

# **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 17 NOVEMBER 2024**

**21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; VENERABLE IOANNICIUS THE GREAT OF BITHYNIA; HIEROMARTYRS NICANDER-BISHOP OF MYRA & HERMAS-PRESBYTER; VENERABLE MERCURIUS THE FASTER OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA**

## **TROPARION—TONE 4**

**When the women disciples of the Lord  
Learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection;  
They cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles:  
Death is overthrown! Christ God is 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 4**

**My Savior and Redeemer,  
As God rose from the tomb  
And delivered the earthborn from their chains.  
He has shattered the gates of Hell,  
And as Master, He has risen on the third day!**

## **PROKEIMENON—TONE 4**

**READER: O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.**

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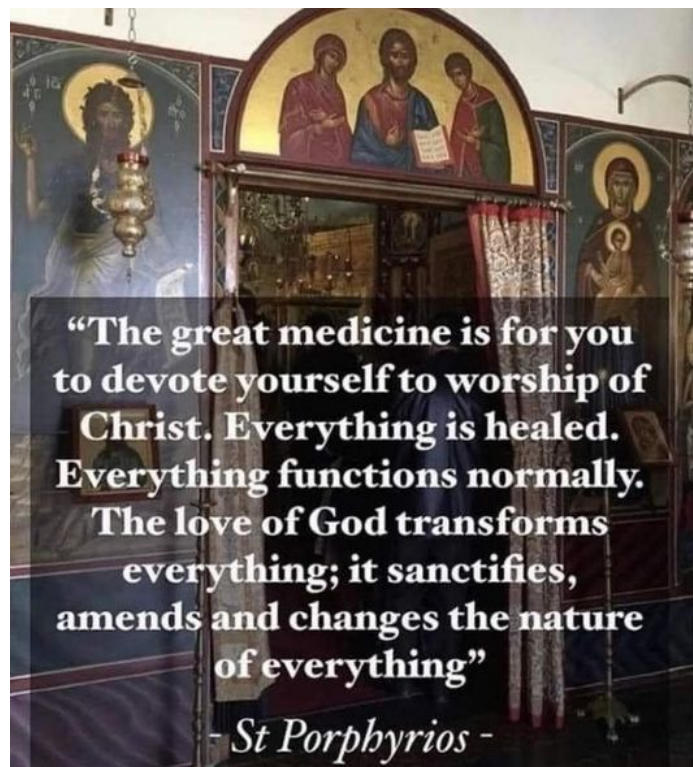
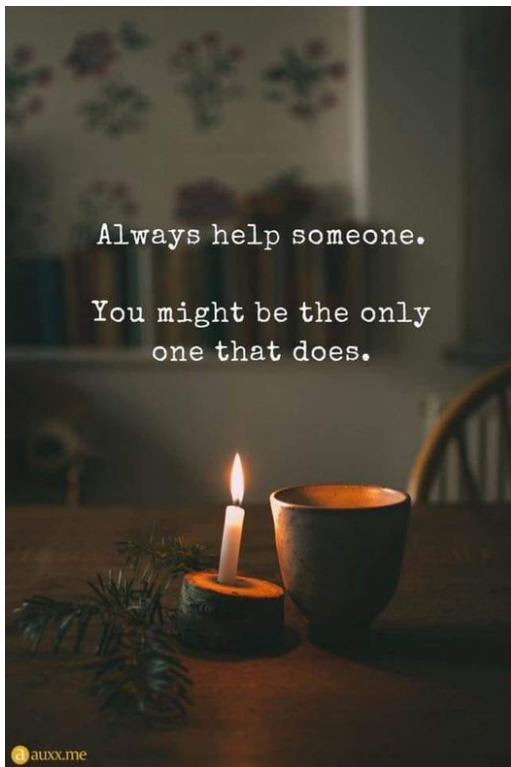
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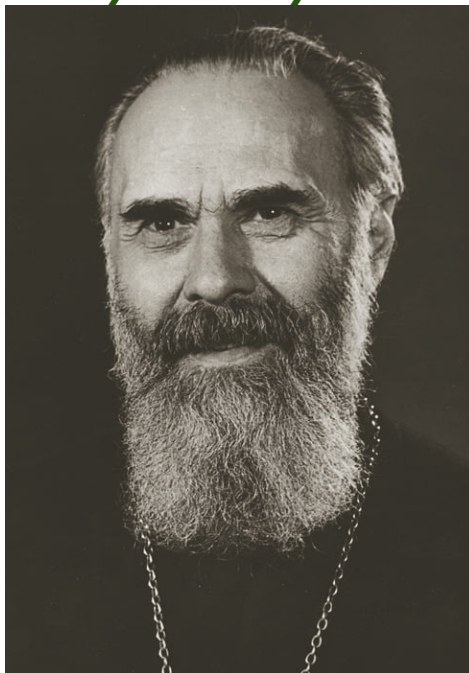
## **ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 4**

