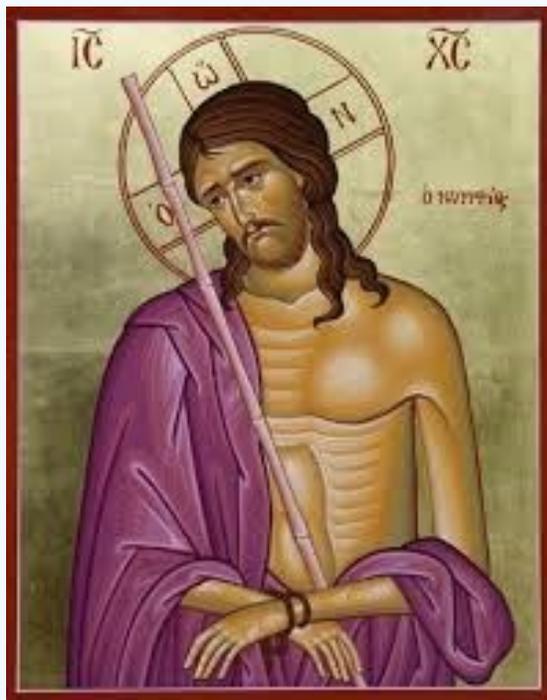


Let us enter into the desert



Lazarus Saturday and the Entrance

Lazarus Saturday is a little feast that foreshadows the Resurrection of Christ. Palm Sunday we see Jesus at the brow of the hill of Bethany.

Holy Week

We walk with Jesus through the week. His experience is intensifying as does our fasting and prayers. We are vulnerable and we can feel God's love closely. The first three days are called the Bridegroom Days. We are vigilant and not slothful. We hear in the Gospels Jesus' last days.

Pascha

In the Byzantine Church Pascha is the feast of all feasts. It is the core of our faith. We celebrate 40 + 10 days until All Saints.

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ÏSA DIRILDI! Hristos a înviat!
ΚHRISTÓS ANÉSTI! Krite aǵsdga!
Cristo ha resucitado!
**CHRIST IS
RISEN!**
Kristus z mrtvých ustal!
Christus resurrexit! Hristos vaskrse!
Pikhristos Afton! **Christos voskres!**
CRIST HA RESSUSCITAT! Christos tensiou!
ΤÁ CRÍOST ÉIRITHE!

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Mount St. Macrina House of Prayer

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Ages 18-35

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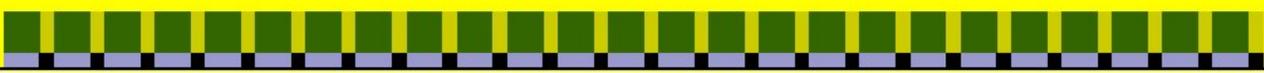
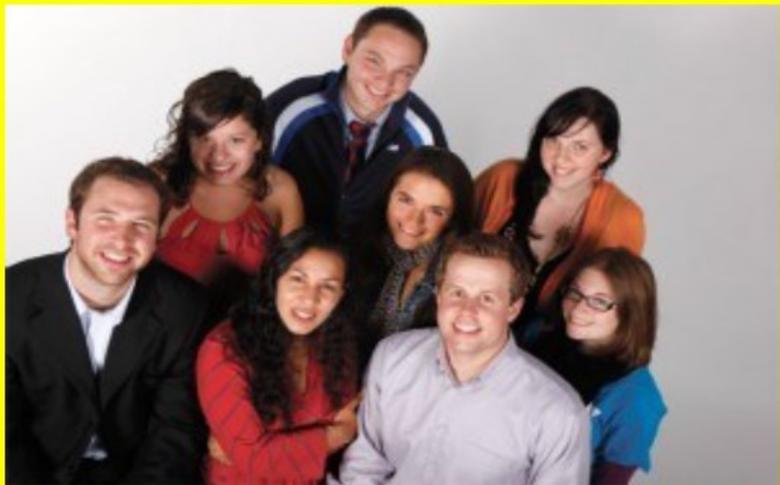


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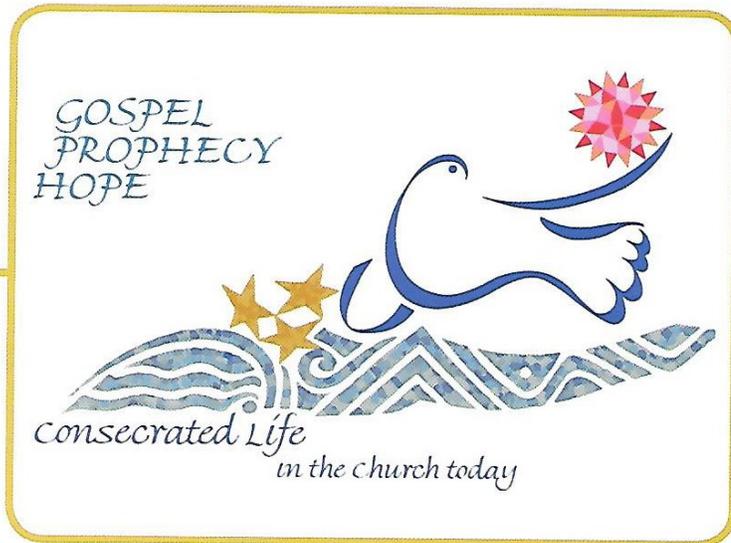
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Consecrated Life: Sunrise or Sunset?



