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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, Metropolitan Savas, 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 & Pani-Dobrodijka Sonia Diakiw, Archpriest Dionysi Vitali, Protodeacon Joseph Hotrovich, 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 George & Dobrodijka Oksana Bazylevsky, 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, Yvonne Christy, Father Deacon Myron & Barbara Spak, Julia Duda, Lisa Pandle, Kris & Julie Hanczar, John Kennedy, Gaele 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, 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 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 & Jan Jennings, Tim Sams, Mike Ruzzi, Stephen Popichak—Fr. Bob's brother, Mary Kay Ludovicy, Pastor Sara Irwin, George Dilendorf, Andy & Sharon Torick, Carol Behun, Erv Frye, William Lusherand, Colin Kirton—Stage 4 pancreatic cancer, Clifford, Joe Veto, Paul Riley, Tonee & Sydnee Turner, Annette Paluh, Theresa 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, 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, Robert & Eleanor Rodrigues & family, Don Menagon [COVID-19], Father Deacon James Rossetti & Diakonissa Kari—ordination!, Steve Sivulich, Michael Welsh, Nick Solominsky, Samantha & Lisa Houser, Sarah Stepanovich Clark, Julia Baloga, Brett Crosby, Randy Lapuh, Henry & Shirley Tkacik, Diane & Arthur Chaklis, Denny Mader, Robert Chicka [cancer], Myra Woodruff [cancer], Zoe Oswalt—Fr. Bob's cousin [cancer], Barbette [cancer] & Scott, Kristin [cancer], 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.

**PLEASE REVIEW THE NAMES ON THE PRAYER LIST ABOVE
AND LET FATHER BOB KNOW ANY NAMES THAT CAN BE
REMOVED...**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our October babies: Rachel Shirley on the 6th, Rich Previc on the 8th, Mother Alexandra on the 11th, Henry Tkacik, Jr., on the 14th, Henry Tkacik on the 20th, Harley Katarina Frances Rahuba on the 24th, Greg Luciw on the 27th, and Michael Sheliga on the 28th. May God grant them all Many Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Blessed Years! M'nohaya Lita! God Bless them all!

2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1; 1 John 4:12-19
Luke 5:1-11; John 19:25-27. 21:24-25

SUNDAY, October 16 ***NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE*******
18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HIEROMARTYR DIONYSIUS THE AREOPAGITE
WITH MARTYRS RUSTICUS & ELEUTHERIUS; VENERABLE JOHN THE
COZEBITE-BISHOP OF CAESAREA IN PALESTINE; BLESSED HESYCHIUS
THE SILENT OF MOUNT HOREB; VENERABLE DIONYSIUS-RECLUSE OF
PERCHEVSKY LAVRA
Tone 1
2 Corinthians 9:6-11
Luke 6:31-36

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 02 OCTOBER 2022

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION;
MARTYRS TROPHIMUS, SABBATIUS, & DORYMEDON; MARTYR
ZOSIMAS-HERMIT OF CILICIA; SAINT THEODORE-PRINCE OF
SMOLENSK & YAROSLAVL & CHILDREN SAINTS DAVID &
CONSTANTINE; BLESSED IHOR-PRINCE OF CHERNIHIV

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!

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

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

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

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PEOPLE: The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

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!

The Fifteen Sunday after Pentecost Matthew 22:35-46

Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked Him a question, tempting Him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The son of David. He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? If David then call him Lord, how is he his son? And no man was able to answer Him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask Him any more questions. (KJV)

The Sunday before the Exaltation of the Precious Cross John 3:13-17

And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. (KJV)

Two Gospels readings are prescribed for today's Divine Liturgy. The reading from St. Matthew's Gospel describes the great commandment to love God completely with the heart, mind and soul and to love thy neighbor as thyself.

Jesus Christ wants the believer to whole-heartedly love God and neighbor. The Church reads this lesson of St. Matthew's Gospel every year. The believer's love for God and for neighbor are intended to increase with each reading.

Believers are expected to grow from the time of Holy Baptism until departure from this life. Holy Apostle Paul describes the continuous growth in his Second Epistle to the Corinthians.

St. Paul wrote these words on Christian growth: "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." (2 Cor.3:18)

Personal change that results in complete love of God and neighbor requires giving up views and values that inhibit full love of God and full love of neighbor. The parish church is where this change is fostered and is to take place.

The Lord God is alive and present in parish churches. Christian love is learned and practiced in the parish church. Seeing the image, likeness and presence of Christ in each person is a permanent expectation in parish life.

Tears of repentance are often necessary before the tears of joy accompany new birth in Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ's death on the Cross was in advance of the joy realized in the Resurrection.

Parishes and individuals are expected to go through periods of growth until Christ's glorious Second Coming. World events and changes in life encourage, spur and necessitate parishes and individuals to change and grow.

