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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, Metropolitan Kallistos of Diokleia, Father George & Pani Lillian Hnatko, Father Jakiw Norton, Father Paul Stoll, 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, Pani-Dobrodijka Sonia Diakiw, Father Paisius McGrath, Father Michael Smolynec, Father Lawrence & Matushka Sophia Daniels, Father Joe Cervo, Father John Harrold [Saint Sylvester], Igumen Patrick, Pani Mary Ann Chubenko, Father Jim Orr, Father Rick Seilier, Panimatka Laryssa Charest, Fr. Vasyl Sendeha, Father Steve Hutnick [COVID-19], Father Victor Wronskyj [COVID-19], Father George & Dobrodijka Oksana Bazylevsky, Fr. Volodymyr Muzychka [COVID-19], Father Harry Linsinbigler [COVID-19], Archimandrite Raphael [COVID-19], 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 Luciow, Theresa Ditto, Mary Ann Musial, Yvonne Christy, Father Deacon 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 Strozh [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], 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 Slaugenhaupt, 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, Stephen Popichak—Fr. Bob's brother, Mary Kay Ludovicy,

Pastor Sara Irwin, George Dilendorf, Andy Torick, Carol Behun, Erv Frye, William Lusherand, 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, 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, Maria Warholak, Stacie & Gary, Anna Sekelik, Christy, Mariruth, Rich & Judy Previc, Ben Williams, Denis Strittmatter, Father Joe Uzar—newly ordained, Tim—surgery, John Wakin, Olivia—young girl with a brain tumor, Rick & Sharon Morgan, John Stasko [triple by-pass], John, Kris & Kait, Jeff & Mary Jane Double [COVID-19], Terri Crosby-Vega [COVID-19], Kristi Wilson, Wendy LaGamba, Melissa Gross [hip replacement], Mike, Amy, Nathan, & Ben Forbeck [COVID-19], David Salazar, Ann Zurasky [knee replacement], James Mary, Barb Bookser, Dr. Paul Riley, David Hess, Serena, Wyatt, Makenzie, Jennifer, Carolyn Strittmatter, Barbara Shegat & Chaplain Rachelle Zazzu, Candace Irvin, Dollie Irvin, Carol Muschick, Grace Love [knee replacement], Stacie Riley, Joseph Paul Cervo, Jr. [infant], Elizabeth [5-year-old], Lillian Skowvron, Pani Cathy Danczak, Sue & Greg Heinen, Paul Simpson [Father Bob’s cousin, car accident], Sharon Curtis Rivas, Kathy Milcic, Lisa Bolan, David G. [cancer], Donna [dementia] & Darla, Linda Snow, Zack Blair [Pani Gina’s nephew], Greg & Mary Lou Sheakley [Pani Gina’s cousins—COVID], the McKenna family, David Gazella, Brian & Michele Cannone, 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.

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.

SERVICES IN SLICKVILLE

SUNDAY, November 28 **OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS** **10:30 AM**
23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY MARTYRS & CONFESSORS GURIAS, SAMONAS, & ABIBUS; MARTYR DEMETRIUS; MARTYRS ELPIDIUS, MARCELLUS, & EUSTOCHIUS-SUFFERED UNDER JULIAN THE APOSTATE

Tone 6

Ephesians 2:4-10

Luke 10:25-37

*******NATIVITY FAST BEGINS—ADVENT—SAINT PHILIP'S FAST—PILIPKIVA*******

SUNDAY, December 05 **OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS** **10:30 AM**
24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; AFTERFEAST OF THE ENTRY OF THE THEOTOKOS; APOSTLES PHILEMON & ARCHIPPUS; MARTYR APPHIA; MARTYRS CECILIA, VALERIAN, TIBURTIUS, & MAXIMUS AT ROME; MARTYR MENIGNUS AT PARIUM; MARTYR PROCOPIUS THE READER AT CAESAREA IN PALESTINE; VENERABLE AGABBAS OF SYRIA; RIGHTEOUS MICHAEL THE SOLDIER OF BULGARIA; SAINT YAROPOLK-PETER-PRINCE OF VOLODYMYR IN VOLYN

