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Corey, Michelle, Katie Swarm, Michelle, Patrick, Linda Morris, Chris, David Hiles, Jennifer, Cher Mount, Jim Wandling, Gail, Sirena Sharp, Ron Paulovich, Sandi Anderson, Lina, Shirley, Denny Mader, Ella Campbell, 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, Mira Filipović, Lynn, Jacqueline, Sharon, Zan Cheng, Kristy, Brandon, Anna Tranchine, Demetra, Blase Urban, Catherine Hogel & children, Jennifer & Dylan, 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 Zeliszcuk, Donna Davis, Jackie Crimbchin, Margie Sekelsky, Fran Fulton, Bill Vizza, Jamie Swarm, Kathy Flaherty, Tori Reade-Henry's niece, Derick-Glen Burlack's neighbor, Michael, Nichole & Christopher, Ben Douglas, Dianne Donahue, Zachary, Natasha, Noah Willard, Gregory Cervo, Lisa Bruce, Kathy Cvetkovich, Judy, Will, Emma, Ginny, Ye-Jin, Maria, John & JoAnn, Ralph & Beverly Stoker, Noah Willard, Nikola, Natalie, Nikola, & Nevenka Jovonovich, Julia Collier, Amy Kemerer, Thomas Smith, Tracy Slaugenhaupt, Louis Berceli, Tom Nolan, Silvia Martin, Dena & George, Georgia, Lawanda [Evelyn's niece], Maureen Sams, John Kendall, 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, 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, Mike Ruzzi, Mary Kay Ludovicy, 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, Maria Warholak, Christy, Mariruth, Judy Previc, Ben Williams, Tim—surgery, Olivia—girl with a brain tumor, Rick & Sharon Morgan, John Stasko, John, Kris, & Kait, Wendy LaGamba, Melissa Gross [hip replacement], Amy Forbeck, David Salazar, Dr. Paul Riley, David Hess, Serena, Wyatt, Makenzie, Jennifer, Alexandra Roberts, Candace, Dave, Jared, & Beth Irvin, Carol Muschick, Grace Love [knee replacement], Joseph Paul Cervo, Jr., Elizabeth, Susan & 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, Barbette [cancer] & Scott, Kristin [cancer], Erm Hartmann, Barbara Bookser, Bob Mazzuca, Marko, Taylor, Terri Crosby-Vega, Christine Mohamed & family, Tammy Marsico, Terry & David Hartnett, Jamie Ball, Kay Williams, Hannah Stewart, Jim Wyko—Alex's friend, Dan Losego, Lisa Bruce, Yvette, Barry Bender, Andrew Zelleznick, Byron & Cecilia Scott, Vespina, Michelle Russo, Julie Tripodi, Debbie—HTUCC, 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 & Colton Rosati, Jessica Shirley, Mark [kidney cancer], Steve Milcic, Wilbert Wagner, Bob Wojciechowski, Ashley, Beth, Sharon Svitek, Laura, Christopher, & Jane Dickson, Luke D, Diane Murphy, Kristin Vaughn [Harry's daughter], George Petronsky, Doug & Darcie Burkholder, Michael, Jeane, and Katie Byerly, McGrath, Samantha Lopez, Bob [cancer], Syble Elliott, Maria Ancevski, Krystyna, John, & Jeffrey, Dottie & family, Bonny Diver & Ashley Smock, Steve, Jill Morocco, Mike Pelino, Maddie Stewart, Hutchinson Family, David Urban, Vicky Moore, Casi [cancer], Ashley & Andy, Marion Mamula, Dominic [cancer], Diane Hughes, Jenny Case, Mary & Carl Stepanovich, Susie Fierst, Edward Poturich, Jeff, Chris, & Mills family, Kate Rapina & Mother Oksana, Sarah's son, Rachel, Alex, & little Charlie, Steve & Vonnie Gerson, Eva, Pamela & Doug, Nora, Mike, & Jane, and Lauren, Dan, & Daphne Iona... We pray that God will grant them all a complete and speedy recovery.

