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SAINT MARY OF MESOPOTAMIA

Sunday November 11, 2018

Ephesians 2:14-22, Luke 8:26-39,

Tropars and Kondaks Tone 7

**Welcome!** We welcome to our church this morning all visitors, guests, relatives, and friends of Saints Peter and Paul Church. We pray your visit with us is spiritually rewarding, holy and life-giving. Visit often!

**Chinese Auction** – Today starting at **1:30 PM**. Please come and enjoy some time together. Help is also needed for serving and clean-up.

“Abba John said, ‘Who sold Joseph?’ A brother replied saying, ‘It was his brethren.’ The old man said to him, ‘No, it was his humility which sold him, because he could have said, “I am their brother” and have objected, but, because he kept silence, he sold himself by his humility. It is also his humility which set him up as chief in Egypt.”

+ St. John the Dwarf

**Orthodox Scripture Study** – Please remember, we have an Orthodox scripture study video library on our diocesan web site. This is a good compliment to your daily reading of scripture. Here is the link for your convenience.

<https://www.acrod.org/ministries/religious/onlinelearning/onlineclassroommoodle/archived-classes/>

“As we walk the unerring and life-bringing path, let us pluck out the eye that scandalizes us-not the physical eye, but the noetic one. For example, if a bishop or presbyter-who are the eyes of the Church-conduct themselves in an evil manner and scandalize the people, they must be plucked out. For it is more profitable to gather without them in a house of prayer, than to be cast together with them into the gehenna of fire together with Annas and Caiaphas.”

— St. Athanasius the Great

### BEARING THE NAME OF YOUR PATRON SAINT

“We bear the name of the saints who lived out their calling on the earth; we have been consecrated to them, like churches are consecrated to one or another saint, and we must contemplate both the meaning of the name and the personality of the saint as far as we can ascertain it from his or her life. After all, he or she is not only our intercessor in prayer and protector, but to some extent also the image of what we could be. No one’s life can be duplicated, but it is possible to learn from the life of one or another person, saint, or even sinner how to live more worthy of ourselves and of God.”

Excerpts from Metropolitan Anthon Bloom

**Becoming Truly Human - Small Group Leaders Workshop** - You are invited to attend a very special workshop on Saturday, November 17 (10:30 am - 4 pm) to train those interested in knowing more about reaching out those in our community who are NOT Orthodox and likely have little or no church background. This 5-hour workshop being held at St. George Orthodox Cathedral in Pittsburgh, PA and is open to all of those who would like to learn more about introducing their friends, family, co-workers and neighbors to the Orthodox church using a very relational approach which demonstrates respect and builds trust. We ask that those attending bring a \$25 donation to "Truly Human, LLC" to help cover some of the costs of the materials related to this workshop. Please go this link to register: [www.becomingtrulyhuman.com/register](http://www.becomingtrulyhuman.com/register).

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