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Christ is in our midst!

Dear DOXA reader:

Errata in DOXA

We sent DOXA to the printers this time on a CD, and apparently the CD didn't pick up the last line at the bottom of three columns. In order for you to make sense of the partial sentences that are printed, here are the sentences in their entirety.

At the bottom of page 1, column one:

"Clearly, however, the Orthodox Liturgies indicate that *both* the Words of Christ *and* the Invocation of the Holy Spirit (the Epiclesis) consecrate. This is a manifestation in the Divine Liturgy of the dual operation of the two "Hands of the Father" (St. Irenaeus of Lyons), who are His Word and His Holy Spirit."

At the bottom of page 3, column one (footnote #2):

"2. The Scriptural term *sacrifice* is synonymous with *oblation* and *offering*. *Anaphora* is another Greek word used to mean *offering*."

At the bottom of page 4, column two:

"Empowered by God's forgiving grace we also need to make amends, to live penitent lives, and to struggle toward spiritual maturity."

A Note from the Editor

God often speaks to us through events and through people, both friends and non-friends. For instance, God made it very clear to me through a rather amazing series of interconnected events in 1992 that I needed to dedicate myself more fully to the Lord by entering the monastic life. Another instance of such Divine clarity took place in 1998, when the Lord had several more important things to impress upon me. In His inscrutable providence, He did this by allowing Brother Mark (Vinson) and me to be in a horrible wreck. Brother Mark was killed, may his memory be eternal, but this sinner survived, emerging from the hospital with 95% recovery after only a few weeks.

God has spoken to me again in the past three months. This time the Lord has made it rather clear to me and to my spiritual fathers that this monk needs to devote the rest of his days to a more secluded monastic life and to even more austere repentance. To undertake this discipline, however, I must retire as editor of DOXA and from outside activities. So, after this anniversary issue, I plan to fade into the background as an assistant to the Monk John (Anderson) and Brother Stephen (Henne), who are excellent men. But I cannot "fade away," so to speak, without expressing my deep joy that DOXA has survived twenty years entirely supported by readers' donations. Thank you so much for your interest and your support all this time. Please continue to keep the Skete, and this repentant sinner, in your prayers.

Faithfully,

The Monk Andrew
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