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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, Archbishop Jovan, Bishop Robert, Metropolitan Savas, Archbishop David, 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 Smolynech, 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, Fr. Vasyl Sendeha, 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, 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, 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 Kemmerer, Thomas Smith, Tracy Slausenhaupt, 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 & Bowen, Katherine Kulik, Micky Delans [COVID-19], Pastor Terry Polen, Eleanor Kitt, Stacie & Gary, Dolores Wachnowsky, Maria Warholak, Stacie & Gary, Anna Sekelik, Christy, Mariruth, Rich Previc, Ben Williams, Denis Strittmatter, Deacon Joe Uzar—vocations, Tim—surgery, Archimandrite Raphael—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.

**"Remember that when you speak, you are giving birth to words, which once born, will never die, but will continue to live until the Day of Judgement. They will stand with you at the judgment and will either speak for you or against you." *Saint Theophan the Recluse***

**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, NOVEMBER 15**

**OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS!!!**

**10:30 AM**

**23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MARTYRS ACINDYNUS, PEGASIOUS,  
APHTHONIUS, ELPIDOPHOROS, & ANEMPODISTUS OF PERSIA; VENERABLE  
MARCIAN OF CYRRHUS**

*Tone 6*

Ephesians 2:4-10

Luke 8:26-39

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22                      OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS!!!                      10:30 AM  
24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MARTYRS ONESIPHORUS & PORPHYRIUS OF  
EPHESUS; VENERABLE MATRONA-ABBESS OF CONSTANTINOPLE; VENERABLE  
THEOCTISTE OF THE ISLE OF LESBOS; MARTYR ALEXANDER OF THESSALONICA;  
MARTYR ANTHONY OF APAMEA; VENERABLE JOHN THE SHORT OF EGYPT;  
VENERABLE EUSTOLIA & SOSIPATRA OF CONSTANTINOPLE; VENERABLE  
ONESIPHORUS THE CONFESSOR OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA**

*Tone 7*

Ephesians 2:14-22

Luke 8:41-56

***Litany in Blessed Memory of Paul Popichak—Fr. Bob's dad***

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28                      ADVENT [NATIVITY FAST] BEGINS**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29                      OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS!!!                      10:30 AM  
25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST MATTHEW;  
SAINT FULVIANUS-PRINCE OF ETHIOPIA-IN BAPTISM MATTHEW**

*Tone 8*

Ephesians 4:1-6; 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Luke 10:25-37; Matthew 9:9-13

## **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 15 NOVEMBER 2020**

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### **TROPARION—TONE 6**

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men.  
Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body.  
Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it.  
Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.  
O Lord who didst rise from the dead: glory to Thee!

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

### **KONTAKION—TONE 6**

When Christ God, the Giver of Life,

Raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,  
He bestowed resurrection on the human race.  
He is the Savior of all,  
The Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all!

**PROKEIMENON—TONE 6**

**READER:** O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

**PEOPLE: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.**

**READER:** To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me.

**PEOPLE: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.**

**READER:** O Lord, save Thy people.

**PEOPLE: And bless Thine inheritance.**

**ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 6**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

He will say to the Lord: My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in whom I trust.

**FOR HE IS GOOD AND LOVES MANKIND**

**Sister Vassa [Larin] (Thursday, November 5)**

***"May Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-pure Mother; of the holy, glorious, and praiseworthy Apostles... and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind." (Dismissal, Byzantine Divine Liturgy)***

**This seemingly-obvious fact is often repeated in our church-services, – that God is "good" and loves us. We need to be reassured of this fact, again and again; that He, indeed, loves "us." That is to say, He loves the people "we" are now, as we are, with all our strengths and weaknesses. I need to embrace this astonishing truth, again and again, so that I can see myself as God does, both honestly and mercifully. In the inimitable words of Thomas Merton, "...The man who is not afraid to admit everything that he sees to be wrong with himself, and yet recognizes that he may be the object of God's love precisely because of his shortcomings, can begin to be sincere. His sincerity is based on confidence, not in his own illusions about himself, but in the endless, unfailing mercy of God." Help us, Lord, be good to ourselves, as You are to us.**

### **Invest in the Kingdom of God**

***Acts 17:11-These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. (KJV)***

Reading the Holy Scriptures regularly is an investment in the Kingdom of God. The Holy Scriptures provide beneficial nourishment for the heart, mind and soul. The Lord God is kept in mind as the person attentively reads the Holy Scriptures. The daily use of time determines if a person will experience the Kingdom of God. Personal decisions determine whether reading the Scriptures is part of daily life. Daily Scripture reading is a way to give solid structure to personal Christian life.

***Romans 15:4-For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. (KJV)***

We learn about experiencing the Kingdom of God through reading the Scriptures. The dark days and tribulations of life are overcome by the hope in the Scriptures. The daily choices of goals and pursuits orient our lives toward life's eventual end. Reading the Holy Scriptures faithfully provides prayerful unity with the Lord God. Healthy nourishment of the heart, mind and soul comes from the Holy Scriptures. The Holy Scriptures when read faithfully aid in protecting the soul against peril.

