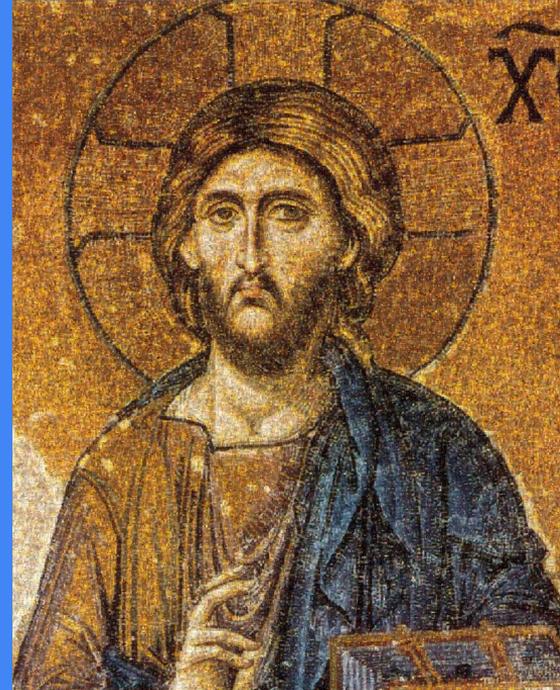


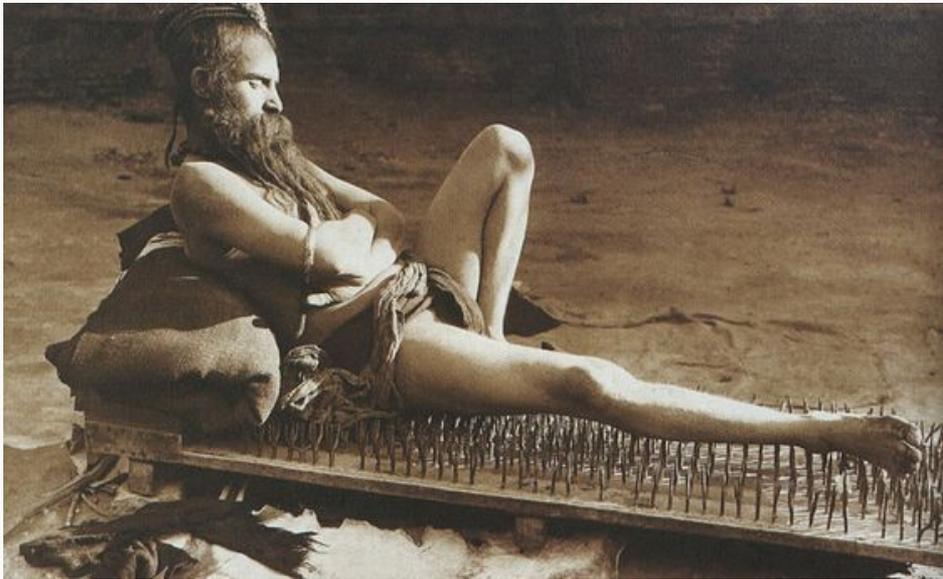
# Introduction to Orthodoxy

Fall 2016: A Basic Catechesis  
in Orthodox Christianity

Part 5: Christ Revealed  
in Holy Tradition



*'Father, when you say "Asceticism," Is this what you mean?'*



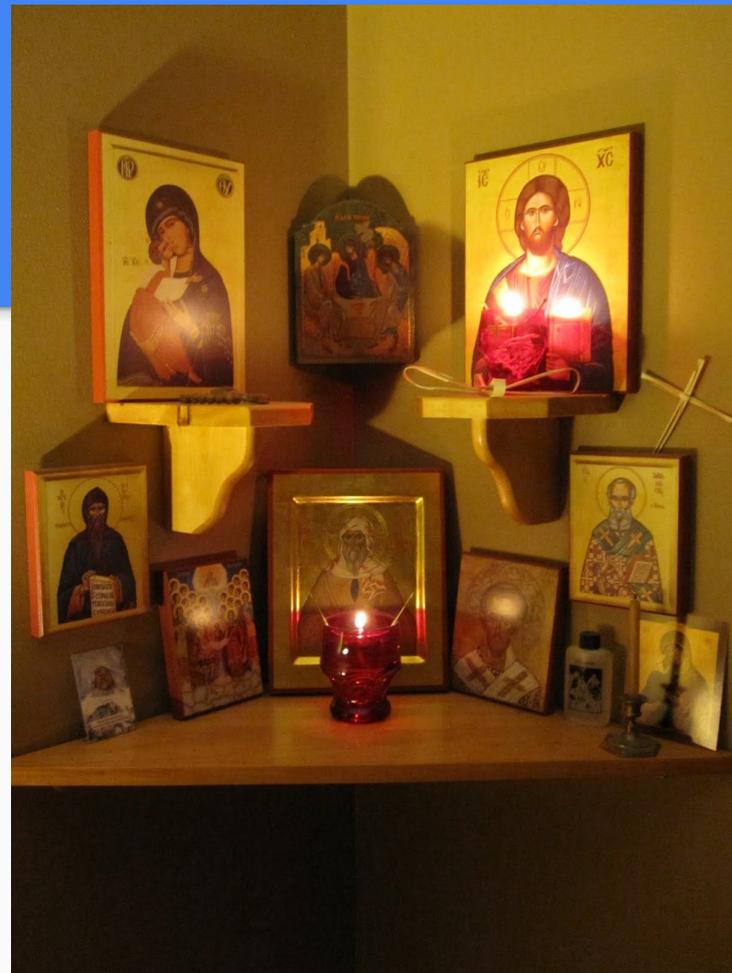
*Authentic asceticism involves redirection and balance*



# The Sacraments



# Prayer



# *Fasting & Almsgiving & Giving of Tithes*



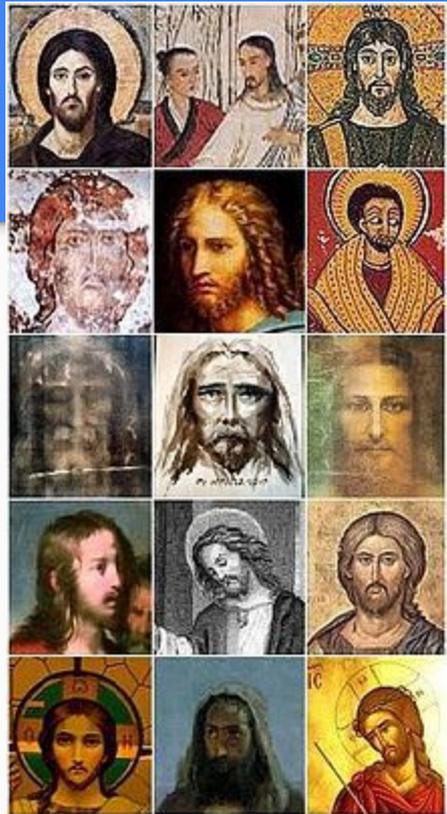
# *What is Epistemology?*

“Defined narrowly, epistemology is the study of knowledge and justified belief. As the study of knowledge, epistemology is concerned with the following questions: What are the necessary and sufficient conditions of knowledge? What are its sources? What is its structure, and what are its limits? As the study of justified belief, epistemology aims to answer questions such as: How we are to understand the concept of justification? What makes justified beliefs justified? Is justification internal or external to one's own mind? Understood more broadly, epistemology is about issues having to do with the creation and dissemination of knowledge in particular areas of inquiry. This article will provide a systematic overview of the problems that the questions above raise and focus in some depth on issues relating to the structure and the limits of knowledge and justification.”

