The Three-Fold Journey
Ephesians 5: 15-20
Very Rev. Timothy G. Bakakos

As I’m sure you know, in our Holy Orthodox Church, we refer to this season of Great Lent as a *Spiritual Journey*, a time when we walk with Christ and experience His pain and suffering leading up to His eventual crucifixion and glorious resurrection. This experience for each of us, is designed to aide us and serve as a process and sense of cleansing, both physical and spiritual.

I’m told that for some, the sport of fishing can be a very rewarding as well as a therapeutic experience for an individual. There is a story about two men who were good friends who decided, one day, to take their sons fishing. His friend said that he knew a certain lake nearby that was absolutely teeming with fish, and they'd be sure to catch something there.

So, the next day they set out for the lake before dawn. There already were a number of fisherman with their boats in the water, so they knew it had to be a good spot. The four of them got into their boat, claimed a spot, and cast out their lines into the water.

Well, one of the men felt a tug on his line practically before it even hit the water. He was thrilled….he knew this was going to be a good day. But he was in for a disappointment, because the fish on the end of his line turned out to be very small. There were a number of other catches after that as well, but they too, were very small and he sadly took the fish off the hook and tossed them back in the water.

But, he thought to himself, the day was just starting, and surely there still is plenty of time to catch bigger fish. So, he cast out into the lake again. Over and over he repeated this act…all with the same result…nothing! Well, needless to say, it was very disappointing for them all and the trip home was very quiet as the group pondered their bad luck.

Have you ever had such an experience? I mean where you *try* your best, but still can't seem to accomplish anything? At times like that, we probably wonder why we even bothered in the first place. And yet, there are some people who live their whole life like that…they get discouraged and they wonder why they even try.

But, if we read the Epistles Saint Paul, he tells us it is important that we try. Saint Paul says in his letter to the Ephesians: "Be careful...how you live." Saint Paul is saying to us that it really *does* matter how we live our lives. And, he goes on in his Epistle to give us some important advice about the proper way to live. And from his writings, we can summarize this advice as a three-fold journey, a journey that can make our time here on earth well worth the trouble.

**THE FIRST LEG OF THIS JOURNEY,** we can call “THE JOURNEY OF WISDOM”. Saint Paul urges his fellow believers to live not "as unwise people, but as wise, making the most of the time." I think that makes
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sense, doesn't it? Most of us, I'm sure, agree that we need to live wisely. But the hard part is knowing how. So, what does it mean to live wisely? Well, if we are to live in a world with almost six billion other people, one good place to start would be to live with constraint.

We must be willing to place limits on our behavior. You might remember the late Roman Catholic Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, a colorful and knowledgeable hierarch of the Roman Catholic Church. He once said that the difference between a river and a swamp is that the river has borders and the swamp has none. He went on to compare some people's lives like that of a swamps, stagnant and going nowhere, but spreading aimlessly with no purpose. While others, he said, are like a river, with fresh-flowing waters. And the difference is discipline.

The writer Soren Kierkegaard once told a story about a wild duck flying south with other ducks. Below him in a barnyard he noticed some corn a farmer had scattered for his tame ducks. So, the duck broke formation and joined the tame ducks in the barnyard. He ate the corn, liked it, and decided to stay a few days. The corn was free, and life was easy, he thought, so he stayed longer. Well, Spring eventually came. And one day, high overhead, the duck heard his wild mates calling as they flew by on their way back north. Their call reminded him of his true life, but when he tried to rejoin them, he could no longer fly. He had settled for ease and comfort and he had given in to a life of collecting corn off of the ground. Likewise, we too, must practice restraint if we are to be able to fly.

As Orthodox Christians, we are called upon to live wisely. In other words, we need to practice some restraint; restraint and discipline...we need to use our head. That is the first part of our three-fold journey, but it is only the beginning. Many good people are on this first leg...many good people use their head....and the world is a better place because they do. But the second leg of the journey is a little more exclusive.

THE SECOND LEG OF THE THREE-FOLD JOURNEY IS TO "SEEK GOD'S WILL". "So do not be foolish," Saint Paul warns, "but understand what the will of the Lord is." On the first leg of the journey, we used our brains. On the second, we must use our hearts. On this leg we are not only seeking what makes sense, we are also seeking divine guidance. But, it's not always easy to discern God's will for our lives because we do NOT always hear God's voice clearly, many times because we are NOT always listening. Discovering God's will requires patience and a deep commitment.

