

THE ORTHODOX WEEKLY BULETIN . . . . VESTAL, CLIFFWOOD, NEW JERSEY

### “NOTHING” IN THE BIBLE

During Church every Sunday there is a sermon. Each sermon has a subject which allows the priest to say SOMETHING . . . words and thoughts for us to ponder and reflect upon. However, today we will explore the idea of ‘**NOTHING**’ and how it relates to the Holy Scriptures.

“Let **NOTHING** be done through selfish ambition or conceit . . .” (Phillippians 2: 3) Conceit is a common vice that gets in the way of our spiritual growth. It causes us to despise thoses who have a different way of life. It makes us think that we are better than our fellow man. To be conceited is a form of idolatry and exposes those who seek to please others more than God.

So how do we overcome this strife? Ponder for a moment, the humility, displayed by Christ our God. He voluntarily took on our human shape and experienced our human condition. He showed the fullness of His humility by experiencing death, which enslaves mankind. He brutally died on a cross, the penalty of a common criminal, to save us from sin. Any be doing so, His death and resurrection bring life to all who follow Him.

Another **NOTHING** is written by St. Paul in Phillipians 4:6. “Be anxious for **NOTHING** . . .” How do we handle the pressures of our daily lives? We know that anxiety can detroy our health, homes, and dreams. It does nothing to help us cope with tomorrow and only drains our strength today. Have **FAITH** that the Lord is present, guiding us through our times of trouble. This is the secret to contentment.

As you can see, there are several ‘**NOTHING**s’ in the Bible. But what we can conclude from them is that **NOTHING** should hold us back from our full commitment to Jesus Christ.