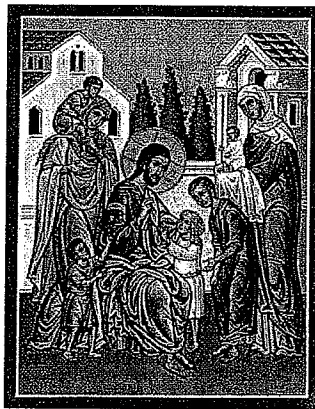


The Olive Shoots
St. Symeon Orthodox Church
November 3, 2013

✦ Church Behavior ✦



“In the Holy Temple we must behave with piety and
reverence, for the Lord is here invisibly present with
us.”

~Fr. David Abramtsov

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Saturday:

Divine Liturgy for St. Nectarios of Pentapolis at 10 AM

Baptism at 3 PM



Troparion (Tone 2)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal,
Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of thy Godhead!
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,
All the Powers of Heaven cried out:
O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!

Kontakion (Tone 2)

Hell became afraid, O Almighty Savior,
Seeing the miracle of Thy resurrection from the tomb!
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and
rejoiced with Thee!
And the world, o my Savior, praises Thee forever!

Today's Bible Verse:

“And He said to her, ‘Daughter, be of good cheer; your
faith has made you well. Go in peace.’”

(Luke 8:48)

What does this mean?

The woman was made well because she had faith in God,
and trusted Jesus as God to heal her, so she touched his
clothes and received his healing power. Her faith, with
Christ's power, is what saved her.

How Do I Act in Church?

When should I be in church?

You should try to **be in church** as much as possible, only going out for emergencies. Make sure that you are definitely in church during the **Gospel**, the **Great Entrance**, and the **Anaphora** (when we sing "We Praise Thee").

What should I do in church?

In church, make sure that you are **standing still** and **paying attention**. **Pray** and **sing** along with the choir when it is time to sing. Always be still and prayerful, so that God will hear your prayer and you will not distract others.

Can I talk in church?

There is **no talking** in church. When you talk to someone, your full attention is on them, not the service. You should use your mouth to pray and sing only. Wait until you are out of the church to talk to your friends.

How do I make the sign of the cross?

On your right hand, close your pinky finger and your ring finger next to it. Then put the tips of your pointer and middle fingers and your thumb together. Then, with your hand like this, touch your forehead, then your stomach, then your right and left shoulder, and say *Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me, a sinner*.

How do I venerate the icons?

When you walk up to an icon, first make the sign of the cross, then touch your hand to the ground (this is called a **metanoia**). Do this twice, and then **kiss** the icon, asking the saint or saints in the icon to pray for you. Finally, do one more metanoia.

What do I do at Communion?

When you are lining up for **Communion**, wait in line and be **patient**; do not worry about being before someone else. There will always be enough Body and Blood for everyone. In the line, cross your arms over your chest, with your right arm over your left arm. When you are receiving, open your mouth wide, kiss the chalice, and go to receive **antidoron** (only one or two pieces!).

Can I bring food or toys into church?

You should never bring **food** or **toys** into church. Snacks should be kept in the back rooms, only for babies and toddlers, or people with special blessings. Toys shouldn't even be brought to church. Your job during church is to pray and sing, not be distracted by toys.

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Use the **bold** words to help you unscramble these words!

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