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**ON THE MEND:** Please keep the following parishioners and others in your prayers for recovery from their illnesses and injuries: Archbishop Daniel, Metropolitan Antony, Metropolitan Yuriy, Metropolitan Theodosius [OCA], Archbishop Jovan, Bishop Robert, Metropolitan Savas, Father George & Pani Lillian Hnatko, Father Jakiw Norton, Father Paul Stoll, Father Igor Soroka, Father Joseph Kopchak, Father Elias Warnke, Father George Yatsko, Father Paul Bigelow, Father Emilian Balan, Father John & Pani Mary Anne Nakonachny, Father Steve Repa, Protopresbyter William Diakiw, Archpriest Dionysi Vitali, Protodeacon Joseph Hotrovich, Father Adam Yonitch, Pani-Dobrodijka Sonia Diakiw, Father Paisius McGrath, Father Michael Smoly nec, Father Lawrence & Matushka Sophia Daniels, Father Joe Cervo, Father John Harrold [Saint Sylvester], Father George Livanos, Igumen Patrick, Pani Mary Ann Chubenko, Father Jim Orr, Father Rick Seilier, Panimatka Laryssa Charest, Joshua Agosto and his family, Eva Malesnick, Nick Behun, Grace Holupka, Joseph Sliwinsky, Gary & Linda Mechtly, Evelyn Misko, Jeanne Boehing, Alex Drobot, Rachelle, Jane Golofski, Doug Diller, Harry Krewsun, Mary Alice Babcock, Dorie Kunkle, Andrea, & Melissa [Betty O'Masta's relatives], Mary Evelyn King, Sam Wadrose, Isabella Olivia Lindgren, Ethel Thomas, Donna, Erin, Michael Miller, Grace & Owen Ostrasky, Patti Sinecki, David Genshi, Sue Segeleon, Mike Gallagher, Liz Stumpf, Theodore Nixon, Michelle Corba Kapeluck, Linda Hippert & family, Margaret Vladimir, Luke Emmerling, Robert McKivitz, Liz Obradovich, Halyna Zelinska [Archbishop Daniel's mother], Charlotte, Andrew Mark Olynyk, Deborah Finley, Claire Senita, Eleanor Kelly, Bryan, Nancy Barylak, Patrick Keenan, Khrystyna Chorniy, Anthony Cormier, Nathan Forbeck, Sarah Doyle, Samuel Peters, Esther Holupka, David Vallor, Henry Faraly, Julie Eiler, Dorothy Lednovich, Bob C., Allie—young girl with leukemia, Heather Kramer, Jane Wartinbee, Matthew—young man with cancer, Nicholas Orlando, Mary Ann Kuznik, Michael Pryhodzenko, Sonia Luciw, Theresa Ditto, Mary Ann Musial, Mary Pelino, Yvonne Christy, Myron & Barbara Spak, Julia Duda, Lisa Pandle, Kris & Julie Hanczar, John Kennedy, Loretta, Nancy, Carol, & Michael Sheliga, Gaelle Kelly, Irma McDivitt, Robin Young, Mckayla, Rachel, Carl & Margaret Reed, Lydia Wilson, Robert Pointon, Walter Cecelia, John Persico, Jeff Miller, Mary Kernick, Glenn Miller, Jean Marie, Donna & Walter McCrackin, Bonnie & Eugene Blair [Pani Gina's parents], David Hoenshell, Barbara Macino,

