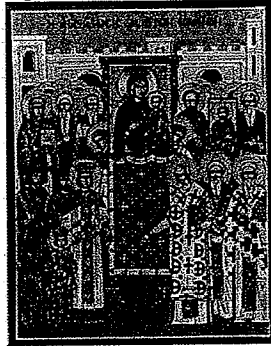


The Olive Shoots
St. Symeon Orthodox Church
March 9, 2014
+Sunday of Orthodoxy+



“Humility is constant forgetfulness of one’s
achievements.” ~ St. John Climacus

Upcoming Events
Wednesday, 6:30pm ~Presanctified Liturgy
Friday, 6:30pm ~Presanctified Liturgy



Troparion – Tone 2

We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One; and ask forgivingness of our transgressions, O Christ our God. Of Thy good will Thou wast pleased to ascend the cross in the flesh and deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the enemy. Therefore with thankfulness we cry to Thee: Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior, for Thou didst come to save the world.

Kontakion – Tone 8

No one could describe the word of the father; but when He took flesh from Thee, O Theotokos, He accepted to be described, and restored the fallen image to its former state by uniting it to Divine Beauty. We confess and proclaim our salvation in words and images.

Today's Bible verse is:

And Jesus said to Phillip, “Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.” ~*John 1:51*

Sunday of Orthodoxy

A long time ago, for over 100 years, icons were banished from Christian worship. They were destroyed and burned. In the year 843, at the beginning of Great Lent, icons were allowed again. This was a great and wonderful day! At the end of the Divine Liturgy for the feast, the whole church parish processes around the church carrying icons of their patron saints. They sing "Thou hast have filled all with joy, O our Savior, for Thou alone have come to save the world!" After the Procession, we pray for the Orthodox Christians and sing "Many Years!" for them. This is a very joyous Sunday.

RESTORATION OF THE ICONS:

