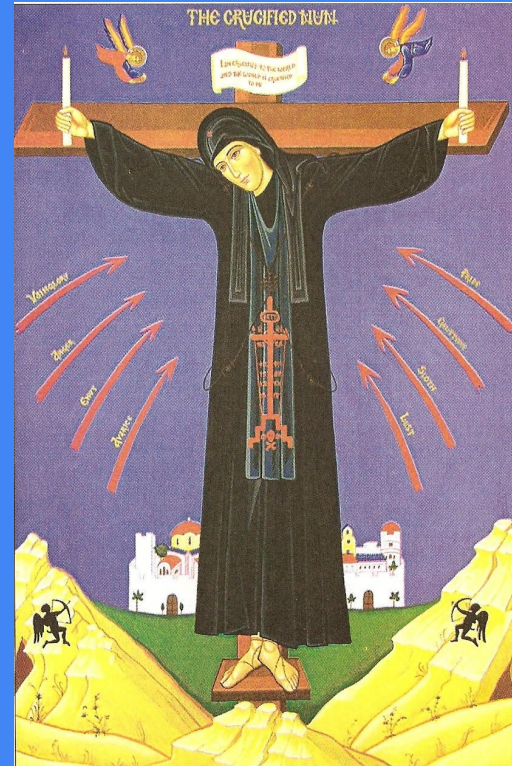


Introduction to Orthodoxy

Fall 2016: A Basic Catechesis
in Orthodox Christianity

Part 4: Sin, the Passions,
and Asceticism



Reminder 1: God is Personal



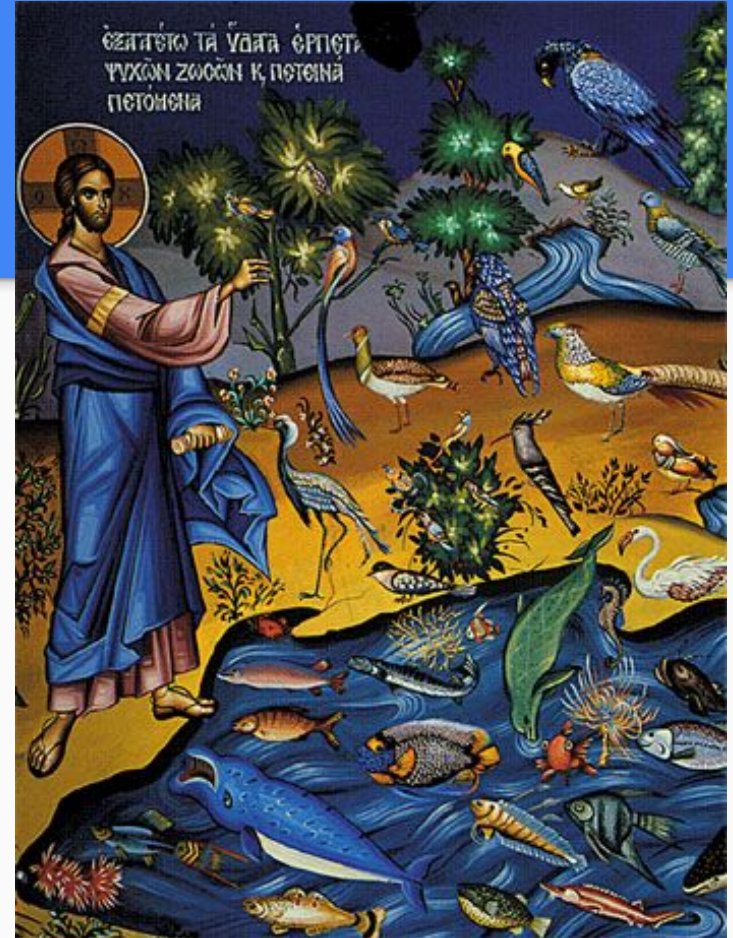
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Reminder 2: Matter is Good



3 Great Truths

All is Good

All is Fallen

All can be Redeemed



Liturgy of St. Basil the Great



Story of Salvation



What is sin?

