



FATHER EUGENE'S MESSAGE GREAT LENT 2024

LIFE'S JOURNEY IS NOT LINEAR!

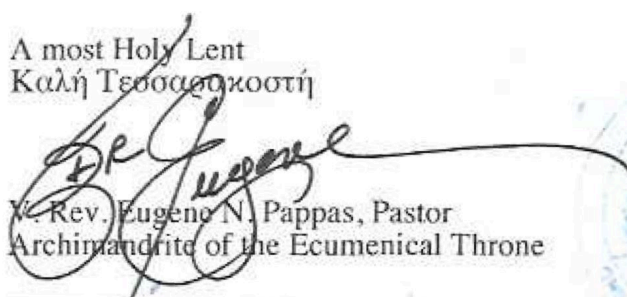
*"Amen, amen, I say to you, before
Abraham came to be, I AM" John 8:58*

Most of us are slaves to the calculation of time. Whether it be on the 'church calendar' posted on our refrigerator, or the listing on our phone or the web-site, we record important events, not to be overlooked. Doctor's appointments, tax payments (IRS) vacation plans, anniversaries, birthdays, and items of personal concerns are circled on the monthly page. The world view is strictly linear. Essentially it is a direct line from the present to the future. Our mind registers these indicators on the clockwork measure of time. However a variety of 'cultures' perceive time not in a straight unaltered line, but rather in a circular enduring relationship. The fellowship of man, and the DIVINE IS A CONSTANT CIRCULAR MOVEMENT OF GENERATION AND RETURN TO IT'S SOURCE. It's literally an embracement of spirit and flesh.

In the eye of the 'DIVINE', all creation and creatures therein are connected regardless of time or venue! Hence we are a people steeped in the hope of divinized eternal life. We regard every goal as a step towards our homecoming, the embrace of the Lord. By compulsion we focus on building and maintaining a spiritually healthy and vibrant relationship with God and fellow human. Don't forget that the now and present is but a breathe away from the yesterday of today! The Lord Jesus was confronted and challenged by those who compared him to the prophets of old. These great figures of grace and redemption were evidenced in the sequence of time. Jesus as the Logos is the Eternal 'I AM'. God is never bound in time or space. Jesus as the LOGOS INCARNATE is beyond the linear strategy of time. The LOGOS invites us out of the linear worldview, to enter the circle of eternity. Generated from a divine source we ultimately return to that life-source. It is a 'homecoming' to the Lord who is before and after all things created.

Leap year is a calendar 'reprieve' that submits an extra day in February every four years. This moment in eternal time resets the pendulum and hands of the clock. We can review our life-journey, and chartered course. Faithful Christians witness the Christ in the midst of our intimates, family and friends. As God is not restrained by time and place, so too our life witnesses to God in our journey. He is with you now and always as the Alpha and Omega of all existence. His creative majesty invites us freely to return to the embrace of our creator, sustainer and redeemer. His Will Be Done!

A most Holy Lent
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