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How do I make Christmas different this year?

By Very Rev. Fr. Elias Bitar

The answer lies in “What the feast does to us, and not in what we do to it.” Christmas is known as the feast when Jesus was born, the Nativity. Every year we go out to by a tree and decorations for the house, gifts for our loved ones and plan for family gatherings. If going to church for the Divine Liturgy is on our list of doing activities, then we put a spiritual dimension to the birth of our Lord.

What do all the above mentioned activities mean in the light of Christmas? Decorations make our homes look good. Do they make our homes look more Christian? Not really. What do decorations and Christmas trees have to do with the new-born child? They hardly relate to the event. They are signs of the Christmas time of year. Is the Nativity scene represented as prominently as Santa coming down the chimney?

Is Jesus remembered during our family meals or exchanging gifts? Celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior means remembering what the event means to us as Orthodox Christians.

Jesus was born to deliver a very powerful message, “A new commandment I give to you: that you love each other as I have loved you”

There is no better way of celebrating His birth than remembering, believing and living His

words. Without love in our hearts for our fellow man, our celebration is nothing but a lip service. And please don't ask “And who is my fellow man?” or “Who is my neighbor?” Love is not selective, but inclusive.

Our celebration is two-fold: Vertical by being open to God's voice through worship (Divine Liturgy and Holy Communion) and Horizontal by allowing the Holy Spirit which descends from above to touch the lives of people around us.

“Glory to God on High and on earth peace and good will among men.” When love abides within us, then peace can find a dwelling place as well.

Let us first give the gift of love and friendship before we battle the crowds in the malls for the shirts and ties. There is no gift as precious and needed as a hug or an “I love you.” If some people were to hear an “I love you” from us they might faint.

Look around for an opportunity to offer someone your friendship, your love, and your Jesus. This is the best gift you may give — a gift that last a life time.

Be different like the Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center; it is different because it represents the spirit of the season. The tree cannot do, but reflects. We can reflect by doing and being who Christ wants us to be.

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How do I make Christmas different this year? (continued)

Let us make Christmas relevant by re-placing Jesus as the main Event at Christmas.

1. Dare to be different; celebrate the Nativity through the Liturgy.
2. Dare to be different by giving a gift of love and friendship
3. Dare to be different by helping someone anonymously
4. Dare to be different by greeting people with "Merry Christmas" and not "Happy Holidays"
5. Dare to be different by being kind to those who steel your parking spot during this season
6. Dare to be different by giving the gift of time to your family and church
7. Dare to be different by attempting to know the people you pray with in church, one person at a time
8. Dare to be different by praising more and criticizing less
9. Dare to be different by being the last link to a gossip chain.
10. Dare to be different by saying "YES" when the church calls.

I read once a book entitled "If the world around you fits, you are the wrong size" We do not conform to the world, but the world must conform to the Gospel. After all, doesn't being a Christian mean being different? We are in the world, but not from it. We have been redeemed by the blood of our Lord. We have been renewed.

So let us celebrate this nativity as children of the New-born by loving Him and each other

In conclusion, my family and I wish you a blessed Nativity Feast and a happy and health New Year. Let us love one another that with one accord we may live and confess our faith.

My thanks to all of you who labor in the service of this church. To the people behind the scenes, to the donors, workers, organization chair people and members. To those whose assistance, financial and otherwise make our church as beautiful as it is. To those who sing and those who serve, those whose love leaves a mark on the life of our church.

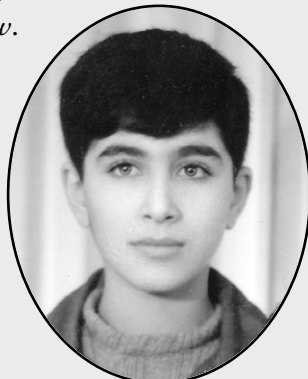
Don't forget that it is your love that holds the church as high as it is — be generous with it. And a very Merry Christmas to you and yours!

Guess Who... Goofed!?!

