

# St. Michael's Orthodox Christian Church

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(See the back cover for detailed contact information.)

# Sunday, May 27, 2012

# To all who are present with us this morning, Welcome! Thank you for being here.

<u>You May Find the Text of the Divine Liturgy</u> beginning on the bo om page 91 of the Service Book (gold embossed cross on the reddish brown cover) or in the green-spiral-bound book; sheet music can be found in the 8.5" x 11" large, spiral-bound booklet.

<u>At the Kiss of Peace</u>, our practice is for each of us to greet the person to our right and left with the bowing of our head, hands held in a prayerful clasp or crossed on the chest, while offering each other the Christian greeting of the Paschal Season, "Christ is risen!" and responding "Indeed, He is risen!"

**Please remember that Holy Communion is reserved** for those Chrismated Orthodox Christians who have appropriately prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and Confession to receive the Holy Mysteries of the Church. The bread (*anti'doron*, which means '*in place*' of the *gifts*) which we share after Communion and at the end of the Liturgy is for all.

Please join us for coffee and... in Fellowship Hall following the Divine Liturgy.



# TROPARION of the RESURRECTION

(Tone 6)



### SYRIAN CHRISTIAN RELIEF

The socio-political situation in Syria passed unbearable a while ago. Our Metropolitan PHILIP has once again issued a call to us, his flock, that we not turn a blind eye or deaf ear to those suffering in this region, especially as this is where the spiritual roots of our church here in Greensburg are to be found.

Beginning today and during all the Sundays of May, we will be accepting donations to help do what we can to help ease the suffering there. The following link to a CBS 60 Minutes program will offer some deeper understanding of what is transpiring:

http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-504803\_162-57418048-10391709/the-last-christian-village-in-the-holy-land/

## The Mission of Our Church

The mission of St Michael's Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church is to tend the flock of our Lord Jesus Christ and to spread the Good News of Christ to those outside the flock. This mission is to be accomplished by a) living a full liturgical and sacramental life, b) proclaiming the Orthodox Christian faith to all people, c) providing effective charitable and social programs, and d) establishing strong spiritual leadership and resources.

Tone: 6



## Sunday, May 27, 2012

Greeting: Christ is in our midst! Response: He is and shall be!

**Eothinon:** 10

The Father of the 1st Ecumenical Council; Hieromartyrs Helladios and Therapont, bishop of Sardis; Martyr Alypios; uncovering of the relics of Neilos the Younger, stylite of Seliger Lake; John the Russian.

### THE READING from the Acts of the Apostles (20:16-18, 28-36)

N THOSE DAYS, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.

And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them:

"Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

### THE HOLY GOSPEL According to St. John (17:1-13)

**T THAT TIME**, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify thy Son that the Son may glorify thee, since thou hast given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom thou hast given him. And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. I glorified thee on earth, having accomplished the work which thou gavest me to do; and now, Father, glorify thou me in thy own presence with the glory which I had with thee before the world was made.

"I have manifested thy name to the men whom thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word. Now they know that everything that thou hast given me is from thee; for I have given them the words which thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from thee; and they have believed that thou didst send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom thou hast given me, for they are thine; all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in thy name, which thou hast given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

### THE HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION is offered...

...by John and Christine Mansour in memory of parents FRANK and EDNA Spisso, niece AMY Dighello, aunt MARIAN Rantovich, Sittu BESSIE Albert, NATHAN Bacharach; and for the health of daughters ADRIENNE and MALLORY, parents JACK and ELEANOR, LOU and LISA Sciullo, their family, friends and the parishioners of St. Michael's.

#### **PRAYERS OF OBLATION are offered...**

- ...in memory of Archimandrites GEORGE M. Corry and JOHN Namie, Archpriests JOHN Chromiak, PETER Felenchak and ANTHONY Bell, and Priest JOHN PAUL Pro.
- ... in memory of GEORGES and MARIETTE Charabaty by Zina Almalouf.
- ... in memory of CATHERINE Wagner by Helen Zentz.

MEMORIAL PRAYERS will be prayed this morning...

- ...for the one year memorial of the falling asleep in the Lord of the servant of God, MARY Black, offered by Petros and Irene Papas.
- ...for the two year memorial of the falling asleep in the Lord of the servant of God, JOHN Krinock, offered by daughter Christina Miller & family.
- ...for the four year memorial of the falling asleep in the Lord of the servant of God, MARY Volchko, offered by Connie Byers and family.

