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Holy Dormition Friary
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Response to the Oil Spill in the Gulf

Divine Liturgy

July 11–18, 2010

Sunday	11—8AM +Dr. John Dubinsky
Monday	12—8AM +Annie Masilunis
Tuesday	13—8AM +Harold Eckhart
Wednesday	14—8AM + Helen Arlotto
Thursday	15—8AM +Annie Masilunis
Friday	16—8AM Int. Kathrine Pascarella
Saturday	17—8AM +Helen Lamberson
Saturday	17—5PM +Blessing Basilian Frs.
Sunday	18—8AM +Martha Machala

Reconciliation

Thurs. & Friday 3—4.30 & 7—8:00PM

Walk the Talk

*Integrity—Trust—Responsibility—
Commitment—Honesty—Respect*

With few exceptions, all of us have beliefs, values, and a relatively similar sense of what's right and wrong. They are what make us different from other living things on the planet ... they are what make us human. But while having principles may be natural for us, actually practicing them isn't. Acting according to these beliefs, values, and good intentions ... doing what's right ... **“walking the talk”** is one of the biggest challenges each of us faces daily. It's true for every aspect of our lives—from family and faith, to sports and politics, to our jobs and our communities. To talk about beliefs is easy; there's not much effort or pain involved at all. To **perform** those values is quite another story.

It Will Take a Mission Part 2

Jim Wallis, Sojourners

But will the consequences in plain sight be enough to change us? Jon Stewart did a very funny and very sobering review of how the last eight Presidents now ... Obama, Bush 2, Clinton, Bush 1, Reagan, Carter, Ford and Nixon — have called for and promised to end our dependence on foreign oil. It's to indeed call this an addiction — and it is time for an intervention.

Obama continued, *“Today as we look to the Gulf, we see an entire way of life being threatened by a menacing cloud of black crude. We cannot consign our children to this future. The tragedy unfolding on our coast is the most painful and powerful reminder yet that the time to embrace a clean energy future is now. Now is the moment for this generation to embrace on a national mission to unleash American innovation and seize control of our own destiny.”* But to change our additive oil habit — which is killing the environment, killing wildlife, killing us, killing the gulf, and threatening our children — will take a mission to:

- Change the practice of seeing oceans as mere drilling opportunities for our insatiable addictions, instead of as an integral part of God's creative ecosystem.
- Change an economic ethic based on growth at any cost to one governed by the ethics of sustainability.
- Change government accountability and regulation from the cozy relationship of political appointees looking for future work in the industries they allegedly oversee, to an independent and respected vocation as civil and public servants.
- Change the vocational trajectory of millions of our poorest youth from flipping burgers to retrofitting a society for a clean energy future.
- Change our foreign policy based on dependence on corrupt oil regimes, on sending our sons and daughters off to fight and die for their crude product, on both fueling and paying for the violent terrorism that is eventually used against us.
- Change the political will to overcome the

entrenched, special, selfish and partisan interest of Washington.

- Change a culture to find new ways of living, thinking, working, transporting, and even measuring success.
- Change our values and very spirituality to rewire both ourselves and the energy grid for a cleaner and renewable energy future.
- Convert the faith community to provide leadership role both by example an prophetic witness and advocacy.

At the end of his speech, President Obama described the tradition on the Gulf Coast of *blessing of the fleet* - - before the region's fishermen head out to sea, often for weeks at a time--- quoted a priest and fisherman who once said, "*The blessing is not that God has promised to remove all obstacles and dangers. The blessing is that He is with us always, a blessing that's granted event in the midst of a storm.*" Then he said, "*Tonight we pray for that courage, we pray for the people of the Gulf, and we pray that a hand may guide us through the storm to a brighter day.*" It will take seeing this as mission of God, and not merely our own; and it will take our faith in God to see this mission through.

The end!

**With Joy We Announce:
Our Pilgrimage of Peace
August 1, 2010**

The Emmaus Ministry Council has met for the last five months; now it asks for your help to plan and prepare the services required on August 1st. The Annual Pilgrimage is an important celebration/event at Holy Dormition. Many volunteers—like YOU - "*make it happen*" by preparing the facilities and grounds, by serving the people who gather here. The success of the Pilgrimage depends upon everyone. A meeting for all volunteers takes place next week, July 18th, in the Emmaus Hall at 3PM. Please join us. We are counting on you. Call: Mary Soltis or Frs. Laurian or Jerome at 570-788-1212.

We appreciate your help!

**Thank you for your
Kindness
\$418.00**

Healing the Blind

Blindness -- and sight -- are an important theme in the Gospels. When Jesus healed the blind men, He said it would be done "*according to your faith.*" Their physical healing is linked with their spiritual state, which makes sense, because we Christians do not believe that we are merely souls trapped in bodies or that we are simply physical beings, but rather that we are soul-bodies, physical and spiritual, of one piece. Our spiritual health is connected in a deep way with our physical well-being.

Before reading the Gospel, the priest prays quietly: Loving Master, let the pure light of your divine knowledge shine in our hearts and open the eyes of our minds that we may understand the proclamation of your holy Gospel.

But sometimes we are blind to others around us, or to important values. Aggravated by politics that ignores one part of our faith, we decide to curse our enemies, in the process denying ourselves another part of our faith. In a funk, we don't realize that someone else is having an even worse day. We act out of habit, not thinking, not allowing Christ to change us--but still asking him to change everyone around us.

Jesus would be happy to heal us blind people, too. He asks us to listen to the words of the Gospel and to carry them in our hearts. He asks us to allow the Holy Spirit to open our minds to see new life. This new life gives opportunities to plant His blessings. With new eyes, we see that those who seem to be our enemies, those who do not value what we value, really need the love of Christ even at the risk that they might reject that love. No longer blind, we allow Christ to change us and to change the attitude of our hearts. We become Christian-Christ-like.

A REQUEST!

The Retreat Center at Francis House of Holy Dormition Friary is in need of 3 beds. If you are downsizing or getting rid of a single, double or queen size bed, would you consider sending it our way? We are grateful!

Call Fr. Laurian at 570-788-1212 x 406.

Prayer of the day.

Lord, the earth is yours and all that is in it, the seas and all that dwell in them. Grant that we, asked to be stewards of your creation, might fulfill this responsibility with joy, enjoying and caring for all that you have created, by what we choose to do and what we choose not to do. For the sake of your creation, and for the sake of you, the Creator, Amen.