

Outreach Conference 2020

"How to Say Hello" - Fr. John Finley

Section 1: Introduction

1. It matters to God and the spiritual world, to nature, to others, and to my own soul, how I treat people.
2. Acknowledging the other person's existence and presence can open them up to realizing their own importance to God and receiving (or renewing in themselves) the message of the Gospel.
3. We need to practice how to do this, intentionally, implement the practice of acknowledging others, i.e. practice the Golden Rule, and get good at it, not expecting anything in return.

Section 2: Outline of my presentation

1. St. Nikolai's February 20 Reflection from the Prologue of Ohrid
2. Story of the shy High School student
3. Story of the visitor to a monastery
4. Story of the lady and her husband we invited over for dinner.
 - a. St. Nikolai's June 10 Reflection from the Prologue of Ohrid
5. St. Luke's version of the Sermon on the Mount – (St. Luke. 6:31-36)

Section 3: Additional Resources

1. Having been cleansed, pardoned, and healed by God, the three powers of my soul, i.e. my mind, heart, and will can become a tremendous resource to change the world.
2. There are many human resources on the street; they are called human beings. Go practice acknowledging the humanity of other people you pass on the street with eye contact, a friendly nod, a smile, and a verbal greeting.
3. If you have a dining room table at home, fill it with guests and serve them dinner. Pray before the meal, sit, and have a pleasant conversation. It could change their life, and even make the food taste better.
4. Most people have enemies. Consider them a resource. Practice loving your enemies, being good to them, perhaps even lending to them, expecting nothing in return; and you may end up being called a child of the Most High God.