HOSPITAL, HEALTH CARE, ASSISTED LIVING, SURGERY and new additions to the prayer list...

...(call hospital patients before visiting --- they may have been discharged): ADEL Armanious, DOLORES Asa, TRACY Barrack (Diana Lammert's sister), CHARLOTTE (Don Baum's grandmother), PATTI Bond and KATHY Kartalija (Carolyn Hill's sisters), TRACIE Casteel, IBRAHIM Chahin (Mayada Memari's father), OMAYMA and LOAI Chahin (Mayada Memari's relatives), DANIEL Davis (kidney disease), OLGA DiFlorio, JOHN (Jack) Drylie (Rehab & Nursing Center, Greensburg), WALTER Dydiw, ANNA Halferty, RONALD Hasnauer, KELLY Herman (Carol Patton's sister), Dn. JAMES Krisner, PATRICIA Kwak, JUSTIN, ELEANOR Mansour (home); EVELYN Mansour (Redstone), MICHAELENE McWhinney, Fr. MICHAEL Mihalick (friend of the Gajewski's), NORMA Nicholas (Stone Brook Manor, Manor)), MICHAEL Pahnos, IRENE Papas, BARBARA Preli (Diana Lammert's mother), FRANK Pruitt, ALBERT Saloom (Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Greensburg), CHRISIA Simkovich (hazardous employment), ROSEMARY Slyman, SAMUEL Slyman, PEGGY Stubbs (knee infection), MICHAEL Tatarka (Juniper Village, North Huntingdon), ANNA GRACE Todd, EDWARD Tony (Weatherwood Manor, Gbg), Fr. MICHAEL Totin, ZANA Varner (Jeanne Anton's daughter), MAGED Zakhary.

### VOTIVE CANDLES for Health, Welfare and Salvation

Health of Ruth Leavy	Jeanne Anton				
Health of Michaelene McWhinney	Jeanne Anton				
Health of daughter Zana	Jeanne Anton				
Happy Birthday, Salema!	Jeanne Anton				
God's Blessings to new grandson, Brady James - Grandma Connie Byers					
God's Blessings to David, Nicole & Noelle					
bírth of Brady James -	Grandma Connie Byers				
God's Blessings on Andrea Carson's &					
Chelsea Chedríck's college graduat	íon - Dawn Carson				
Health of Dn. James & Suzanne	PatKrísner				
Health of wife, Betty	Don Kushner				
Health of Lorí, John & Laríssa	Mom & Dad				
Health of Dave, Emíllíe, Ethan & Dean	Mom & Dad				
Health of Fr. John, Julíana & famíly	The Kushners				
Health of Irene & Pete Papas	The Kushners				
Health of Nick & Patty Papas	The Kushners				
Health of Norma Nícholas	The Kushners				
Health of Helen Joseph	The Kushners				
Health of Nick & Mary Masterson	The Kushners				
Health of Debbie Ryan	The Kushners				
Health of Christina Gudzan	The Kushners				
Health of brother, Steve	The Kushners				
Health of Carol	The Kushners				
Health of Eleanor Mansour	The Kushners				
Health of Sara & Adel Armaníous	The Kushners				
Health of Nick & Mary Masterson	The Kushners				
Health of wife Eleanor	Jack Mansour				
Health of Díane	Jack & Eleanor				
Health of sisters & brother	Jack & Eleanor				
Health of cousin Sam Slyman	Jack & Eleanor				
Health of Rosemary Slyman	Jack & Eleanor				
Health of sister, Nancy Horvath	Rich & Harriet Mirilovich				
Health of sons Frank, Jr., Daniel, David &	Framílíes				
	- Helen Porembka				
Health of grandchildren: Daniela, Matth	rew,				
	- Helen Porembka				
Health of sister-in-law Helen	Helen Porembka				
Health of nephew George	Helen Porembka				
Special Intention	Helen Porembka				
Health of Alexandra & Sydney Sam	Chris& Kate Sam				
Blessings on all Church School Teachers	Kate Sam				
Blessings on all Church School Students	Kate Sam				
Health of John Bober	Anna Santone				
Health of Brian Bober	Anna Santone				
Health of Sam, Eugene, Denny, Laura, D					
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Health of Rosemary Slyman Salema Slyman Health of cousins Jack, Eleanor, Evie & Helen Salema Slyman Health of cousins Al & Junie Essey Salema Slyman Health of Jeanne Anton Salema Slyman Health of Susan Solomon Salema Slyman Health of Mike and Donna Pahnos Salema Slyman Health of Helen & Frank Porembka Salema Slyman Health of Miriam & Paul Yazge Salema Slyman Health of Ron & Joanne Hasnauer Salema Slyman Health of Libby Sam Salema Slyman Health of Mary & Joe Gazal Salema Slyman Health of Pat & Dana Abraham Salema Slyman Health of Norma Nicholas Salema Slyman Health of Walter & Vera Dydíw Salema Slyman Health of Ida Langer Salema Slyman Health of Pete & Irene Papas Salema Slyman Health of Mary Haiden Salema Slyman Health of Don & Betty Kushner Salema Slyman Health of Fr. John & family Salema Slyman Dcn. James & Pat Krísner Salema Slyman Health of John Bober Anna Santone Health of Brían Bober Anna Santone Anna Santone Health of Alan Bober

