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a human being, willingly, to show us the way, to show us the way of love, the way of freedom, the way through death to resurrection. And in showing us the way, God has revealed Himself to us.

What does God look like? God looks like Jesus. And so when God does come down, He does not rend the heavens; rather, He allows himself to be torn. God comes down and the mountains do not quake, but the gates and bars of death and hades are destroyed. God comes down and the angels of heaven sing, but only a few shepherds are listening. God comes down and only a few wise men from afar notice the Star. God comes down and enters the Temple of His people and only an old man and prophetess recognize Him. God comes down in such humility and meekness that only those who are looking for Him see Him. And in coming this way, God has torn the false heavens and shaken the lying mountains that have told us that God is proud and angry and full of vengeance toward us. It is only this false notion of who God is that has been torn and shaken.

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### **WISDOM OF THE CHURCH FATHERS.**

For in a contest there is much labour needed--and after the contest victory falls to some, to others disgrace. Is the palm ever given or the crown granted before the course is finished? Therefore no one can receive a reward, unless he has striven lawfully; nor is the victory a glorious one, unless the contest also has been toilsome.

***St. Ambrose of Milan***

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“The Church is ecumenical, catholic, God-human, ageless. It is therefore a blasphemy - an unpardonable blasphemy against Christ and against the Holy Spirit - to turn the Church into a national institution, to narrow her down to petty, transient, time-bound aspirations and ways of doing things. Her purpose is beyond nationality, ecumenical, all-embracing: to unite all men in Christ, all without exception to nation or race or social status.”

**~ St. Justin Popovitch**

### **The best of all memorials we can do for the departed**

is to live careful lives, and undertake the struggle to do away with our shortcomings in order to brighten our souls.

This is because our freedom from material things and the passions of the soul, besides bringing us relief, it brings also comfort to our departed ancestors of all our generations.

The departed feel joy when one of their offspring is near to God. If we are not in good spiritual condition, Then our parents, our grandparents, and our greatgrandparents of all generations suffer. “See what offspring we have made!” say the sad ones.

If we are in good spiritual condition, however, they rejoice, because they helped us to be born and God somehow is obligated to help them!

Therefore, that which will give joy to the deceased is for us to strive for us to please God with our lives, that we may meet with them in Paradise and live together in eternal life.

Hence, it is worthwhile to beat upon our old self to become new, to neither harm ourselves or other people, but to help ourselves and others, either living or fallen asleep.

**Saint Paisios The Athonite+**

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**Everything in this life passes away—only God remains!**

Only He is worth struggling towards. We have a choice:

to follow the way of the world, of the society that surrounds us, and thereby find ourselves outside of God;

Or to chose the way of life, to chose God who calls us and for Whom our heart is searching.

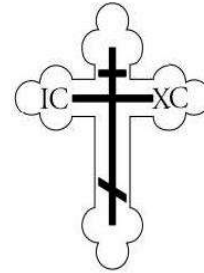
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