Come let us make an effort; come let us fall down before God, let us steadfastly lament and shed tears before Him, that He might grant us spiritual enlightenment. *Venerable Ephraim the Syrian, A Spiritual Psalter or Reflections on God p.204*

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, October 19

*******NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE*******

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY AND GLORIOUS APOSTLE THOMAS

Tone 2

2 Corinthians 11:31-12:8; 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Luke 7:11-16; John 20:19-31

SUNDAY, October 26

*******NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE*******

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY FATHERS OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL; MARTYRS CARPUS-BISHOP AT THATIERA, PAPYLUS-DEACON, AGATHADORUS, & AGATHONICA AT PERGAMUS; MARTYR FLORENTIUS OF THESSALONICA; MARTYR BENJAMIN-DEACON OF PERSIA; SAINT NICETAS-CONFESSOR OF PAPHIAGONAI; SAINT BENJAMIN OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA

Tone 3

Galatians 1:11-19; Hebrews 13:7-16

Luke 8:5-15; John 17:1-13

SUNDAY, November 02

Obednitsa—Saint John Chrysostom—Upstairs 10:30 AM

*******Eastern Standard Time Begins 2 AM—set your clocks BACK 1 HOUR before bed*******

21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; GREAT-MARTYR ARTEMIOUS AT ANTIOCH

Tone 4

Galatians 2:16-20

Luke 16:19-31

Litany in Blessed Memory of Thomas Bryan, Pearl Hanczar, John Hanczar, Helen Pytlak, Mary Blitskan, Marjorie Yarmeak, Mary Sharon, Rose Pynch, Cynthia Mycyk, Frank Barankovich, Mary Krevanich, Katherine Holowaty, Robert Vetosky, & James Fennel—Fr. Bob

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**19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY AND GLORIOUS APOSTLE
THOMAS**

*******NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE*******

TROPARION—TONE 2

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal,
Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead!
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,
All the powers of heaven cried out:
O Giver of Life! Christ our God! 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 2

Hell became afraid, O Almighty Savior,
Seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb!
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam,
Beheld this and rejoiced with Thee!
And the world, O my Savior, praises Thee forever!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 2

READER: The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.

PEOPLE: The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.

READER: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but he has not given me over to death.

PEOPLE: The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.

READER: The Lord is my strength and my song.

PEOPLE: He has become my salvation.

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 2

The Lord answer you in the day of trouble! The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

Save the king, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

This Saturday [October 05] marks the 75th anniversary of the debut of a beloved member of our local community. Some of his less familiar friends, including Pat, Charles, and Shermy appeared two days earlier, on October 2, 1950. Their father was a dedicated benefactor of Scouting. He received the Silver Buffalo, Scouting America's highest nominated honor in 1988.

He was also a humanitarian. He publicized social issues such as civil rights, environmentalism, and gender equality. He gave to educational, social, and children's charities including local Scouting.

Happy 75th birthday to Snoopy and the Peanuts gang!

"Sometimes I lie awake at night and I ask, "Is life a multiple choice test or is it a true or false test?" ...Then a voice comes to me out of the dark and says, "We hate to tell you this, but life is a thousand-word essay." — Charles Schulz

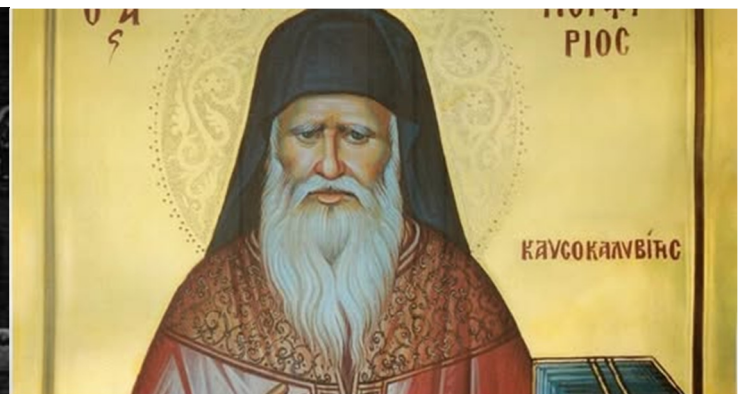
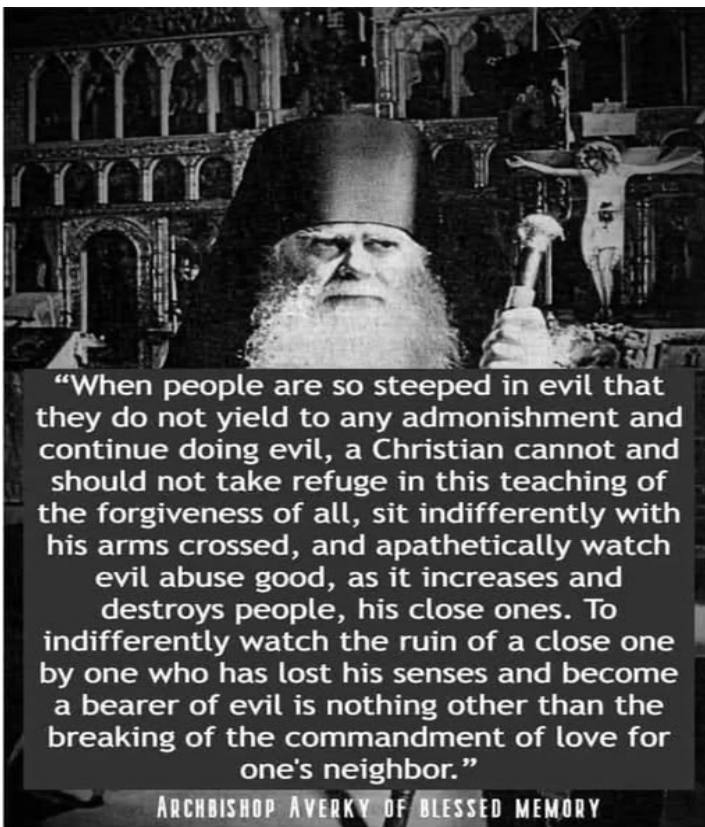


