

eventually amount to the collapse of society as he and others knew it, for these reasons he penned this defense of the natural law tradition in *The Abolition of Man*. His goal was nothing short of an attempt to salvage Western civilization” Lewis felt that modern education (in the 1940–50s) was bent upon debunking objective truth and virtue and the emotions that fortified them. Lewis takes up the task of debunking these modern debunkers. Fr. Andrew, PhD Oxford, is a gifted speaker and his presentation—from an Orthodox point of view—will be engaging, educational and clear.

- TALK NEXT SATURDAY AFTER VESPERS:

Next Saturday we have the pleasure to welcome Father Ilya Gotlinski from Holy Dormition Church (OCA) in Binghamton, NY. Fr. Ilya will be visiting us for the weekend. Following Great Vespers on Saturday, he will give a brief talk on the New Martyrs of Russia (that Feast is the last Sunday of January), a topic of which he is an expert. All are invited to what will be a spiritually profitable and educational presentation.

- PARISH RETREAT / WALK FOR LIFE:

The Parish Retreat (Jan. 27, 9:30 AM) will be led by Fr. Timothy Pavlatos, who will speak on marriage, and is relevant for single and married alike. See the flyers in the Church. The *Walk for Life* takes place in SF, Jan. 27. See Deacon Jeremiah if you are interested in participating.

- REMINDER FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL:

Parents or adult guardians are responsible for the safety and supervision of their children before, during and after Services, while playing in the Hall, the playground or the property. Young children may not roam the property without parental supervision. In addition, children are not allowed to play in the vineyard, behind the Church School or Hall, or in the parking lots. Parents, you are the playground monitors. —Fr. Lawrence and the Parish Council

- ANNUAL MEETING:

Our Parish Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 11, at 12:30 PM. All nominations for Parish Council must be submitted to me by Sunday, January 21. —Fr. Lawrence

- SISTERHOOD MEETING:

On Thursday evening the Sisterhood members gathered to discuss the organization of the Sisterhood, and its relationship to the various Parish Ministries. The discussion will continue on Thursday, Jan. 18 at 6 PM.

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Leave-taking of Theophany and St. Nino of Georgia



- TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION, Tone Seven:

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death; to the thief, Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrh-bearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy Disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy.

- TROPARION OF THEOPHANY, Tone One:

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, and called Thee His beloved Son; and the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the truthfulness of His Word. O Christ, our God, Who hast revealed Thyself, and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

- TROPARION OF ST NINO, EQUAL-TO-THE-APOSTLES, Tone Four:

O handmaid of the Word of God, who in preaching equaled the first-called Apostle Andrew, and emulated the other Apostles, enlightener of Georgia and reed-pipe of the Holy Spirit, holy Nino, pray to Christ our God to save our souls.

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- KONTAKION OF THE RESURRECTION, Tone Seven:

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hades is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry: The Savior has come to them that have faith. Enter, ye faithful, into the Resurrection.

KONTAKION OF ST NINO, Tone Two:

Let us sing praises to the chosen of Christ, Equal-to-the-Apostles and preacher of God's word, the bearer of good tidings who brought the people of Katalina to the path of life and truth, the disciple of the Mother of God, our zealous intercessor and unwearing guardian, the most praised Nino.

- KONTAKION OF THEOPHANY, Model Melody:

On this day Thou hast appeared unto the whole world, and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, is signed on us who sing Thy praise and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light Unapproachable.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Saturday, Jan. 11: 5 PM, Great Vespers/Confessions
- Sunday, Jan. 14: 9:30 AM, Catechumenate for Jordan Morgan
10 AM, Divine Liturgy / Church School
Noon, Agape Meal
- Wednesday, Jan. 15: 6 PM, Vespers /potluck and a talk by Fr. Andrew Cuneo on the book *Abolition of Man*
- Thursday, Jan. 18: 6 PM, Sisterhood Meeting and Discussion
7 PM, Parish Council Meeting

- RECEPTION OF CATECHUMEN:

Our parish is blessed once again to receive another catechumen. On Sunday at 9:30 AM we will receive Jordan Morgan, Lydia's husband, into the ranks of the Catechumens. The exorcisms and prayers are said by the priest in the name of our Lord, and by extension, in the name of the Church—which means that this ceremony is of importance for the entire parish. We support our catechumens by our presence, our prayers and our good example, so do plan to participate.

- AN INVITATION:

When we enter the Church we stand, in a very vivid way, before the Presence of our God and Father, His Only-Begotten Son, and His Life-giving Spirit. We (potentially) commune with the whole “cloud of witnesses” and the angelic hosts who are always praising God with their hymns of glory. Having been enlightened by the Light of Christ at His Nativity, and refreshed with the Holy Water at Theophany, I would like to invite you—in this new year—to come to the Church during the week to pray. Come anytime during the day, and I will unlock the doors for you.

When you are troubled by cares and worries, come to pray, sit quietly, light a candle and be strengthened. When you feel despondent, don't fret about it: come to be in the presence of the Lord, His Most Pure Mother and the Saints, and tell them of your sorrows. When a loved one dies, come to light a candle before the icon of the Crucifixion, see the sorrow of the Holy Theotokos, and the victory over death of the Savior. When you are joyful, and your prayers have been answered, then without delay come to thank God Who loves us so much, and for a few minutes stand silently before Him with gratitude. When you have trouble praying, and are distracted, come to do some prostrations to warm up the soul and the body, and pray the Jesus Prayer, offering not just a few as an intercession for others. When you feel distant from God, come to the Church during the day or the evening, whenever you can, and turn your attention away from your thoughts, and perhaps the Lord Himself will send His uncreated Grace into your heart to renew the dialogue with Him. It's my daily experience, which I invite you to share, that when I walk into the quiet and holy space of the Church during the week, in the morning or afternoon, I leave behind the noise of traffic, the noise of my own thoughts and am gently renewed. —Fr. Lawrence

- POTLUCK AND TALK ON WEDNESDAY:

Our former associate priest/intern, Fr. Andrew Cuneo, rector of the St. Katherine the Great Mission in Carlsbad, CA., will be with us on Wednesday evening to give a talk on the small but powerful book *Abolition of Man*, by C.S. Lewis. Dr. David K. Naugle of Dallas Theological writes: “Because C. S. Lewis believed that the Western world was in the process of rejecting the natural law tradition of objective right and wrong, and because he saw this rejection of real truth being taught in the school systems of his day, and because he believed that these two things added up would