Okay, so last issue the Editorial Staff published the *wrong* photo – the one shown *above* is actually the brother of the parishoner we were trying to highlight. The proper photo is shown *below*. So let's try this again...

This handsome young man was born in Syria in 1961, immigrated to the U.S. in 1989 and is celebrating his 20th year as a member of our St. George Community.

Can you guess who it is?
For real, this time...



The Ladies Society

I would like to take this time to thank the ladies of St George for all the hard work they do throughout the year. May the Lord bestow upon them and their families lots of Health and Happiness.

The ladies have completed a successful Thanksgiving pasty sale. They have all worked very hard and enjoyed each other's fellowship.

The Ladies Christmas party will be at The Brownstone on December 28, 2009 at 12:00 noon all the ladies from our parish are welcomed to come, and bring a wrapped gift worth \$15 the cost for the lunch is \$20.00.

Fr. Anthony Michaels Visit, Nov. 20–22

We were truly blessed on the weekend of November 20 – 22 to be visited by Father Anthony Michaels of Fort Wayne, IN. From the time of his pickup from Newark Airport at 4:00PM on Friday to his departure on Sunday November 22, 2009 at 5:00PM, Father Anthony demonstrated to our church how the Holy Spirit works within an individual person.

Friday night was started with a Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the church followed by a presentation to the Sunday school children along with the participants of the church service. Father's sermon about the feast really brought home how devoted to the church was Saints Joachim and Anna and how truly blessed is the Holy Mother of God. The theme of the presentation was living our lives as did the Saints of the church. Father Anthony talked about Abraham and Moses and how they were obedient to God and how they lived their life according to God's will. There were many great questions from the children concerning these Old Testament heroes as well as wanting to learn more about John the Baptist and Jesus.

Saturday morning was a teen SOYO retreat talking about chastity and virginity and how to live a pure life before God and before we get married. Approximately 100 teens attended the lecture, some from as far as Allentown, PA. Father emphasized how the young children need to go out in groups with people and nobody should be dating between the ages of 12 – 14 years old. He said at that age, a person does not know who they really are, how are they going to know who they like. The young children should be spending quality time alone praying and reading the bible. The emphasis was put on that the young children present at the retreat have many avenues to turn to when peer pressure comes around. The large turnout really impressed Father Anthony. We were honored that

morning with the presence of the Very Reverend Joseph Allen from St. Anthony's church in Bergenfield, NJ. Upon the completion of the session at approximately 2:00PM, Father Anthony returned to his hotel for a much needed rest and time to reflect on the evenings retreat topic.

Saturday vespers were attended, followed by a Lenten dinner spread prepared by the fellowship of Saint John the Divine. The evening topic was secularism vs. spirituality. Father delved into how the secular world has grown away from organized religion and how we must stay focused in our beliefs. The evening was blessed even more with the presence of Reverend Father George Kevorkian and Very Reverend Paul Kucinda of the OCA church in Wayne. Father Anthony was able to engulf the entire audience with his presentation abilities and sense of humor.

Father Anthony celebrated the Divine Liturgy on Sunday with us and wooed the congregation with two sermons. The first sermon concerned the gospel lesson of the man who accumulated too many goods but forgot about God. God said "Fool, your soul is required of you tonight" Father talked how we could relate this gospel to the upcoming Christmas season with gifts. He said "Let your presence in someone's life be your present" The second sermon summarized the weekend retreat lessons as well as Father talking about what the parts of a priest's vestments represent.

Upon completion of the sermon and service there were many in the congregation questioning how they could have missed some of the retreats and how wonderful of a speaker Father Anthony really was? The entire parish was truly enriched that third weekend of November. Hopefully, Father Anthony Michaels could visit us once again.

Annual Parish Meeting Recap

By Elie Saade, Parish Council President

The St. George parish family held its Annual General Parish Meeting on October 25th, 2009. During this meeting, reports about various aspects of parish life and church business were presented by Fr. Elias, the Parish Council's chairman (Elie Saade), and heads of Parish Council's committees and church organizations. Also, the proposed church budget of 2010 was presented by the Parish Council's treasurer (Salim Abboud) and was approved unanimously by the general parish. The general parish also approved some changes to the church constitution proposed by the PC to clarify some of its articles regarding capital expenditures, special meetings, and Parish Council's

committees and church organizations budgets and operation. During this meeting, the general parish elected three members to the Parish Council to replace outgoing members. The three re-elected members are Salim Abboud, Ziad Juzdan, and Elie Saade.