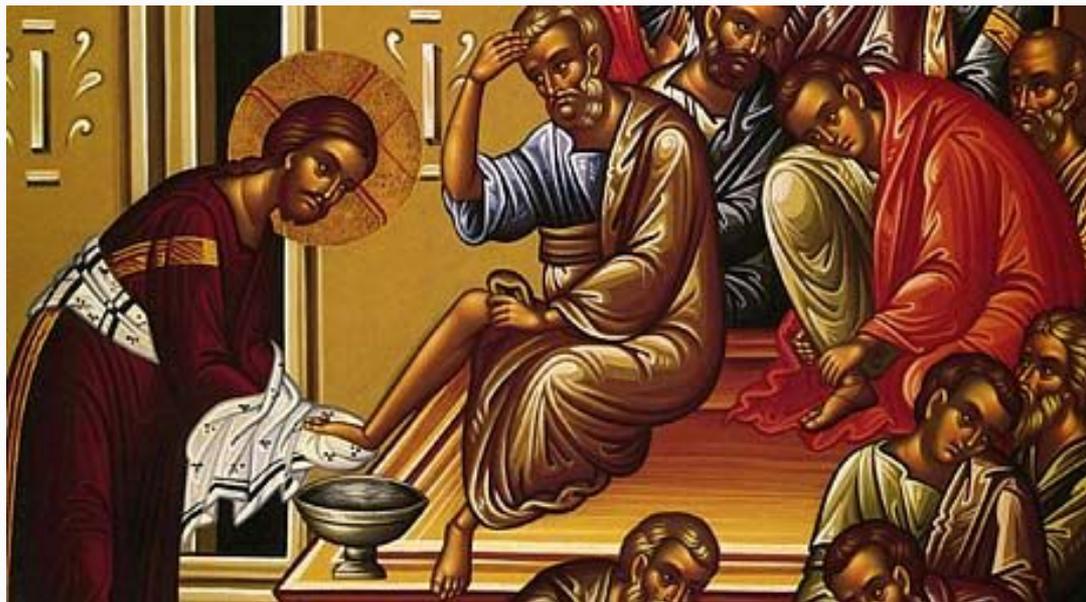
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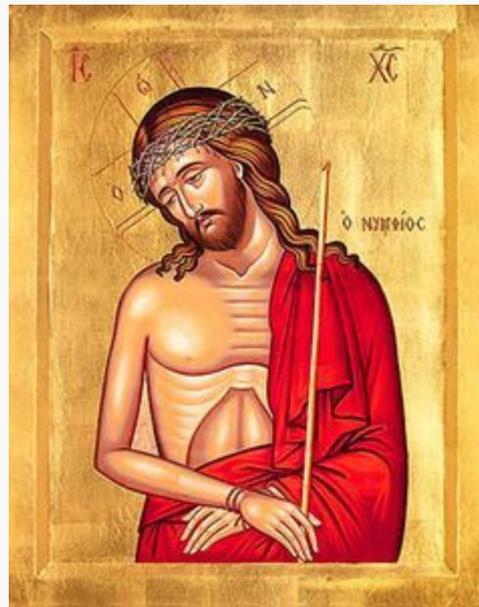
*“God is the Lord and has revealed himself..”*