### VOTIVE CANDLES in Memoriam: "Memory Eternal"

Memory Eternal, Dad, Míller Abraham	Dana Abraham			
In memory of husband Carmen	Jeanne Anton			
In memory of granddaughter Lízzy	Jeanne Anton			
In memory of brother Víctor	Jeanne Anton			
Christ Is Risen-Mother & Grandmother, Mar	y Volchko -			
	avíd, Nícole & Noelle Byers			
Christ Is Risen! - Sister & Godmother, Helen N				
- Connie, David, Nicole & Noelle Byer				
In memory of Dorothy Ferencz - Bill, Jo	ryce, Nick & Elizabeth Eger			
In memory of Theodore James & Mary Ann				
In memory of Mom & Dad Seman	Don, Betty, Lorí & Dave			
In memory of Mom & Dad Kushner	Don, Betty, Lorí & Dave			
In memory of Joanne Kushner Miller	Don, Betty, Lorí & Dave			
In memory of Marguerite Seman	Don, Betty, Lorí & Dave			
Eternal Memory, Mom & Dad Mirilovich	Rich & Harriet Mirilovich			
In memory of Mary Volchko on the 4th anni	versory			
of her death (May 26)	Rich & Harriet Mirilovich			
Christ Is Risen, for Frank Porembka, Sr.	- Wífe, Helen			
Christ Is Risen, for the departed members of	the			
Kozar & Porembka famílíes	Helen Porembka			
Chríst Is Rísen for mother, Helen Kozar	Helen Porembka			
In memory of Anthony Santone	Anna Santone			
In memory of Tekla Hlywa	Anna Santone			
In memory of Nancy Bober	Anna Santone			

#### MANY YEARS and...

- ...Happy Birthday to: MARIA Evans (5/27), NICHOLAS Hylva (5/27), BERNADETTE Farah (5/28,), MICHELLE Garrett (5/28), SILAS Garrett (5/28), MICHAEL Hill (5/29), GARY Musgrave (5/29), FRANK Porembka, Jr. (5/30), JEFFREY Curry (5/31), REBECCA Sexton (5/31), DAVID Giandomenico (5/31), MATTHEW Abraham (6/1), JAMES Anton (6/1), MATTHEW Burczyk (6/1), PAUL Capar (6/1), DEVIN Derr (6/1), RONALD Hasnauer (6/1), EUGENE Krinock (6/1), ABBIGAIL Langer (6/2), PATRICK Memari (6/2), JAMIE Salathe (6/2).
- ...Happy Anniversary to: DAVID and DANIELLE Carlini (5/27), JOHN and LORI Fitzgibbons (5/27), HERBERT and DEBRA Stout (5/27), GLENN and PAULETTE Weiss (5/29), Rev. SAMUEL and MARSHA Smolcic (6/1), STEVEN and DIANA Lammert (6/2), JOHN and LISA Tereshko (6/2).
- ...Happy Baptism/Chrismation Day to: STEVEN Anthony (5/28), KRISTEN Rysz (6/1).

## On the Day of Pentecost, Jesus Christ poured out His Holy Spirit on all mankind.

Come ponder what that means for you.

### May 31, 6:30 PM at the Armanious home. (Note: It is always good to double-check meeting locations.)

On Thursday, June 7, we will continue to reflect on this Mystery of God's Love as presented in the Gospel of St. John. The Orthodox Study Bible (available in our Bookstore) will be our primary tool at our get togethers.

