

BEING STRANGER

When we come to Church after being absent for a week or more, and when we look around us - we feel strange! Everything around us in this holy Temple is different from what we see outside and even sometime in our own home: icons, Church services, Church customs etc.

The question that come to our mind is : WHY is inside of a Church is a different from the outside world? Why we can't be like everybody: live and think about this our mother earth? Why do we feel like we are stepping into different world?

The answer to this is WE ARE STEPING INTO ANOTHER WORLD, THE CHURCH WORLD.

Our Temple, our Church is the bridge between this world and the eternity. This is the only bridge and there is no other. According to the Holy Scripture.

What we see is not always what really is in many cases. There is no way anybody can distinguish between reality and mirage when enemy of mankind (Satan) is involved and when he is involved. He can make you and anybody think that you see something when in reality there is nothing there. Satan can take and create any appearance.

Why this is so? The answer is very simple: we, people, helping him because most people do not believe that the Devil is real, that he exist – and he is the one that put this in the mind of people! ***You can't fight something that do not exist.***

Another important point that the Church remind us is the only thing that he afraid is the Cross. However, most people do not have Holy Cross with them, or do not know how to use it, or even worse – ignore the Cross. Science is totally meaningless in fighting devil because he knows more then science ever know, because he was originally created as good spirit. He can make to appear in any form or as anybody and the only thing that can stop him is the Cross.

In Church devil do not have as much freedom as outside the Church. This is why we feel different inside the Holy Temple. This is why the Church calls us to the Temple as frequently as possible: weekly and on holy

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days, so we can get strength for outside struggles. Even passive standing makes the person feel different. Please remember this and do not think that your time was wasted. Nothing is wasted in the Church.

In great many cases we have to force ourselves to go to Church, or to do something spiritual profitable and this is normal, because the God told Adam and Eve and this applies to all of us: “In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground...” (Gen.3, 19-20). This means that nothing that is good is easy, for obvious reasons, and we have to work for it. Amen.