Some people get confused about this "second" part of the journey. They unfortunately confuse God's Will, or abiding by the Church and its rules, or living a "Christ-like" existence. The laity of our Orthodox Churches mistakenly think that holiness and rules of living a Christ-like existence should be reserved and practiced only by the Clergy, the Bishops and priests. But, I think deep in our hearts, we actually know better. Whether you may be a doctor, a lawyer, a construction worker, an accountant, a restaurateur, a salesperson, a dentist, or even a student in school, God calls upon each of us to be workers of His Will. And when we do use our God-given talents in a spiritual way, we live as God wants us to, with the Will of God in us!

But we're only done with two legs of our journey. And, I think each leg is more difficult than the last. As I have said, first we must have Wisdom. Then we must seek after God's Will. And here is the crowning leg to our journey. WE HAVE REACHED THE FINAL PART OF OUR JOURNEY WHEN, AND ONLY WHEN, THE HOLY SPIRIT IS MANIFESTED IN OUR LIVES. "Be filled with the Holy Spirit as you sing praises and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves," says Saint Paul. In the first part of our journey, we were simply doing what seemed best. In the second part, we were earnestly seeking God's Will. But now, we are allowing the Holy Spirit to guide and enrich us and to give us His joy.

Saint Paul, as he did in his letter to the Ephesians, urges us to worship and sing together as a Church Community for the benefit of each other as believers in the Lord! That is so vitally important for us as Orthodox Christians. We hear so many times the words, "I don't need to go to Church to pray.....I can do that in the "comfort" of my own home". But Saint Paul says how wrong we are to think that way. He says that our singing, as a Church

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family, is to be an encouragement to others who might be struggling with their faith, as well as to praise and to pray to God. Our prayers together as a “Church family” are to be used as spiritual food that unites and feeds each of us, because it molds us and makes us alike in body, in heart, in mind, and in soul!

Finally, as we progress through our Great Lenten Journey, we need to bring an awareness that the direction of our lives should move from a worldly one to a more spiritual and heavenly one. First, we must travel the journey of “wisdom”, using our God-given abilities to learn and experience as much as we can. Secondly, we must then, after gathering this knowledge, travel the journey of doing God’s Will with the talents that our Lord has given each and everyone of us. And finally, the journey is only complete when we make the Holy Spirit manifest in our lives. In other words, we must use the Holy Spirit to spread the “Good News” of Jesus Christ to others and to give as we, ourselves, have been blessed!

So, look at your own life and see where you are at in your own journey…the journey of wisdom, the journey of God’s Will, and the journey of surrender to the Holy Spirit of God. Whatever level you may be at, our Great Lent is a time to “fine tune” your body and soul. Use this Great Lent over the next several weeks as a time to work on your heart and your awareness of what God wants and expects from each of us. Use the Holy Services throughout this Great Lent to help bring you closer to our Lord as He walks, in the next few weeks, to His impending crucifixion, death, and glorious resurrection. You should fast properly, go to Holy Confession, and take Holy Communion more often to help bring you to a higher level of awareness and help cleanse you heart and soul of the sins we all carry. Dismissing or rejecting any of these puts your soul at risk….and you are the only one who then answers for your refusal to change!

May the Lord of all continue to bless you and keep you strong in the Faith during this Great Lenten Season.

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Parish Council President…

President’s Report
By Andrew Kanel

It's amazing how quickly time passes. It seems as if yesterday we were preparing for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year. Now at a blink of an eye we open our hearts and minds to begin preparing for our Lenten journey.

As in past years, we will come together to celebrate Apokreas/Mardi Gras hosted by our Philoptochos. This is the last big celebration before Lent begins. On Katheri Deftepa/Clean Monday we gather for a short church service followed by a Lenten meal prepared by Soula Boudros and her team of cooks. Lent has officially begun and it is a time for reflection, cleansing of our hearts and minds and finding forgiveness. Quickly, we arrive upon The Third Sunday of Lent...Sunday of the Veneration of the Cross this is the midpoint of Lent and a time to strengthen our hearts and minds as our Lenten journey continues and becomes harder to maintain. On this Sunday, we draw our attention to the cross and our Lord as a way to commit ourselves to Christ. We seek strength for ourselves spiritually to continue our path for the celebration of Pascha. May we each find peace and comfort in this most Holy Period. Kali Anastasi!
Philoptochos Apokreatiko Glendi

On Sunday, February 19th, our Philoptochos held its annual APOKREATIKO GLENDI: Black and White Masquerade. I feel it safe to say that everyone had a GREAT time. The DJ does a terrific job by engaging young and "not-so-young" alike to participate in games and dancing. We thank Tina Sarantos and Evie Maggos for chairing the evening's events. The proceeds from the raffle were given to the Sunday Church School program. We are delighted to say that with everyone's generosity, we were able to raise $1080. Philoptochos thanks everyone for attending and supporting us and all our endeavors.

