

SERVING THE LORD

JESUS CHRIST WANTS US!

For decades, the United States Armed Forces have effectively used the following slogan for recruiting purposes: “Uncle Sam Wants You!” Surely, we have all seen the poster of the old, bearded gentleman, attired in his patriotic suit of red, white, and blue. With a piercing gaze, he points to us and appeals to our civic pride. Our country needs us! There is work for us to do for America! We are important to our government! Enlist now!

We should note, however, that the Church has placed a similar message before us for centuries: JESUS CHRIST WANTS US! Yes, we are all important to the Lord. Every Orthodox Christian is expected to contribute to the growth of Christ’s Church. Christ wants us to be modern-day “apostles,” defending His teaching and living according to His precepts. He wants us to be teachers, preachers, leaders and ministers - - there is something we all can be doing for our Saviour. Indeed,” . . . we, being many, are one body in Christ.” (Romans 13:5)

Our Orthodox Christian responsibility to Christ and His Church is great. The Church has prevailed for over 2,000 years largely because Christ’s dedicated followers of every generation have recognized the role that they have been called upon to fulfill. Our Lord needs us to be true to our baptismal vows and serve Him with love to the best of our ability. The future of the Church now rests in OUR hands.