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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 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 & 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, Timsurgery, 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 & Cindy 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, Argynios, 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.

...you are the image of God. Therefore, be spiritual, despising the flesh, which is only your temporal home; be holy, kind, wise, just, watchful, and courageous, unchangeable in good, and satisfied with everything. *Righteous John, Wonderworker of Kronstadt,* My Life in Christ p.308

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ... There is <u>NOTHING</u> 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** <u>ALWAYS</u> <u>FREE!</u>

<u>Communion Fasting</u>: 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 <u>CALL FATHER BOB</u> at [412] 956-6626.

#### <u>SERVICES IN SLICKVILLE</u>

SUNDAY, September 29 OBEDNITZA—SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE MOST HOLY CROSS; AFTERFEAST OF THE EXALTATION; GREAT-MARTYR EUPHEMIA THE ALL-PRAISE OF CHALCEDON; SAINT SEBASTIANA; MARTYR MELITINA; MARTYRS VICTOR & SOSTHENES AT CHALCEDON; SAINT DOROTHEUS-HERMIT OF EGYPT; MARTYR LUDMILLA-GRANDMOTHER OF SAINT WENCESLAUS-PRINCE OF THE CZECHS; REPOSE OF SAINT CYPRIAN-METROPOLITAN OF KIEV

> *Tone 5* Galatians 2:16-20; 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4 Mark 8:34-9:1; Matthew 22:1-14

SUNDAY, October 06 OBEDNITZA—SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; THE CONCEPTION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST; SAINTS XANTHIPPA & POLYXENA; VIRGIN-MARTYR IRAIS OF ALEXANDRIA; MARTYRS ANDREW, JOHN, PETER, & ANTONINUS

> *Tone 6* 2 Corinthians 4:6-15; Galatians 4:22-31 Luke 5:1-11; Luke 1:5-25

Litany in Blessed Memory of Father Theodore Forosty, Johnathan Dorning, Catherine Behun, Mary Medich, Daniel Chicka, Mary Evaniuk, and Stancy Popichak—Fr. Bob

SUNDAY, October 13 OBEDNITZA—SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HIEROMARTYR GREGORY-BISHOP OF GREATER ARMENIA; MARTYRS RHIPSIMA, GAIANA, & COMPANIONS OF ARMENIA; SAINT MICHAEL-FIRST METROPOLITAN OF KIEV

> *Tone 7* 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Hebrews 7:26-8:2 Luke 6:31-36; John 10:1-9

## **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 29 SEPTEMBER 2024**

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#### TROPARION-TONE 5

Let the faithful praise and worship the Word, Coeternal with the Father and the Spirit; Born for our salvation from the Virgin; For He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, To endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection!

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

#### KONTAKION-TONE 5

Thou didst descend into Hell, O my Savior, Shattering its gates as almighty; Resurrecting the dead as Creator, And destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man, And we all cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

#### **PROKEIMENON-TONE 5**

**READER:** Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

**PEOPLE:** Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

**READER:** Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly. **PEOPLE:** Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever. **READER:** Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us... **PEOPLE:** From this generation forever.

#### **ALLELUIA VERSES-TONE 5**

I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever, and my truth will be prepared in the heavens.





The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Matthew 19:16-26 And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible. (KJV) Synaxis of the Serbian Saints Matthew 5:14-19 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a

candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light

so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them,

the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. (KJV) St. Matthew's Gospel for today reveals the difficulty of pursuing eternal life. When a person clings to personal possessions to a greater degree than seeking the Kingdom of God, the possessions become an impediment to eternal life.

The Lord Jesus Christ made clear the difficulties the rich man faced in seeking eternal life can be overcome with God's help. St. Mathhew's Gospel verifies that with God, all things are possible. (Mt. 19:26)

The Gospel for this Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost inspires believers to examine their relationship with personal possessions. Believers are to honestly assess the desire for seeking the Kingdom of God and eternal life.

The rich man in the Gospel was so wedded to his possessions that he was not willing to listen to Jesus Christ and lay up treasures in heaven. He was unwilling to relinquish his possessions to seek the Kingdom of God.

Believers today are challenged to think about the degree they invest in the Kingdom of God. Believers are to thoroughly examine themselves to determine if they are laying up treasures in heaven each day.

The way a person manages the time, wealth, and gifts of life reveals the depth of interest in the Kingdom of God and eternal life. Budgeting the time, talents, and treasures of life to pursue the Kingdom of God requires considerable discipline.

The Church provides the Divine services, fasting periods, and the Gospel to nourish and guide the believer from the baptismal font to the Kingdom of God and eternal life.

Wise believers assess whether the personal time of life and personal wealth are being used for the glory of God. Grateful believers use the time and wealth of life to demonstrate complete gratitude toward God.

God is the Origin of all good in life. (James 1:17) Gratitude for God's goodness is reflected when personal treasures are invested in the Kingdom of God. Grateful believers lay-up treasures in heaven.

Today God's Holy Church remembers and celebrates the Saints of the Serbian Orthodox Church. The Serbian saints are remembered dearly in celebration because of the Light of Christ shown through their lives. The Serbian saints commemorated today are beacons of light enabling believers to travel through periods of darkness in life. The saints demonstrate in their lives resolute hope in the Resurrected Christ.

When Jesus Christ was crucified great darkness covered the earth. (Lk.23:44) The rich man experienced darkness in his life when he was challenged to give up his possessions to seek the Kingdom of God.

The Resurrected Christ brings Light to the world. The darkness of Jesus' crucifixion did not prevail. Jesus' Resurrection offers hope to all believers for all the times of life even in the darkest moments.

