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SCRIPTURE STUDY COURSE: The next course, Acts of the Apostles, will begin Tuesday, April 21, 1992, at 7:30 PM, at Holy Innocents. Cost is \$10.00. An enrollment coupon is on the next page. The course is open to all, but you must pay the \$10.00 fee in advance. Meetings will be once a week and last for one to one and one-half hours. It is important to learn more about Jesus, what He teaches us, and those who spread His Gospel, especially in the early days of the Church. These courses are designed to assist you in gaining this insight. The study is based in prayer. It is not a history course, though the history of the Church will be explored to an extent in the course. The course is the study of Sacred Scripture, of the book known as Acts of the Apostles, using the Little Rock Scripture Study Course.

PRAYER FOR THE ELDERLY: Some of our older friends are going through extremely rough times. One in particular is in great emotional as well as physical pain. Others are finding it difficult to pay bills, to buy food, to obtain medical treatment. While we can not physically help some of those in need, we can always pray. Please, remember our old folks. Drop by and see them - visit for a little while; give them some companionship. Remember their special needs in your prayers.

GREAT LENT is around the corner, and **Easter** is around the next corner. Remember, the purpose in life is to get to Heaven, and to take as many with you as you can.

God Bless,
Fr. Lee

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SCRIPTURE
STUDY

SCRIPTURE STUDY CLASSES

Applications are now being taken for the next Scripture Study Course, ACTS OF THE APOSTLES. The course will begin April 21, 1992, meet once a week on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM for approximately one and one-half hours, for approximately ten weeks. Study is coordinated by group leader(s) and is open to the public.

- Please enroll me in the next scripture study course: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES
Name
Street
City
State-Zip
Phone
Check here if payment is enclosed
(Holy Innocents Orthodox Church, 311 Hickory Ave., Harahan, La. 70123)

A LITTLE LESSON

(From Isaia 38, 1-6): Ezechia (Hezechiah) was mortally ill, when the prophet Isaia, son of Amos, told him, "Thus says the Lord: Put your house in order, for you are about to die; you shall not recover."

Ezechia turned his face to the wall and and prayed to God, saying, ". . . remember faithfully and wholeheartedly I con myself in your presence, doing what was pleasing to you!" and he wept bitterly. God, speaking through Isaia, told Ezechia, "I have heard your prayer and seen your tears. I will add fifteen years to your life. I will rescue you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria."

Ezechia valued this life more than anything else after God, for he was subject to the effects of Original Sin, and could not enter Heaven. We, no longer being subject to the effects of Original Sin, after God must value the afterlife more than life here, for life here is transitory; life in the hereafter is permanent. Yet we must not devalue life in the here and now, for it is all part of our existence, and that existence has been provided to us by God.

Ezechia had reason to weep, for the second most valuable thing he possessed, his physical life, was to be taken from him. He felt betrayed, for he had done all as God had asked, and his reward was to die and his life to be taken. Ezechia prayers were heard and answered by God, and his life extended and his city saved, mainly because Ezechia had reformed and become a good servant to our Master. We, who are, for the most part, much less worthy, more prone to disobey God's word, should not be suprised that we do not always have our prayers answered in accordance with our desires.

If you wish to receive INNOCENTS, please fill in your name and address below and send to:

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(Western Rite)
1992 LITURGICAL & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

For March, 1992

Daily Schedule

The Chapel is usually open Sunday through Friday from 6:30 AM through 10:00 PM (5:00 PM on Friday except during Lent, when the Chapel closes after evening Stations and Benediction), as schedules permit.

7:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Mass) Mon
through Fri
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Mass) Sun
7:00 PM Additional Divine Liturgy
(Mass) on Great Feasts/Holy
Days unless otherwise noted

Conflicts in schedule sometimes do not allow the above daily schedule to be kept. However, all activities listed in the calendar below will take place unless something extraordinary occurs.