Tone 7

Ephesians 2:14-22

Luke 12:16-21

Thomas Bryan, Pearl Hanczar, John Hanczar, Edward & Helen Pytlak, Mary Blitzkan, Marjorie Yarmeak, Mary Sharon, Rose Pyrch, Frank Barankovich, Mary Krevanich, Katherine Holowaty, Robert Vetosky--Fr. Bob

SUNDAY, December 12 **OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS** **10:30 AM**
25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MARTYR PARAMON & 370 WITH HIM; MARTYR PHILUMENUS; VENERABLE ACACIUS; HIEROMARTYR ABIBUS-BISHOP OF NEKRESSI IN GEORGIA; VENERABLE NECTARIUS THE OBEDIENT OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA

Tone 8

Ephesians 4:1-6

Luke 13:10-17

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23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY MARTYRS & CONFESSORS GURIAS, SAMONAS, & ABIBUS; MARTYR DEMETRIUS; MARTYRS

**ELPIDIUS, MARCELLUS, & EUSTOCHIUS-SUFFERED UNDER
JULIAN THE APOSTATE**

*******NATIVITY FAST BEGINS—ADVENT—SAINT PHILIP'S FAST—
PILIPKIVA*******

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!

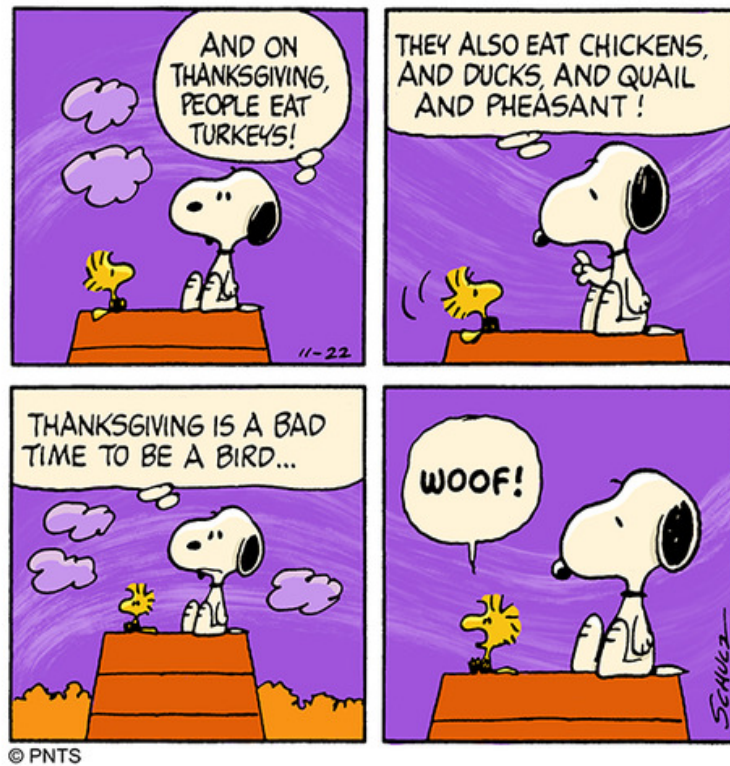
PROKEIMENON—TONE 6

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.



**Council of Bishops of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA
 Archpastoral Message for 2021 Thanksgiving Day:**

We Offer Praise and Thanksgiving

To the Venerable Priests and Deacons, the members of the Council of Metropolia and Consistory, leaders of our Church's Central Organizations, Members of the Parish Communities, the Youth, and the entire family of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever (Psalm 136: 1)

One of the most beautiful American customs is the annual observance of Thanksgiving Day. There is something special about this day which we set aside for expressions of gratitude in our family gatherings. For the holiday of Thanksgiving is more than a gracious acknowledgement of God's bounties at the close of the harvest: it is also a demonstration of our faith and hope for the future, even in the face of the winter months ahead. This national readiness to thank the Lord for His abundant blessings, to see His hand at work even in difficult circumstances, and to look towards tomorrow without cynicism or despair is an element of the American heritage that is in profound accord with the traditions of Orthodox spirituality. As Ukrainian-Americans who are Orthodox Christians, therefore, we find a double joy in the observance of this day.

Many families have a Thanksgiving tradition of giving every person at the table an opportunity to express a reason for gratitude in the year that has passed. How fitting it would be for our family in Christ—the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA—to follow this tradition! As a Church, as brothers and sisters in the Faith, and as fellow communicants at the table of the Lord, we surely have found many causes for thanksgiving to God in the past year.