Any changes in parishes and believers are to be consistent with the beliefs and teachings of God's Holy Church. Parishes are always to remain true to the founding consecration. Believers are to always remain true to their Holy Baptism.

The Gospel is to be preached to all peoples. (Mt .28:19-20) Apostle Paul underwent a great change in his life when He experienced Jesus on the road to Damascus. Paul went from being a persecutor of Christ to being a great apostle. (Acts 9:1-20)

If we are honest with ourselves, we are all persecutors of Christ. We sin in word, deed and thought. The great majority of us live lukewarm lives in Christ. Repentance and change are always timely and beneficial for believers.

Eternal life is possible for each person because Jesus experienced death on the Cross and rose from the Tomb. Believers repenting and completely believing in the Crucified and Resurrected Christ become new in Christ.

Both Gospels readings for today intend change and growth for attentive listeners. Attentive listeners seek to love God completely and to love each person in daily life.

Loving necessitates looking beyond the externals to see Christ in each person. Loving includes the sincere willingness to forgive others holding different views.

Practicing love in daily life is the way to build and not destroy relationships.

Healing, repairing and restoring relationships comes through repentance, prayer and change of heart, mind and soul. The parish church is where the heart, mind and soul are nourished and educated in Christian growth and change.

Healing occurs in relationships founded in love and forgiveness. The Church is where to practice love and forgiveness at all times. The Church is known for love and forgiveness. Love and forgiveness are the message of Christ on the Cross.

Jesus went to the Cross out of love. (Jn.3:16) Jesus forgave the persecutors who put Him on the Cross. At the time of His crucifixion Jesus said: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." (Lk/23:34)

Today the Church celebrates the Sunday before the Exaltation of the Precious Life-giving Cross. Now is the time for growth and change according to Jesus Christ. Today is the day for love and forgiveness to be alive in our personal lives.

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Sunday before the Exaltation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross. September 12/25, 2022. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic

“Stop looking for the perfect church. Go worship a perfect God today with a congregation of flawed people who need grace as much as you do.”

SIMPLY BECAUSE HE'S THERE Father Stel Muksuris

This is a true story I share with my graduate students in the Introduction to Liturgy and Sacraments course, which I teach each fall. It's an important lesson about why we even worship God and do the good that we do as Christians. Please read on...

George Herbert Leigh Mallory was a British mountaineer who took part in the first three British expeditions to scale the 29,029-foot high Mt. Everest, the Himalayan peak between modern-day Tibet and Nepal, considered to be the tallest mountain in the world. Mr. Mallory died either June 8 or 9 in 1924, in what would obviously be his final climb. Before this,

however, The New York Times had interviewed Mallory and asked him WHY he dared to climb Chomolungma, the Tibetan name for Everest, which means "Mother Goddess of the World" (in Nepali, Sagarmatha). His simple response has come down to us as the three/four most famous words in mountaineering: "Because...it's...there."

Mallory climbed Everest because it was there, because it presented itself to the world to be embraced and conquered. In this same spirit, a similar question is posed to us: "Why do WE worship the Triune God?" The answer is the same—because He's there. I will break it down even further: because He is there to be loved and to love us. As the late Fr. Robert Taft, the world's foremost liturgical expert taught, in our Western consciousness, it would appear that most of the time, we worship God, we go to church, we pray because we need something. We don't realize that we worship God because we need Someone, until that "something" that we've hoped and yearned for has, alas, evaporated as a cloud or dream.

We spend an exorbitant amount of time "doing things" and "seeking things." What we lack is one: we have forgotten TO SIMPLY BE WITH GOD. And we cannot ever become Christ for our fellow human being until we learn and accept TO BE with Christ.

God is there to love us and to be loved by us. Nothing more, nothing less. Are we there though WITH HIM, on the mountain, having ascended beyond the mode of earthly thinking and passions to the heights of heaven, where the divine vision awaits? Are we there to love Him and be loved by Him? That "there" is in communion, when we assemble to be with Him in liturgy, in the pain of the other, in the joy of the other. When we discern this all-important difference—the difference between doing and being—then worship comes full circle.

For what is worship but spending quality time with God in a meaningful way. That "meaningful way" is the equivalent of the conversation we have with the Lord in the divine services of the Church.

