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THE WORLD TURNED UPSIDE DOWN

We read in Acts of the Apostles (17:1-8) of an incident that occurred when St. Paul and his company came to Thessalonica to preach the good news of the fulfillment of God's promise of salvation to His



people in the person of Jesus Christ. The leaders of the Jewish community, disturbed by the novelty of his teaching, “dragged some of the brethren before the city authorities, crying ‘These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also... acting against the decrees of Caesar, and saying there is another king, Jesus.’” (Acts 17:6-7)

By “turned the world upside down,” the community leaders meant that the Apostles had created unrest in the public order, by proclaiming as true something they themselves had not accepted as such. Their assessment however was in fact true, and profoundly so: in the coming of Jesus Christ as Emmanuel – “God among us” – the world was (or, rather, is) turned upside-down. Our creator comes to us

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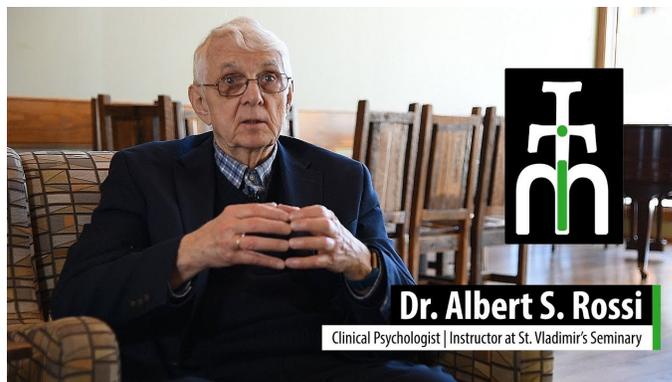
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CULTIVATING A LOVE OF PRAYER

Dr. Albert Rossi, professor, author and clinical psychologist, is offering a presentation called Cultivating a Love of Prayer at 7 PM on Dec. 14 as part of the series the ‘Fundamentals of Christian Life’ created by the Metropolitan Religious Education Committee. This is the third such presentation this year.

Dr. Rossi teaches and serves as the resident Clinical Psychologist at St. Vladimir's Seminary and is the author of numerous articles on psychology and religion. In addition to a bi-weekly podcast on Ancient Faith entitled Becoming a Healing Presence, Dr. Rossi is the author of a book by the same name and another book entitled All is Well. He taught at Pace University for 24 years and is a licensed clinical psychologist in the state of New York.

The ‘Fundamentals of Christian Life’ is an initiative to improve literacy of the Orthodox Christian faith by focusing on the fundamentals of Christian life – even as parishes, clergy and families contend with the worldly things that often compromise a life in Christ.



“We believe it is accurate to say that the average Orthodox Christian family is struggling with ‘Christian literacy.’ This is not a criticism, but a common lament among clergy and parish religious education leaders,” said committee co-chair Fr. Demetrius Tsikouris.

In promoting the ‘Fundamentals of Christian life,’ the

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as a creature; the eternal as a child in time; the almighty as helpless; the exalted one as lowly...

And why? Because in coming to us, God came as Himself—that is, as love. To make visible to the eyes of our understanding that the One who called all into being would leave nothing undone to restore us to fulness of communion with Him, to gift to us His own life, life without limit. Yes, in Christ, the world with its values is turned on its head. The lowly are exalted, the needy are filled with good things, and the rich and self-satisfied are sent away empty. For those with eyes to see and ears to hear, these are glad tidings indeed. Christ is Born!

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Committee is making an emphatic, unified, consistent and repetitive promotion of the following: **Love of the Sabbath** (and worship in general); **Love of the Scripture**; **Love of Prayer**; and **Love of Service to Others**. “There is a teaching from Metropolitan Athanasios of Limassol that asks the question, ‘How do we learn to pray?’” added Sundy Gulu, also a co-chair “and the answer lies in the principle that ‘Appetite comes with eating.’ We want to cultivate an appetite for the fundamentals of Christian life in our parishes.” **Register for this webinar at:**
<https://tinyurl.com/LoveOfPrayer>

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