Yet on this Thanksgiving Day 2021, we have a special obligation to voice our gratitude. Our generation stands, according to the common reckoning, amid the COVID-19 Pandemic. Poised as we are at this unique vantage point in the history of humankind, it behooves us to look back with thanksgiving, not only on previous years of our life's journey, but also on the present-day blessings that we have received through the means of science and medicine, being able to save and protect humanity from the life-threatening pandemic. Thus, we must offer gratitude to Almighty God for the men and women in the medical profession, our scientists, chaplains, and essential workers.

Beloved in the Lord, REMEMBER that Thanksgiving Day holiday is a unique time in this country for us to reflect on the role of thanksgiving in our faith and in our lives. REMEMBER, that Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for the many blessings we have received as we are mindful of the One who blesses us with life and grace. It is a day to call all people to affirm the power of gratitude, a call we make consistently through our worship and service. It is a day to *extend grace to more and more people so that thanksgiving may increase to the glory of God.* (II Corinthians 4:15)

In many parishes of our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, the pastors and faithful, in particular many Ukrainian Orthodox League

chapters, REMEMBER the REASON for the feast by hosting community Thanksgiving meals or collect food and prepare bountiful baskets for families which are unable to afford such bounty with their own resources. What a powerful example of "THANKSGIVING in action." This is the expression of love-charity and compassion taught to us by Christ our Lord. If you can, find the time to offer yourself in the service of others this season of Thanksgiving.

On this Thanksgiving Day, it is our fervent prayer that the blessings of our Lord be upon all of you as you gather in love and fellowship to offer gratitude to God for all that we have as Orthodox Christians, who are blessed to live in the United States of America. May His infinite love and perfect peace be with you on this day and always as we praise His most magnificent name and as we come together to give thanks for His abundant blessings.

With deep gratitude to God for each of you as our spiritual children,

+Antony, Metropolitan

+Daniel, Archbishop



**PERMANENT CONFERENCE OF UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX BISHOPS
BEYOND THE BORDERS OF UKRAINE**

To the Venerable and Christ-loving clergy and laity of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Europe, South America, the United States of America and in Ukraine

May the Grace of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ, the Love of God the Father and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

Dear and beloved brothers and sisters in the Lord!

CHRIST IS AMONGST US! IS AND ALWAYS SHALL BE!

Once again, the ecclesiastical calendar of our Holy Orthodox Church brings us to the spiritual journey of St. Philip's Fast, a time for all Christians to prepare for the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Throughout this fast period—known by some as Advent—we and our parish communities prepare for the celebration of the glorious Feast of the Nativity of our Lord. Sadly, for the second year, our preparation takes place as we battle the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which confronts us and threatens us. We extend our sincere gratitude to priests, lay leaders of our parishes and parishioners who have been and will continue to ensure that our churches will be as safe as possible for people to confidently assemble for liturgical worship.

Beloved in the Lord, during this spiritual journey, we are to seek the ways in which we can place our lives into the context of the events of Bethlehem, knowing that in Christ our Savior we are claimed as God's own forever. The whole of this St. Philip's Fast and the salvation story is premised on the birth of the Child, the Incarnation—God taking on our human form out of the purest of love for us—thus offering to us hope for new life, true life with Christ our Lord at its center. It is a life that we know for not just a single Holy Day, but forever unto eternity. Our homes must be converted into "home Churches"—icon corners—around which we can gather for family prayer, beseeching of our Lord, that He will always abide in us and that we will always abide in Him. "The family that prays together stays together."

The hope of St. Philip's Fast and the joy of Nativity season inspire us, as families, to set aside the computers, cell phones, video games social media and the like, to reach out to those in greatest need all around us, bringing the Hope and Joy of His birth to people who are sick, isolated, lonely or poor. A simple act of kindness can actually save their lives. Charities in all our communities, will welcome much needed volunteers and contributions of our time, talents and treasure, especially now as they face great difficulty in raising their operating funds with much difficulty during the pandemic. We can assure you with certainty that your family will experience the Nativity Holy Days in an incredibly intense and rewarding way if you choose to commit yourselves to a specific Lenten outreach plan – together in the Christ Child's Name.