Announcement:

The Parish Council will hold its last meeting this year on Wednesday December 16th at 7:00pm at Macaluso's in Hawthorne.

Letter from Jesus about Christmas

It has come to my attention that many of you are upset that folks are taking My name out of the season.

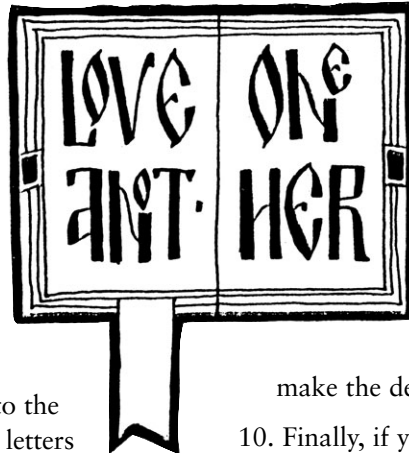
How I personally feel about this celebration can probably be most easily understood by those of you who have been blessed with children of your own. I don't care what you call the day. If you want to celebrate My birth, just GET ALONG AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

Now, having said that let Me go on. If it bothers you that the town in which you live doesn't allow a scene depicting My birth, then just get rid of a couple of Santas and snowmen and put in a small Nativity scene on your own front lawn. If all My followers did that there wouldn't be any need for such a scene on the town square because there would be many of them all around town.

Stop worrying about the fact that people are calling the tree a holiday tree, instead of a Christmas tree... I made ALL the trees. Decorate a grape vine if you wish: I actually spoke of that one in a teaching, explaining who I am in relation to you and what each of our tasks were. If you have forgotten that one, look up John 15:1-8.

If you want to give Me a present in remembrance of My birth here is my wish list. Choose something from it:

1. Instead of writing protest letters objecting to the way My birthday is being celebrated, write letters of love and hope to soldiers away from home. They are terribly afraid and lonely this time of year. I know, they tell Me all the time.
2. Visit someone in a nursing home. You don't have to know them personally. They just need to know that someone cares about them.
3. Instead of writing the President complaining about the wording on the cards his staff sent out this year, why don't you write and tell him that you'll be praying for him and his family this year. Then follow up.
4. Instead of giving your children a lot of gifts you can't afford and they don't need, spend time with them. Tell them the story of My birth, and why I came to live with you down there. Hold them in your arms and remind them that I love them.



5. Pick someone that has hurt you in the past and forgive him or her.
6. Did you know that someone in your town will attempt to take their own life this season because they feel so alone and hopeless? Since you don't know who that person is, try giving everyone you meet a warm smile; it could make the difference.
7. Instead of nit picking about what the retailer in your town calls the holiday, be patient with the people who work there. Give them a warm smile and a kind word. Even if they aren't allowed to wish you a "Merry Christmas" that doesn't keep you from wishing them one. Then stop shopping there on Sunday. If the store didn't make so much money on that day they'd close and let their employees spend the day at home with their families
8. If you really want to make a difference, support a Charity-- especially one who takes My love and Good News to those who have never heard My name.
9. There are individuals and whole families in your town who not only will have no Christmas tree, but neither will they have any presents to give or receive. If you don't know them, buy some food and a few gifts and give them to your Church and they will make the delivery for you.
10. Finally, if you want to make a statement about your belief in and loyalty to Me, then behave like a Christian. Don't do things in secret that you wouldn't do in My presence. Let the people know by your actions that you are one of Mine.

Don't forget; I am God and can take care of Myself. Just love and follow Me, I'll take care of all the rest. Check out the list above and get to work; time is short. I'll help you, but the ball is now in your court. And do have a most Blessed Christmas with all those whom you love.

