

Matters of the Heart

Orthodox reflections on faith and life



24 Prepare a Place For Me

'You shall make an altar' requests the Lord. A place within your heart dedicated to the Lord your God and Saviour. A place overlaid with gold and adorned with fine linen suited for the dwelling of your Royal King. A Holy place free from the stench of death and all that resembles decay. For that is where the Lord wishes to dwell and that is where the Messiah desires to meet with you. And upon this altar is where you will offer sweet incense to the Lord, a perpetual offering before your God. An offering of prayer and an unending commune with the Creator. This is the abode in which the Lord delights and a fitting place for His Holy Spirit to dwell.

Prepare that dwelling place by cleansing it of all that the Lord abhors. Adorn it with love and a commitment to the Lord. And fill it with holy and righteous matters. For this is well pleasing to God.

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“Behold, I stand at the door and knock...”
Revelation 3:20

See Also:
Exodus 30

Lord, may You come in to my heart to sanctify it and purify it, to nourish it and to render it victorious over all wickedness.