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Stages of meditation

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1. Reading

- Read the text
- What does it tell by itself?
- Clear up the context
- Look up the comments
- Find the key-phrase

2. Meditation

- What is my here and now?
- What does the Word tell me?
- Use your imagination
- "Digest" the text
- The Word and my life

3. Prayer

- What will I say in response?
- Recognition and request
- Gratitude and glorifying
- Prayer in the Word
- My participation in the Divine Liturgy

4. Contemplation

- A call to conversion
- Now I am silent
- Staying in the presence of God
- Now He is guiding me

Biblical readings and meditations

August 15

Sunday 12

The Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary

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Philippines 2: 5-11

Luke 10: 38-42, 11: 27-28

Philippines 2: 5-11

Brethren, let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Luke 10: 38-42, 11: 27-28

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

While he was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!"

Meditation

Today we are solemnly celebrating the truth of faith. The Immaculate Holy Virgin, Mary, the Mother of God, who born Christ in the flesh and followed Him up to the cross, today ascends into heaven, in the glory of God. Love that has made her so fertile, and the power of the Spirit that shaded her, today again makes her strained to the heart of God Himself. He, loving with endless love, wants the woman with no element of sin, full of grace, His Mother, to shine with the whole reflection of His nimb of holiness. This Mother outpaces us in the blessed Motherland. While we are still paying respect to her holiness on the earthly pilgrimage roads, the Heaven has already accepted her for ever. It is a great consolation

for us to be sure that we have our Mother in the Heaven. But she has also taken effort to have this happened – she accepted her calling and performed the tasks given to her by her Son on the cross: she accepted us, in full love, under her motherly protection. She is the first to notice that we lack wine, that we do not rejoice. That is her who asks her Son for the miracle everybody needs, even if He were willing to answer that His time has not come yet. She, glorified by the angels' choirs, the Heavenly Queen, the Mother of the Church, keeps going along our streets. In silence and humbleness, but persistently and without getting tired. She knows well how to understand our human weaknesses and our most acute needs. She stays side by side with those suffering, since she herself knows it very well what pain is. She stays side by side with those rejoicing since she always joyfully glorified God. She can calm down with her motherly warmth this inborn need for tenderness that we have all our lives long. The whole Church is glorifying her today since the Heaven has opened up to accept the Mother, but it has also remained open for all her children. That is why today it is the feast both in heaven and on earth. Mary has fallen asleep to ascend to God with her soul and body. And mankind is cherishing hope and heading for the goal. With her our hope will never fade away, since she shines as a morning star showing our way.

August 16

Monday

2 Corinthians 8: 7-15

Mark 3: 6-12

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2 Corinthians 8: 7-15

Brethren, now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, “The one

who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

Mark 3: 6-12

The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Jesus departed with his disciples to the sea, and a great multitude from Galilee followed him; hearing all that he was doing, they came to him in great numbers from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, beyond the Jordan, and the region around Tyre and Sidon. He told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, so that they would not crush him; for he had cured many, so that all who had diseases pressed upon him to touch him. Whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and shouted, “You are the Son of God!” But he sternly ordered them not to make him known.

Meditation

Paul the apostle addresses one of his favorite but most problematic communities, - that in Corinth, - to raise money for the needs of the Jerusalem community, which was severely persecuted by the Jewish elders. Paul doesn't just ask for money, but provides a deep theological basis for making such a donation. Today, we've partially lost this understanding and often can logically justify it. Often the reason for being closed to someone else is a lack of trust that the donation we make will be used for its intended purpose. All this, of course, is correct, but I think we should attentively listen to Paul to

understand what is behind the willingness to give something that belongs to us to others.

The first argument that the apostle presents is that of love. According to Paul the Corinthian community, which he actually founded, was distinguished by the faith of its members, by their words, knowledge and vigilance, and through giving, Paul encourages them to also excel in love. Why is sharing the acquired goods a gesture of love? It is difficult to disagree with the answer given by the apostle: Jesus gave us His life, becoming poor for us up till His death on the cross, so that as a result of this impoverishment of Christ we could receive the grace of salvation from the Lord and thus become rich in God, inheriting His kingdom. Jesus, therefore, is the first and indisputable example of sacrificing out of love. And here, we note, it is not an issue of material sacrifice, but the sacrifice of one's own life...

Paul's next argument is brotherly love and equality. He is convinced that he who gives out of love, in a moment of need, will also receive what he needs from another person just out of that person's love. Some people call this the boomerang law – ok, let it be so... Still others know that God never remains indebted to those who follow the generosity of Christ, desiring to be like Him in everything.