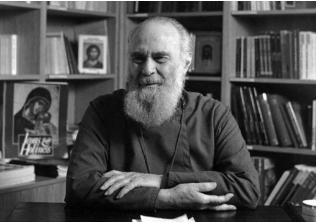
Jesus' Resurrection is enduring proof that with God all things are possible. Jesus' defeat of death opens the path for believers seeking eternal life. Jesus is the Light shining through the darkness of every century until the Second Coming.

Today's Divine Liturgy reveals the Light of Christ. Believers partake of the Precious Body and Blood of Christ today. Believers are united with and renewed in the Resurrected Christ.

Christ's Resurrection eradicates darkness. The Light of Christ is stronger than any darkness. Embrace today with immeasurable joy. Unite with the Resurrected Christ throughout all the days of life. Seek first the Kingdom of God! (Mt.6:33)

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost. St. Mamas, Venerable John the Faster of Constantinople. Synaxis of the Serbian Saints. September 2/15, 2024. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic





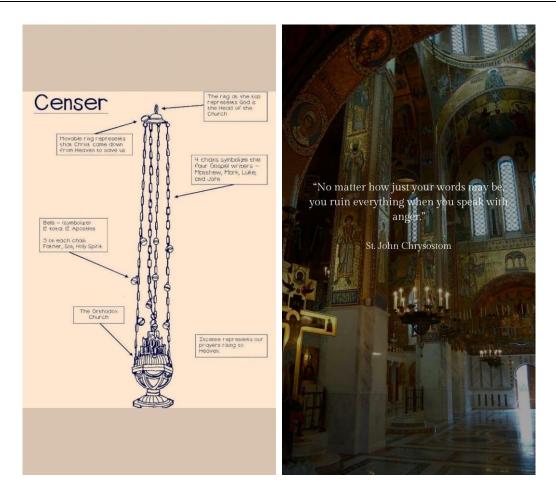
We should try to live in such way that if the Gospels were lost, they could be re-written by looking at us.

Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh

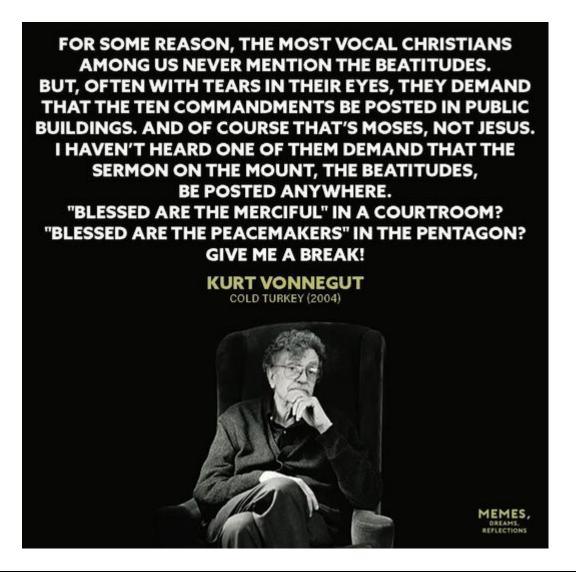
### Father Steve Repa:

The Church should be a community where messed-up people are welcome, outcasts are loved, underdogs find a champion, the hopeless find hope, and the friendless find a friend.

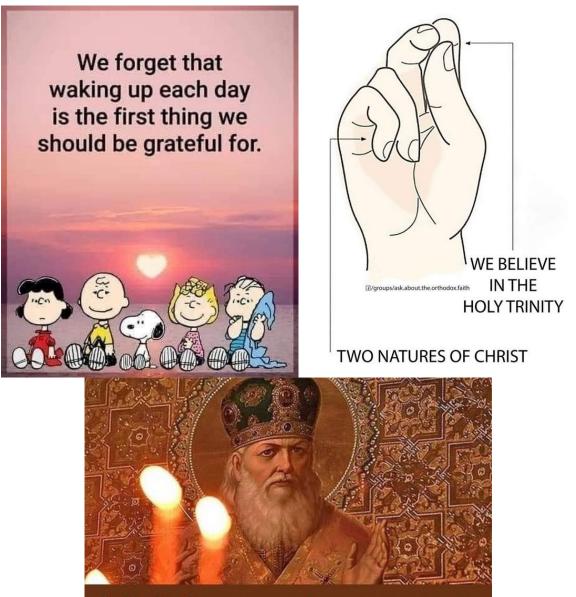
...that is the purpose of a post-liturgy coffee—lunch hour—to provide support—a good ear and a "hug" to people to show we care—that they are not ignored or isolated—to become part of a parish family—at times an inconvenience to be Christ to others...



Instead of freedom from sin, people began to strive for freedom to sin. True freedom, freedom of spirit, Christian freedom came to be considered "despotism," "coercion," the oppression of the Church, while the dissipation of one's sinful will, which leads to enslavement of the spirit, was made life's ideal. Archbishop Averky (Taushev), The Struggle for Virtue: Asceticism in a Modern Secular Society p.80



"If ninety-nine of us are good and saintly but one of our brothers is far from our solace and support, in sin and darkness, be sure God is not among us ninety-nine, but He has gone to find our brother whom we have lost and forgotten. Will you follow him or will you stand selfsufficient?" (St Nikolai Velimirovich, 'Missionary Letters 3)



Be kinder than necessary because everyone is fighting their war or battle and suffering losses. Live simply, love generously, care deeply for the needs of your neighbour, speak softly... And leave the rest to the Lord. It is not faith, nor dogmatics, nor mysticism, nor ascetism, nor fasting, nor long prayers, but love that makes one a true Christian.

Everything becomes pointless without this fundamental thing - love for our neighbour. St. Luke (Voyno-Yasenetsky)