

Sunday, September 9 (August 27) 2007  
Matthew 22: 35-46

Sunday's gospel reading focuses on a topic all of us at church school should be very familiar with. Jesus was asked by the Pharisees sarcastically "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Trying to trap Him, Jesus replied "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. The second one is like it "Love your neighbor as you love yourself. The whole Law of Moses and the prophets depend on these two commandments". Why is this so important to orthodox Christians? It is because Jesus fulfills the Old Testament by His teaching and example on the Cross; and reminds each of us that at the Last Judgment it will be that love that ultimately saves us to everlasting Life.