August 17

Tuesday

2 Corinthians 8:16 - 9:5

Mark 3: 13-19

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2 Corinthians 8:16 - 9:5

Brethren, but thanks be to God who put in the heart of Titus the same eagerness for you that I myself have. For he not only accepted our appeal, but since he is more eager than ever, he is going to you of his own accord. With him we are sending the brother who is famous among all the churches for his proclaiming the good news; and not only that, but he has also been appointed by the churches to travel with us while we are administering this generous undertaking for the glory of the Lord himself and to show our goodwill. We intend that no one should blame us about this generous gift that we are administering, for we intend to do what is right not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of others. And with them we are sending our brother whom we have often tested and found eager in many matters, but who is now more eager than ever because of his great confidence in you. As for Titus, he is my partner and co-worker in your service; as for our brothers, they are messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ. Therefore openly before the churches, show them the proof of your love and of our reason for boasting about you.

Now it is not necessary for me to write you about the ministry to the saints, for I know your eagerness, which is the subject of my boasting about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last year; and your zeal has stirred up most of them. But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you may not prove to have been empty in this case, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be; otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be humiliated—to say nothing of you—in this undertaking. So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you, and arrange in advance for this bountiful gift that you have promised, so that it may be ready as a voluntary gift and not as an extortion.

Mark 3: 13-19

He went up the mountain and called to him those whom he wanted, and they came to him. And he appointed twelve, whom he also named apostles, to be with him, and to be sent out to proclaim the message, and to have authority to cast out demons. So he appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); James son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Meditation

If you hear the voice of Christ in your heart, you will have to climb a mountain. Jesus does not locate His apostles somewhere on the beach or in the shade under palm trees so that they can lie down and relax. No. He climbs the mountain and then calls the others to climb up the same mountain after Him. This process itself is not very pleasant: it is hard, hot, dusty, stony, and maybe even too sunny or rainy and stormy. Why so? Couldn't it be easier? This is God's logic. Following Jesus from the very beginning requires a person to be able to sacrifice and endure hardships, to step out of the comfort zone.

Am I capable of this? Do I want and can I climb a mountain? What am I doing now: sitting in a cozy place or climbing after Jesus? What is more like my spiritual life: climbing a mountain or lying under a palm tree?

It is on the mountain that Jesus makes apostles out of sweaty, tired, dirty, vigilant people, there He gives them authority. But for the ministry of the apostleship He chooses only twelve out of those who were following Him up to the top of the mountain. Jesus rejects the rest of the bold disciples, simply does not involve them in the ministry of the apostolate.

Do you want to become an apostle – a follower of Christ? It is important to follow Jesus up, and He will place whomever He wills there where that person needs to be. It is His choice. And it is my duty to climb up and do not let Jesus out of my sight. Everything

else He will do Himself, if He wills He will change my name, give me a different essence, give me apostolic authority, and invite me to work in His vineyard.

The main thing is to be vigilant and not to miss His call to follow Him, to be ready for sacrifice and hardship, because in the spiritual life this is the way of His disciples and apostles.

Lord, give me courage to change what I can. Give me strength to follow You, despite all the difficulties that come my way. Make my soul in need of running towards You and, if I am tired, at least walking towards You. If I cannot walk, make me crawl towards You. If I cannot crawl anymore, let me lie in Your direction, Jesus.

August 18

Wednesday

2 Corinthians 9:12 - 10:7

Mark 3: 20-27

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2 Corinthians 9:12 - 10:7

Brethren, for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

I myself, Paul, appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold toward you when I am away!—I ask that when I am present I need not show boldness by daring to oppose those who think we are acting according to human standards. Indeed, we live as human beings, but we do not wage war according to human standards; for the weapons of our warfare are not merely human, but they have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle raised up against the knowledge of God, and

we take every thought captive to obey Christ. We are ready to punish every disobedience when your obedience is complete.

Look at what is before your eyes. If you are confident that you belong to Christ, remind yourself of this, that just as you belong to Christ, so also do we.

Mark 3: 20-27

And the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

Meditation

God loves those who know how to give generously. An interesting experiment was conducted. At one of the lectures, a group of people was asked to inflate a ball and write their name on it. After that, these balls were thrown into a room with a lot of other balls. The task for each participant was to find their ball in 5 minutes. Everyone was busy looking for their ball, bumping into each other, but none of the participants coped with the task. Then the

participants were grouped into pairs and asked to find their partner's ball: everyone coped with this task. This experiment clearly shows the laws of God in this world: when we know how to work for others, when we share, sacrifice, prioritize others, something changes around us and everything becomes simpler and more real.

