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ON THE MEND: Please keep the following parishioners and others in your prayers for recovery from their illnesses and injuries: Father Bob, Archbishop Daniel, Metropolitan Antony, Metropolitan Yurij, Archbishop Jovan, Metropolitan Savas, Father Jakiw Norton, Father Paul & Pani Judy 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, Archpriest Dionysi Vitali, Protodeacon Joseph Hotrovich, Father Paisius McGrath, Father Michael Smolynec, Father Lawrence & Matushka Sophia Daniels, Father Joe & Protinica Linda Cervo, Father John Harrold [Saint Sylvester], Igumen Patrick, Father Jim Orr, Father Rick Seilier, Panimatka Laryssa Charest, Father Vasyl Sendeha, Father George & Dobrodijka Oksana Bazylevsky, Father Angelo Artemas, Father John Haluszczak, Dr. Christina Nellis, Father Joshua [Anna], Father Justin (Todd) Mokhiber, Pani Cathy Danczak, Protopresbyter Gerald Ozlanski, Father James Norton, Monk Andrew, Father Dan & Matushka Myra Kovalak, Father Joe Uzar, Father Deacon James & Diakonissa Kari Rossetti, Pastor Terry Polen, Chaplain Rachelle Zazzu, Joshua Agosto and his family, Eva Malesnick, Nick Behun, Grace Holupka, Gary & Linda Mechtly, Evelyn Misko, Jeanne Boehing, Alex Drobot, Rachelle, Jane Golofski, Doug Diller, Harry Krewsun, Mary Alice Babcock, Dorie Kunkle, 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, 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, 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, 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 Zeliszczyk, 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 & Terri Berceli, Tom Nolan, Silvia Martin, Dena & George, Georgia, Lawanda [Evelyn's niece], Maureen Sams, John Kendall, Judi Danser, Darcy, 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, Joe Samchuck—vocations, Albert Heckman, Stephen Popichak—Fr. Bob's brother, 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, Mary Kay Ludovicy, Pastor Sara Irwin, George Dilendorf, Sharon Torick, Carol Behun, Erv Frye, William Lusherand, Colin Kirton—Stage 4 pancreatic cancer, Clifford, Paul Riley, Tonee & Sydnee Turner, Annette Paluh, Theresa Paluh, Cathy Lotinsky, Jeff & Buschra Kerr, Margaret Sekelsky, Robert Sekelsky, Robert Rodriguez, Rita & Joe Mrvos, Alexandra & Bowen,

Katherine Kulik, Eleanor Kitt, Stacie & Gary, Maria Warholak, Stacie & Gary, Anna Sekelik, Christy, Mariruth, Rich & Judy Previc, Ben Williams, Tim—surgery, John Wakin, Olivia—girl with a brain tumor, Rick & Sharon Morgan, John Stasko, John, Kris, & Kait, Kristi Wilson, Wendy LaGamba, Melissa Gross [hip replacement], Amy Forbeck, David Salazar, Kitty Mary, Dr. Paul Riley, David Hess, Serena, Wyatt, Makenzie, Jennifer, Alexandra Roberts, Candace Irvin, Carol Muschick, Grace Love [knee replacement], Stacie Riley, Joseph Paul Cervo, Jr., Elizabeth, Lillian Skowvron, Sue & Greg Heinen, Paul Simpson [Father Bob's cousin], Sharon Curtis Rivas, Kathy Milcic, Lisa Bolan, David G. [cancer], Donna [dementia] & Darla, Adam Snow, the McKenna family, David Gazella, Brian & Michele Cannone, the Rodrigues family, Michael Welsh, Nick Solominsky, Samantha & Lisa Houser, Sarah Stepanovich Clark, Julia Baloga, Brett Crosby, Randy Lapuh, Henry Tkacik, Diane & Arthur Chaklis, Denny Mader, 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 [knee replacement], Christine Mohamed & family, Sue Demko, Tammy Marsico, Terry & David Hartnett, Jamie Ball, Kay Williams, Hannah Stewart, Jim Wyko—Alex's friend, Dan Losego, Lisa Bruce, Yvette, Barry Bender, Scott McDougall, Andrew Zelleznick, Byron & Cecilia Scott, Vespina, Michelle Russo, Julie Tripodi, Alby Oxenreiter, Debbie—HTUCC Jackie May, Barbara Morvay, David Salsar, N&O, Randy & Adrienne Kuny, Vince Berardinelli, Mason Martin [Karns City HS QB] & family, Martin Mrvos, Jeff McCoy, Lauren & Sloane Valentina Persico, Alexis & baby Colton Rosati, Jessica Shirley, Mark [kidney cancer], Steve Milcic, Wilbert Wagner, Bob Wojciechowski, Ashley, Beth Skowvron, Sharon Svitek, Laura, Christopher, & Baby Jane Dickson, Luke D, Diane Murphy, Kristin Vaughn [Harry's daughter], George Petronsky, Doug & Darcie Burkholder, Michael, Jeane, and Katie Byerly, Acolyte Photios & family [Joanne, Richard, Heather, Keith, James, Debbie, James, Sophia, Zachary, Tabitha, Arqynios, Barbara, Aristotle, Alexander, Kalev, Nina, Elias, Elijah, Jessica], Richard & Daniel Scharba [Metropolitan Antony's brothers], George Lawrence, Edie McGrath, Samantha Lopez, Bob [cancer], Syble Elliott, Maria Ancevski, Krystyna, John, & Jeffrey, Dottie & family, Bonny Diver & Ashley Smock, Steve, Jill Morocco, and Lauren S. & Dan... We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our September Babies: Liz Obradovich on the 5th, Nickolas Andrew Davis on the 12th, Mark Brunermer on the 13th, and Troy Scott on the 22nd! May God grant them Many Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Blessed Years! M'nohaya Lita! God Bless them and their families!