Always remember that I LOVE YOU,

Jesus

Raising Godly Children

By His Grace + Bishop THOMAS

These notes are from a presentation by His Grace Bishop THOMAS at Orthodox Institute 2009, Antiochian Village Heritage and Learning Center, Bolivar, Pa., Nov. 5-8, 2009.

Parents, take the initiative to find out what your children are learning in Church School. Build upon the weekly lessons at home with supplemental teaching.

Also, build upon the Scripture readings, hymns, and commemorations of Saints and feasts that the children encounter in the Divine Services of the Church. Explain to your children what the readings and hymns mean and tell them the stories of the Saints and feasts commemorated.

Educating your children means that you must be educated in the Faith yourself. This is the parents' responsibility. Immerse yourself in the life of the Church. Worship and pray in as many of the Divine Services as possible, attend adult education classes, read the Holy Scripture, and consult the commentaries and sermons on the Scripture by the Holy Fathers.

In the home, set up a family altar or icon corner. Read the Scripture readings and lives of the Saints daily. Pray together as a family every day, at least in the morning and/or evening.

Make a big deal of feast days. Take the kids to the Divine Liturgy and enjoy a special meal to celebrate the day.

Celebrate the Name Day of the children with a celebration. Tell the story of the patron Saint's life and explain how to emulate his or her life as an Orthodox Christian. At the family icon corner/altar make sure to have an icon of the child's patron Saint alongside the icons of the parents' patron Saints.

Ask the clergy to visit your home, to bless it, and to explain to the family the significance of this event.

Encourage the clergy to develop an outreach program involving visitations to homes in order to teach families how to practically live the Faith in the home as a "domestic church."

Strive to be a holy example within the home, as well as in public, for your children to follow.

QUOTES TO CONSIDER

St. John Chrysostom's instructions to fathers on telling stories from Holy Scripture:

"Tell him this story one evening at supper. Let his mother repeat the same tale; then, when he has heard it often, ask him too, saying: 'Tell me the story,' so that he may be eager to imitate you. And when he has memorized it thou wilt also tell

him how it profits him. The soul indeed, as it receives the story within itself before thou has elaborated it, is aware that it will benefit." (Laistner 104)

"Go leading him by the hand in church and pay heed particularly when this tale is read aloud. Thou wilt see him rejoice and leap with pleasure because he knows what the other children do not know, as he anticipates the story, recognizes it, and derives great gain from it. And hereafter the episode is fixed in his memory." (Laistner 105)

St. John Chrysostom on naming children after the Saints:

"So let the names of the saints enter our homes through the naming of children, to train not only the child but the father, when he reflects that he is the father of John or Elijah or James; for, if the name be given with forethought to pay honor to those that have departed, and we grasp at our kinship with the righteous rather than with our forebears, this too will greatly help us and our children." (Laistner 108-109)

The above text has been taken from Dana Symeon Kees, "The Scriptural Narrative in Orthodox Education," Master's Thesis, St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary, 2009, pp. 138, 139-140, quoting St. John Chrysostom, "An Address on Vainglory and the Right Way for Parents to Bring Up Their Children," printed in the appendix of M. L. W. Laistner, *Christianity and Pagan Culture in the Later Roman Empire* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1951), 104-105, 108-109.

Elder Porphyrios on Nurturing Children:

"What saves and makes for good children is the life of the parents in the home. The parents need to devote themselves to the love of God. They need to become saints in their relations to their children through their mildness, patience, and love. They need to make a new start every day, with a fresh outlook, renewed enthusiasm and love for their children. And the joy that will come to them, the holiness that will visit them, will shower grace on their children. Generally the parents are to blame for the bad behavior of the children. And their behaviour is not improved by reprimands, disciplining, or strictness. If the parents do not pursue a life of holiness and if they don't engage in spiritual struggle, they make great mistakes and transmit the faults they have within them. If the parents do not live a holy life and do not display love towards each other, the devil torments the parents with the reactions of the children. Love, harmony and understanding between parents are what are required for the children. This provides a great sense of security and certainty."