The ability to let our financial wealth or benefits go is like giving space for something new, for more grace. Interesting enough that according to some studies, one of the causes of poverty is greed. God very often emphasizes that we shouldn't be afraid. So, being able to share is a kind of victory over the fear that I might find myself in need of something. The word of God assures us: *He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us* (2 Corinthians 9:10-11).

My latest experience is based on buying a new guitar. I couldn't dare to sell the old one, because I thought that there wouldn't be enough money for a new one. When I sold my old guitar, a new one appeared pretty quickly. We need to be able to let go certain things or situations in order to move on.

Often during rehearsals I observe the following thing: when we are trying to choose a part for one of the musicians, I manage to find the best one for myself. There is something in this, when we stop thinking about ourselves, we get more.

From my own experience I see that when I try to unselfishly share my knowledge, it comes back to me with a better effect. That's what God intended, and it makes me happy.

August 19

Thursday

2 Corinthians 10: 7-18

Mark 3: 28-35

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2 Corinthians 10: 7-18

Brethren, look at what is before your eyes. If you are confident that you belong to Christ, remind yourself of this, that just as you belong to Christ, so also do we. Now, even if I boast a little too much of our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for tearing you down, I will not be ashamed of it. I do not want to seem as though I am trying to frighten you with my letters. For they say, "His letters are weighty and strong, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible." Let such people understand that what we say by letter when absent, we will also do when present.

We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who commend themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another, and compare themselves with one another, they do not show good sense. We, however, will not boast beyond limits, but will keep within the field that God has assigned to us, to reach out even as far as you. For we were not overstepping our limits when we reached you; we were the first to come all the way to you with the good news of Christ. We do not boast beyond limits, that is, in the labors of others; but our hope is that, as your faith

increases, our sphere of action among you may be greatly enlarged, so that we may proclaim the good news in lands beyond you, without boasting of work already done in someone else's sphere of action. "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." For it is not those who commend themselves that are approved, but those whom the Lord commends.

Mark 3: 28-35

And the Lord said: "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Meditation

If you search in *Google* or *Wikipedia* the meaning of *everything*, you will find that this word is the *root category for all other categories*. That is, it is the main root category which covers all other categories. And Christ says that everything will be forgiven to the sons of men: sins and blasphemies – no matter how much they blaspheme. With one exception – sins against the Holy Spirit can

never be forgiven, that is, attributing the action of the Holy Spirit to the devil. All sins in any quantity and measurement will be forgiven by God. This is the dimension of God's love for man.

Can I treat my neighbors this way and forgive them the way God forgives?

The next time we feel that it is difficult to forgive someone who needs to be forgiven, that inside we are against it, or that we have been hurt so much that it is impossible to accept any apology, let us remember the words of Christ: the Lord will forgive the man, - forgive sins and blasphemies, no matter their quantity. Let us learn to forgive our neighbors, no matter how much they offend, insult, slander, cause pain or abuse us – forgive them all, because if we forgive here and now – the Lord will forgive us much more. Let us do the will of God – love and forgive our neighbors. Thanks to this, Christ will be able to say: *you are my brother, sister and mother.*

Lord, help me to forgive all those who have offended me and help me to receive Your forgiveness of my sins, because I don't want to have anything to do with sin – only with You.

And looking at those who sat around him... To be His disciple, one must be with Christ, be next to Him and listen to His Word. Am I present in the Word of God? Am I in His presence? For how long and how often? Do I want to spend more time with Christ? What do I need to change in my life? How often do I read His Word? How much time do I spend with Christ?

August 20

Friday

2 Corinthians 11: 5-21

Mark 4: 1-9

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2 Corinthians 11: 5-21

Brethren, I think that I am not in the least inferior to these super-apostles. I may be untrained in speech, but not in knowledge; certainly in every way and in all things we have made this evident to you.

Did I commit a sin by humbling myself so that you might be exalted, because I proclaimed God's good news to you free of charge? I robbed other churches by accepting support from them in order to serve you. And when I was with you and was in need, I did not burden anyone, for my needs were supplied by the friends who came from Macedonia. So I refrained and will continue to refrain from burdening you in any way. As the truth of Christ is in me, this boast of mine will not be silenced in the regions of Achaia. And why? Because I do not love you? God knows I do!

And what I do I will also continue to do, in order to deny an opportunity to those who want an opportunity to be recognized as our equals in what they boast about. For such boasters are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of

Christ. And no wonder! Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is not strange if his ministers also disguise themselves as ministers of righteousness. Their end will match their deeds.

