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## **ADVENT—SAINT PHILIP'S FAST--PILIPKIVA**

**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 Smolynech, 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, 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, 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 Zeliszcuk, 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, 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!, Michael Welsh, Nick Solominsky, Samantha & Lisa Houser, Sarah Stepanovich Clark, Julia Baloga, Brett Crosby, Randy Lapuh, Henry & Shirley [skin cancer] Tkacik, Diane & Arthur Chaklis, Denny Mader, Robert Chicka [cancer], Myra Woodruff [cancer], Zoe Oswalt—Fr. Bob’s cousin [cancer], Barbette [cancer] & Scott, Kristin [cancer], Erm Hartmann, Barbara Bookser [cancer], Bob Mazzuca [cancer], Marko, Taylor, Terri Crosby-Vega, Christine Mohamed, Sue Demko, Tammy & Donnie [cancer] Marsico, 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 December babies: Shirley Tkacik on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Scot Brunermer on the 14<sup>th</sup>, and Donna Karas on the 18<sup>th</sup>! May God grant them all Many Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Blessed Years! M’nohaya Lita! God Bless them and their families!**



Luke 13:10-17

**SUNDAY, December 18**                      **DIVINE LITURGY—UPSTAIRS**                      **10:30 AM**  
**27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SAINT SABBAS THE SANCTIFIED; MARTYR**  
**ANASTASIUS; SAINT KARION & HIS SON SAINT ZACHARIAH OF EGYPT**

*Tone 2*

Ephesians 6:10-17; Galatians 5:22-6:2  
Luke 17:12-19; Matthew 11:27-30

## **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 04 DECEMBER 2022**

### **25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; ENTRY OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE**

#### **TROPARION—TONE 8**

Thou didst descent from on high, O Merciful One!  
Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings!  
Our Lord, our Life and Resurrection, 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 8**

By rising from the tomb,  
Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam.  
Eve exults in Thy Resurrection,  
And the world celebrates Thy Rising from the dead,  
O greatly Merciful One!

#### **PROKEIMENON—TONE 8**

**READER:** Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

**PEOPLE:** **Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!**

**READER:** In Judah, God is known; His name is great in Israel!

**PEOPLE:** **Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!**

**READER:** Pray and make your vows.

**PEOPLE:** **Before the Lord our God!**

#### **ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 8**

Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our  
Savior!

Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to  
Him with psalms.

**Metropolitan Savas [Zembillas]** offers a reminder that every celebration of the Eucharist is, by definition, Thanksgiving:

"It is proper and right to hymn You,  
to bless You,  
to praise You,  
to give thanks to You,  
and to worship You  
in every place of Your dominion.  
For You, O God, are ineffable,  
inconceivable, invisible, incomprehensible,  
existing forever, forever the same,  
You and Your only-begotten Son and Your Holy Spirit.  
You brought us out of nothing into being,  
and when we had fallen away,  
You raised us up again.  
You left nothing undone  
until You had led us up to heaven  
and granted us Your Kingdom, which is to come.  
For all these things,  
we thank You and Your only-begotten Son and Your  
Holy Spirit:  
for all things we know and do not know,  
for blessings manifest and hidden  
that have been bestowed on us.  
We thank You also for this Liturgy,  
which You have deigned to receive from our hands,  
even though thousands of archangels  
and tens of thousands of angels stand around You,  
the Cherubim and Seraphim, six-winged, many-eyed,  
soaring aloft upon their wings,  
singing the triumphal hymn,  
exclaiming, proclaiming, and saying,  
'Holy, holy, holy, Lord Sabaoth,  
heaven and earth are filled with Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.'"

- *from the anaphora (offertory prayer) of the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom*



### **Giving Thanks Unto God**

***Luke 2:38- And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord,***

The Holy Scriptures contain lessons in gratitude to the Lord God for out benefit. All that is good comes from the Lord God and merits expressions of gratitude. All the good done by humans occurs with energy provided by the Lord God. Believers recognizing the goodness of God have the opportunity to give thanks. Expressions of appreciation to God have a place in the grateful hearts of believers.

***Luke 17:16- And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. (KJV)***

Prayers are regularly directed to God by believers in times of need and difficulties. God may be viewed as a last resort and only hope when afflictions occur in life. Giving thanks to the Lord God is beneficial when the fervent prayers are answered. The Gospel is clear that not everyone that is healed by God takes time to say thanks. The relationship with God is confirmed when believers show gratitude to God.

***I Corinthians 15:57- But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (KJV)***

God is aware when individuals seek help in prayer and when thanks is given. God is aware of every thought and action of individuals and determines the outcome. God knows when the heart, mind and soul are grateful for Divine help and healings. When prayers are answered, the joyous opportunity to give thanks to God exists. Fervent prayers answered by God bring peace to the grateful heart, mind and soul.