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Ἄμαρτία (*Amartia*)

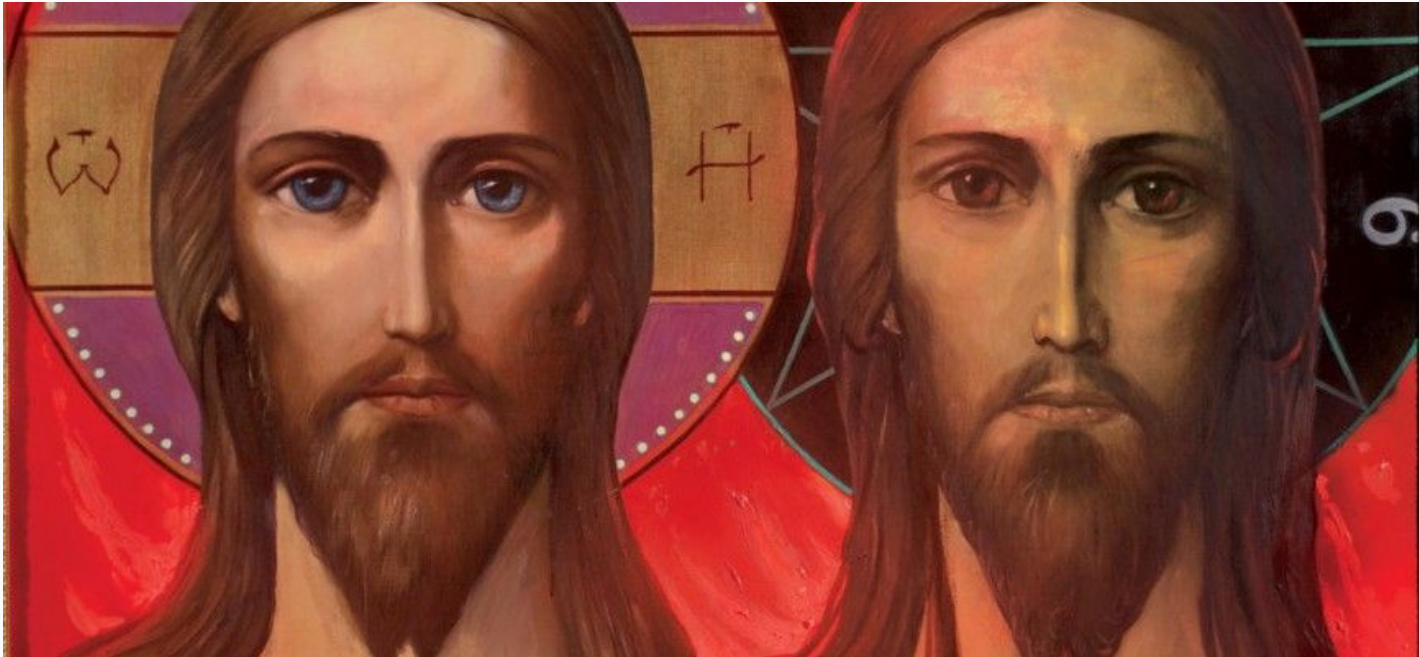
- Missing the mark
- Moving in the wrong direction
- Moving towards the wrong aim or goal
- “Off the tracks,” so to speak



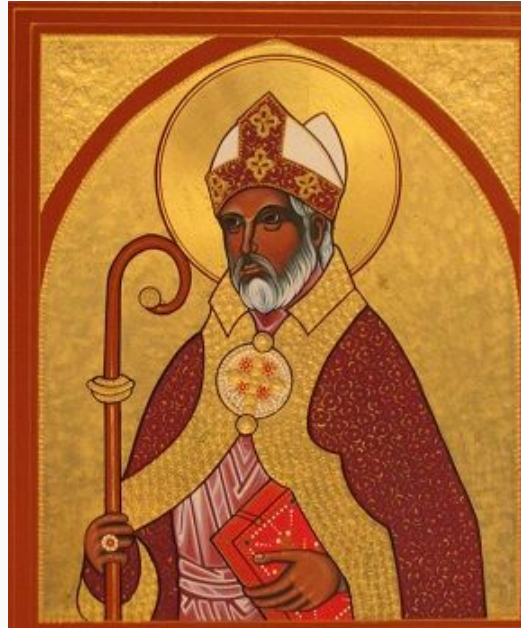
Satan, the Devil, the Enemy, Beelzebub, Demons



