Welcome to The Well

Whether you're just visiting or looking to stay, it is great to have you with us. During your time here please swing by the Connection table to pick up a gift, a message by Fr. Anthony and information about STSA and how to get connected into the church community. Complete our online connection card to receive all our news.

NEW TO ORTHODOXY? Stop by the connection table and ask for our "What is the Orthodox Church" CD, a message from Fr. Anthony.

KIDZ AT THE WELL - Our aim is to make this time the best hour of your child's week and the most helpful hour of yours. We invite you to visit our kids programs (18 months through high school) on the third floor to find out more. Check in for children 18 months – 6th grade is located next to the coffee tables.

THE THIRD FLOOR – The Third Floor is an opportunity for jr. and high school students to grow in their relationship with the Lord and build Christ-centered friendships. This group meets...you guessed it... on the third floor during the Well from 11:30am-12:30pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION – We want to say thank you to all the awesome volunteers at STSA. If you volunteer in any way, you are invited to an appreciation dinner on Jan. 11th at 5pm at Central United Methodist Church.

RECOMMENDED CHRISTMAS READING – As we prepare for the Nativity Feast on January 7th we encourage everyone to read <u>On the Incarnation</u> by St. Athanasius. You can purchase the book at the Connection table.

HAVE A LEISURE GROUP IDEA?- We coordinating our winter leisure groups. Stop by the connection table if you are interested in coordinating an activity.

IMPORTANT PARKING CHANGE – The GMU parking garage will be closed Dec 22 and Dec 29. Please plan on street parking.

New Year's Eve Celebration – December 31, Arlington Arts Center at 8pm Christmas Service – January 6, 8pm at Central United Methodist Church

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JESUS

THE HUMBLE

DECEMBER 22, 2013



"He [Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation." Colossians 1:15

"Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same...In all things He had to be made like His brethren" Hebrews 2:14, 17

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men." Philippians 2:5-7

JESUS CAME TO EARTH TO...

1. SHOW US WHAT _____

"If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him... He who has seen Me has seen the Father" John 14:7, 9

a) God _____

"I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey..." Exodus 3:7-8

"casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you." 1
Peter 5:7

b) God is

[God did this] "so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;" Acts 17:27

"For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin." Hebrews 4:15

c) God is _____

"For with God nothing will be impossible." Luke 1:37

2. SHOW US WHAT _____

"I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." John 10:10

"God created the human being for incorruptibility and an image of His own eternity; but by the envy of the devil, death entered into the world." Wisdom 2:23-24

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich." 2 Corinthians 8:9

He took what is ours so that He could give us what is His.