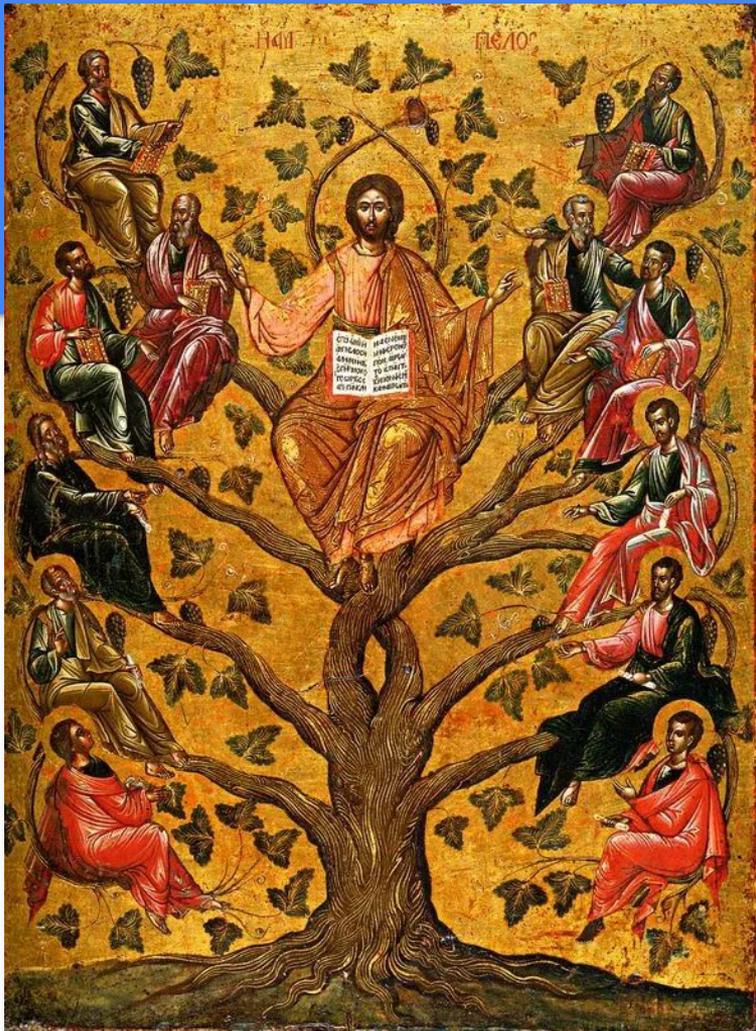




## *Names of Christ: How He reveals Himself*



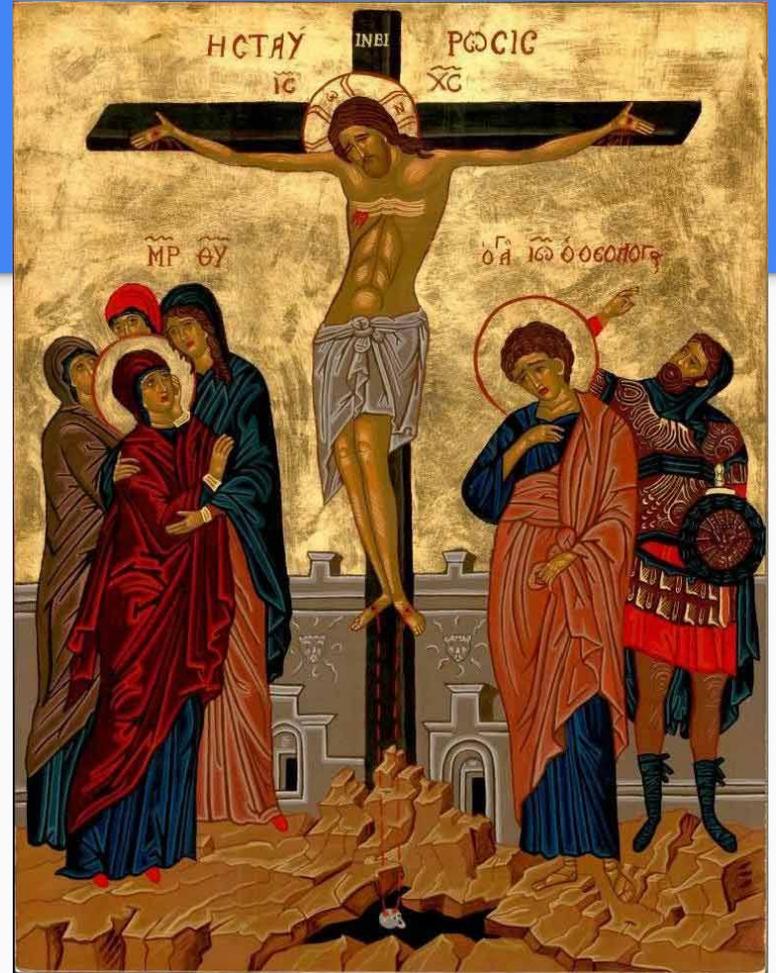




1). Reveals express image of the Father