### Today's Servers are...

Ushers - Gust Flizanes, Dina Papas & Sara Armanious
Greeters - Joyce George & Amy Hamwey
Lock-up - Dianne Anton
Attendance Last Sunday: 126 Mortgage Balance: \$396,845.40

## Today's Fellowship Hour is provided by...

Helen Porembka, Frank Porembka, Jr., Mary Haiden, Christina Miller, Rose Ann Barbato

#### REMEMBER, the Second Week on this schedule May Change. ALWAYS USE THE MOST CURRENT BULLETIN!

May 27 through June 2 Sunday, May 27 - 8:45 AM - MATINS - 9:30 AM - Choir Rehearsal - 10:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY Tuesday, May 29 - 9:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY - Martyr Theodosia -10:00 AM - Making Spanakopita Thursday, May 31 - 6:30 PM - 'Grow in Christ' Session at Armanious home Friday, June 1 - 9:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY - Justin the Philosopher Saturday, June 2 - 6:00 PM - FESTAL GT. VESPERS

#### **YOU ARE INVITED** to

Chloe Nosal's Graduation Party on Saturday, June 2, in St. Michael's Fellowship Hall from 4:00 PM to 8 PM. RSVP by phone, text or e-mail to Fr. John at (724) 244-1228; frino@comcast.net or

sign up at the ushers table in the vestibule.

Have you found a set of keys? If so, please contact the church office so that we can let the owner of the keys know they have been found!

#### ORTHODOX NIGHT July 23 at PNC Park vs. the Chicago Cubs

#### June 3 through June 9

Sunday, June 3 - Holy Pentecost - 8:45 AM - FESTAL MATINS - 9:30 AM - Choir - 10:00 AM - FESTAL DIV. LIT. Monday, June 4 - 6:00 PM - Seniors Dinner with Dr. Armanious at Smokey Bones Tuesday, June 5 - 9:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY - Hieromartyr Dorotheos - 6:00 PM - DAILY VESPERS

Thursday, June 7 - 6:30 PM - 'Grow in Christ' Session at Armanious home Saturday, June 9

- 9:00 AM to 2 PM-Community Day Flea Market, Bake Sale, Used Book Sale & Blood Drive - 6:00 PM - GREAT VESPERS

#### FFHP

If you have not returned your Food For Hungry People box or donation, please do so as soon as possible.

### Antiochian Village Camp...

... is in need of a 4-wheel drive, 8-foot-bed truck and a van for hauling. The van can be seatless. Contact Camp Director Fr. Anthony Yazge for additional details.



### A Reminder to our Church School Students:

You can do things the hard way or the easy way. If you are doing them without Christ, then you are doing them the hard way!

May God inspire you to make a habit of using your new Study Bibles and prayer books.

Have a great summer!

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Hill



#### COLLEGE FRESHMEN! A Message from Met. PHILIP

"Ms. Jennifer Nahas, Executive Director for Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) has advised us that over the next several weeks, the OCF will be contacting every Orthodox Parish in North America seeking basic contact information for the incoming college freshman from your parish. We ask that you cooperate with this request in order to help keep our college students connected to Christ and His Church during their years in post-secondary education." You can cooperate by submitting your college information to the church office as soon as possible.

**To offer a Metnorial:** 1) Contact Debbie in the church office (or Fr. John) at least one month in advance so that Memorial Wheat can be arranged, 2) write "Memorial" on an envelope, along with the date of the memorial, 3) write the names the dead to be commemorated on the envelope and 4) enclose a **\$25.00** donation to **St. Michael's Church.** Memorials cannot be offered on certain Sundays so it is important that the date is cleared with Fr. John in advance of your planning.

The people listed are commemorated during the prayers of the Preparation of the Gifts (Prothesis) and in the Great Entrance.

**Please plan ahead for your Memorials.** For scheduling purposes, one month advance notice is ideal, though if you know the date of a memorial far in advance, you can schedule now for any time in the future).

### To offer the Holy Bread without baking it yourself:

1) write "Holy Bread" on an envelope, 2) write the date you want the prayers said on the envelope, 3) write the names of the living and the dead to be commemorated on the envelope and 4) enclose a **\$25.00** donation to the **Antiochian Women**. The people listed are commemorated during the prayers of the Preparation of the Gifts (Prothesis) and in the Great Entrance.

#### Please plan ahead for your Bread Offering.

For scheduling purposes, one month advance notice is ideal, though if you know the date of a memorial far in advance, you can schedule now for any time in the future. NOTE: If YOU prepare either the wheat or Holy Bread, you do not need to pay the \$25 fee.

## **SPRING CLEANING TIME!**



As you do your Spring Cleaning at home, please save those items you would "Trash" and turn them into "Treasures" at Saint Michael's Flea Market, Bake Sale & Used Book Sale. Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 9 from 9 AM-2 PM.

