an unreliable muse.

My intent is not to condemn readers of the book or those who plan to see the movie. Rather, I hope that Christians who check out the movie will go armed with the knowledge that Brown is a fiction writer with an apparent agenda, and an unhealthy one at that.

*Author and speaker Alex McFarland is Focus on the Family's director of teen apologetics. For an even more detailed treatise on this subject, Alex recommends the book *The Da Vinci Deception* by Erwin Lutzer, Ph.D.*

beyond the darkness. And that night the Mother said, "This is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God."

And the days went on, and the weeks and the months and the years, and the mother grew old and she was little and bent. But her children were tall and strong, and walked with courage. And when the way was rough, they lifted her, for she was as light as a feather; and at last they came to a hill, and beyond they could see a shining road and golden gates flung wide. And mother said: "I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone, and their children after them."

And the children said, "You will always walk with us, Mother, even when you have gone through the gates. "And they stood and watched her as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her. And they said: "We cannot see her, but she is with us still. A Mother like ours is more than a memory. She is a living presence."

Your Mother is always with you. She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street, she's the smell of bleach in your freshly laundered socks she's the cool hand on your brow when you're not well. Your Mother lives inside your laughter. And she's crystallized in every tear drop. She's the place you came from, your first home; and she's the map you follow with every step you take. She's your first love and you're first heartbreak, and nothing on earth can separate you. Not time, not space...not even death! PASS THIS ON TO ALL THE MOTHER'S & CHILDREN YOU KNOW. MAY WE NEVER TAKE OUR MOTHERS FOR GRANTED.