December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
■ <i>Light shaded dates represent days of Fasting</i>		1	2	3	4	5 Teen Boys Orphanage SOYO Reunion
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Teen NYC Visit
Teen Caroling 13	14	15	16 Parish Council Meeting	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Christ is Born! Glorify Him!	26
27	Ladies Christmas Lunch 28	29	30	31		

January

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■ <i>Light shaded dates represent days of Fasting</i>					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Teen Meeting 10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Parish Council Meeting	21	22	23 Fashion Show
24 31	25	26	27	28	29	30

Fellowship News

by Michael Kabbash

On Saturday Dec. 5th, The Fellowship organized a SOYO Reunion for past Teen SOYO members whom we have not seen in a while, due to college, location, etc. The event was well attended, despite the season's first snowfall, by 35 past SOYO and current Fellowship members at the Town Pub in Bloomfield. Some just popped in to say hi, while others stayed, ate pizza, and caught up on their lives. We hope to hold more social events of this type in the months to come, and we hope to see more of our brothers and sisters again very soon!



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Teen Retreat with Fr. Anthony Michaels

By Mary Salim

On November 21st St. George in Little Fall, NJ held a wonderful retreat, discussing the topic; virginity and chastity. Father Anthony was the guest speaker, who did an excellent job covering various perspectives on this broad topic. There were about six parishes, who attended, with a total of 108 teens. Fifty eight of those teens were from Little Falls. Overall, this retreat was organized and carried out exceptionally well that made it pleasant for the all teens and advisors.

Virginity and chastity are very important topics that should be addressed to teens at different levels and from different viewpoints: religiously, morally, and emotionally, and biologically. During a person's life, at the ages between thirteen and eighteen, the person is going through different hormonal changes that spur different feelings mainly for the opposite sex. It is normal for this to happen, but is how the person controls his or her desires to let his or her emotions become released.

Fr. Anthony starts out by viewing the topic from a religious perspective by introducing Adam and Eve. God created Adam but realized that a man is incomplete without a woman by his side; therefore, he created Eve from Adam's rib. God made both Adam and Eve in His image. Both Adam and Eve are equal to one another, representing that men and women today are equal in the eyes of God.

He then addressed the topic in a comfortable manner that all the teens can discuss openly. The best advice he suggests is that all teens should either go out in groups or not go out at all. There should definitely not be any one-on-one "dating" at this age because a person never knows if the other person is

putting on an act just to please the other. With a group, the ones that like each other will act the same way towards the rest of the friends. Peer pressure can be avoided if there is a group of girls and boys hanging out instead of just two people. At times, peer pressure is not noticed, but it is always there; it's just a matter of making the right decision.

Sometimes feelings can blind a person from seeing what is in front of him or her. Although teens desire to act maturely and experience "pleasure" engaging in sexual intercourse is not right at this age. Acting maturely does not refer to acting in this manner, but acting in a more responsible, intelligent manner; willing to take full accountability for any consequences.

As the conversation deviated a little, the topic on technology along with its positive and negative aspects were discussed.

Many teens replied saying that technology can be used in many positive ways, yet it depends on the type of person that allows him or herself be put in a "bad" situation.

A "bad" situation will only result if one allows him or herself be there. But overall, technology can be used for many great things such as communication over long distances and research.

It has also been addressed that teens should open up to their parents as a way of confiding and trusting them. Parents "cover" their children with a blanket of love, although it may seem that they "smother" their kids. Parents only want the best for their children and they will do anything to protect them from anything that misguides them. That is why teens need to find a connection between themselves and their parents.

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Important SOYO Dates

December 5th — The teens are hosting the boys Orphanage, we will have lots of gifts for them brought in by Santa.

December 6 — Teen meeting

December 12 — The teens will be taking a bus to NY to give out sandwiches and clothing to the homeless and spending time talking to them.

Dec. 13 — We are going to the Chelsea assisted living home in Montville to bring joy to the elderly and sing Christmas carols with them.

January 10 — We are having our meeting and then going ice skating.