Shelley Hill, Mikaela Kapeluck, Linda Cawley, Gerald Cogley, Corey Guich, Robert Vangrin, Pauline Witkowsky, Sera White, Deborah Smith, Nancy & Eric Dunik, Julian Stroz [young lady with cerebral palsy], Dr. Kirsten Ream, Patricia Corey, Michelle, Katie Swarm, Michelle, Patrick, Linda Morris, Howard Simpson, Chris, David Hiles, Jennifer, Cher Mount, Frank & Janet Horrell, Jim Wandling, Gail, Sirena Sharp, Ron Paulovich, Sandi Anderson, Lina, Shirley, Denny Mader, Ella Campbell, Tom Hyatt, Bill Janiro, Jean Symanko-Andy's sister, William Lemonakis, Alma Wyke, Lindsay Romanczak & family, Virginia Catherine Pynch, Susan Lucas, Neil Carter & family, James Paluh, Mickie Weikel, Evelyn Krempasky, Tammy Strunk, Loida Esbry, Darlene Chicka Deskins, Drew, Alice & Keith Philipa, Kateryna Kocelko, Nancy Heinbaugh, Mira Filipović, Lynn, Jacqueline, Sharon, Zan Cheng, Kristy, Elaine Ellenberger, Brandon, Anna Tranchine, Demetra, Blase Urban, Catherine Hogel & children, Jennifer & Dylan, Ron Schwartz, Lydia Wilson, Flora Tomlin, Howell Swarm, Jane Bielewicz Allred, Manny "Lazarus" Lopez, Glenn & Lucas Burlack, Katie Elizabeth, Mileva, & Michael, Deirdré Straughan, Terri Paluh, Lori & Steve Lucier, Kyranna Cherpas, Pastor Bruce Nordeen, Heather Ried, Carla Perry, Linda Elliot, Dennis McDaniel, Luke Tinsley, Brent, Tricia, Katherine Gorman, Pamela Jaquette, Sherri Walewski, Marika Zeliszczuk, Donna Davis, Jackie Crimbchin, Marta Charron, Mary [Corba], Stella McKeag, Margie Sekelsky, Gary Howell, Fran Fulton, Gina Catanese, Bill Vizza, Jamie Swarm, Kevin Allen (from Ancient Faith Radio), Kathy Flaherty, Tori Reade-Henry's niece, Derick-Glen Burlack's neighbor, Michael, Nichole & Christopher, Ben Douglas, Dianne Donahue, Zachary, Natasha, Noah Willard, Jodi Hanczar, Gregory Cervo, Lisa Bruce, Martha Nezolyk, Kathy Cvetkovich, Judy, Will, Emma, Ginny, Ye-Jin, Maria, John & JoAnn, Jim & Kitty, Phil Bouse, Ralph & Beverly Stoker, Noah Willard, Nikola, Natalie, Nikola, & Nevenka Jovonovich, Julia Collier, Amy Kemerer, Thomas Smith, Tracy Slaughaupt, Louis & Teresa Bercelli, Tom Nolan, Silvia Martin, Sarah Dorning, Dena & George, Georgia, Lawanda [Evelyn's niece], Maureen Sams, John Kendall, Judi Danser, Darcy, Denis Strittmatter, Nancy, Ian Brick, Cecilia Barnhart, Logan Magorien, Pam & Gordon Grant, Debbie & Jerry Novosel, Noah Willard, Sandra Dillard, Danielle McCann, Barry [Father Jim Orr's cousin], Tim Joyce, Mike Pawlyshyn-Jeannie Stutchell's brother, Joe Samchuck—vocations, Albert Heckman, Brianna Stumpf, Stanley Porembka, David & Terry Coyne Hartnett, Mike C., Jennifer Scheirer [Nick Behun's daughter], Catherine Beecham [Father Bob's cousin], JoAnne & Dave Andrews, Rev. Peg Bowman, Pat Jennings, Tim Sams, Mike Ruzzi, Cindy M., Stephen Popichak—Fr. Bob's brother, Mary Kay Ludovicy, Pastor Sara Irwin, George Dilendorf, Andy Torick, Carol Behun, Erv Frye, William Lusherand, Bill Boretsky, Colin Kirton—Stage 4 pancreatic cancer, Clifford, Joe Veto, Paul

