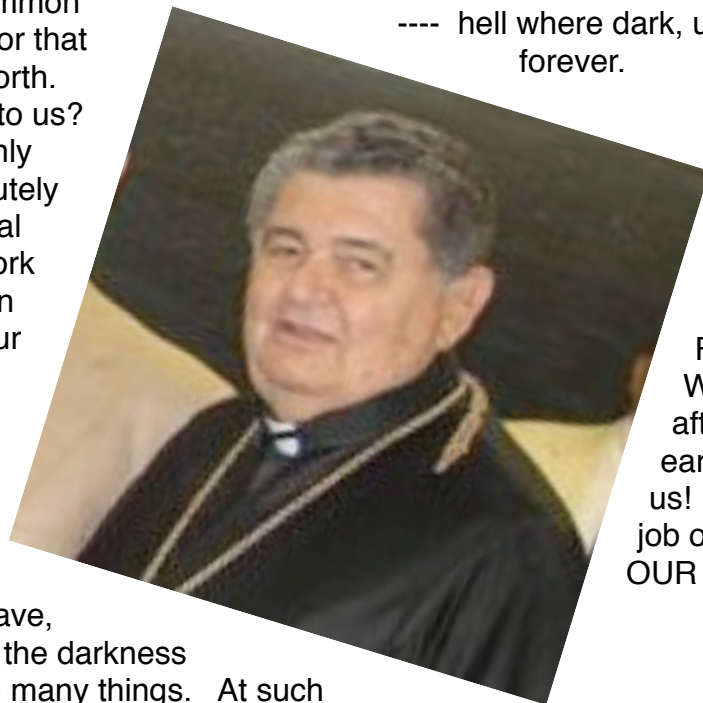


A PASTORAL MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER

OUR BIG JOB ON EARTH

What would you think of a farmer who left his and packed the leaves ? What would you think of a farmer who threw away the wheat and gathered the straw ? Or the jeweler who bartered pearls for glittered bits of glass ?

Reason and common sense tell us to work for that which is of the most worth. What is of most worth to us? What is the one and only one thing that is absolutely necessary? Our eternal salvation! We must work for our eternal salvation first, last and always! Our big job on earth is to live for God, to work for God and to die for God.



No doubt you have, at times, lain awake in the darkness of the night, imagining many things. At such times we pass from one imagined thing to another leisurely. But when a man is roused from his sleep by the cry of fire, and wakes to find himself choked by the thick smoke, and sees the red glare of fire on the window and hears the roaring flames and the noise of the gathering crowd, he does not lie still and wonder if some one will come to him! He leaps from his bed at once and dashes for the shortest way to safety. Why? Because he knows he must act once to save his life !

Now the most precious possession we have is our own soul. Our immortal soul was created in the image of God. It was created to be a friend and companion of the angels. But our soul could be lost forever if we lingered in the area of danger and temptation. We know that heaven awaits us ---- heaven with its surpassing happiness. We also know that hell is a possibility for us ---- hell where dark, utter misery goes on forever.

Ours is the choice between eternal damnation in the fire of hell and eternal happiness in the home of our Father in heaven. Where we will be after life on this earth ? That is up to us! It is our job, our big job on earth, TO SAVE OUR OWN SOUL.

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SPECIAL SERVICES:

SATURDAY OF THE SOULS:

Saturdays: Feb 22, Mar 1 and Mar 8

Divine Liturgy and Memorial Services.....10:00 a. m.

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