Anti-Christ



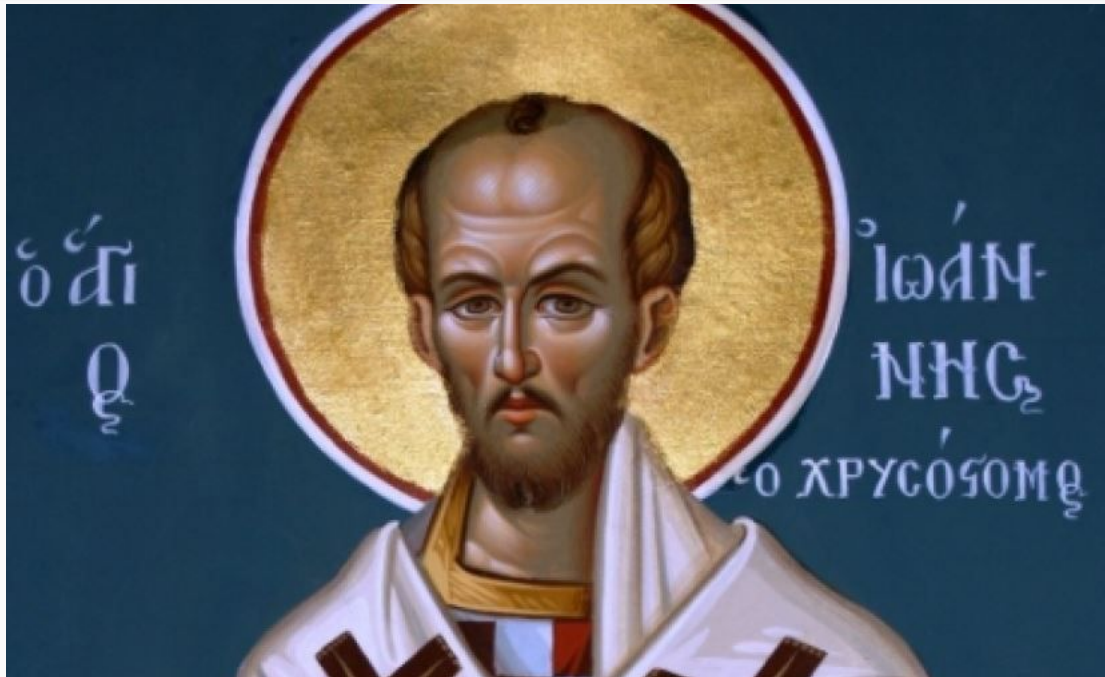
*Blessed Augustine of Hippo
(AD 354-430)*



*"If you believe
what you like in
the gospels, and
reject what you
don't like, it is not
the gospel you
believe, but
yourself."*

Saint Augustine

St. John Chrysostom (AD 349-407)





St. John Cassian (AD 360-435)

Opposed St. Augustine's teaching on 4 points:

1. Biblically, people often come to God freely
2. Man retained a striving for good, however, weakened after the Fall
3. The Divine Image in Man is tarnished not obliterated
4. "Predestination" is fore-knowledge not foreordination.





