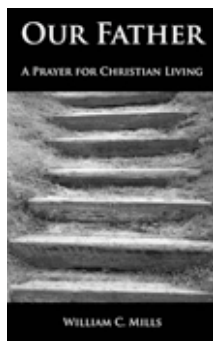


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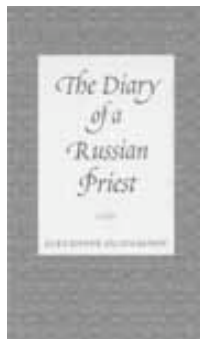


Our Father: A Prayer for Christian Living

By Fr. William C. Mills, ISBN-13: 978-1-933275-29-1

Published by the Orthodox Research Institute, available from Amazon.com

Everyday Christians from across the world recite the Lord's Prayer, the only prayer that we have from Jesus Himself. Despite the fact that Christians are often divided over language, culture, ethnic backgrounds, theologies, customs, and traditions, we are all united under the one authority of God the Father through these very special and meaningful words. When praying the Our Father, we become a single chorus, offering our prayer and praise to God the Father, uniting ourselves in a common bond of love and solidarity. After reading this book, readers will hopefully have a much better understanding of the scriptural background of the Lord's Prayer.

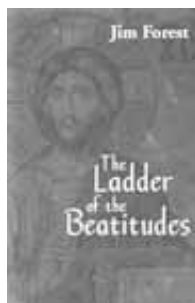


The Diary of a Russian Priest

By Alexander Elchaninov, ISBN-13: 978-0-88141-000-6

Published by St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, available from Amazon and SVSPress.com

Alexander Elchaninov was ordained comparatively late in life, after passing through the harrowing experience of the 1917 revolution. While deeply rooted in the spiritual and ascetic tradition of the Orthodox Church, Father Alexander remained close to the intellectual movement of his day. This book will be of particular value to all struggling to live the Christian life in an increasingly secular and materialistic world. He writes on themes of universal concern--on sin and nervous disease, on marriage, on the meaning of art, on facing illness and death.



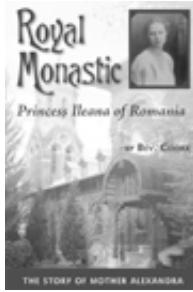
The Ladder of the Beatitudes

By Jim Forest, ISBN-13: 978-1570752452

Published by Orbis Books, available from Amazon.com

Jim Forest, a convert to the Russian Orthodox Church and general secretary of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation, has written a short volume of reflections on the Beatitudes of Jesus. They are sermons in the original sense of the word, informal chats with historical, personal, and homely examples and comparisons. They are certain to offer comfort, knowledge, and inspiration to Christians seeking sources for meditation on the words of Jesus. Contemporary and easy to understand.

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Royal Monastic: Princess Ileana of Romania (The Story of Mother Alexandra)

By Bev. Cooke, ISBN-13: 978-1888212-32-7

Published by Conciliar Press, available from Conciliarpress.com

The life of a princess is not all glamour, handsome princes, and beautiful clothes. It is also devotion to duty, sacrifice for your people, and a lot of just plain hard work.

Princess Ileana of Romania endured all this and more. But her deeply rooted Orthodox faith saw her through it all, and eventually led her in her later years to the peaceful repose of monasticism. Mother Alexandra was called to build the first English-language Orthodox women's monastery in the United States. Princess

Ileana's story is a thrilling tale of love and loss, danger and rescue, sacrifice and reward. Her inspiring life stands as a beacon of faith and holiness for women of all times and nations to follow.



The Kingdom of God: The Sermon on the Mount

By Archbishop Dmitri (Royster), ISBN-13: 978-0-881-41116-4

Published by St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, available from Amazon and SVSPress.com

The book is addressed to any Christian who wishes to see the ways in which the teaching of Jesus illumine contemporary life and show what it means to be a follower of Christ. Bishop Dmitri says the Beatitudes are the "first principle," given in a "logical sequence in which they way of developed spiritual life is given by our Lord Jesus Christ." Focusing on controversial words and phrases that carry a special significance for Christians, Bishop Dmitri explains their meaning in the original Greek of Hebrew,

and explains the connection with the entire Orthodox tradition of ascetical, moral, and spiritual life. This commentary is helpful to anyone who sets upon the path of holiness and is engulfed by the moral ambiguities of a secularized society. Particular attention is focused on such contemporary issues as job, workplace, money and material possessions, and moral questions. Easy to read and follow.

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