

LOVE OF GOD AND NEIGHBOR LEADS TO CONFESSION:

As we see the immense love that God has for His whole creation, we may notice the lack of that love in ourselves, a lack which leads to condemning others, egotism, failure to be charitable, laziness in prayer and reading scriptures and a host of other not-so-little sins. The Holy Mystery of Confession is meant to be an encounter with God, an honest appraisal of our love for Him and others. "Behold, Christ stands here invisibly before us and hears your confession..." says the priest. What a great gift the Lord gives to us sinners! **Do you remember the last time you made Confession before God in Church?** Perhaps, too much time has gone by since your last Confession? Come, receive absolution, cleansing of your heart and soul, and God's grace. St. Theophan the Recluse says "if you have sinned, acknowledge the sin and repent. God will forgive the sin and once again give you a new heart...and a new Spirit (Ez. 36:26). There is no other way: Either do not sin, or repent." Confessions are heard on Saturdays after Vespers or on Wednesdays after 6th Hour Prayers, or by appointment. Confessions are not heard on Sunday mornings unless you live a great distance from church and schedule it with Fr. George in advance.