3 Great Truths

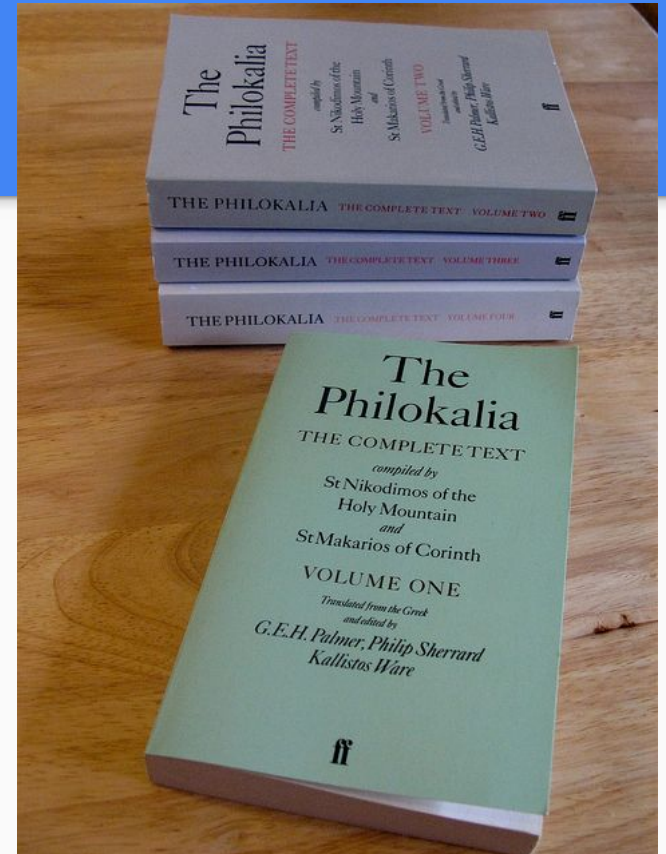
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The Passions