Father Joshua Anna ON YOUR CROSS:

"What does it mean to take up your cross? It means the willing acceptance, at the hand of Providence, of every means of healing, bitter though it may be, that is offered. Do great catastrophies fall on you? Be obedient to God's will, as Noah was. Is sacrifice demanded of you? Give yourself into God's hands with the same faith as Abram had when he went to sacrifice his son. Is your property ruined? Do your children die suddenly? Suffer it all with patience, cleaving to God in your heart, as Job did. Do your friends forsake you, and you find yourself surrounded by enemies? Bear it all without grumbling, and with faith that God's help is at hand, as the apostles did." † *St. Nikolai Velimirovich, Homilies, Vol. 1*



Now our thoughts are distracted. They are not focused on what we are doing. The only remedy for this is prayer. Any task requires a concentration of the mind, most especially prayer. *Elder Thaddeus(Strabulovich) of Vitovnica, Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives: The Life and Teachings of Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica p.112*



A Christian should avoid unhealthy religiosity: both the feeling of superiority due to virtue, and the feeling of inferiority due to sinfulness.

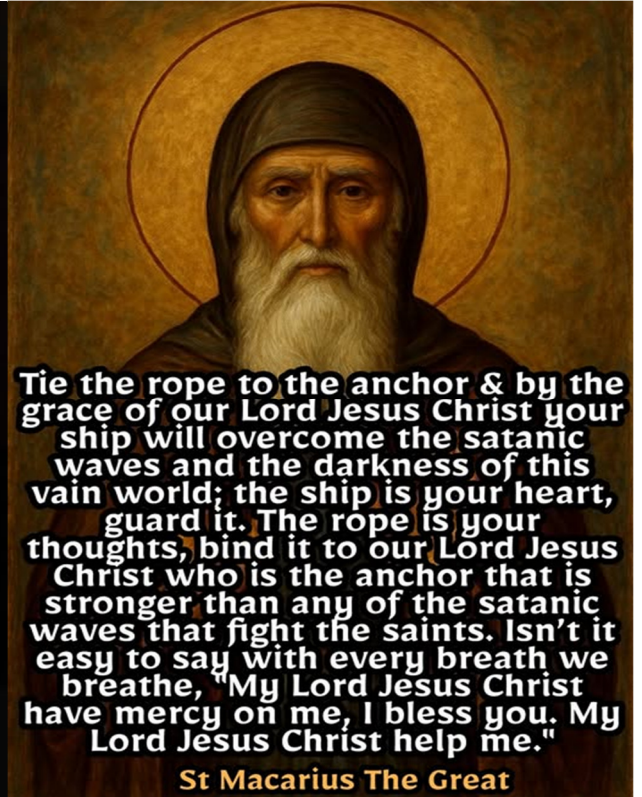
St. Porphyrios of Kafsokalyvia

Sometimes we have difficulty in confessing Christ even to those who are very close and dear to us. At such times, according to the Gospel, a man's enemies will be those of his own household (Matt 10:36). It so happens that our people do not understand us, but we also do not make any effort to speak to them discreetly about Christ. Or perhaps we sometimes even go to the opposite extreme.