Tables can be rented for \$10 and you'll be indoors and protected from those Spring showers! Valerie Flizanes or Mary Haiden can be contacted for more details and to reserve your table.

June 9 is also the day for our Red Cross Blood Drive. Sign-up sheets will be posted soon so that you can get your name and time on the schedule!

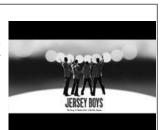


"Jersey Boys" at the Benedum

Friday, September 21, 2012 at 8:00 PM

Great seats in Director's Circle!

Pizza Party at St. Michael's at 5:00 PM Bus leaves church at 6:00 PM



COST: \$100 is due by June 3 to Irene Papas or Michelle Gajewski

### CALEB'S CUPBOARD - Toiletries Also Needed

In addition to the food you have been bringing to Calebos Cupboard,+Weove been informed of the need for other items like toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo and toilet paper. Items collected will be distributed to the poor in our area through the Greensburg Christian Laymenos Corps (Urania Ave.). A small emergency supply will be kept in a room downstairs for distribution in Cemergency+ when the Laymanos Corps is not open. Members of our church parish may also access that emergency supply for themselves and their neighbors. Help us ease some suffering with your donation.

## St. Michael's Orthodox Church

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PLEASE UPDATE OR ADD INFORMATION to my record:
NAME:
NEW/CHANGE INFORMATION:
ADD/CHANGE MY E-MAIL:

### The Post-Communion Liturgy:

What Just Happened Here and What Ought We Do Because of It?

Every time we celebrate the Divine Liturgy a miracle happens. The Uncreated God of the universe lifts us out of time into His Kingdom to commune with Him. The Co-Eternal Father, Son and Holy Spirit invite us and draw us into their midst as adopted participants and sharers by Grace in the Divine Life that rightly and essentially belongs only to Them. And so, as we begin the dismissal segment of the Divine Liturgy, preparing to depart the church at liturgy's end, we sing:

We have seen the True Light! We have received the heavenly Spirit! We have found the True Faith, worshiping the Undivided Trinity; for He hath saved us!

Our wonder at what has just occurred springs from us as worship of the God who is love, and more amazingly, Who *loves us*, his children who were lost in our sin and are now found by the God who seeks us and saves us. The account of man's Creation and Fall in human history has been brought to mind. The saving work of God the Father, accomplished through the Incarnation of His Son and completed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, has healed and reversed that Fall in us by our receiving of the Body and Blood of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ. And so, our thankful singing continues:

Let our mouths be filled with Thy praise, O Lord, that we may sing of Thy glory! For Thou hast permitted us to partake of Thy holy, divine, immortal and lifegiving mysteries. Establish us in Thy sanctification that all the day we may meditate upon Thy righteousness. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In a few moments, the Liturgy is complete. The upcoming calendar is reviewed, with special note being made of the week's opportunities to "gather as church." Now it is time to come forward to venerate the Holy Cross and receive the dismissal greeting and blessing. As we do so, the priest intones a triple-glory introduction and the reader begins our final and fitting prayers of thanksgiving for what we have just been given:

I thank Thee, O Lord my God ...

To this point, most of us have been familiar with the service. Now, we may not be quite certain what to do. Ideally, we should return to a place in the church where we may pray in our hearts the words that the reader is praying with his lips, until their completion. We should immerse ourselves in the prayers of thanks provided for us by saints whose attentive gratitude may lift and guide our own unpracticed attempts to respond to the miracle of God's Love that we have just received.

But, if we cannot remain in church in the described fashion, then we should do our best to be thankfully mindful of the miracle of God's love just given to us, as we quietly and reverently depart the church.

### **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE PARTNERSHIP**

St. Michael's is partnering with St. Bruno's Church to coordinate each church's blood drives to help each other reach blood drive goals. Donating blood at St. Bruno's on Tuesday, April 10 from 1-7 PM will have you in line for OUR blood drive on June 9.

Memorize the *bold, italicized* print passages on this page each week. By Holy Week and Pascha you will know both passages by heart.

#### PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

The Epistle Reading for Palm Sunday

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything

### praiseworthy — meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

#### JOHN 1:1-17

The Divine Liturgy Gospel Reading for Holy Pascha

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the Light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.

The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. We have beheld his glory, glory as of the only son from the Father. John bore witness to him and cried, "This was he of whom I said 'He who comes after me is greater than me, for he was before me."" And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.