Sunrise and sunset are two weather phenomena that mark the beginning and end of daylight, in an alternation that generates both continuity and novelty. Each new day is different from the previous one. Sunrise and sunset are also terms often used figuratively to indicate birth and death, or the rise and decline of something, such as the story of a people, a civilization, a culture.

Personally, I fully concur in the statement of Pope Benedict XVI, which Pope Francis made his own in his message for the Year of Consecrated Life: “Do not join the ranks of the prophets of doom who proclaim the end or meaninglessness of the consecrated life in the Church in our day; rather, clothe yourselves in Jesus Christ and put on the armor of light—as Saint Paul urged (cf. Rom 13:11-14) - keeping awake and watchful.”

According to Pope Francis’ intentions, the year 2015 must be lived as “a time of God, a real *kairos*” to rediscover and proclaim the beauty of the consecrated life in the Church.

The life of the Church has been characterized since its origin by an abundance of historical forms of the practice of the evangelical counsels (chastity, poverty and obedience), raised up by the Holy Spirit in response to the different needs of the times. Some forms of consecrated life last longer, others end sooner. Some forms die and others are born. These are sunrises and sunsets that give life to that process of continuous renewal that makes new and current always the consecrated life in the Church.

The best way to celebrate this event is to devote special attention to the subject of consecrated life to make known to young men and women of our time the inestimable value and beauty of this way of life.

- Father Antonio Fiorenza, RCI

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UPTO JERUSALEM

As Jesus was starting to go up to Jerusalem, he took the Twelve aside on the road and said to them: “We are going up to Jerusalem now. There the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and scribes, who will condemn him to death. They will turn him over to the Gentiles, to be made sport of and flogged and crucified. But on the third day he will be raised up.”

The Great Fast is a personal and unique journey. It takes 40 days going to Jerusalem. On our way a conversion happens. It is a symbol of our whole life. We must choose our direction/goal and what we will take with us. When we do it together we come closer to each other. The Triodion is our guide and its themes are our sentences.

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To Achieve Your Dreams Remember Your ABC's

Avoid negative sources, people, places and habits.

Believe in yourself.

Consider things from every angle.

Don't give up and don't give in.

Enjoy life today, yesterday is gone, tomorrow may never come.

Family and friends are hidden treasures, seek them and enjoy their riches.

Give more than you planned to.

Hang on to your dreams.

Ignore those who try to discourage you.

Just do it.

Keep trying no matter how hard it seems, it will get easier.

Love yourself first and most.

Make it happen.

Never lie, steal or cheat, always strike a fair deal.

Open your eyes and see things as they really are.

Practice makes perfect.

Quitters never win, winners never quit.

Read, study and learn about everything important in life.

Stop procrastinating.

Take control of your own destiny.

Understand yourself in order to better understand others.

Visualize it.

Want it more than anything.

Xcellence in all your efforts.

You are unique of all God's creations, nothing can replace you.

Zero in on your target and go for it!

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Saints, Scriptures & Solemnities

March 29

Palm Sunday

Phil 4:4-9; Jn 12:1-18

March 30

Holy Monday

Ex 1:1-20; Job 1:1-12; Mt 24:3-35

March 31

Holy Tuesday

Ex 2:5-10; Job 1:13-22; Mt 24:36-26:2

April 1

Holy Wednesday

Ex 2:11-22; Job 2:1-10; Mt 26:6-16

April 2

Holy Thursday

Is 50:4-11; 1 Cor 11:23-32; Mt 26:2-20; Jn 12:3-17;
Mt 26:31-39; Lk 22:43-45; Mt 26:40-27:2

April 3

Good Friday

Is 52:13:1; 1 Cor 1:18-2:2; Mt 27:1-38; Lk 22:39-44;
Mt 27:39-54; Jn 19:31-37; Mt 27:55-61

April 4

Holy Saturday

Rom 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-20

April 5

**Resurrection of Our Lord -
Easter Pascha**

Acts 1:1-8; Jn 1:1-17

April 6

Bright Monday

Acts 1:12-17 & 21-26; Jn 1:18-28

April 7

Bright Tuesday

Acts 2:14-21

Lk 24:12-35