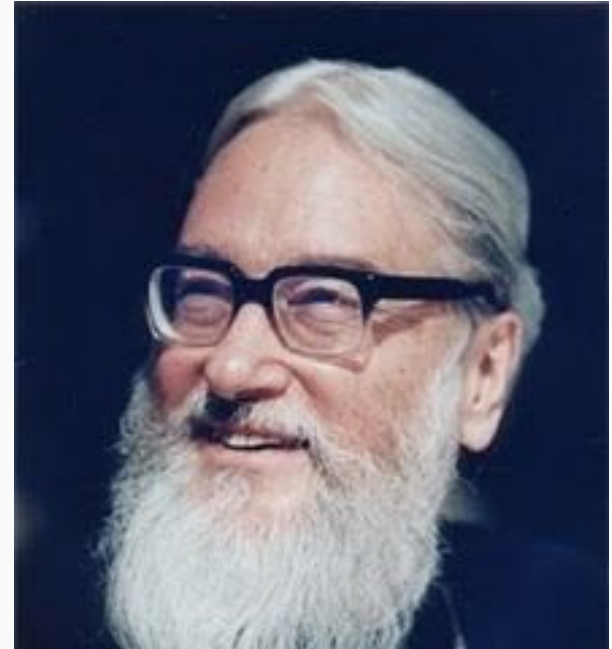


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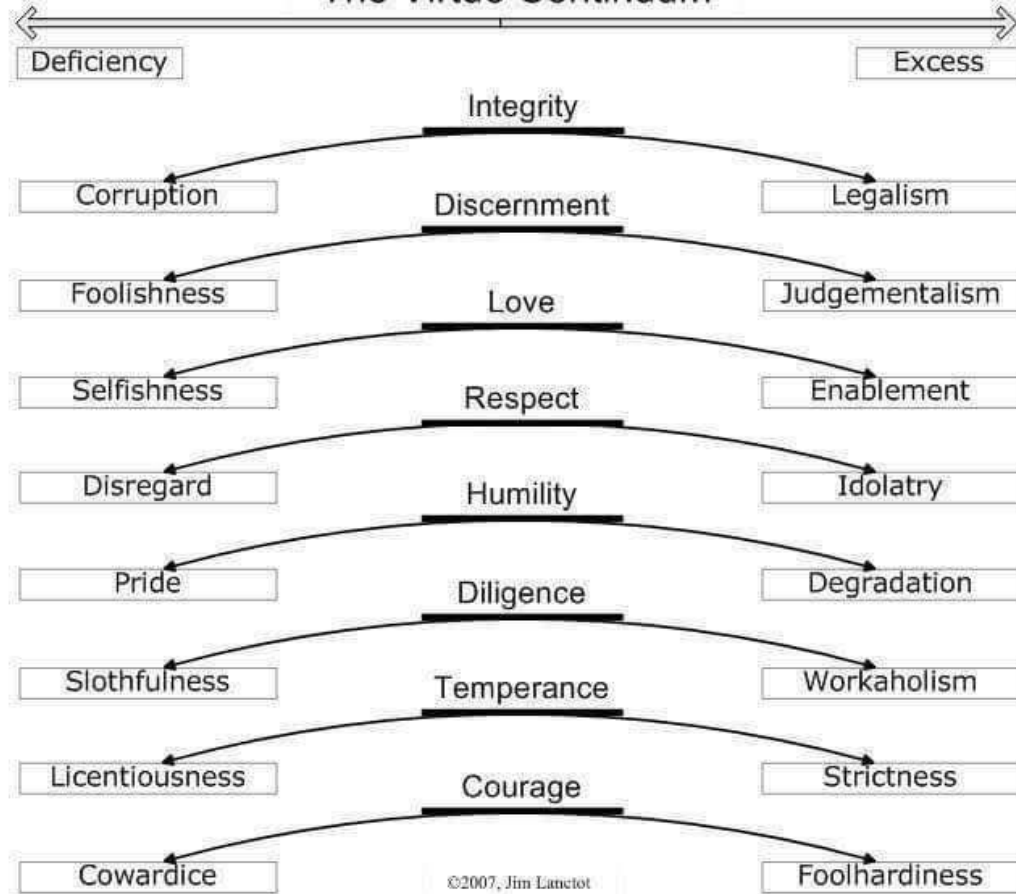


Apatheia (Dispassion) is...

“...the state of reintegration and spiritual freedom... purity of heart... Such a state may imply impartiality and detachment, but not indifference, for if a dispassionate man does not suffer on his own account, he suffers for his fellow creatures. It consists, not in ceasing to feel the attacks of the demons, but in no longer yielding to them. It is positive, not negative.” --Met. Kallistos Ware