***I Corinthians 15:3-For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; (KJV)***

We learn from and about the Lord Jesus Christ when studying the Holy Scriptures. God's Holy Church encourages the reading of the Scriptures for spiritual growth. Personal study of the Holy Scriptures is intended to be a part of life in the Church. All reading and use of the Scriptures are to be consistent with Church teachings. The Church offers commentaries and teachings on the Scriptures for enrichment. Serious believers realize the Scriptures are continuous sources of learning in life.

***2 Timothy 3:15-And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. (KJV)***

Children benefit when raised in homes where the Scriptures are greatly valued. Parents strengthen their child-rearing practices by reading the Holy Scriptures. Children's lives are greatly enriched when they are exposed to the Holy Scriptures. Bible reading in the home strengthens the home as an integral part of the Church. The Kingdom of God is embraced for life at the time of the believer's Baptism. Thoughts and actions throughout life are intended to be for the Kingdom of God.

**The Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost** Luke 16:19-31

*There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead. (KJV)*

**Saint Demetrius** John 15:17-16:2

*These things I command you, that ye love one another. If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me. If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin. He that hateth me hateth my Father also. If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause. But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the*

*Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning. These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. (KJV)*

The Gospel for the Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost and the Gospel for St. Demetrius are prescribed for God's Holy Church today. Both Gospel readings carry the theme of love for one another.

The Gospel for the Twenty Second Sunday reveals the lack of love by the rich man for poor Lazarus who was living nearby. The rich man kept the focus on himself during his life.

The rich man was selfish and did not acknowledge the needs of poor Lazarus nearby. If the rich man had shared some of his wealth, his life after death would have been much different.

The Lord cared for Lazarus after his death. The rich man suffered. We are reminded dear believers to be attentive to the suffering and poor people near us.

As Christians we are to be charitable throughout life.

The Gospel for St. Demetrius verifies the Christian virtue of loving one another. Jesus Christ is the lasting example of love for everyone by His teaching, His death on the Cross and Resurrection. (I Jn.3:16. I Jn. 4:10-12))

Jesus Christ continues to love every person and offers hope and help to all willing to embrace His ways. Repentance is essential. Selfishness and hardness of heart are to be replaced by love and compassion.

Abraham told the rich man that if his brothers did not heed the wisdom of Moses and the prophets, one raising from the dead would not make a difference for them.

The Gospel readings for today and throughout the year are to become part of our daily lives. We are to change and become more Christ-like with each Gospel reading.

Today's Gospel readings inspire us to become more loving of each other and of our neighbors. We are to reach beyond our essential personal needs to share the abundance we have with the needy known to us. ( 2 Cor. 9:7)

Greed has no place in the Christian life. Hardness of heart has no place in the Christian life. Hate and prejudice have no place in the Christian life. Love is the dominant virtue to thrive and be firmly present in every Christian. ( I Jn.4:20)

Today is the day to take a good look at our lives, our values and the love we have for Christ and our neighbor. Today is the day to commit to greater love for Jesus Christ and our neighbor.



The Gospels for today, when taken to heart, will improve our vision of love and understanding of love. God's love heals and extends to all persons. Christians are called to manifest God's love in daily life.

Charity has a place in each home, each neighborhood and each community. Parishes are to be the examples of leadership in their communities in outreach to their neighborhoods.

Needy people are near every parish church, near every home, and in every neighborhood. God's love shown through each believer will transform lives.

Let us not be like the rich man with a hard heart. Let us love as Jesus Christ loves.

*The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost. St. Demetrius the Great Martyr. October 26/November 8, 2020. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic*

**"A Christian must be courteous to all. His words and deeds should breathe with the grace of the Holy Spirit, which abides in his soul, so that in this way he might glorify the name of God. He who regulates all of his speech also regulates all of his actions. He who keeps watch over the words he is about to say also keeps watch over the deeds he intends to do, and he never goes out of the bounds good and benevolent conduct. The graceful speech of a Christian is characterized by delicateness and politeness. This fact, born of love, produces peace and joy. On the other hand, boorishness gives birth to hatred, enmity, affliction, competitiveness, disorder and wars." (St. Nektarios of Aegina)**

**Today [November 08] is World ORPHANS DAY...a moment of prayer with Alexandra (Shura) from Znamyanka Orphanage in Kirovohrad region of Ukraine..."We also pray for the countless children around the world who have become orphaned or abandoned for various reasons, and have never known the love of a mother or father for them. O Lord, watch over these children and young people. Comfort them in their trials and provide for them when they are in need. Educate them when they are abandoned, protect them from those that would take advantage of their vulnerabilities and heal the physical and emotional hurt that so many have had to face in their young lives; we pray You, hear us and have mercy!"**