Philoptochos Lenten Retreat

This year the Lenten Retreat was held at St. Sophia's church on Saturday, March 10th. This event is sponsored by the Metropolis of Chicago and those who attended will attest to the fact that this is indeed a wonderful way to begin the period of Lent.

Easter Bake Sale

Once again, our Easter Bake Sale will be held on Palm Sunday, April 8th. Please look for fliers in the narthex of both the main church and St. Catherine's chapel and order your Easter goodies.

St. Catherine's Consecration

The weekend of May 5th and 6th will be a VERY special one for our community. On the 6th of May, our beloved chapel of St. Catherine's will be consecrated. The evening before, May 5th, there will be a vesper service in the chapel and Philoptochos will be providing refreshments for all in attendance. Make sure to mark your calendars and join us in this celebration.

Join us for a visit

On Thursday, June 21, our Philoptochos will be visiting the Greek American Rehabilitation & Care Center. Every year we visit the center and provide refreshments and conversation to the residents. We encourage you to participate in this outreach. If you need transportation, please ask either Nancy Pilafas or any board member and we will be glad to help.

The Philoptochos Chapter of Assumption wishes all stewards and their families a most joyous Pascha. Again, thank you for your continued support.
When you think of the word Triodion, what comes to mind? Some people associate it with a liturgical book called the Triodion, while others mistakenly believe it encompasses the three weeks prior to Great Lent. Still, others believe that it has something to do with chanting, since they associate it with three odes. Indeed, few periods of the Church year are as important as the Triodion, and yet many times people misunderstand what this period is about.

The Triodion is a period of time during the ecclesiastical year that begins on the fourth Sunday before the Great Lent, the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee, and ends on Saturday prior to Holy Week. Although it technically overlaps into Great Lent it, it primarily functions to prepare the faithful to transition into the Lenten journey. The name “Triodion” derives from the fact that during the season the Canons contain only three odes instead of the usual nine. The canon is a series of nine hymns, ‘odes’ used at the Orthros (Matins). The nine odes vary so as to correspond with the theme of the particular feast. The introduction of canons is ascribed to St. Andrew of Crete. Other famous authors of Canons are Melodos, St. John Damascus, and St. Theodore the Studite.

In a very real way, The Triodion is like our Church building in that we have a series of progressions, where we move from the narthex, to the nave, to the sanctuary. Three distinct periods mark the beginning (pre Lenten), middle (lent) and last stage (Holy Week). The first four Sundays of The Triodion – the Narthex stage – instructs us on how we should feel before we begin Lent. Each Sunday has its own moral or theme. We learn on the Sunday of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector that we need to pray with a contrite heart; we learn on the Sunday of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector that we need to pray with a contrite heart; we learn on the Sunday of the Prodigal Son that we should see if we are acting and living in a way the Lord wants us to; we learn on Judgment Sunday that we should check to see if we are treating others as though they were the Lord, because he is going to surely ask us on that day; and we learn on Forgiveness Sunday the importance of entering the Lenten period through the doors of forgiveness. This is the real value of the Triodion Period, and as we officially enter Great Lent, as we move closer to Pascha, we continue our journey dedicating ourselves in prayer, hymn, devotion, Bible reading, confession and in partaking of Holy Communion.

All these weeks of the Triodion Period are weeks of preparation. They all lead to Holy Week, which is the culmination of the Triodion Period. May our good and merciful God give all of us the strength and courage to make the commitment to better ourselves spiritually during this valuable period of the Ecclesiastical year, and may all of us make it through this journey safe and sound.

Volunteer Opportunity...

The parish has a new volunteer opportunity related to coordinating the production of the Assumption Church newsletter. The newsletter is produced six times a year and requires coordination for the submission of articles, layout of the newsletter in Microsoft Publisher (a standard Microsoft application) and submission to the printer via email. If you are a steward looking for a way to increase your involvement in our Church community and would like to learn more about this opportunity, contact Tina Sarantos, (708) 660-0154.
Year of Giving
By Christina Arvanites, Director of Sunday Church School

This Church School year can truly be called the “Year of Giving”. Our students along with the generous donations of our parishioners were able to provide over 100 gifts for the Annual Loretto Toy Drive this past Christmas. We also donated food baskets to several needy Plato Academy families and helped multiple families through our donations to the Hellenic Foundation. Many thanks to the Skoulikaris family and group leader Evan who helped sort and pack all these boxes.