Be prepared for struggles and they will become light; refuse to be comforted and rest will come to the one who considers himself unworthy of it. *St. Ignatius (Brianchaninov), Bishop of the Caucasus and the Black Sea, Harbor for Our Hope: On Acquiring Peace Amidst Suffering p.17*

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 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] 956-6626.

SERVICES IN SLICKVILLE

**SUNDAY, September 01 NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE
10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; AFTERFEAST OF THE DORMITION; MARTYR
ANDREW STRATELATES & 2593 SOLDIERS WITH HIM IN CILICA;
MARTYRS TIMOTHY, AGAPIUS, & THECLA OF PALESTINE**

Tone 1

1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Matthew 17:14-23

Litany in Blessed Memory of Josephine Roman, Father John Harvey, Father Dragan Filipovic, Frank Gazella, Sr., Suzie Pelczar, Helen McNally, & Gerald Wampler—Fr. Bob

**SUNDAY, September 08 OBEDNITZA—SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM
11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MARTYRS ADRAIN, NATALIA, & 33
COMPANIONS OF NICOMEDIA; MARTYRS ATTICUS & SISINNIUS**

Tone 2
1 Corinthians 9:2-12
Matthew 18:23-35

SUNDAY, September 15 OBEDNITZA—SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM
12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MARTYR MAMAS & PARENTS MARTYRS
THEODOTUS & RUFINA; SAINT JOHN THE FASTER-PATRIARCH OF
CONSTANTINOPLE; 3,628 MARTYRS AT NICOMEDIA

Tone 3
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Matthew 19:16-26

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 01 SEPTEMBER 2024
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TROPARION—TONE 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews;
While the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure Body;
Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior,
Granting life to the world.
The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of life:
Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ!
Glory to Thy Kingdom!
Glory to Thy Dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind.

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

KONTAKION—TONE 1

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with
Thyself.
Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished!
Adam exults, O Master!
Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee:
Thou are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 1

READER: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on
Thee.

PEOPLE: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our
hope on Thee.

READER: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!

PEOPLE: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.

READER: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

PEOPLE: As we have set our hope on Thee.

ALLELUIA VERSES

God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me.

He magnifies the salvation of the king, and deals mercifully with His Christ, with David and his seed forever!

Here's what's cool:

1. Saying "thank you."
2. Apologizing when you're wrong.
3. Showing up on time.
4. Being nice to strangers.
5. Listening without interrupting.
6. Admitting you were wrong.
7. Following your dreams.
8. Being a mentor.
9. Learning and using people's names.
10. Holding doors open for others.

THANK YOU to Father Francis Rella!!!