2). *Reveals what True Love is*



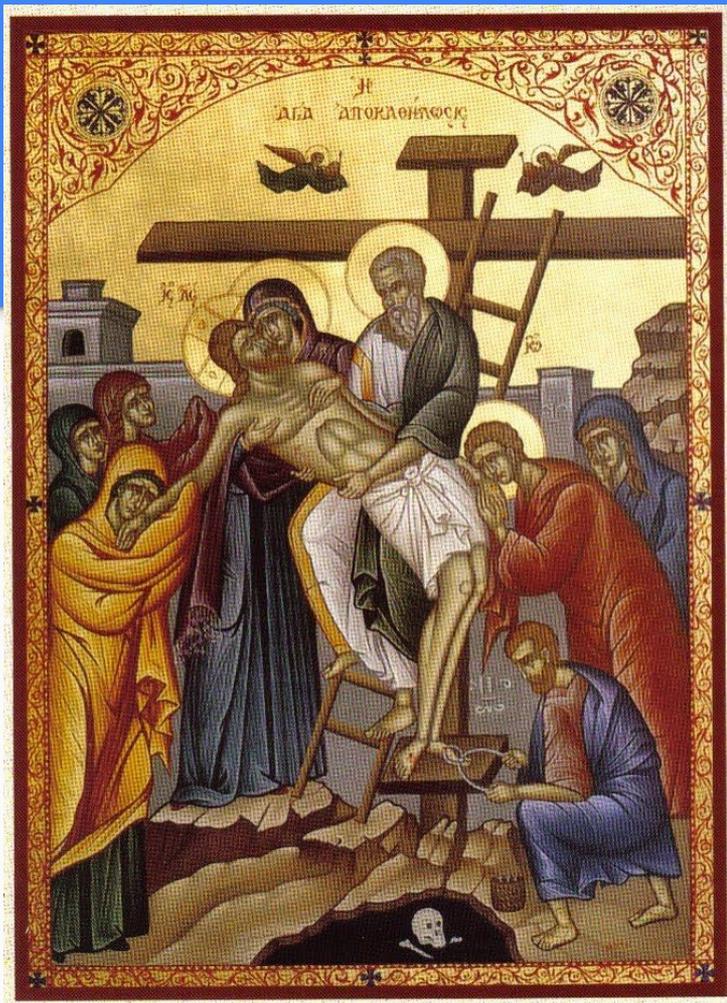
3). Reveals that there is “Good News”



4). *Reveals what 'life' truly is*

“Vios” vs. “Zoe”