Riley, Tonee & Sydnee Turner, Annette Paluh, Cathy Lotinsky, Monk Andrew, Jeff & Buschra Kerr, Steven—Harry Batch's cousin, Rose Mary Pavlovich—Mary Anne Kuznik's Cousin, Stella McKeag, Margaret Sekelsky, Robert Sekelsky, Robert Rodriguez, Dollie Irvin, Joe Mrvos, Alexandra, Katherine Kulik, Micky Delans [COVID-19], and Susan Pulcini—Father Ted Pulcini's mom. ARNOLD: Homer Paul Kline and Walter Sakol. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

**A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to Father Robert Holet for his kind donation to our parish. Father Bob was a surprise visitor to Holy Ghost on July 12 and enjoyed our Hot Dog Luncheon. He sent a wonderful note and a very generous donation to us. Thank you, Father Bob and Pani Christine for your kindness! God Bless and keep you always!**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our August babies: John Brunermer on the 1<sup>st</sup>, Janet Brunermer on the 12<sup>th</sup>, Loretta Sheliga on the 18<sup>th</sup>, and Nicholas Behun on the 25<sup>th</sup>! May God grant them all Many Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Blessed Years! M'nohaya Lita! God Bless them all!**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ... There is NOTHING to keep us from praying...for each other, for our family and friends, and most of all for the first responders—EMTs, nurses, doctors, firefighters, police officers, and members of our military who keep us safe. Be well, and be SAFE!!! God Bless!**

**Please remember ALL American service men and women in your prayers. May God watch over them and all American service men and women—and bring them all home safely!**

**REMEMBER—PRAYERS ARE ALWAYS FREE!**

Communion Fasting: nothing to eat or drink after midnight, EXCEPT in cases where your doctor tells you to eat or drink something for medical reasons: medication, diabetes, etc. If you have a question, please ask Father Bob.

**AT ANY TIME—if there is an emergency, if you have questions, or if you just need to talk, please CALL FATHER BOB at [412] 279-5640.**

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 02**                      **OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS!!!**                      **10:30 AM**  
**8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY GLORIOUS PROPHET ELIAS/ELIJAH;**  
**UNCOVERING RELICS OF SAINT ATHANASIUS-ABBOT OF BREST-LYTOVSK**

*Tone 7*

1 Corinthians 10:28; James 5:14-22  
Matthew 14:11-22; Luke 4:22-30

*Litany in Blessed Memory of Father Peter Natishan, Samuel Mrvos, David Yenni,  
M. Denise Lawrence, Rudy Obradovich, Mike Horvath, John Sheliga, Anna Harte,  
Millie Kitch, Agnes Rossi, Mary Milanovich, Michael Cherepko, & Mary Viganii--  
Fr. Bob*

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 09**                      **OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS!!!**                      **10:30 AM**  
**9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY GREAT-MARTYR & HEALER**  
**PANTELEIMON; VENERABLE ANTHUSA-ABESS & HER 90 SISTERS; SAINT**  
**CLEMENT OF OCHRID & SAINTS ANGELAR, GORAZD, NAHUM OF OCHRID, AND**  
**SABBAS**

*Tone 8*

1 Corinthians 3:9-17; 2 Timothy 2:1-10  
Matthew 14:22-34; John 15:17-16:2

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 16**                      **OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS!!!**                      **10:30 AM**  
**10<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; VENERABLE ISAAC, DALMATUS, & FAUSTUS;**  
**VENERABLE ANTHONY THE ROMAN; VENERABLE COSMAS-EUNUCH & HERMIT**  
**OF PALESTINE**

*Tone 1*

1 Corinthians 4:9-16  
Matthew 17:14-23

## BULLETIN INSERT FOR 02 AUGUST 2020

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### **TROPARION—TONE 7**

By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death!  
To the thief, Thou didst open Paradise!  
For the Myrrhbearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy.  
And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God,  
To proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever,  
and unto ages of ages. Amen.

### **KONTAKION—TONE 7**

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive,  
For Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers!  
Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry:  
The Savior has come to those in faith!  
Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!