The Virtue Continuum



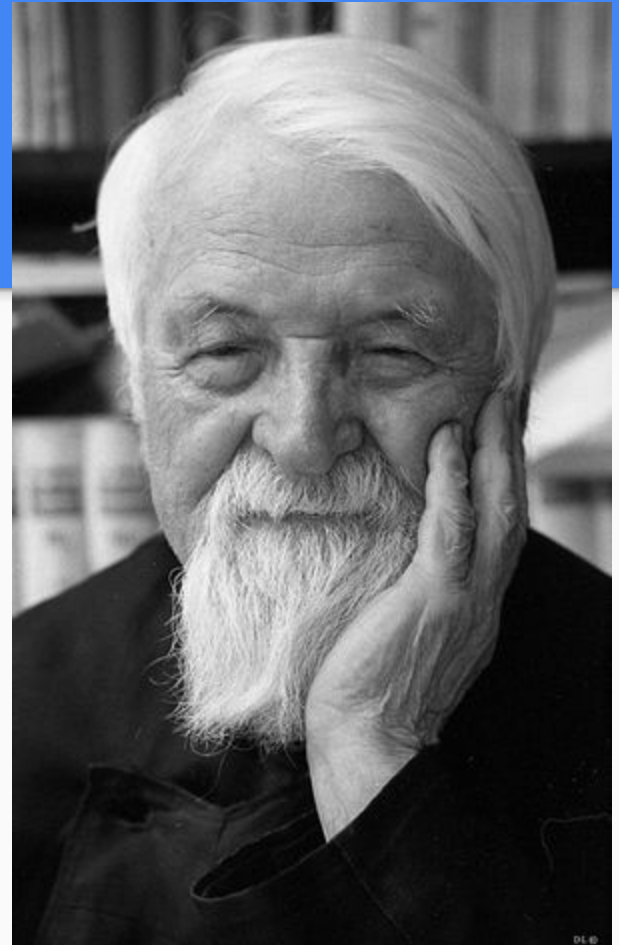
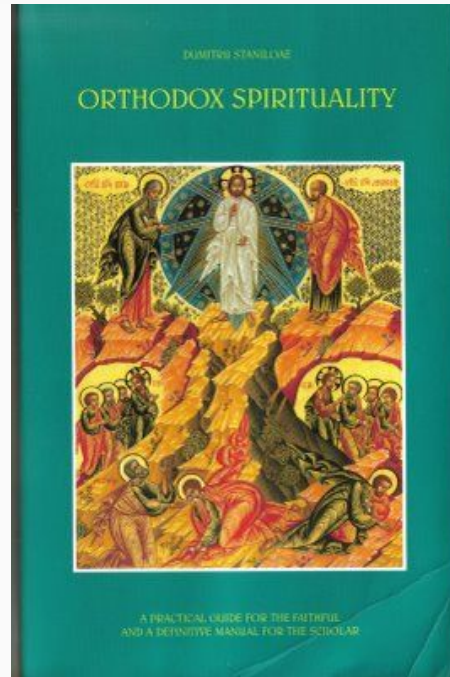
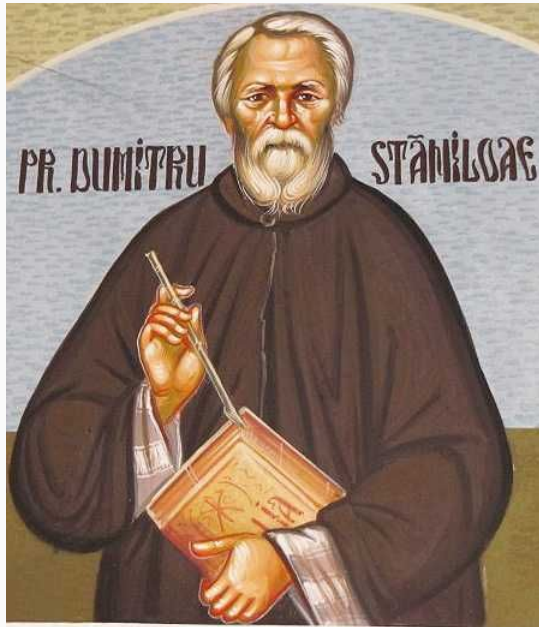
The Passions & the Commandments



Asceticism: it's training



Fr. Dimtru Staniloae (1903-1993)