...there is no more grievous time for the demons than the season of Lent; and therefore they rage more furiously and attack priests, who help God's people to sincerely repent of their sins, with special cruelty, and are especially powerful, both in church and at home, in chilling the hearts of the pious Christians who are zealous in prayer, fasting, and penitence. *Righteous John, Wonderworker of Kronstadt, My Life in Christ p.528*

Alexandria Kwolek

Be kind to one another and think of the Golden Rule. Just be good to others; and to yourself. Put goodness out and be a light, be respectful. The current events in this world we live in ARE REAL and a REALity for US ALL.

In Judaism, the Torah commands, "Love your neighbor as yourself – I am God." (Leviticus 19:18)

The Hindu writings instruct, "This is the sum of duty; do naught onto others what you would not have them do unto you." (Mahabharata 5,1517)

Muslims learn from the Qur'an, "Serve Allah, and join not any partners with Him; and do good- to parents, kinsfolk, orphans, those in need, neighbors who are near, neighbors who are strangers, the companion by your side, the wayfarer (ye meet)...(Qur'an 4:36).

Christian scripture speaks often about love of neighbor. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.'" (Mark 12, 30-31)

Metropolitan Savas [Zembillas]:

Metropolitan Kallistos reposed in the Lord on this day [August 24] in 2022. I had the great blessing of serving as his deacon for my last years at Oxford. May he intercede for us all!

These remarks were posted on the occasion of his passing by Fr Ian Graham of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Oxford:

