

Week of July 2nd 2017

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Next Services

Saturday, July 8th Great Vespers at 5:00 pm

Fr. Luke is available to hear
confessions following the service

Sunday, July 9th Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

Both services at
St. Olympia Chapel
123 Main Street
Potsdam, NY

All welcome!

Sayings from the Desert Fathers

Abba Ephraim is most likely St. Ephraim the Syrian, one of the most inspired hymnographers. His hymns reach to the heights and depths of Orthodox theology.

While yet a child, Abba Ephrem had a dream and then a vision. A branch of vine came out of his tongue, grew bigger and filled everything under heaven. It was laden with beautiful fruit. All the birds of heaven came to eat of the fruit of the vine, and the ore they ate, the ore the fruit increased.

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Another time, one of the saints had a vision. According to the commandment of God, a band of angels descended from heaven, holding in their hands a *kephalis* (that is to say, a piece of papyrus covered with writing), and they said to one another, "To whom should we give this?" Some said, "To this one," others, "To that one." Then the answer came in these words, "Truly, they are holy and righteous, but none of them is able to receive this except Ephrem." The old man saw that the *kephalis* was given to Ephrem and he saw as it were a fountain flowing from his lips. Then he understood that that which came from the lips of Ephrem was of the Holy Spirit.

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Another time, when Ephrem was on the road, a prostitute tried by her flatteries, if not to lead him to shameful intercourse, at least to make him angry, for no one had ever seen him angry. He said to her, "Follow me." When they had reached a very crowded place, he said to her, "In this place, come, do what you desire." But she, seeing the crowd, said to him, "How can we do what we want to do in front of so great a crowd without be ashamed?" He replied, "If you blush before men, how much more should we blush before God, who knows what is hidden in darkness." She was covered with shame and went away without having achieved anything.

Planning Ahead

Parish Rummage Sale
to benefit our building fund
Saturday, August 26, 2017

Please collect items that you
can contribute to this
fund raiser

Archbishop Michael's next
visit to Potsdam will be:

Saturday-Sunday,
September 9-10, 2017



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Ancient Faith Radio Podcasts

Sometimes life becomes so demanding and complex that it seems almost impossible to pursue the things that are spiritually necessary in addition to prayer, fasting and worshipping as Church. Yet we are called to keep growing in our faith and love for the Lord, and often the "world" seems against us. If it is challenging to attend bible studies or get enough quiet time to explore our Orthodox faith more deeply by reading, a wonderful solution can be found by listening to Ancient Faith Radio (AFR).

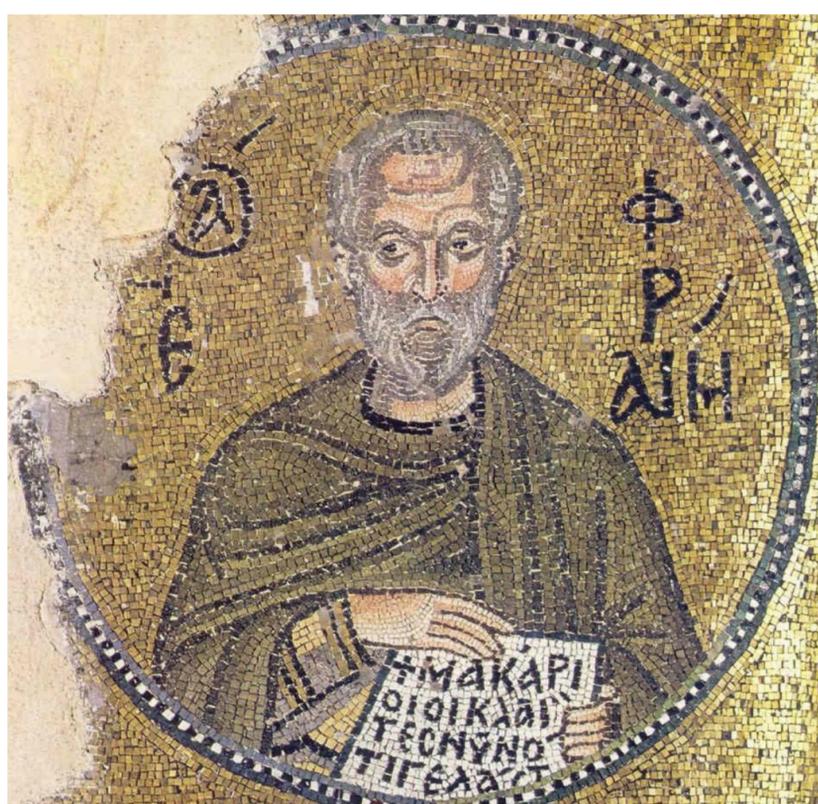
AFR is a division of Ancient Faith Ministries, a department of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. AFR has two stations that stream, Ancient Faith Music and Ancient Faith Talk. Church services are also streamed. However, what has grown to be an almost inexhaustible treasure is AFR's archive of hundreds of podcasts on almost every aspect of faith and life as an Orthodox Christian.

An advantage to podcasts is that they can be accessed at any time. They are wonderful to listen to while driving, cooking, eating... To date, there are 127 podcast series. Some series have over 300 episodes while others are much more limited. The contributors are monastics, clergy, professors and other laity. The listener can find numerous talks on Scripture by various priests and scholars such as Fr. Thomas Hopko and Dr. (Presbyter) Jeannie Constantinou, among many more. There are podcasts for children such as "Let Us Attend" and "Let the Children Come Unto Me," and for parents ("Raising Saints"). There are resources and ideas for those working with campus ministries ("From My Youth" and "Sowing Seeds") and reviews of Orthodox literature ("Speaking of Books" and "Ex Libris"). Some podcast series are aimed at those who are exploring the basic tenets of Orthodoxy, such as "Orthodoxy Live" or Fr. Stephen Damick's "Orthodox and Heterodoxy." There are two series dedicated to chaplaincy ("In the Valley of the Shadow of Death" and "Orthodox Christians on the Front Lines"). One series focuses specifically on insight to the Psalms (Let My Prayer Arise) and others are eclectic such as "Through a Monks Eyes." While the podcasts are mostly in English, there are at present six that in Spanish. Some of the contributors are personable and humorous ("Orthodixie") and others more academic ("The Cambridge Orthodox Forum"), but all are passionate and their enthusiasm is contagious.

To explore these rich offerings, go to the Radio and Podcast section of Ancient Faith Ministries. There you can peruse or search by themes or authors, and select episodes to download. You'll be amazed at what you'll find!

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A screen shot showing some of the podcast titles



St. Ephraim the Syrian
Eleventh-century mosaic in Nea Moni, Chios, Greece