January 23 — We are hosting a fashion show, "What is appropriate or not appropriate to wear to Church"

Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Alexios on the Eucharist and the H1N1 Virus

As we look forward to the blessings of New Ecclesiastical Year, I greet you with joy and love in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, with prayers and good wishes for a healthy and joyous year. As I was traveling this summer, both in our Metropolis and Greece, I heard some talk from our brothers and sisters that we should question the way that we receive the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, due to concerns about the H1N1 virus. They were concerned that this would transmit the virus to the Faithful and of course they have a point. If we were receiving only bread and wine there would be some, though not a lot, of cause for concern. Aside from the scientific facts showing that there is no difference in rates of illness between people who receive Holy Communion and the general population, aside from the fact that there have always been infectious and communicable disease, aside from the fact that more people die in car wrecks every year than from any flu, in order to receive we must have faith. Indeed as human beings we are weak in faith.

Even the disciples, who lived with Christ on a daily basis were weak in faith. We see this in the Gospel of St. Matthew, after the feeding of the 5000 when the disciples were caught in a violent storm on the lake, and they see Jesus walking toward them: "And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

When Peter trusted in Christ, he was able to walk on water, but when he became afraid, he began to sink. And again in Matthew 17, a father brings his child who is possessed by a demon to Jesus to be cured, which the disciples were unable to do: "Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you." In order to receive, we must have faith, but unfortunately sometimes our brothers and sisters with little faith put up obstacles to freely approaching the chalice. Indeed when we are receiving the Body and Blood of

our Lord, there is no fear, because "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love." (1 John 4:18). On the other hand, when we are afraid of anything: disease, accidents, misfortune, who do we ask for help?

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our Lord is here to bless us and help us, not to make us sick. With this kind of understanding, we can give the answer to ourselves. When we think about receiving the Body and Blood, we realize that there have been many diseases over the past 2000 years, most of them more serious and deadly than the H1N1 virus. However I believe that we should explain to the Faithful what there are receiving and why. After all, we clergy consume all the elements left after Holy Communion is offered, and according to my knowledge, I have never heard of a priest, deacon or bishop falling ill afterwards.

As a matter of fact, I had the personal experience, when I was younger and an Archdeacon in Patras, and almost every Saturday after the Divine Liturgy, we visited the nearby TB hospital to offer Holy Communion to those who were too ill to come to church. These poor people, before modern treatments and antibiotics, were extremely infectious. Yet neither I nor my spiritual father, Father Artemios or Father Christopher developed tuberculosis after consuming the Holy Gifts. Not only that, we never even got sick. This happened not merely once or twice but repeatedly over the years. Father Christopher is still living (now in his 70's) and so am I. Father Artemios died years ago of heart disease, not TB.

This is the situation, my brothers, which we must face and be honest with those who are weak in faith, so we can reassure them and help them to be strengthened in their faith. The only reason to approach the chalice in fear, is fear of God, if we receive unworthily. Truly I give glory to God that we have His Church, where we can pray for one another, pray for all people who are suffering from cancer or other diseases or misfortunes.

As we pray for them, we should also pray for those of little faith, and as St. Paul tells us in Hebrews 4:16, "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

+ALEXIOS, *Metropolitan of Atlanta*

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Isn't it Strange?

Isn't it strange how a 20 dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?

Isn't it strange how 2 hours seem so long when you're at church, and how short they seem when you're watching a good movie?

Isn't it strange that you can't find a word to say when you're praying, but you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend?

Isn't it strange how we need to know about an event for Church 2-3 weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust it for other events in the last minute?

Isn't it strange how difficult it is to learn a fact about God to share it with others; but how easy it is to learn, understand, extend and repeat gossip?

Isn't it strange how we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say, but we questions the words in the Bible?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants a place in heaven but they don't want to believe, do, or say anything to get there?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants front row tickets to concerts and games but they do whatever is possible to sit in the last row in Church

Isn't it strange how difficult and boring it is to read ONE chapter of the Bible but how easy it is to read an ENTIRE popular novel like "Twilight"?

Isn't it strange how we send jokes in e-mails and they are forwarded right away but when we are going to send messages about God, we think about it twice before we share it with others?



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