### **PROKEIMENON—TONE 7**

**READER:** The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

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**READER:** Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

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### **ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 7**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy name, O Most High!

To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night!

#### **A Reflection by Father Dave Urban**

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

"Jesus said to the paralytic, 'Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you.'" (Matthew 9:2)

This is one text that supports the doctrine that Jesus gave the grace of forgiveness to the church as a whole, of which the priest is the representative voice in the confession.

St Jerome wrote this: "Jesus, seeing" not the "faith" of him who was brought forward but of those who were bringing him forward, said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son, your sins are forgive you."

O wonderful humility! He addresses as "son" this abject and infirm paralytic with disjointed members whom the priests did not stoop to touch.

A son, indeed, because his sins are forgiven him.

In line with the biblical metaphor, a soul lying in its body with all the strength of its members gone is brought for healing to the perfect Doctor, the Lord.

If the soul is healed through his mercy, it will receive strength enough to immediately take up its pallet.”

### The Just

***Proverbs 3:33-The curse of the Lord is in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just. (KJV)***

Just men and women are needed to come to the fore to provide strong leadership. The Lord God empowers, guides and brightens the path for the just to follow daily. The just draw internal strength, life's purpose, and vocations from the Lord God. Joy arises in the just as the commandments and the ways of the Lord are embraced. God honors and protects the actions of the just in ways that are of lasting influence.

***Proverbs 4:18-But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. (KJV)***

God reveals the work for the just to perform in portions meaningful for the times. The certainty of God becomes increasingly apparent in life's most uncertain times. The Lord God's holiness is envisioned by the just as they actively live daily life. God's Kingdom is faithfully honored as the ultimate goal and desire of the just. Inextinguishable hope in the Lord God burns in the hearts and minds of the just.

***Proverbs 9:9-Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning. (KJV)***

With time's passing just men and women continue to grow and mature in the Lord. The just apply and put into practice the Lord God's teachings and commandments. Maintaining purity of the soul motivates the just in faithfully following the Lord. Avoiding perils and damage to the soul are a real concern for just men and women. Complete trust in the Lord God's love rests in the hearts and minds of the just.

***Proverbs 10:6-Blessings are upon the head of the just: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked. (KJV)***

Resolute trust in the Lord is well-placed and the just are never disappointed by it. The Lord's ways are not always apparent but are revealed when the time requires. The just continue to learn from the Lord throughout life and experience blessings. Deep hunger for unity with the Lord exists and the just seek to address the hunger. Wickedness leads to death but the just travel the narrow road leading to eternal life.

***Proverbs 10:7-The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot. (KJV)***

Succeeding generations of believers keep alive and honor the memories of the just. The Lord shines a light on the actions of the just and does not let darkness prevail. The just are called into action to affect the direction of events as the Lord desires. Peace and order are created in

ways pleasing to the Lord and exist due to the just. The just act and make judgments consistent with the Lord God's commandments.

*Holy Pancratius & Saint Theodore, New Martyrs of Glamoch and Kulen-Vukaf. July 9/22, 2020. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic*

### **Heidi Hadsell Surunis**

One of my better life parables. 🙏

Embracing flashy sunshine and a run down the street I grew up on...remembering summers of endless bike circles up the street...down...up further...down faster...one hand...none...circles. that banana seat...that street. Remembering the day I spotted something embedded I was certain was gold and the afternoon I spent pounding away with the sharp end of a hammer...my dad's....just me pounding in the middle of that street...determined...freckled arms working. only when a car came past...I'd run to the side...then right back to it. Bikes circling...me digging.... cars passing....I remember.

