

“He who comes to Go must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him”. (Heb: 11-6)

PROPER PROTOCOL WITH GOD

It’s unlikely that many of us will ever be privileged to have an audience with the President of the United States, or anyone else of similar stature. If, however, we did, we would be given a “*crash course*” on what *proper protocol* would be for our encounter. Undoubtedly, we would be briefed on how we should dress, what we should say and how we should say it when meeting with the leader of our nation. Certainly we would not act as if we were in the company of a work colleague or a school classmate – our behavior would be expected to be dignified and respectful.

Every Sunday, we have a wonderful opportunity to have an “audience” with Someone Who carries much more “clout” than the President when we attend Divine Liturgy. We often overlook what a special experience this should be, and that certain things are required of us when we “meet” Him. When God spoke to Moses from the the Burning Bush, He instructed him to “. . . *take off your shoes, for you are on holy ground.*” While we need not follow these words too literally, we must nonetheless, remember the sacredness and sanctity of being in the presence of the Lord. Our prayers must always be sincere; our approach to the Lord in this special way should always be with great humility and love. We must never *demand* that our prayers be answered by Him – nor should we *expect* a positive response every time we call upon Him to assist us.

May we “know our place” in our relationship with God. He is our Father; we are His children. He is the Giver of all good things, and when we come to Him with unwavering faith, we can rest assured that the Lord will certainly listen to our supplications!