I repeat, let no one think that I am a fool; but if you do, then accept me as a fool, so that I too may boast a little. What I am saying in regard to this boastful confidence, I am saying not with the Lord's authority, but as a fool; since many boast according to human standards, I will also boast. For you gladly put up with fools, being wise yourselves! For you put up with it when someone makes slaves of you, or preys upon you, or takes advantage of you, or puts on airs, or gives you a slap in the face. To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that!

Mark 4: 1-9

Again he began to teach beside the sea. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty

and a hundredfold.” And he said, “Let anyone with ears to hear listen!”

Meditation

The parable of the seed and its fruit, told by Jesus, is very clear and known even to atheists. And really, who would be willing to live his or her life in a fruitless way? Therefore, attention should also be paid to today’s fragment from the Epistle, where Paul advocates apostolic service that has yielded a rich fruit.

This sermon, unfortunately, is paid little attention to even by the clergy designated to preach the Good News. Why? Because their hearts in the Church are also the place where the seed of the Good News falls.

What fruit do these hearts yield? That depends on the soil on which this preaching falls, that is what is the most important in this heart. There appear to be only four options:

- 1) path – a “deaf” faithless person, full of oneself;
- 2) rock – a hot altruist who will give away the shirt off his/her back with a subconscious hope to get at least a new suit soon;
- 3) thorn – an activist getting down to all businesses and then falling at the end of the day, incapable of even reciting the evening prayers;
- 4) good soil – a sinner who has come to cognize his/her heart, ploughed with injustice and sins, and waiting for the seed of the Word like the field in the springtime.

Thus, telling of the good news, *kerygma* is this seed of the Word. It started being sown by Jesus, and He told His disciples to do the same. This Word is simple and pleasant. Each time it is proclaimed, time favourable for salvation comes.

Thus, God loves sinners today and sees how they condemn themselves for the mistakes made in their lives. God is the Father, and He forgives sins. One should just approach Him, acknowledging one's faults as a little child approaches the father. No riches, either material, or spiritual, will be enough to pay for it. Why? Because only it gives hope, gives victory over death.

Probably, some of us are in despair today, since his/her hopes were related to money, connections, wellbeing, and health. That is why God has decided to give this Word on a free-of-charge basis. When this News is accepted with faith and remorse, the Son of God is born in the sinner's heart, *a new person* who has won over death.

That is how apostle Paul preached. Christ's apostles preached that way in all the times, inviting to discern the standpoint expressed in the 4th item in oneself and to inherit life.

August 21

Saturday

1 Corinthians 2: 6-9

Matthew 22: 15-22

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1 Corinthians 2: 6-9

Brethren, yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him. "

Matthew 22: 15-22

Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way." The disciples said to him, "Where are we to get enough bread in the desert to feed so great a crowd?" Jesus asked them, "How many loaves have you?" They said, "Seven, and a few small fish." Then ordering the crowd to sit down on the ground, he took the seven loaves and the fish; and

after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all of them ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. Those who had eaten were four thousand men, besides women and children. After sending away the crowds, he got into the boat and went to the region of Magadan.

Meditation

Over all the years of preaching to the Israel people Jesus got used to such provocative questions asked by Israel's religious leaders. Their goal was to catch Jesus in some trespassing of the Judaic or Roman law, to be able to file a lawsuit with the respective authorities and to punish Him. The Galilean healer and preacher had long been a burr in the saddle for them, since He often publicly pointed to their atheism and hypocrisy.

Using the emperor's portrait on the coin (in the ancient times the image of the ruler in the period of whose rule they were produced was carved), Jesus draws an incredible parallel between what belongs to the emperor and what belongs to God. And while everything is clear with what belongs to the emperor – a tax coin bears his image and inscription, to understand what Jesus means by what belongs to God, one should read the Genesis (see Genesis 1:27). It is written there that we are the bearers of God's image, like coins bear the emperor's image. Creating a human, God put a seal of His image on them, thus affirming their eternal belonging to Him. Even the greatest sin cannot obscure God's image in humans. In other words, Jesus tells the Pharisees: *Give the coin used for the tax to the emperor, and give yourselves, your life to God.*

When daily problems fall as a burden on our shoulders, and problem solving takes too much of our time, one should recollect this existential truth: me and you are the bearers of God's image, thus, the "tax" on our life is due to God. It, according to the parallel Jesus draws to the coin used for tax, fully belongs to Him. A coin with the emperor's image can buy some property, enrich someone, and, probably, make someone happy. But the emperor's image on no coin is eternal, it gets erased with time. While the image of God which we bear on us can never be erased. It is the gift and an advance payment for happy eternal life, but, at the same time, presupposes the task to live the way for everyone who looks at my life to be able to easily discern the image and inscription of Whom I am.

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