

“Ask for the Ancient Paths”

Ch. 9-11 Questions

1. When did the practice of anointing the sick originate? How do we know? (include verses)
2. How do Christians view the relationship between anointing and the confession of sins?
3. What do the early Church fathers say about the anointing of the sick?
4. Why does God often allow us to be sick?
5. Name 3 features of an Orthodox wedding that are not seen in Protestant weddings.
6. Which feature of mainstream weddings is missing in Orthodox weddings? Why?
7. What is the only marriage that is considered holy in the Orthodox Church? What is the only acceptable alternative to this marriage? (include verse)
8. What is the Church’s stance on divorce and remarriage?
9. What does the early Church say about marriage?
10. What is the main purpose of marriage, according to the Orthodox Church?
11. What is monasticism and what type of person undertakes this way of life?
12. What purpose does the monastic community serve for those transitioning into monastic life?
13. Name figures in the Old and New Testaments who lived monastic lives.
14. What does the Bible say about the monastic life? How did Christ live his own life? (include verses)
15. Who is the father of Christian monasticism?
16. Explain the story of St. Basil and the senator.
17. What tools are we given by monks and nuns for our own spiritual lives?