5). Reveals what death is



*Theology???*    *Oh no...*



# *Facts vs. the Truth*

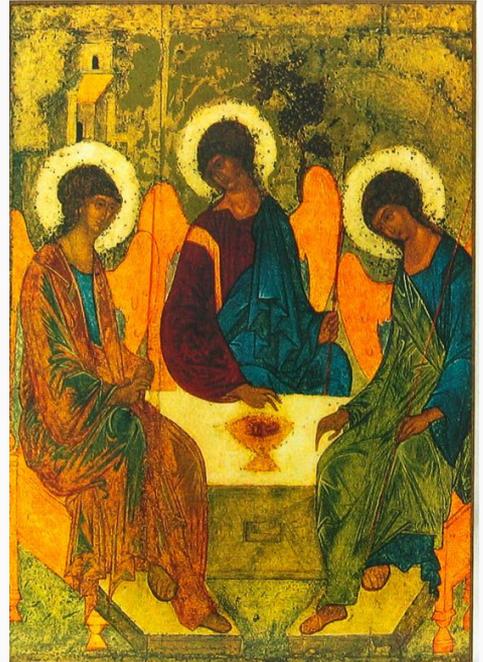


# *Facts vs. the Truth*



# *What is theology?*

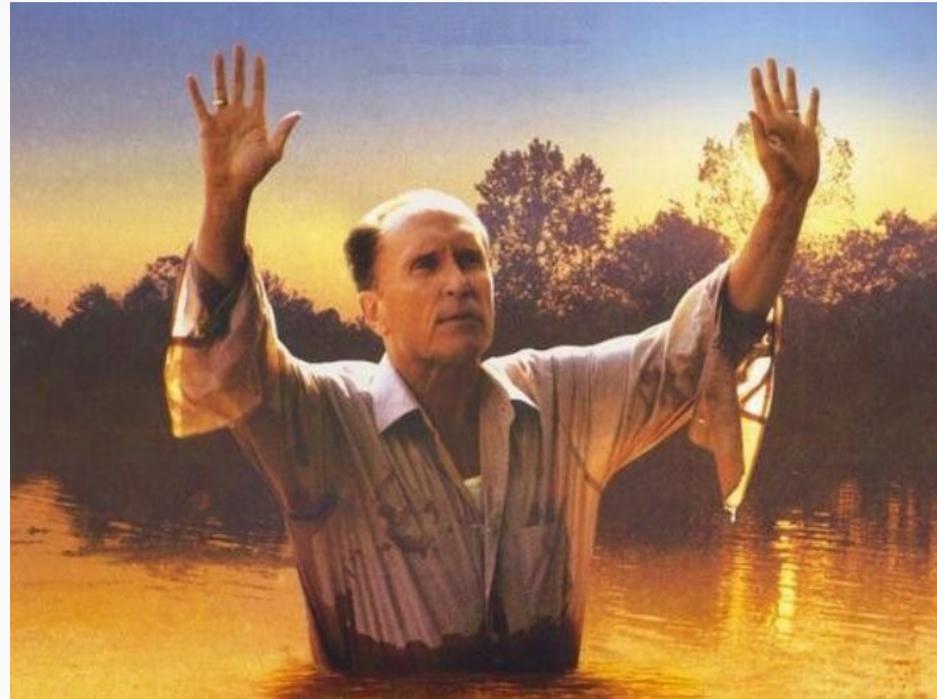
*Theology is... Knowing God!*



# *How do we know this Christ who reveals Himself?*

Some would say....

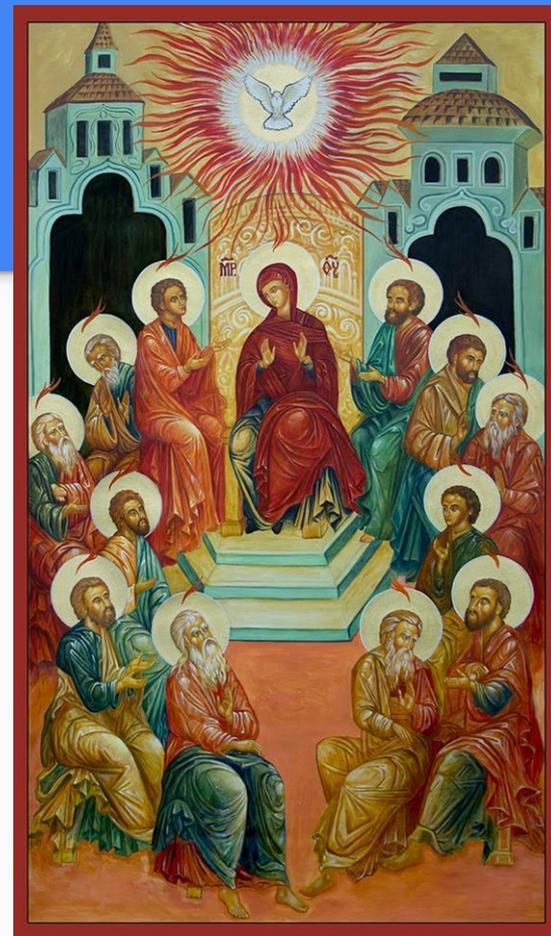
1. Read the Bible by yourself
2. Get a revelation by yourself
3. Pray and discover His light within us (experience)
4. Study and observe the universe in a “Christian light”