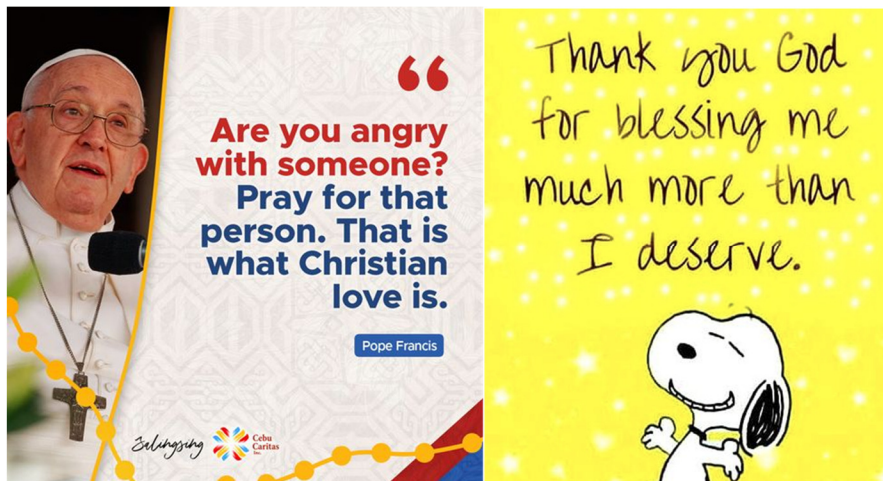
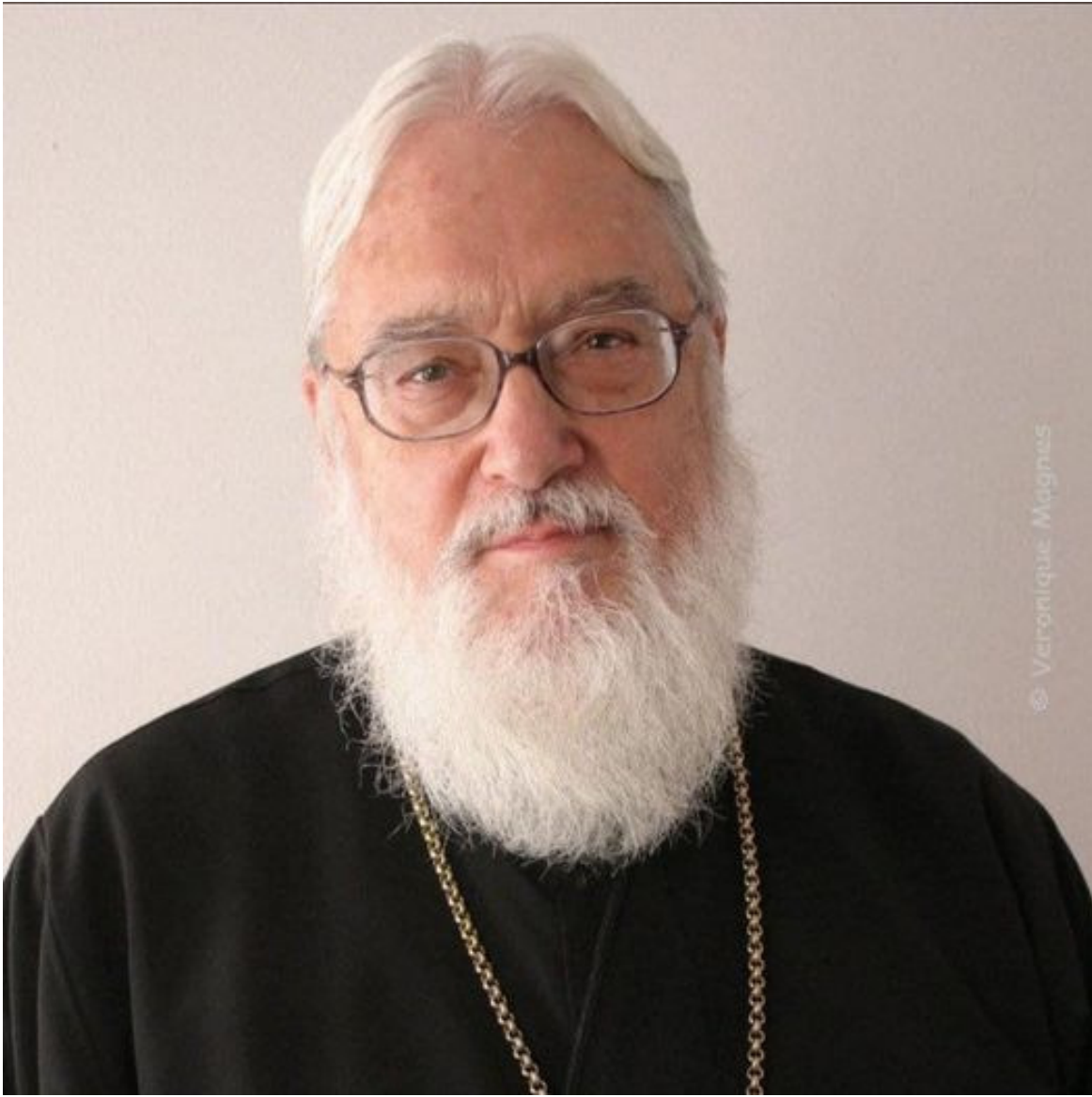
Timothy Ware was born in Bath in 1934, and was educated at Westminster School and Magdalen College, Oxford. While he was still a schoolboy he discovered the Orthodox Church, although it was not until 1958 that he was received into Orthodoxy. He travelled widely, spending time in North America, Jerusalem, on the Holy Mountain of Athos, and at the Monastery of St John the Theologian on Patmos and engaging in academic research. In 1963 his classic work "The Orthodox Church" was published; in 1964 "Eustratios Argenti: A Study of the Greek Church under Turkish Rule" appeared, and in 1965, the year in which he was ordained deacon, he completed a doctoral thesis for Oxford University on the Ascetical Writings of St. Mark the Monk. As a deacon he served both in Patmos and on the staff of Archbishop Athenagoras II of Thyateira and Great Britain. In 1966 he was appointed Spalding Lecturer in Eastern Christian Studies at the University of Oxford. He was ordained to the priesthood and tonsured as a monk, taking the name Kallistos, at this time, and was tasked over and above his academic work with establishing a Greek Orthodox Parish here. At the time the Russian Orthodox Parish of the Annunciation was worshipping in St Gregory's House and offered

hospitality to the newly formed Greek Orthodox Parish of the Holy Trinity, before the two Parishes together oversaw the building of the church which now stands on the Canterbury Road site, and which was shared in equal partnership by both communities.