**Here is the "before" picture of my very simple, to the point birthday cake...65 and thanking God for every day of it! Thanks to my wonderful wife, Pani Regina Popichak, my sons Alexander Popichak and Matthew Popichak, along with the Holy Ghost Orthodox Church parish family of Slickville, PA, for the wonderful weekend-long celebration! I love you all more than words can express! Stay SAFE!!! God Bless! Fr. Bob**

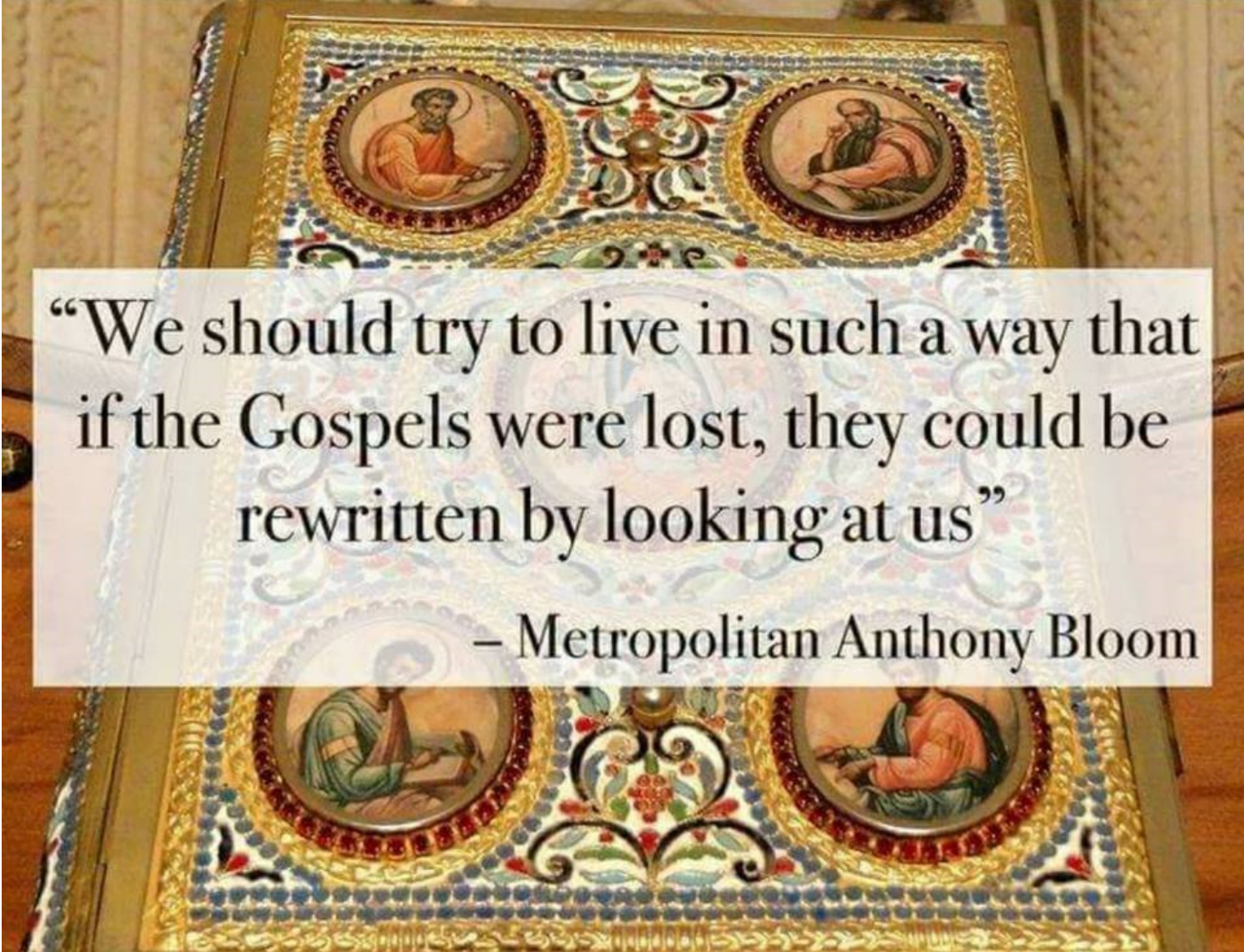


**The only acceptable theocracy is a theocracy of the heart, not a theoretical political construct. God does not force His will on the unwilling. When we pray "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," we should understand, "Let your kingdom enter in and reign in my heart, Lord, for I am willing. Let your will be done in my heart as it is done in heaven, for I am willing." *Vladyka Lazar Puhalo***

**"And at night when people in the world go to bed, three thousand monks in Athos wake up to begin their night prayer for the whole world. Every time you go to bed, or other people start a different kind of awake—hiking bars, discos—in Athos monks**



awake all night to support the modern world with their prayer. And if you can't sleep at night and drink insomnia medication, remember this and pray."



“We should try to live in such a way that if the Gospels were lost, they could be rewritten by looking at us”

– Metropolitan Anthony Bloom