

LIVING THE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN LIFE: PT 6
“LIVING THE SACRAMENTAL LIFE”

From the Fathers

“Someone asked Abba Anthony, "What must one do in order to please God?" The old man replied, "Pay attention to what I tell you: whoever you may be, always have God before your eyes, whatever you do, do it according to the testimony of the holy Scriptures; in whatever place you live, do not easily leave it. Keep these three precepts and you will be saved.”

--Teaching 3, Teachings of St. Anthony the Great, Alphabetical Sayings of the Desert Fathers

From the Liturgy of St. Basil

O Lord our God, who hast created us and hast brought us into this life; who hast shown us ways of salvation, graciously bestowing upon us the revelation of heavenly mysteries . . .”

-Prayer from the Litany of Supplication (after the Great Entrance)

Memory Verse

“Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; For I am God, and there is no other.”

-Isaiah 45:22

What Are the Sacraments?

The Big Seven

1. Baptism
2. Chrismation / Confirmation
3. Eucharist
4. Confession / Penance
5. Anointing of the Sick
6. Ordination of Clergy
7. Marriage

Eucharist

- What is the Eucharist?
- How to Prepare
 - o Prayers
 - o Peace with neighbors
 - o Penance
 - o (P)fasting ;)
- How often should I receive?
- How physically do I take receive communion?

Confession

- Must you confess to a priest?
- John 20:23
- Frequency?
- How do I actually give a confession?

Anointing of the Sick

- What is it?
- When is it given?
- Is it magic?

Ordination of Clergy

- Types of Clergy
 - o Deacons
 - o Priests
 - o Bishops
 - o Minor Clergy: readers and subdeacons
- When these ordinations take place
- Are priests “different” in the eyes of God?

Marriage

- Definition
- How is this a sacrament of service?
- Is marriage eternal?

Other Sacraments?

- Monastic Tonsure
- Blessing of Water
- Funeral and Memorial Services