***2 Corinthians 9:11- Being enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. (KJV)***

The most difficult moments in life are opportunities to be thankful to the Lord God. When difficulties arise in life, placing the focus on God reveals inherent goodness. Patience is necessary at times for God's

goodness to be revealed to the believer. Faith and trust in the Lord God are important in the life in Christ throughout life. Fervent and centered prayers enable the believer to recognize God's goodness.

***Ephesians 5:20- Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; (KJV)***

Believers do well to utilize the mind carefully in thinking about God's goodness. Giving thanks to God is a fundamental part of experiencing growth in Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ teaches gratitude to attentive believers willing to listen. The Divine services of the Church offer continuous opportunities to thank God. God's Holy Church has an abundance of prayers to be used by grateful believers.

*Holy Apostles Olympas, Erastus, Herodion and Sosipater, Holy Martyr Orestes. November 10/23, 2022. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic*

**Metropolitan Savas [Zembillas]: "You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith, and hope."—Thomas Merton**

**The Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Luke 8:41-56**

*And, behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue: and he fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought him that he would come into his house: For he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a dying. But as he went the people thronged him. And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, Came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanch'd. And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me. And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately. And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace. While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master. But when Jesus heard it, he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole. And when he came into the*



*house, he suffered no man to go in, save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and the mother of the maiden. And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead. And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise. And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat. And her parents were astonished: but he charged them that they should tell no man what was done. (KJV)*

The Holy Gospel is proclaimed in each Divine Liturgy to nourish and unite believers with Jesus Christ. The Gospel reaches into the depths of receptive hearts, minds and souls.

God's Holy Church exists for believers to continuously experience the Lord Jesus Christ. Experiences will vary according to the degree of the person's faith and interest.

The present Gospel gives two vivid examples of the possibilities when strong faith and interest in Jesus Christ exist. Today's Gospel verifies the value of reaching out in faith to Jesus Christ.

The woman with the issue of blood for twelve years had spent her living seeking a cure from physicians. Her experience in seeking a cure without Jesus Christ was to no avail.

When the woman approached Jesus in faith, she was healed immediately. Jesus recognized and verified the value of the woman's faith. Persons hearing today's Gospel are challenged to honestly examine their degree of faith in Jesus Christ.

Jairus appealed to Jesus for the healing of his young daughter who was dying. Jairus was a person of authority in the synagogue. In his demeanor, Jairus demonstrated humility before Jesus by falling down before Him.

Time elapsed from the time Jairus left his house to go to see Jesus, His daughter died during that time. The devastating news of the daughter's death was not a deterrent to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is the Conqueror of Death. Jesus Christ is the Giver and Restorer of Life. When the news of the girl's death arrived, Jesus told Jairus not to fear. Jesus told Jairus to believe.

Jesus went to Jairus' house and restored life to the young girl. The Holy Apostles Peter, James, and John in addition to Jairus and his wife were known witnesses recorded in the Gospel of this great life-giving miracle.

The present Gospel has been preserved down through the centuries in God's Holy Church. The healing of the woman with the issue of blood and the restoring of life to Jairus' daughter are intended to build up believers' lives in Jesus Christ.

The Church offers the life in Christ to all in the world willing to move away from sin and choose the way of Christ. The Church offers the nourishment, instruction, and the Holy Mysteries to experience the life in Christ and to sustain it.

Humility and repentance are essential in the life in Jesus Christ. Firm faith and belief in Christ are required. Jesus Christ offers hope and the avenue to the Kingdom of God at all times even when devastating news is received.

Twelve years of affliction did not deter the woman with the issue of blood from turning to Jesus. She reached out in faith. The woman's initiative and strong faith in Jesus Christ proved worthwhile.

Jairus did not turn away from Jesus when he heard his daughter had died. Jairus accompanied Jesus to his home in faith. Jesus Christ brought lasting joy to Jairus, his wife, and his daughter when the daughter was restored to life.

Listeners to the present Gospel choose whether to take the Gospel to heart and make it a part of their lives. The Divine Liturgy unites believers with Jesus Christ. The Gospel reading is an integral part of the unifying experience.

Each moment is an opportunity to live in Jesus Christ. During every element of time, a person can be united with Jesus Christ. Each person chooses whether to unite the heart, mind, and soul with Christ at every moment of life.

The world and evil challenge the believer at every instance. Temptations and perils exist to tarnish the soul and corrupt the heart and mind. Persons of strong and resolute faith turn to Jesus Christ for life-sustaining help.

Jairus and the woman with the issue of blood are two enduring examples for believers today to remain united with Jesus Christ. God's Holy Church proclaims this Gospel message each year because of the life-giving and life-sustaining value.