SUN Mar 1 Quinquagesima
St. David (BC)

9:30 AM Confessions
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Mass)
11:00 AM Fellowship Hour
(Coffee)
12:00 NOON Sick Calls

Mon Mar 2 St. Chad (BC)

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Tue Mar 3 St. Marinus of Caesarea (MM)
(R)

Wed Mar 4 Ash Wednesday (V)
Beginning of Western Rite
Lent or Great Lent

7:00 AM Blessing/Reception
of Ashes / Mass

7:00 PM Reception of Ashes
and Benediction

St. Adrian (M) (R)

Thu Mar 5 First Thursday in Lent (V)
St. Gerasimus (Abt)

Fri Mar 6 First Friday in Lent (V)
SS Perpetua and Felicitas
(MM) (R)

6:30 PM Way of the Cross
and Benediction

Sat Mar 7 First Saturday in Lent (V)
St. Paul the Simpleminded (C)

SUN Mar 8 First Sunday in Lent (V)
The Sunday of Orthodoxy
St. Felix (BC)
Comm. of the Holy Prophets of
the Old Testament

9:30 AM Confessions

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Mass)

11:00 AM Fellowship Hour
(Coffee)

12:00 NOON Sick Calls

Mon Mar 9 First Monday in Lent (V)
St. Gregory of Nyssa (BC)

Tue Mar 10 First Tuesday in Lent (V)

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Fourty Martyrs of Sebaste,
Armenia (MM) (R)

Wed Mar 11 Ember Wednesday in Lent, (V)
Wednesday in Ember Week
Second Wednesday in Lent
St. Theophanes the Chronicler
(C)

(Eastern Rite: Wednesday, first
week of Great Lent)

Thu Mar 12 Second Thursday in Lent (V)
St. Gregory the Great (Great
Doctor of The Church) (W)

Fri Mar 13 Ember Friday in Lent, (V)
Friday in Ember Week
Second Friday in Lent
St. Euphrasia of Egypt (V)

6:30 PM Way of the Cross
and Benediction

Sat Mar 14 Ember Saturday in Lent, (V)
Saturday in Ember Week
Second Saturday in Lent
St. Sophronius of Jerusalem
(BC)

SUN Mar 15 Second Sunday in Lent (V)
St. Tharasius of
Constantinople (BC)

9:30 AM Confessions
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Mass)
11:00 AM Fellowship Hour
(Coffee)
12:00 NOON Sick Calls

Mon Mar 16 St. Julian of Antioch (BC)

Tue Mar 17 St. Patrick of Ireland (BC)

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(G)

Wed Mar 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem (BCD)

Thu Mar 19 St. Joseph, Spouse of the
Theotokas (W)

Fri Mar 20 Third Friday in Lent (V)
St. Cuthbert (BM) (R)

6:30 PM Way of the Cross
and Benediction

Sat Mar 21 St. Benedict (Abt) (Transitus
of St. Benedict, founder
of Western Monasticism)
St. Seraphion of Thumis (C)

SUN Mar 22 Third Sunday in Lent (V)
St. Basil the Blessed (C)

9:30 AM Confessions
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Mass)
11:00 AM Fellowship Hour
(Coffee)
12:00 NOON Sick Calls

Mon Mar 23 St. Edward (KM) (R)

Tue Mar 24 St. Gabriel, Archangel (W)

Wed Mar 25 THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE
THEOTOKAS [GF] (W or B)

7:00 PM Additional Divine
Liturgy (Mass)

Thu Mar 26 St. Herbert of Cologne (BC)

Fri Mar 27 Fourth Friday in Lent (V)
St. John of Damascus (CD)

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6:30 PM Way of the Cross
and Benediction

Sat Mar 28 St. Stephen the Younger (C)

SUN Mar 29 Fourth Sunday in Lent
(V or Rose)
St. Mark of Aratheusa (C)

9:30 AM Confessions
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Mass)
11:00 AM Fellowship Hour
(Coffee)
12:00 NOON Sick Calls

Mon Mar 30 St. John Climacus (CD)

Tue Mar 31 St. Benjamin of Persia (C)

FIGHTING CITY HALL

Yes, you can fight City Hall and WIN.

