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Reflection

Fr. Milad's General Assembly Address



Fr. Milad Selim

It is with great joy that I write you this pastoral message as we reflect on the year 2017. So much has happened. First and foremost, God blessed Kh. Nichole and me with a third child who fills our hearts with great joy each and every day. Our Cathedral welcomed

several new families and students studying in local schools. Our beloved Archdeacon was ordained to the Holy Priesthood. We restructured our Church School to allow children to sit with their parents from the start of the Divine Liturgy. We hosted a successful Parish Life Conference. We welcomed the Hawaii's Myrrh-Streaming Iveron Icon of the Theotokos. We hosted our 3rd Feed My Starving Children MobilePack event and 8th Christmas Food Baskets. We helped build an Orthodox Church in Lebanon. Our organizations hosted successful fellowship and spiritual events that brought so many people together, and so much more—Glory be to God.

As we reflect on this year's stewardship theme, I would like to focus this message on what has made our Cathedral community so successful. The theme from Colossians 3:23 reminds us to do everything as though we are doing it for Christ and not another human being. This is especially important when it comes to the offering of our time, talent and treasure to the Church. It is easy to fall into the temptation of making our offerings in order to please people or to make our work known to them. Remember, "Your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly" (Matthew 6:1-4). Here at our Cathedral, we are blessed with so many people who tirelessly and selflessly serve the Church. They do so out of love for, and obedience to, Christ our Savior. They do so because they recognize the importance of having a healthy, harmonious and faithful parish in their life. This

mentality of servant-leadership contributes to the health and stability of a church community, while strongly rejecting what would assuredly lead to the fragmentation of a parish - power struggle, control, pride, selfishness, disobedience and self-guided agendas.

Furthermore, I am inspired by the amount of hours many of our parishioners dedicate for the service of the Cathedral and the Glory of God, many of whom I regularly communicate with and rely on. These individuals make it possible for me to minister to you, while ensuring that the daily needs of the building and various ministries are being met. I am truly grateful for your continued leadership and support.

Lastly, I would like to thank our financial stewards. You often hear me say that stewardship must always be offered in the form of talent, time and treasure; the three should never be separated. Our financial stewards make it possible for us to grow our ministries and continue to maintain our beautiful building. We have witnessed an increase in the number of financial stewards who have recently joined our Cathedral. Those families support our vision and value our present and future. I welcome them into our family and encourage you to do the same. I ask all of us to continue to offer our stewardship to God through our Cathedral. Remember, it is not how much we give, it is how we give - with great joy, faithfulness and in proportion to the blessings we have received. May God bless all of us as we continue to build-up His Holy Church. +

In Christ's service,

Rev. Milad Selim, Dean

PASCHA



*Christ is risen from
the dead, trampling down
death by death, and
upon those in the tombs
bestowing life!*





FR. SERAPHIM'S
fun facts

From Palm Sunday evening through Pascha itself, we seem to get our days and nights mixed up. The table to the right are the main services for each day of Holy Week—and when they’re celebrated in most Orthodox parishes.

Now, you’ll recall that Matins is the morning/sunrise service (“Glory to Thee Who has shown us the light!”) and Vespers is the evening/sunset service (“Now that we have come to the setting of the sun, and behold the light of evening...”). But during Holy Week, we turn things completely upside down. We’re celebrating Matins at night (the night before), and Vespers the following morning, pretty much all through the week. Why??

Well, mostly because on very important occasions—like the Passion of Our Lord—Matins properly comes at the tail-end of a long, sometimes “All-Night” Vigil service. (Normally, the Vigil would conclude with the Divine Liturgy—but we don’t celebrate the Liturgy on Holy Friday as it is a day of strict fasting and a joyful, celebratory Liturgy would not be appropriate.) Since most parishes couldn’t sustain a full, monastic All-Night Vigil, the Matins

Why do we mix up our days and nights during Holy Week?

Occasion	Service	Celebrated
Holy & Great Monday	Bridegroom Matins Vespers with the Presanctified Liturgy	Sunday Evening Monday Morning
Holy & Great Tuesday	Bridegroom Matins Vespers with the Presanctified Liturgy	Monday Evening Tuesday Morning
Holy & Great Wednesday	Bridegroom Matins Vespers with the Presanctified Liturgy	Tuesday Evening Wednesday Morning
Holy & Great Thursday	Matins and/or the Sacrament of Holy Unction Vespers with the Presanctified Liturgy of St. Basil the Great with the washing of the feet	Wednesday Evening Thursday Morning
Holy & Great Friday	Matins with the 12 Passion Gospels Royal Hours (First, Third, Sixth, Ninth and Typika) Great Vespers	Thursday Evening Friday Morning Friday Afternoon
Holy & Great Saturday	Matins with the Lamentations at the Tomb Vespers with the Vespers of St. Basil the Great	Friday Evening Saturday Morning
Holy Pascha	Midnight Office, Matins and Liturgy Agape Vespers	Early Sunday Morning Late Sunday Morning

service is often celebrated early, the evening before, when the people can more likely attend. And that means that the Vespers service needs to be celebrated early too, the morning being the only available time.

There is some speculation that this process began with the services of Holy Thursday; imagine starting Thursday evening with the Vespers of St. Basil the Great and the washing of the feet, and continuing into the night with


the Holy Friday Matins service and the 12 Passion Gospels. We would never make it to Pascha!

However we got here, by the end of the week, it just sort of works—and we, too, find ourselves with the Myrrhbearing women, coming “very early in the morning” on Pascha Sunday to the life-giving tomb of Christ, finding it empty, and discovering that “Christ is Risen! Truly, He is Risen!” +



St. George Boy Scout Troop 72 was quite active under Scoutmaster "Chick" Swydan. *Were you one of the 500+ scouts who possibly was on the Moose Patrol and carried this flag at Treasure Valley?*

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of the
month**

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manner, its true meaning.

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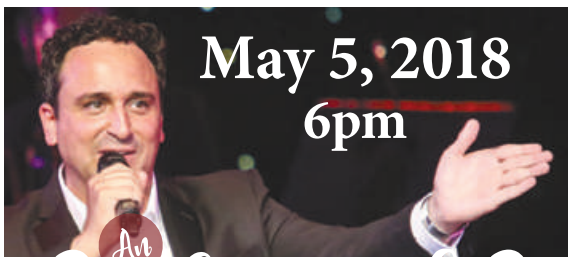
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families for your years of service,
thank you.*

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APR 3 Women's Club Meeting

APR 26 Men's Club Meeting



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MAY 5 **The Women's Club will be hosting an Enchanted Evening**, featuring New York tenor Christopher Macchio. Saturday, May 5, 2018. See inside for details.




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