**Go forth and prosper and reign, because of truth and meekness and righteousness.**

**You love righteousness and hate iniquity.**



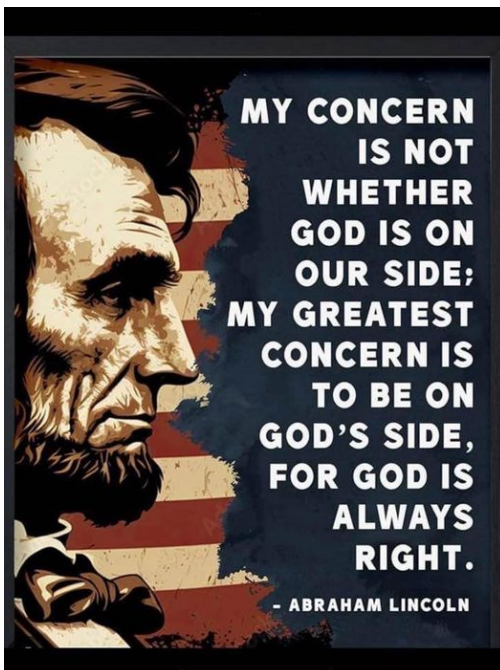
**Becoming a priest is not an honor and a privilege, it's a service. That is, you become a servant, not a boss or a head. Christ says it clearly: if you want to be first, be a servant of all... I am among you as a servant... Therefore, if a person wants to be like Christ in His service, he must really consider that she is at the bottom and will do—so to speak—all the "dirty" work, she will be dishonored, she will take care of sins, misfortune, poverty, grief, and serve at this level. *Metropolitan Antony Surozky***



**One famous and humorous story involving the renowned violinist Itzhak Perlman occurred during a concert in 1995. As Perlman walked on stage at Lincoln Center in New York City, one of his violin strings broke with a loud snap. Rather than leaving the stage to replace the string or fetch another violin, Perlman calmly signaled to the conductor to begin the piece. He then proceeded to play the entire concerto on the remaining three strings, skillfully improvising to accommodate the missing string.**

**The audience was amazed by his ability to adapt and maintain the performance's integrity despite the setback. At the end of the concert, the audience erupted in applause, and Perlman, with his characteristic wit and humility, remarked, "Sometimes it is the artist's task to find out how much music you can still make with what you have left."**

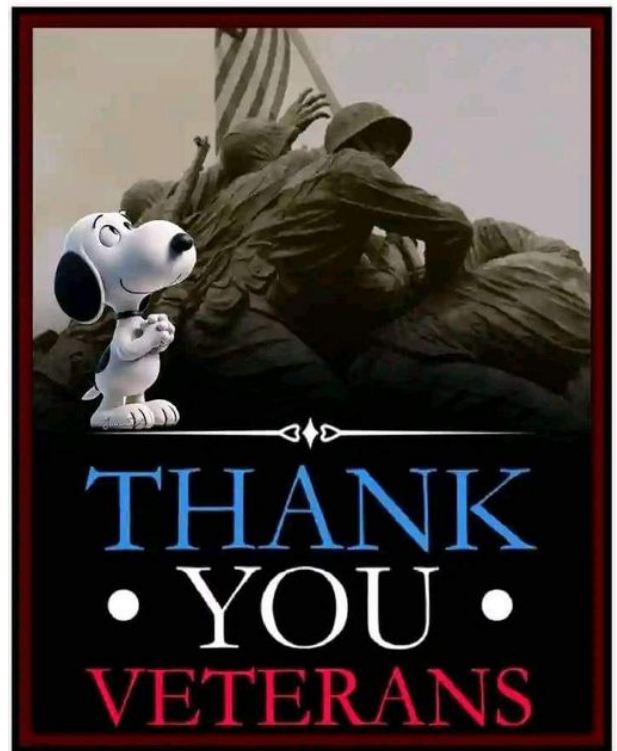
**This story not only showcases Perlman's extraordinary talent and composure under pressure but also reflects his philosophical approach to life's challenges**





**Being Christian does not simply mean to bear suffering cheerfully, but to pardon in compassion those who cause it, to pray to God for them as did Christ and the archdeacon Stephen. Venerable Justin (Popovic) of Chelije in Serbia, Orthodox Faith and Life in Christ p.28**

**...the action of the passions and demons is a combined action; the demons act by means of the passions. St. Ignatius (Brianchaninov), Bishop of the Caucasus and the Black Sea, On the Prayer of Jesus p.29**



**It is the soldier, not the reporter,  
Who has given us freedom of the press.  
It is the soldier, not the poet,  
Who has given us freedom of speech.  
It is the soldier, not the campus organizer,  
Who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.  
It is the soldier who salutes the flag,  
Who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is  
draped by the flag,  
Who allows the protester to burn the flag.  
*Father Denis Edward O'Brien, USMC***