Our children along with their families and under the guidance of Fr. Athanasios spent a Saturday morning packing boxes for the Feed My Starving Children Organization. Together we packed over 109 boxes that will provide 23,544 meals.

We thank Eileen Szubert for organizing, our Souper Bowl of Caring. To build team spirit we had a drawing for the classroom with the largest donation. Our 1st place winner was Mr. & Mrs. Maniatis 6th grade class (99 items) and 2nd place was a tie (65 items), Mrs.Kozil’s Prek and Mrs. Tsaganos’ 5th grade class. Overall we collected 353 items and $130.00 in cash donations. These donations will be given to the Friends of Columbus Park food pantry. Our students are currently collecting coins for the OCMC Mission Coin box, with donations benefiting missions work around the world.

As you can see through the generosity of our families, we have been able to provide gifts under the tree, food on the tables of families here and half a world away and hopefully a smile on many faces.

Along with all the good we have been doing, we have also taken some time to have some good old fashioned fun. Whether it be at our fall outing at Johansen Farms riding ponies, feeding chicks and going on hay rides. Or at our winter event, Ice skating at Rosemont Ice rink, watching our very own Dorothy Hamill, aka our 7th/8th Church School teacher, Newsletter editor, Philoptochos member. Mrs. Sarantos, what can’t you do?!

Looking forward to all the good that we will do the remainder of our church school year.

May God bless all of us on our Lenten Journey to the joy of His Resurrection

Packing food for “Feed My Starving Children Organization”

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I am thankful for St. Catherine’s Chapel because little kids can understand the liturgy because it’s all in English.

St. Catherine’s Chapel is important to me because I like to serve in the altar.

I like to sing in the children’s choir in St. Catherine’s Chapel.

The service is longer in the Church upstairs and we wouldn’t have time for Sunday School. I also like the children’s choir.

St. Catherine’s Chapel is a place that has a nice community which allows me to feel closer to old friends, family and to God.

*A few words from the 7th and 8th grade Sunday Church School Class: The Importance of St. Catherine’s Chapel*
Consecration of
St. Catherine Chapel
May 6, 2012

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Daughter of Stamata and Timothy Nash

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Son of Jeffrey and Holly Roberts, taking the name, Andrew
Godparent: Lisa Lucas

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD
+ Mary Petenes + Thomas G. Maggos
+ Bessie Kundanis + Constantinos Demos
+ Peter B. Kopsaftis

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6 Months:
Georgia Stavropoulos
Demetra G. Karahalios

20 Years:
Louis J. Sedares

25 Years:
Loukia Mezilson

1 Year:
Peter Ganios
Angeline Berbas
James Dionesotes
Dena Vagias

3 Year:
Dr. Aphrodite Pappas
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Sarandina Goutos
Christine Orfanos

26 Years:
Alexandra Dervis
(Jimmy) George Skoulikaris

3 Years:

30 Years:
Peter Pappas

5 Years:
Demetra Skoulikaris Mantas

36 Years:

10 Years:
Efthimios Tagaris
Demetra (Manzara) Louvrie

39 Years:
Harry Orfanos

11 Years:
John Poulos
Magdalene Dervis

45 Years:
Vasilios Dervisis

18 Years:
Eleftherios Skoulikaris
Jane (Ioanna) B. Anast

46 Years:
Dr. Basil P. Anast

67 Years:
Mary (Dervis) Sothras

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Daughter of Stamati and Timothy Nash
Daughter of Katherine (Kott) and Steve Jones
Daughter of Lauren and Ryan DeReus

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FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD
+ Helen Grevan + Terry Kokas
+ Helen Psichogios + Chris Lageotakes
+ Vasilla Leonard + George Prevolos
+ Konstatinos Tsironis

MEMORIALS

40 Days:
Mary Petenes
Peter Kopsfatis
Thomas G. Maggos

10 Years:
Donald (Dionysios) Zack
Chris Theodosis

23 Years:
Rose (Treantafilia) Thedosis

28 Years:
Theodore Theodosis

65 Years:
Athanasiou Thedosis

Look for the answer to this question in the next newsletter.
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Important Upcoming Dates

March 10
Annual Youth Lenten Retreat

March 25
Annunciation of the Holy Virgin Mary
Theotokos

April 8
Palm Sunday

April 9
Great and Holy Monday

April 10
Great and Holy Tuesday

April 11
Great and Holy Wednesday

April 12
Great and Holy Thursday

April 13
Great and Holy Friday

April 14
Great and Holy Saturday

April 15
Holy Pascha