In your prayers this sacred season please remember those whose livelihoods have been seriously threatened by the pandemic. We think especially of people coping with bereavement at the loss of loved ones to the virus, families that cannot be together and those in care homes who can only have limited or no visits from their loved ones. We think also of those who cannot travel home for Christmas this year. As we contemplate the

pandemic, we have identified greater opportunities for prayer and reflection, which may in turn inspire us to act with love during the Holy Days. To act with love—what better way could there possibly be for us to glorify the Son of God, the Christ Child, Who reveals to us—His Creation—what true LOVE is in terms of sacrifice for the good of one another. In that Love we continue to pray for all affected by this ongoing pandemic, in Love we continue to appeal to those who doubt God’s ability to heal us, encouraging them to accept that healing. The Christ Child, Whose Nativity we prepare to celebrate, grew into the Savior of us all and offered Himself as the ultimate sacrifice of LOVE for our salvation.

With Archpastoral blessing to you and your loved ones this St. Philip’s Fast and into the New Year,

+ANTONY—Metropolitan

Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, South America and Diaspora

+JEREMIAH—Archbishop

Ukrainian Orthodox Eparchy of South America

+DANIEL—Archbishop

Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Diaspora

+ILARION—Bishop

Locum Tenens of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada

+ANDRIY—Bishop

Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada

I don't remember what I had for Christmas when I was one, two, six, or eight

I DO REMEMBER MY GRANDADS ROAST POTATOES AND MY NANNAS TABLE CLOTH.
I REMEMBER US SQUISHING AROUND A TABLE AND IT FEELING MAGICAL.
I REMEMBER THE MAGIC OF THE TIN OF CHOCOLATES BEING PASSED AROUND.
I REMEMBER PLAYING GAMES WITH FAMILY.
I REMEMBER WALKING UP A COLD, FROSTY PATH AND FEELING WARM INSIDE.
I REMEMBER THE SMELL OF MY GRANDADS COLOGNE.
It's the memories that make the magic last a lifetime not the gifts!

COME ON! JUST LET ME CREATE ONE THING!

OH FOR PETE'S SAKE... FINE.

...JACKPOT...

Adobe Spark

If I am correct in my observations, the greatest struggle of America these days is the struggle for the priority and superiority of spiritual and moral values over techniques and technological lordship: in other words, for predominance of the spiritual over the material, of goodness over cleverness. The Serbs often say of a clever man: "He is clever as the devil." They never say: "He is good as the devil." St. Nikolaj (Velimirović)

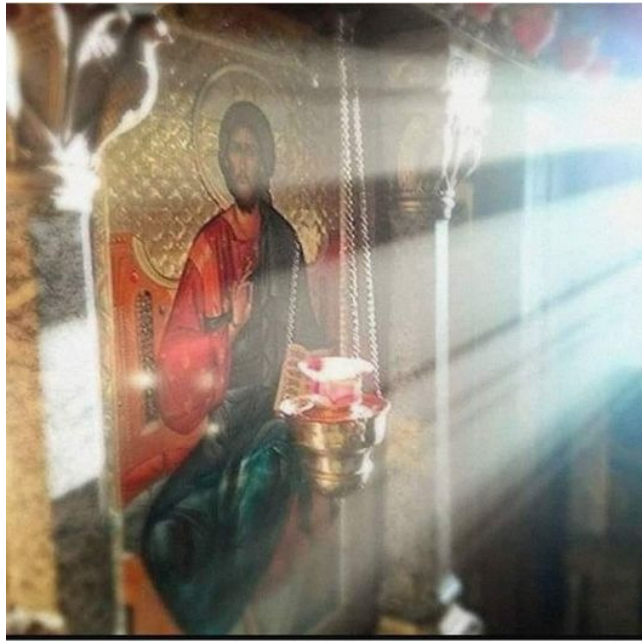


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BUT PROBABLY
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QUITE SO STRONG
AS "PERHAPS".

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Always pray to have
eyes that see the
best in people,
A heart that forgives
the worst,
A mind that forgets
the bad,
And a soul that NEVER
loses faith in God.



Alex and Bob Bohen—director extraordinaire and the tag-team that kept the news on the TV for 3 years at ErieNewsNow