Many of us still remember Fr Kallistos from this time, and how the rigours of his academic work were combined with his parish duties. His teaching in sermons and talks, his love shown in Confession and pastoral care, and above all his prayer with and for his people will be abiding memories. We rejoiced when he was elected and consecrated Bishop of Diokleia in 1982—the first Englishman to be consecrated as a Bishop in the Orthodox Church since the schism of the 11th century—and although this meant that increasingly we had to share him with a wider world we continued to benefit from his love and care. It was always a joy to be with him as he served the Holy Liturgy and although in recent years his increasing frailty meant that he could not be with us as much as he or we would have wished everyone looked forward to seeing him in church when it was possible. We are grateful to Simon and Frances Jennings who organised the care for him in his declining years and to all who helped to keep him with us for as long as was possible.

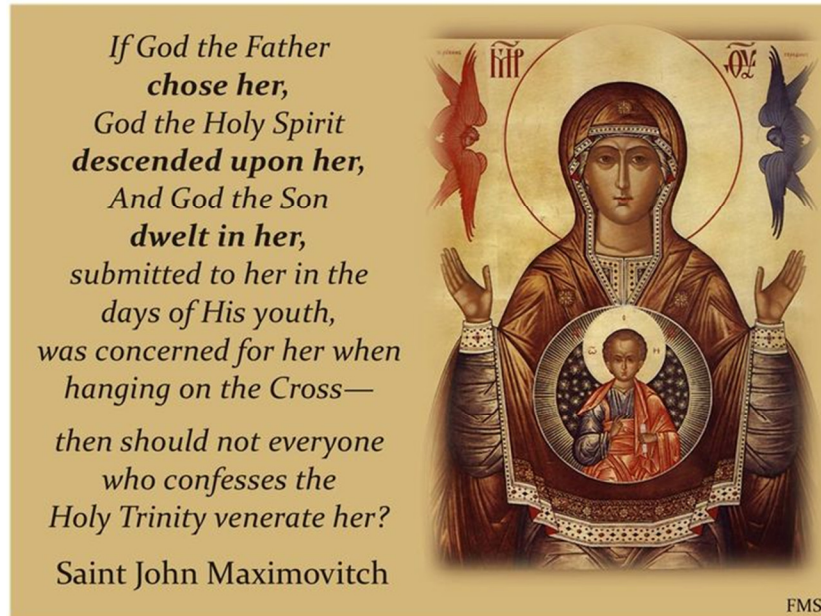
In his essay "'Go Joyfully': The Mystery of Death and Resurrection" Metropolitan Kallistos reminds us that "Death is a separation which is no separation... The chasm of death is not impassable, for we can all meet around the altar of God." In our temporary parting from him we can continue to remember him in our prayers, and we can be sure that he is also praying for us. May his memory be eternal!

Fr Ian Graham



The Lord desires the salvation of each and every person. But not everyone wants to be saved. In word they all desire it, but in deed they reject it. How do they reject it? Not through sin, because

there were many great sinners, like the thief, Saint Mary of Egypt and others. They repented of their sins and the Lord forgave them, and thus they achieved salvation. The ones who perish are the ones who sin but do not repent and only justify their transgressions. *Abbot Nikon Vorobiev, Abbot Nikon Letters to Spiritual Children p.120*



The fear of God is when you love Him, when you truly love Him with all your heart and you strive never to offend or sadden Him—not only with your deeds, actions, and words, but also with your thoughts. You try to please Him in everything you do or say. That is the fear of God—the fear of doing anything that might sadden or offend our Parent. *Elder Thaddeus(Strabulovich) of Vitovnica, Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives: The Life and Teachings of Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica p.98*

Read the whole sign. This is the greatest thing ever.



FOR THOSE OF US OF A CERTAIN VINTAGE...

Every task that we begin is difficult. We will labor a little now, but later we will rejoice in the eternal good things. If we do not labor, we will not find Christ. *Gerondissa Makrina (Vassopoulou)*, Words of the Heart p.106

There is the example of the holy martyr Catherine, who suffered for Christ when she was very young, only eighteen years old. Her tormentors threw her into a dungeon all tortured and broken, and the Lord appeared to her. When she asked Him, "Lord, where have

You been all this time?" He answered, "I was here all the time, in your heart." *Elder Thaddeus(Strabulovich) of Vitovnica, Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives: The Life and Teachings of Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica p.154*