South Central Bell recently instituted a new system of making long distance phone calls. Under the old system, when a long distance phone call was made, the caller had to dial "1" to access the long distance network, then dial the number to be called (or the area code and the number, if a call were being made outside of the area code of the caller).

Ma Bell changed the system, so long distance calls within a caller's area code, would be made without first dialing "1". Sneaky, sneaky, Ma Bell.

Because of this change, many people were making long distance calls without knowing it. If they received a message to call someone, and the call was long distance but in their area code, and if they dialed the number (even without first dialing "1"), they had made a long distance call without knowing it.

This new system also prevented parents from monitoring their children's phone calls by counting the number of digits dialed. Under the old system, if a parent heard seven digits dialed, the parent knew the call was local. Under the new system, the parent could not control long distance calls.

The same is true of businesses. A business owner could no longer allow his telephone to be used by outsiders, because he had no means of knowing when a long distance call was being made.

Placing a tone on the line when a long distance call was made would not help, because the parent or business owner would have had to dial every call, so as to listen for the tone.

Every telephone number called had to be looked-up on the telephone book chart, to determine whether or not the call was a long distance call.

Ma Bell proported the reason for the change as being a desire to provide better service, and to be competitive in the long

distance telephone market.

Tisk, Tisk, Ma Bell. It seemed like Ma Bell was going to make a fortune on inadvertant long distance telephone calls.

BUT, the battle was joined when local Ma Bell patrons begin receiving long distance charges on their bills, for calls they did not know were long distance calls. Calls and letters were made and sent to South Central Bell, and all members of the Louisiana Public Service Commission, complaining about the new system. Litigation was threatened, and law suits actually prepared, ready to be filed and served on Ma Bell, if the system were not changed back to the old system.

Ma Bell attempted to keep its new system, but such a hue and cry had been raised with the politicians, that the Public Service Commission ordered Ma Bell to return to the old system, whereby "1" had to be dialed prior to making a long distance call.

It is bad enough that businesses located in the Greater New Orleans Area, and within the local (non-long distance calls) calling area, but outside of the City of New Orleans and inside Kenner, Harahan, and other areas, have to pay to advertise in the New Orleans Yellow Pages, because they only obtain a free listing in their own, localized Yellow Pages. While South Central Bell denied it was attempting to make more money by tricking people into making long distance calls, it does seem like Ma Bell would have made more money from those inadvertently making long distance calls they normally would not have made.

This shows City Hall can be beaten, if we just work together and do not give in to the brick wall of indifference with which the bureaucrats and politicians face us.

Those who promote clerical non-involvement in governmental and political matters must take heed. Religion can not be removed from any part of life, but must always be a viable component of every aspect of life. Improper telephone charges and procedures may not seem like a matter for religion; but ask yourself this: would Ma Bell have tried to change the system if its management had been concerned about the

negative effects the changes would have on people? Do most non-religious people have this concern? Why not?

Chalk one up for the little guys.

VOCATIONS

Vocations need not be 'to the full priesthood. The religious life, being an ordained Deacon, these are viable options. If you feel the call to orders, or to the religious life, there is a place for you in the Society of Clerks Secular of Saint Basil, commonly referred to as the Basilian Fathers, or Society of Saint Basil (S.S.B.).

Call Holy Innocents (504 - 738-3502) or the Chancery Office (504 - 737-3051), if you are in the Greater New Orleans Area. We need you. There is enough of God's work to keep thousands of Priests and Deacons busy for several life times.

OUT OF STATE NEWS

Fr. Bill (Fr. William J. Walsh, S.S.B.), is at the Chapel of St. Mary Magdalene (she is a very popular Saint), 12-74 Eighty-fifth Street, Brooklyn, NY; (718) VES-6215. (No, he does not sound like he is from the lower 9th ward in New Orleans.) Divine Liturgy (Mass) is at 10:30 AM, Sundays. Give him a call if you travel in his neck of the woods.

