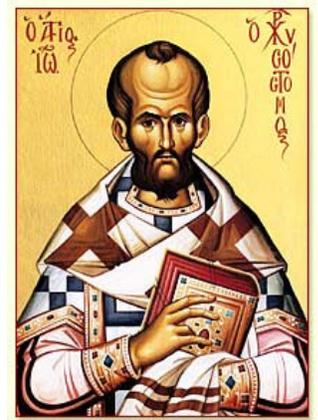


Wisdom of the Church Fathers:

We have been given an important security: children. Therefore we shall take care of them, and take every precaution that the evil one may not steal them from us. Meanwhile, we do everything backward. We make every effort to insure that our fields be in good hands. We seek out the most experienced mule drivers and overseers, but we take no such precautions for what is the most precious to us and through which all other good things come, namely, that we might entrust our son to a man that would preserve his chastity. We take care to provide him with property, but take no care for him himself. Do you see what insanity has taken control of us! First of all educate your son's soul, and he will acquire possessions later. If his soul is bad he will not receive the slightest benefit from money. And vice versa, if he has been given the proper upbringing, then poverty will not harm him in the least. Do you want to leave him wealthy? Teach him to be good. For children who have not received the proper upbringing poverty is better than wealth; it will keep them even against their will within the bounds of virtue. However, wealth, even for one who does not wish it, does not allow one to live a chaste life, but lures him into a countless multitude of crimes.



– St. John Chrysostom's *Admonitions for Parents*.

As seen in the Evening Telegram!

Orthodox Church Offers Education Class

Ss Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, at 305 Main Rd in East Herkimer, is holding an education class on Thursday, May 6th Entitled "Orthodoxy 101: Discovering the Ancient Faith and Practice of the Christian Church." The class begins at 7 pm. All are invited to come and learn a little bit about what the Orthodox Church is about. For more information, please call the rectory at 315-866-3272.



The Orthodox Church is evangelical, but not Protestant. It is orthodox, but not Jewish. It is catholic, but not Roman. It is not non-denominational, but pre-denominational. It has been believed, taught, preserved, defended and died for.



FOCA CONFERENCE: Bp Michael will be conducting an all day religious conference on Saturday, May 22nd in Endicott. This conference – "In the Footsteps of Christ – Our

Past, Present and Future" – is sponsored jointly by Ss Peter & Paul Church in Endicott and the Upper New York State District of FOCA. There is no charge and all are welcome to attend! The conference will begin with the Divine Liturgy presided by Bp Michael, followed by a meal, presentations and discussions.

MAY PRESENTATION: Today's presentation by Kate Lafen on her recent trip to Russia has been postponed. Keep an eye out for the rescheduled date.