

“Interventions”



A Timely Teaching of St. Nicodemus the Hagiorite

God Has Entrusted to Us the Salvation of Our Brothers and Sisters

“...**If you are a lay person**, living among unbelievers, imitate the holy Christians of old in **love, patience, and humility**, keeping all of the **Commandments** of the Gospel, that you might be a **light** and **paradigm** in every good work to the impious, prompting them to glorify the God in Whom you believe, as it is written:

“**Let** your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father Which is in Heaven” (St. Matthew 5:16).

...**Know** well that **God has entrusted to each of us the salvation of our brothers and sisters and impels us to keep vigil for them...**

...**God** put every Christian in the world so as to be teachers of the unbelievers and impious and to return them by their **word and good manner of life** to piety and the Faith.

Thus, God will ask of each Christian what he did not only for his own benefit and salvation, **but also for the salvation of others**, as St. John Chrysostom says:

“**For** (God) would have the Christian to be the **teacher** of the world, its **leaven**, its **light**, its **salt**. And what is that **light**? It is a life which shines, and has in it no dark thing. **Light** is not useful to itself, nor **salt**, nor **leaven**, but shows its usefulness towards others, and so **we are required to do good, not to ourselves only, but also to others**” (Homily 52 on the Gospel of St. John).



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