

Pastoral Message from Fr. George Tsahakis, 6.23.23



THE MIGHTY ONE,
GOD THE LORD,
SPEAKS AND
SUMMONS THE
EARTH FROM THE
RISING OF THE SUN
TO ITS SETTING.
(PS. 50:1)

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As a deer longs for flowing
streams, so my soul longs
for You, O God. (Ps. 41:1)

THIRST FOR GOD

Our intense longing for
God bears immortal
fruit and comforts our
soul with hope in Him.

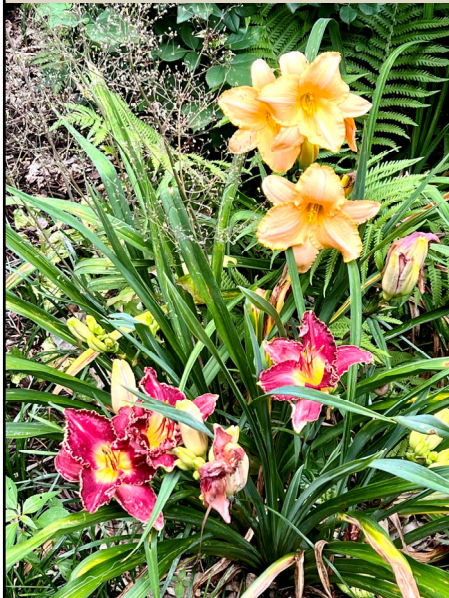
Be uplifted; do not
give way to fear. Raise
your spirit and let go
of your fear and
earthly sorrow.

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Oh, taste and
see that the
Lord is good!
Blessed is the
man who takes
refuge in Him!
(Ps. 34:8)

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FOR A FRUITFUL GARDEN,



Plant spiritual seeds to harvest.



Be the (sun)light of Christ.



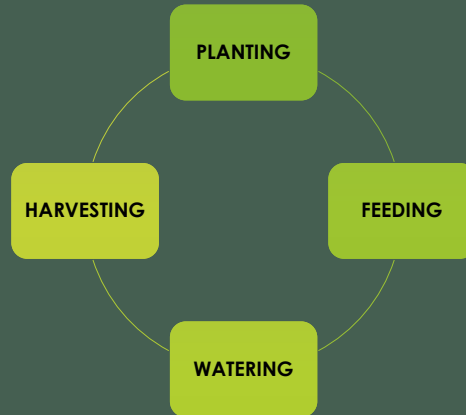
Offer His everlasting water.

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A Father's Embrace

Involves



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Let your
adornment be the
inner self with the
lasting beauty of a
gentle and quiet
spirit, which is very
precious in God's
sight. (1 Peter 3:4)

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GRANDCHILDREN
ARE THE CROWN OF
THE AGED, AND THE
GLORY OF CHILDREN
IS THEIR PARENTS.

Proverbs 17:6



WE THANK OUR
FATHERS FOR
THEIR LOVE TO
GOD, THEIR
FAMILIES, AND TO
OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY.

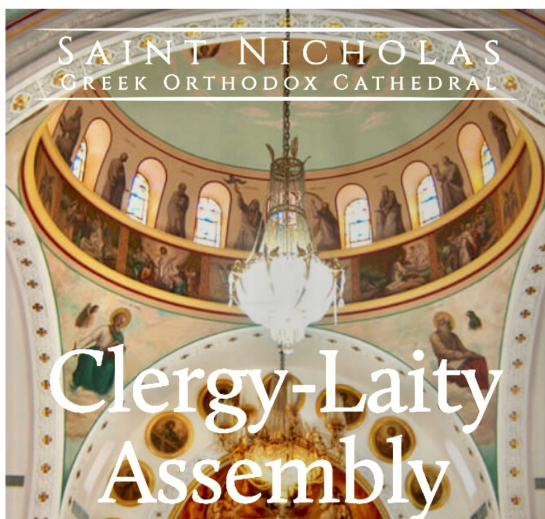
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Artoklasia Service

THE BLESSING OF FIVE LOAVES OF BREAD IS A BRIEF SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING THROUGH WHICH WE EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE FOR ALL THE BLESSINGS OF LIFE. OIL, WINE, WHEAT, AND THE LOAVES OF BREAD WHICH ARE USED IN THE SERVICE, ARE VIEWED AS THE MOST BASIC ELEMENTS NECESSARY FOR LIFE. THE BLESSING REMINDS US OF THE MIRACLE OF THE MULTIPLICATION OF THE BREAD AND FISH BY WHICH CHRIST FED THE MULTITUDE.

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Fr. George and our parish representatives will be at Clergy Laity in Tarpon Springs, FL, on Sunday, 6.25. Click right photo above to view Hierarchical Liturgy next Sunday.

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2023 CLERGY-LAITY WORKSHOP SESSIONS

STIRLING HALL Innisbrook Resort 36750 US Hwy 19 N, Palm Harbor, FL

Free and Open to the Public: All Are Welcome

Full schedule and descriptions available at www.stnicholastarpon.org/cl2023

JUNE

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session 1

11:00 AM -- 11:50AM

11a Greek Education and Culture *Stirling LMN*
1b Religious Education *Stirling OPQ*
1c Family Ministry & Adults *Edinburgh 10&11*
1d Youth *Stirling BC*

session 2

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

2a Youth Safety *Stirling LMN*
2b Telos Project *Stirling OPQ*
2c Maintaining a Strong Philoptochos Chapter
Edinburgh 10&11
2d Physical Safety & Cybersecurity *Stirling BC*

session 3

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

3a OCMC *Stirling LMN*
3b Orthodox Parochial Schools *Stirling OPQ*
3c Suicide Prevention/Response *Edinburgh 10&11*
3d Youth Worker Training *Stirling BC*
3e Archon Presentation *Stirling West*

JUNE

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session 4

9:00 AM -- 10:30 AM

4a Liturgical Arts *Edinburgh 10&11*
4b Effective Christian Ministry *Stirling LMN*
4c Youth Safety *Stirling OPQ*

session 5

10:30 AM -- 12:00 PM

5a Father Stephen Freeman *Stirling West*
5b OCMC *Stirling LMN*
5c Archon's Presentation *Stirling OPQ*

Bonus session

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

6a Father Stephen Freeman- "Clothed with Glory"
Stirling West
6b St. Anastasia's Fellowship *Stirling LMN*
6c Orthodox Parochial Schools *Stirling OPQ*