The Passions & the Commandments



The Sacraments



Prayer



Fasting & Almsgiving & Giving of Tithes



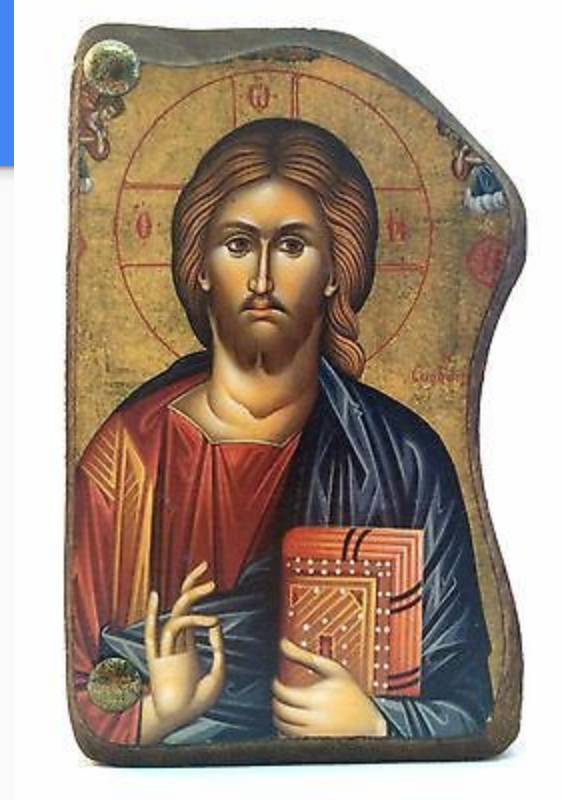
Ss. Athanasius & Anthony

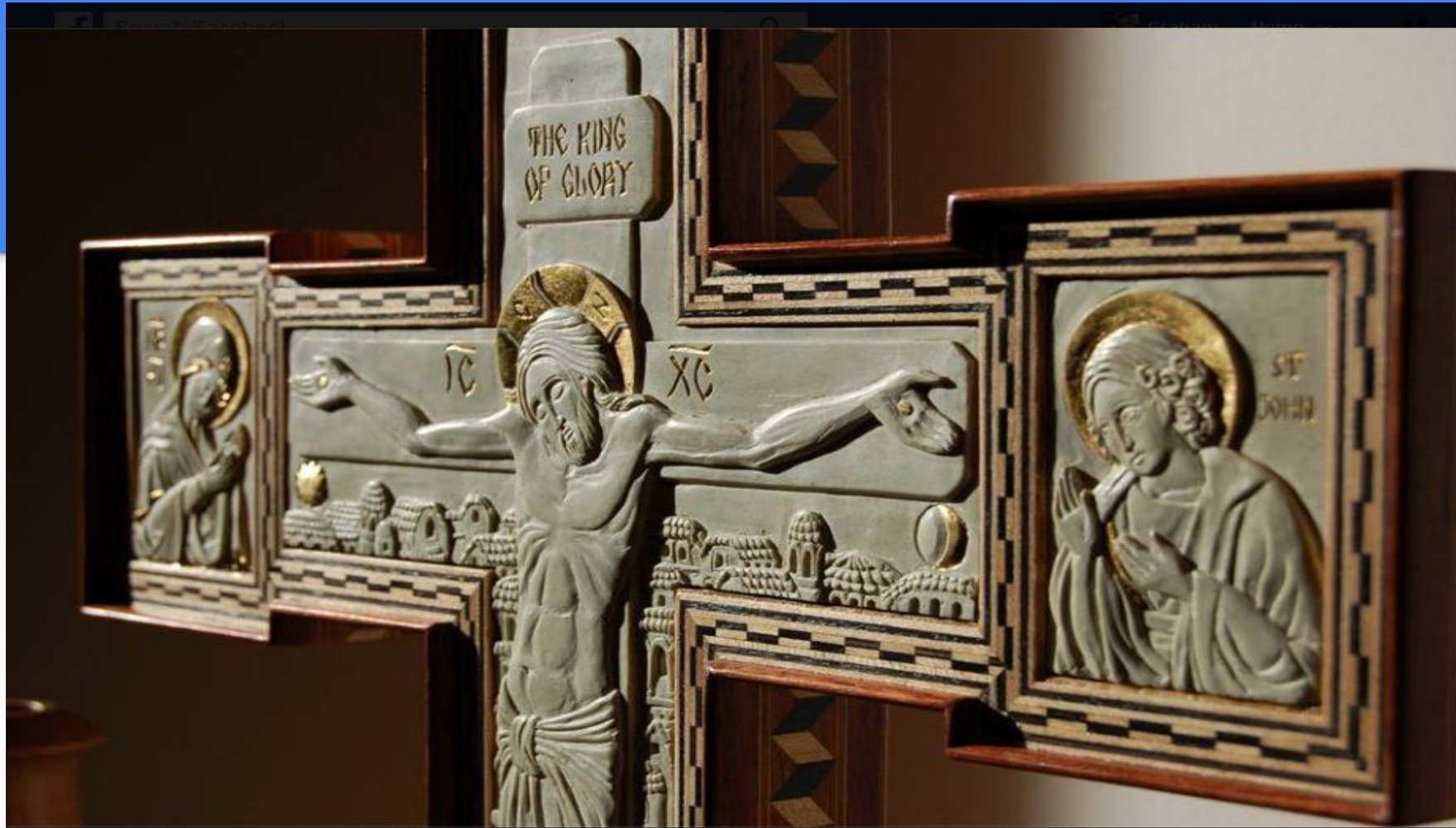


Next Week....

Christ: the Revelation of the Eternal Mystery

- Introducing Holy Tradition
as Fidelity to Authentic
Jesus Christ





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