

**DISCOVERING TREASURES THRU TROUBLES**

**As Orthodox Christians, we are different. Once we were lost, but now we are found. Once we were bound for hell, but now we are bound for heaven. We are believers in God, merely travelling thru this world towards our ultimate destination . . . PARADISE. But what makes us react differently? We have discovered answers and found a new reason for living.**

**We recognize that our TREASURES are ETERNAL. God has a plan for us and nothing is a surprise to Him. We have been set apart by the Holy Spirit. We found peace, having been cleansed by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. We have been provided with a living hope. We know our eternal inheritance awaits us in heaven.**

**We realize that our TROUBLES are TEMPORARY. We have a cause to rejoice. Our sins have been forgiven. Although we are not immune to trouble, we are confident that it will not last. Discouragement is short-term; joy in Christ is permanent. Know that God will wipe away all the tears from your eyes.**

**Our TRIALS are filled with PURPOSE. Life is full of troubles which test our will power. Remain strong in your faith and these passing problems will ultimately seem small when we dwell with Christ.**

**The News is good! We repentant sinners can come to Christ and receive comfort and eternal life. This is the promise of our loving God.**