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Dormition of the Theotokos



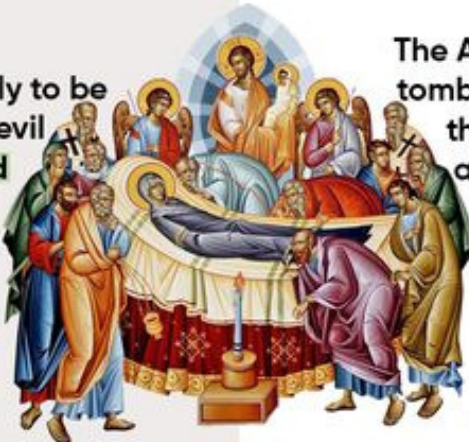
The Archangel Gabriel announced to her three days before that the time of her approaching departure into eternity. In pledge of this, the Archangel gave Her a palm branch from Heaven



She prayed fervently to be delivered from the evil spirits, and the Lord heard her prayer, coming to receive her soul



She wanted to bid farewell to the Apostles, and Christ gathered them from the ends of the earth, except for St Thomas



She was buried in the Garden of Gethsemane, in the place she herself chose

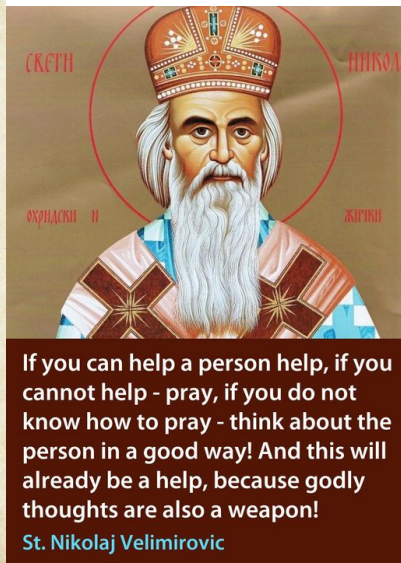
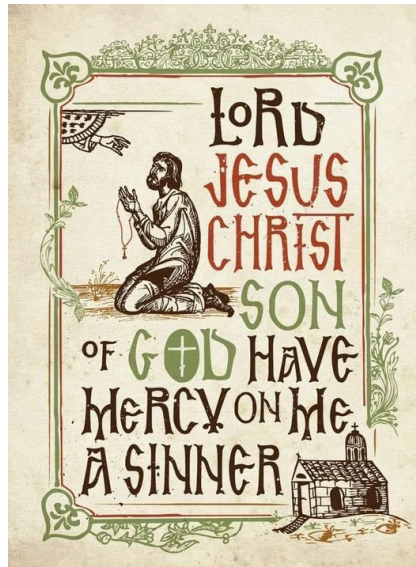


The Apostles opened her tomb after three days so that St Thomas could also bid farewell, but they saw that the grave was empty



The Mother of God appeared to them, telling them that her Son had exalted her body to Heaven and is sitting near His Throne

The foundation is devoutness. You see, someone may lean against the wall where an Icon has stood and he receives Grace, while another may own the best Icon, but because he is not devout, receives no benefit. Or one may benefit from a simple wooden cross, while another, who is not devout, may not even benefit from the True Precious Cross itself. *Saint Paisios of Mount Athos, Spiritual Counsels Vol. II Spiritual Awakening p.166*



Each time we catch ourselves in a thought, we just return our attention to what is above it: to our spirit and to God. We do not validate the thought by giving it any more attention. This is already to repulse or cut off the thought without directly struggling against it. It is active, not passive;... Hieromonk Damascene (Christensen), Christ the Eternal Tao p.309

For all and everyone it is really useful to begin one's training in prayer by the name of the Lord Jesus by saying the prayer of Jesus orally while enclosing the mind in the words of the prayer. By the enclosure of the mind in the words of the prayer is meant the strictest attention to those words without which the prayer is like a body without a soul. Let us leave it to the Lord Himself to transform our attentive oral prayer into mental prayer of the heart and soul. St. Ignatius (Brianchaninov), Bishop of the Caucasus and the Black Sea, On the Prayer of Jesus p.101

FOR YOUR PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION:

Winter will soon be here, so we are trying to prepare at Holy Ghost! We heat with oil and—although the price is lower than last year—it is still a significant cost. If you would like to contribute to the heating bill, consider sending a donation to:

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Attention: Heating Oil Fund

THANK YOU! God Bless you for your kindness to His Church!

The Holy Ghost Parish Family...