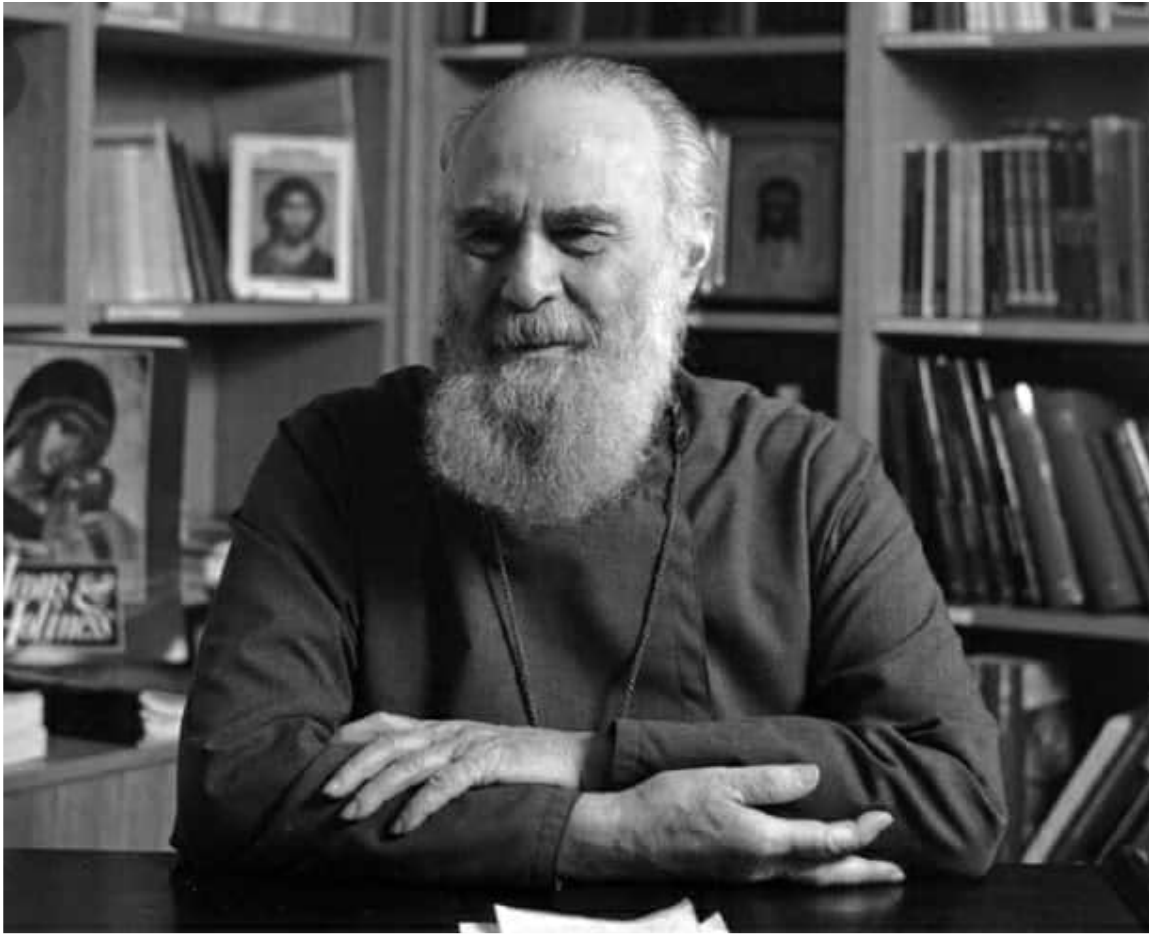
It's hard to dig a piece of gold out of the street...and harder still when it's actually a 4" nail...disappointing actually for a little girl so certain. I remember that day. It could have been today as vividly as I see myself...pounding away...realizing....it was ok...but not gold for sure.

...we dig for gold our whole lives...clawing away...disappointed...our jeans are tight...our jeans are loose...our skin fits...and sometimes it seems a little saggy....we get zits...too often (why is that?)...we don't get a hit....we don't get an A...we don't get a raise...we don't get a piece of gold....it's ok...

Today I put just the right amount of cream in my coffee...I saw a leaf so perfect and a flower so miraculous I said out loud..."Oh my God that's beautiful"...and the jar full of folded up blessings, I realize...may not be big enough to hold them all...it's ok...gold is gold...a nail is a nail...and oh my god...this day is beautiful.