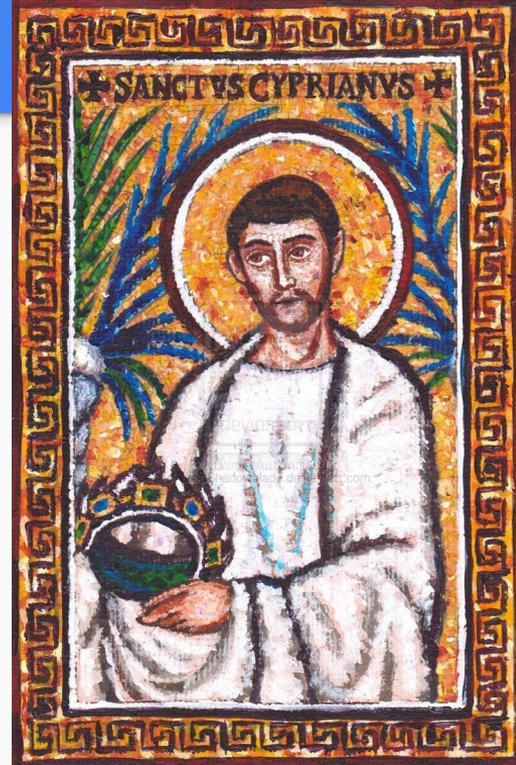
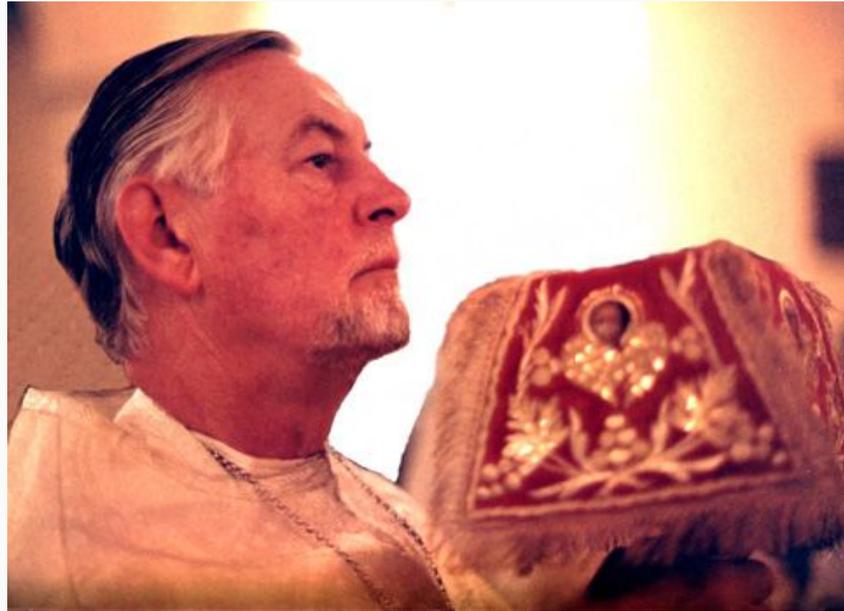
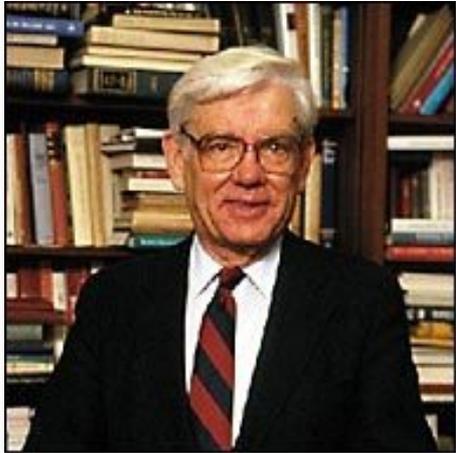
# *Holy Tradition*



# *Holy Tradition: Life of Spirit in the Church*



# *Tradition vs. Traditionalism*



# *Sources of Holy Tradition:*

1. **Scripture** (the Bible) [NEXT WEEK]
2. **Liturgy** (The corporate Prayers of the People of God)
3. **Councils** (including both the creeds and the canons of the councils)
4. **Saints** (both their teachings and the various “Lives” that describe their journeys)
5. **Church Art** (including icons, vestments, church architecture, and church music)