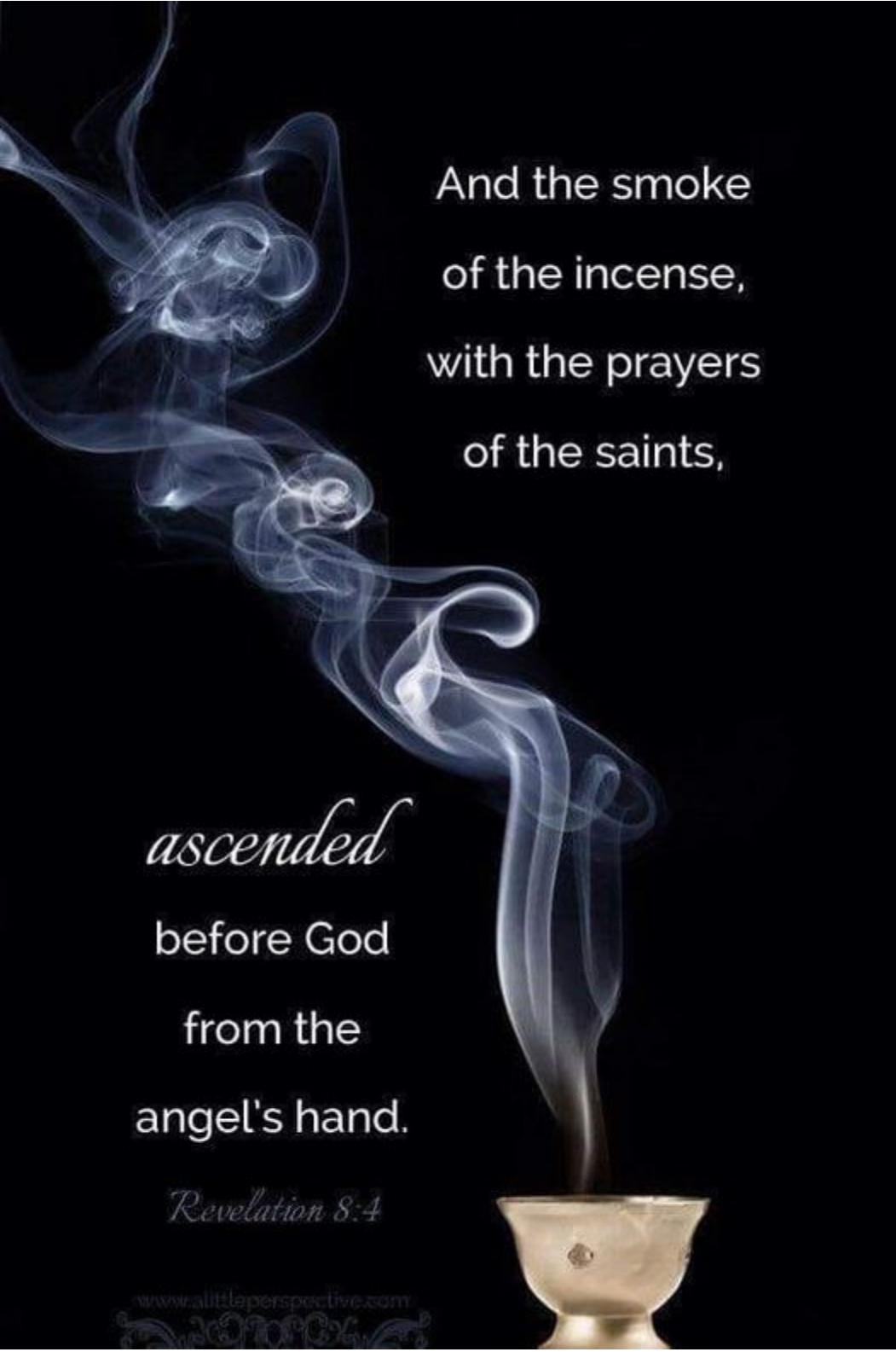
Then worship makes sense. Then worship becomes enjoyable. Then worship becomes meaningful. Then worship fulfills its purpose.

***THEN AND ONLY THEN IS THE GOOD THAT WE DO SACRED BECAUSE
GOD'S BREATH HAS HALLOWED IT.***

**WHEN OUR TIME ON THIS
EARTH IS DONE, MONEY
OR MATERIAL THINGS
WILL NOT MATTER, BUT
THE LOVE, TIME AND
KINDNESS THAT WE HAVE
GIVEN TO OTHERS WILL
SHINE AND LIVE ON
FOREVER.**

From Father Theophan [Kenyon] Mackey:

“The priesthood is the most terrible thing on Earth. When a priest is serving, he has Paradise on the right and hell on the left. A priest will give an answer for every soul from his parish, if any should perish. The priesthood is not a profession, but a Divine mission. My soul hurts when I see young people, future priests, going to study theology without thinking about what yoke they’re being harnessed to.”- Elder Teofil (Bădoi)

A golden incense burner sits at the bottom right, with a plume of white smoke rising from it. The smoke is ethereal and wispy, swirling upwards and filling the left side of the frame. The background is a solid black, making the white smoke and the golden burner stand out.

And the smoke
of the incense,
with the prayers
of the saints,

ascended
before God
from the
angel's hand.

Revelation 8:4

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Father John Haluszczak, a former parishioner of our humble parish, celebrated the 30-year-anniversary of his ordination to the Holy Priesthood on Sunday, September 25th. May God Grant him Many Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Blessed Years in His Service! M'nohaya I Blahaya Lita, Father John! Love from your Slickvillians