**~ *six miles and digging with the sharp end of a hammer....***

**"During the Russian revolution, we lost the Christ of the great cathedrals, we lost the Christ of the splendidly architected liturgies, and we discovered the Christ who was vulnerable just as we are vulnerable, we discovered the Christ who was rejected just as we were rejected, and we discovered the Christ who had nothing at His moment of crisis, not even friends, and this was similar to our experience." +Metropolitan Anthony Bloom**



### **Frederica Mathewes-Green**

I wanted to make this a separate post. Muslims prayed yesterday in Agia Sophia church, an extraordinary architectural marvel built in 537 AD, and dedicated to Christian worship until Constantinople was conquered by Muslim invaders in 1453. It had been a museum for about 90 years, and the Turks had begun uncovering the brilliant mosaics and icons that had been plastered over long ago. I saw them when I visited in 2004; now the building is once again a mosque, and they're covered up again.

The Muslims don't pray to the Christian God. They deny the Trinity and the divinity of Christ, so they are directing their prayers to a different god. (Also their god told them to keep killing and conquering, and our God says we should rather be ready to die.)

But there ***is*** only one God. There's no one else "up there" to hear their prayers. The only God created every one of those Muslims. He loves them and doesn't want them destroyed or cursed by us. He wants them to be saved and come to the true faith.

He hears their misdirected prayers—there's no one else to hear them. The slot their god is thought to occupy is empty. The real God hears them pray, and wants them to be saved.



Years ago, I met a man who was a missionary to Muslims in the middle east. I said "That must be hard! How do you ever get to talk to them about Christ?" He said, "Oh, conversion almost never happens because of a conversation. About 2/3 of the time, it's because they had a dream or a vision."

That knocked me out. Of course, God can just reach them directly. That's how he reached me.

Years later I met another missionary to Muslims in the middle east. I told her what the man had said, that 2/3 of the time it was a dream or vision. She said, "Oh, that statistic is way off." I felt deflated. Then she said, "It's more like 3/4."

God is good. He loves everybody. He wants everyone to bow their knees to Jesus Christ now, in this life. Where getting through looks impossible, we can always pray.



### **Darkness Upon the Land**

The evil that has descended upon our nation is largely my generation's fault...

My generation had a lot of spiritual capital handed down by our parents, but we spent it without replenishing it. We lived on a previous generation's deposit of morality and spiritual heritage, but we failed to acknowledge the source of that, and establish our own relationship with God, and in turn, pass it on to the next generation.

We just assumed that everyone else knew what we knew, but we were wrong, and we're now seeing the fruits of this error in our city streets. My generation raised our children without a spiritual foundation, believing that our children should be seen as "friends", and setting aside spiritual

foundations and discipline as nothing but "old school" and the "fifties baggage" belonging to our own parents' generation.

Many of us wanted to free ourselves from the bonds of morality and from the Law of God. Now we are witnessing the fruit of our arrogance. The late Orthodox theologian, Father Thomas Hopko, said "hell is getting to do what you want to do all the time." My generation created a foundation for our children that, in turn, led to them being ill equipped to pass down to their own children that which would, in turn, be a strong foundation for their lives.

My generation thus failed not only our children, but are now responsible for the ills of this new generation. We can therefore hardly look down with contempt upon the young people who are, although motivated by a good cause (ending racism), burning and looting our cities, and forgetting the just cause that began with their desire to bring about justice for our black brothers and sisters.

That which began with the unjust and cruel death of a black man, has now degenerated into uprisings inspired by Marxist ideologies that are dragging our nation into darkness, and the only leader for this "cause", is the devil himself. We can spend a lot of time blaming this generation for their lack of spiritual awareness, but what are we going to do about it, and how are we going to help them?

