



Fr. Joseph Antypas, the Archpriest of St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church of Troy, Michigan, has released *“Reflections on the Field of a Local Parish”*. In His Book, Fr. Antypas speaks not only from a deep theological knowledge of the Church, but also from a lifetime of pastoral experience of over 35 years of ministry. The book tackles various theological, liturgical, pastoral and contemporary topics of interest for every clergy and laity. Fr. Antypas examines such topics, not only in a theologically profound approach, but also in pastoral and practical manners.

The first chapter presents very important theological and doctrinal topics such as *“The Dynamics of our Faith”* and *“On Free will and The Doctrine of the Holy trinity in the Johannine and Pauline Theology”*. The second chapter presents various liturgical topics such as *“The Great Lent”* and *“On the Lenten Prayer of St. Ephrem the Syrian”*, and discusses them from spiritual, theological and pastoral points of view. Chapters three and four, examine numerous pastoral topics such as *“The Christian witness in the World today”*, *“The Powerful Bond of Love”* and *“On Proper Christian behavior”*, where Fr. Antypas successfully combines centuries of Church wisdom with keen psychological insights for us today.

“Father Antypas’ book, “Reflections on the Field of a Local Parish” is a tremendous contribution to our Orthodox Christian library. We recommend it to all bishops, priests, deacons and lay people. We are grateful to Farther Joseph for this excellent work” (Metropolitan PHILIP).

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