Holy Savior Orthodox Church in Niagra Falls, NY, Divine Liturgy (Mass) 9:00 AM, Sundays.

GREAT LENT

The last King Cake will be served after Mass Sunday, March 1st, then Lundi Gras (sp ?), then Mardi Gras, then Ash Wednesday.

A recipe in the newspaper gave tasty methods of preparing non-meat dishes. Fasting and abstension from meat/meat products, are not games where we try to beat the system by making the "allowed" food taste better than that which is given-up. Think!

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ABORTION

It looks like the Supreme Court will soon overturn Roe v. Wade, the decision which allowed unlimited and unrestricted abortion at any time during pregnancy.

THE BATTLE IS FAR FROM OVER.

Congress is in the process of approving a bill called the "Freedom of Choice Act"; it should be called the "Freedom to Kill Act". The "Freedom to Kill Act" would remove a State's right to control murder of children. It is that simple. If America was, in truth, a nation under God, then America must have moved, and is now a nation under Satan.

Now the Court in Ireland, the most Catholic of all nations, which has laws totally banning abortions, and a policy ban on leaving Ireland for the purpose of obtaining an abortion, Ireland's court has joined the Devil's camp, as had our own "Supreme Court", and has allowed a young lady to leave Ireland for the sole purpose of obtaining an abortion. The baby was conceived in a rape; and because of the sin of the father the baby will be cut into pieces while it is alive, screaming and pulling away from the knife which will end its life; or it will be sucked, living, screaming, in the greatest of pain, from the place God prepared for it; or it will receive an injection of salt water into its brain, where the salt water will burn away its brain tissue and the soft, developing tissue of its little body, like acid, melting and burning in the most horrible of agony, that which God alone can create.

The National Right to Life Committee is heavily involved in fighting legalized abortion. They can use all the help you can provide, financial and otherwise. Their address is:

National Right to Life Committee
419 7th Street, NW, Suite 500
Post Office Box 96498
Washington, DC 20077-7474

or send contributions to Holy Innocents and specify it is to be used in the pro life fight, and it will be so used.

ST. MARY MADGALENE NEWS

St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church
125 Hartsie - 150 Angell Lane
Waveland, Mississippi 39576
(601) 467-3723

REGULAR SATURDAY SCHEDULE:

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy/Mass

HOLIDAY PICNIC SCHEDULE:

Saturdays: May 2 (for May Day), July 4, and September 5 (for Labor Day). Mass will be at 10:00am. You can arrive at any time. We had fun last year. Join us this year.

This facility is available for all of us for picnics and retreats. Both can take place at the same time, with little or no interference one of the other. Please, feel free to use it, every Saturday, but call Holy Innocents or St. Mary Magdalene a few days in advance so we will know to expect you. Picnickers should bring their own food, etc - we supply the bath room and Bar-B-Q pit, God supplies the beach and the woods. Retreatants need only bring themselves. The only time someone is not there Saturday is when something very unusual happens.

Directions: Take I-10 East through Slidell. Cross the Louisiana - Mississippi State line; pass up the truck scales and take the first exit after the truck scales. This is the scenic route to the beaches. (Some people call this the Hwy. 90 exit.) Stay on this highway until you arrive in Waveland. Turn right at the first traffic light, go down the road towards the beach, cross over the rail road tracks and turn left on Central Ave. which is the first road over the rail road tracks. Stay on Central until you reach Coleman Ave., which is located at the first stop sign you will come to. Turn right on Coleman and you will see the beach ahead. Turn right on Beach Rd., go two blocks to Hartsie, turn right on Hartsie 550 ft. until the bend in the road. St. Mary Magdalene is on the left.

OR, I-10 to Miss Hwy 603 (43), also known as Kiln Rd., then South on Hwy 603 (43) (Kiln Rd.), cross over U.S. Hwy 90 [Hwy 603 (43) changes its name to Nicholson Ave.], to the Beach, right on Beach Road, pass Coleman Ave, and proceed as above.