Saint Seraphim of Sarov greeted everyone who came to see him with the words, "my joy." It did not matter if the person was a criminal, or a good person, to the Elder Seraphim, they were all his joy, and all worthy of his love. He saw the good in everyone. They were "my joy," even if they were a murderer or a revolutionary.

Everyone is charged by the Lord Jesus Christ to love those shouting their hatred in their face. We must love everyone, no matter what their political persuasion or intensity, their race, their religious beliefs, or lack thereof. We are bound to love our enemies, in whatever capacity that might manifest itself, just as I am bound by this same Lord Jesus Christ to love even those who have threatened my life.

With love in Christ,  
Abbot Tryphon

**The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost** Matthew 9:27-35

**The Holy Fathers of the First Six Councils** John 17:1-13

We gather in God's Holy Church today for the benefit of our souls. We come seeking the Kingdom of God and to be nourished by the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Holy Gospel fills our hearts, minds, and souls.

The blind men healed by the Lord in today's Gospel were greatly appreciative. Jesus told them to keep the healing to themselves. The men's joy and appreciation were so great, they felt compelled to tell others about Jesus.

Many believers through the centuries unto today have been healed by Jesus Christ. Believers healed by Christ do well to tell others of Jesus' healing power.

When Jesus' healing power is told, others will benefit and turn to Christ in faith.

Jesus recognized and responded to the blind men's faith. Attentive listeners to today's Gospel learn of the value of strong faith and the direct connection with the healing of blindness.

Many of us today are spiritually blind. Strong faith in Jesus Christ will open our eyes and clear our vision to see the presence of God in daily life. The hunger of our souls will be addressed by our faith in the healing power of Jesus Christ.

The devil may inhibit some of us from being able to speak in ways pleasing to the Lord. Today's Gospel tells of Jesus enabling a possessed man to be freed from the devil and able to speak. The multitudes present marveled at Jesus.

When we are at a loss for words and when the devil has a hold on us, let us turn to the Lord God for healing. When our vision of life is dark and cloudy and we feel spiritually blind, let us look to Christ for healing and clear vision.

We know of Christ's complete love for us by His death on the Cross and His glorious Resurrection. We know of the indomitable joy emanating from the Resurrection. No darkness, no blindness can subdue the joy of the Resurrection.

No virus or political gloominess can darken the Light of Christ. The Psalmist reminds us: "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." (Ps. 117.118:24)

Believers desire eternal life. God's Holy Church is where to learn about the paths to follow. The Church is where to learn from the wisdom of God and the miracles and teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ

The Church preserves the guiding words in Jeremiah: "Thus saith the Lord, 'Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. (Jer. 6:16)

Never become weary of life in Christ. Never consider the trials and tribulations of life to be too great. The good, merciful, and loving God is ever-present to guide the believer through periods of pain, tumult and darkness.

The first Great and Holy Friday was filled with great darkness. (Mt. 27:45, Mk.15:33) That darkness of that first Great and Holy is still remembered to this very day after the passing of twenty centuries.

The darkness and gloom of the first Great and Holy Friday while remembered, has not dominated the minds of believers. The dominate thought of serious believers prevailing through the centuries is Christ's Resurrection.

Serious believers are ever mindful and embrace the words: "Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him." (Mk.16:6 KJV)

During the difficult times of life when spiritual blindness arises and events occur that inhibit description, savor, and rejoice in the all-healing and heart-filing message of Jesus Christ's Resurrection.

*The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. The Holy Fathers of the First Six Councils. The Synaxis of Holy Archangel Gabriel. July 13/26, 2020. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania.  
Father Rodney Torbic*

**MATT NEWS: Now that I've told the people I've needed too, looks like I will be attending Carlow University this fall. Finally making the moves to achieve my goals:**

Dear Matt:

**Congratulations!** It is my pleasure to inform you that you have been provisionally and conditionally admitted to Carlow University and our program in Biology with a concentration in Human Biology, beginning with the Fall 2020 semester.

I am also delighted to share that you have been selected to receive our University Scholarship in the amount of \$7,000