*The Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. Holy and All-praised Apostle Philip. November 14/27, 2022. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic*

**Father Milorad Orlic:** BLESSED BEGINNING (Julian Calendar) of the Fast before The Lord's Nativity; of our pilgrimage to Bethlehem to behold the incarnate God-man child. 🌲✝️





**This time of year** is the best for some and heart-wrenching and exhausting and overwhelming for others. Be good to each other. We're all we have. I have you and you have me and connection is essential and connection can only be found through the compassion and grace.

You're going to come in contact with an awful lot of people who are at their absolute breaking point this season. Friends, family, co-workers, teachers, strangers in the grocery store, retail workers.

While it may be the merriest time of the year for some, it's the saddest, loneliest, most stressful, most heartbreaking for so many others.

We're all busy, but we're not too busy to be kind, caring and patient. **Remember the best thing you can give someone right now is love.**

– amy weatherly

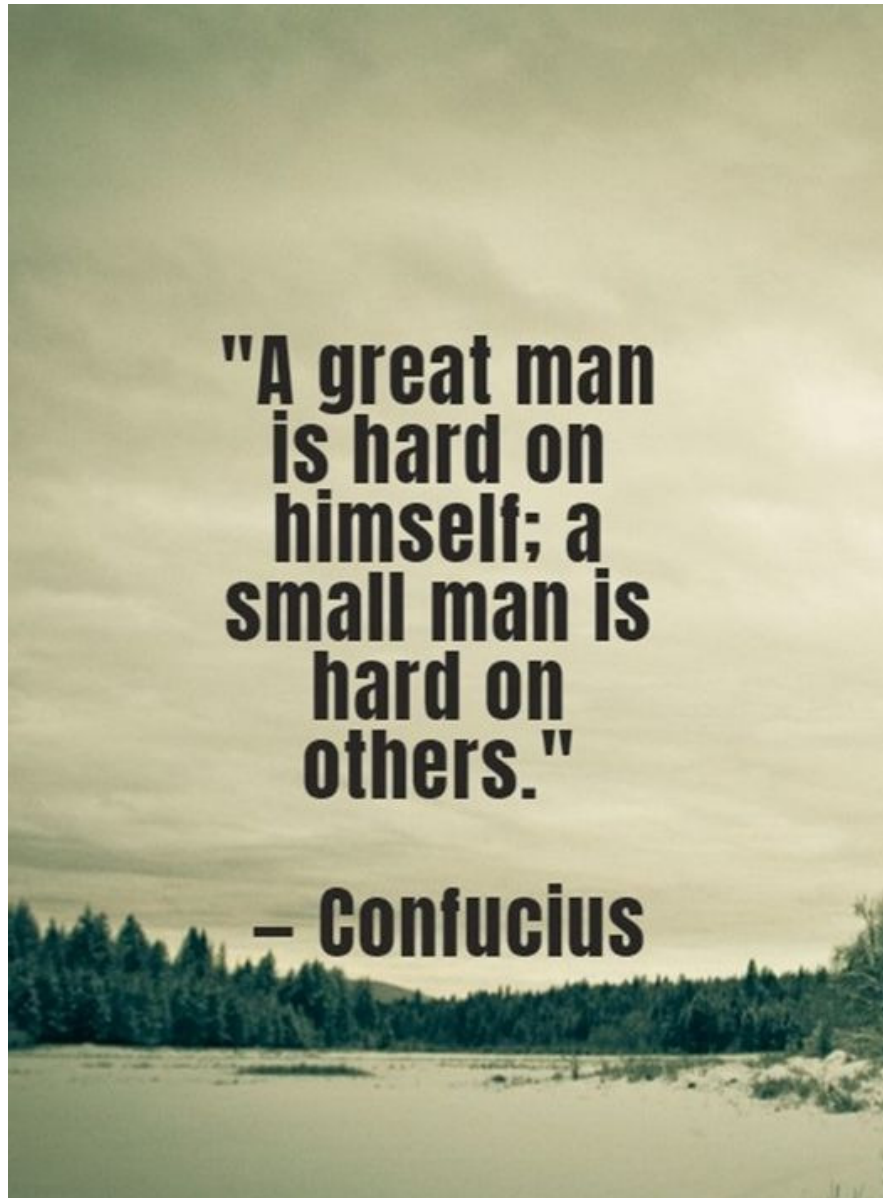
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Father Stel Muksuris:

ON THE ESSENCE OF GOD AND HIS EXTERIOR LIFE (Part 3 of 30)

"As God, He remains changeless, unalterable, uncircumscribable. He cannot be changed into something He is not, by another force, for all forces in the vastness of the universe, seen and unseen, are subject to His infinite power and absolute authority. Nor can He change into something that cannot be, because God simply is, because God chooses to be. And He is in ways we are not. For as we draw our ability to exist from others, He exists

from within, for He Himself is existence." ~ from S. Muksuris, *MY DIALOGUES ABOUT THE HOLY TRINITY* (forthcoming)



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