We talk to them so very much about Christ that in the end we tire them, satiate them, and pressure and annoy them so much that they do not even want to hear anything about Christ. We can never pressure anyone, assume a commanding authority over him, or threaten him—even our closest relative—to follow Christ. *Monk Moses, Holiness: Is it Attainable Today?* p.9



Pray not only because you need something, but because you have a lot to be thankful for.



Tie the rope to the anchor & by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ your ship will overcome the satanic waves and the darkness of this vain world; the ship is your heart, guard it. The rope is your thoughts, bind it to our Lord Jesus Christ who is the anchor that is stronger than any of the satanic waves that fight the saints. Isn't it easy to say with every breath we breathe, "My Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me, I bless you. My Lord Jesus Christ help me."

St Macarius The Great

**Visit of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV of Rome to the Ecumenical Patriarchate and to Nicaea on the occasion of the 1700th Anniversary of the First Ecumenical Council
Ανάτρηση 07/10/2025**



The Ecumenical Patriarchate expresses its joy at the forthcoming visit of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV of Rome to Türkiye, in response to the expressed wish and invitation of His All-Holiness

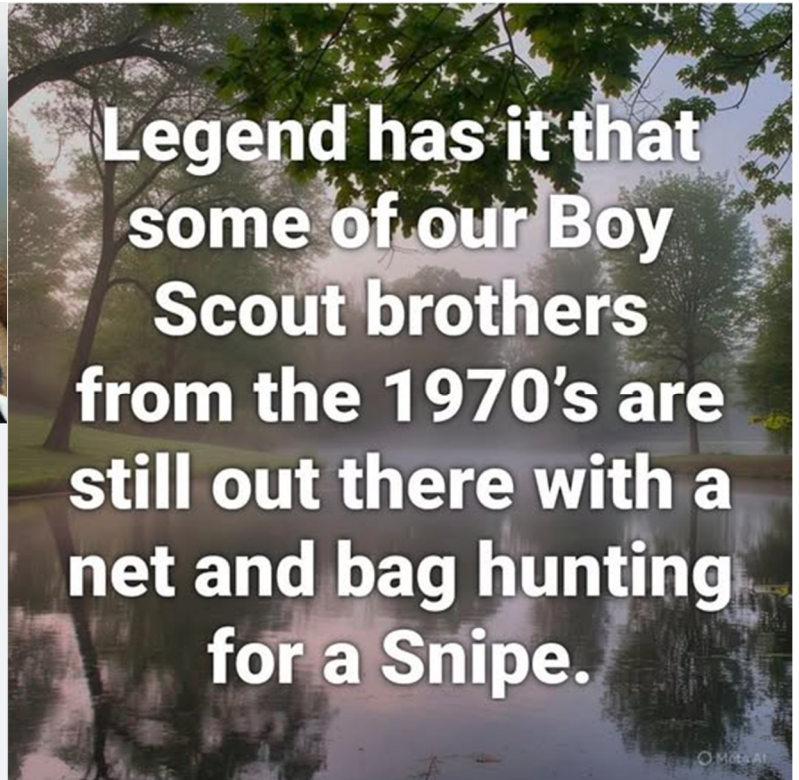
Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to commemorate together the historic 1700th anniversary of the First Ecumenical Council convened in Nicaea.

The two Primates will travel to Nicaea of Bithynia on the 28th of November, while His Holiness the Pope will officially visit the See of the Ecumenical Patriarchate at the Phanar on the 29th and 30th of November, to participate in the feast of the Holy Apostle Andrew the First-Called, Founder of the Church of Constantinople.



When you are praying alone, and your spirit is dejected, and you are wearied and oppressed by your loneliness, remember then, as always, that God the Trinity looks upon you with eyes brighter than the sun; also all the angels, your own Guardian Angel, and all the Saints of God.

St. John of Kronstadt



The Scoutmaster Minute Chris Lawton
Helpful—Make a difference

When we think about being helpful, we sometimes imagine these big, dramatic moments;

Rescuing someone from a river or reuniting a lost child to a worried parent.

Honestly, most of the time, being helpful looks a lot more ordinary; Noticing your tent mate struggling to pack their sleeping bag, and instead of walking off, you stop and give them a hand.

Or picking up trash at the campsite, even when you didn't drop it.

Maybe, you offer to clean the dishes without waiting to be asked, or giving someone your last granola bar when they forgot theirs.

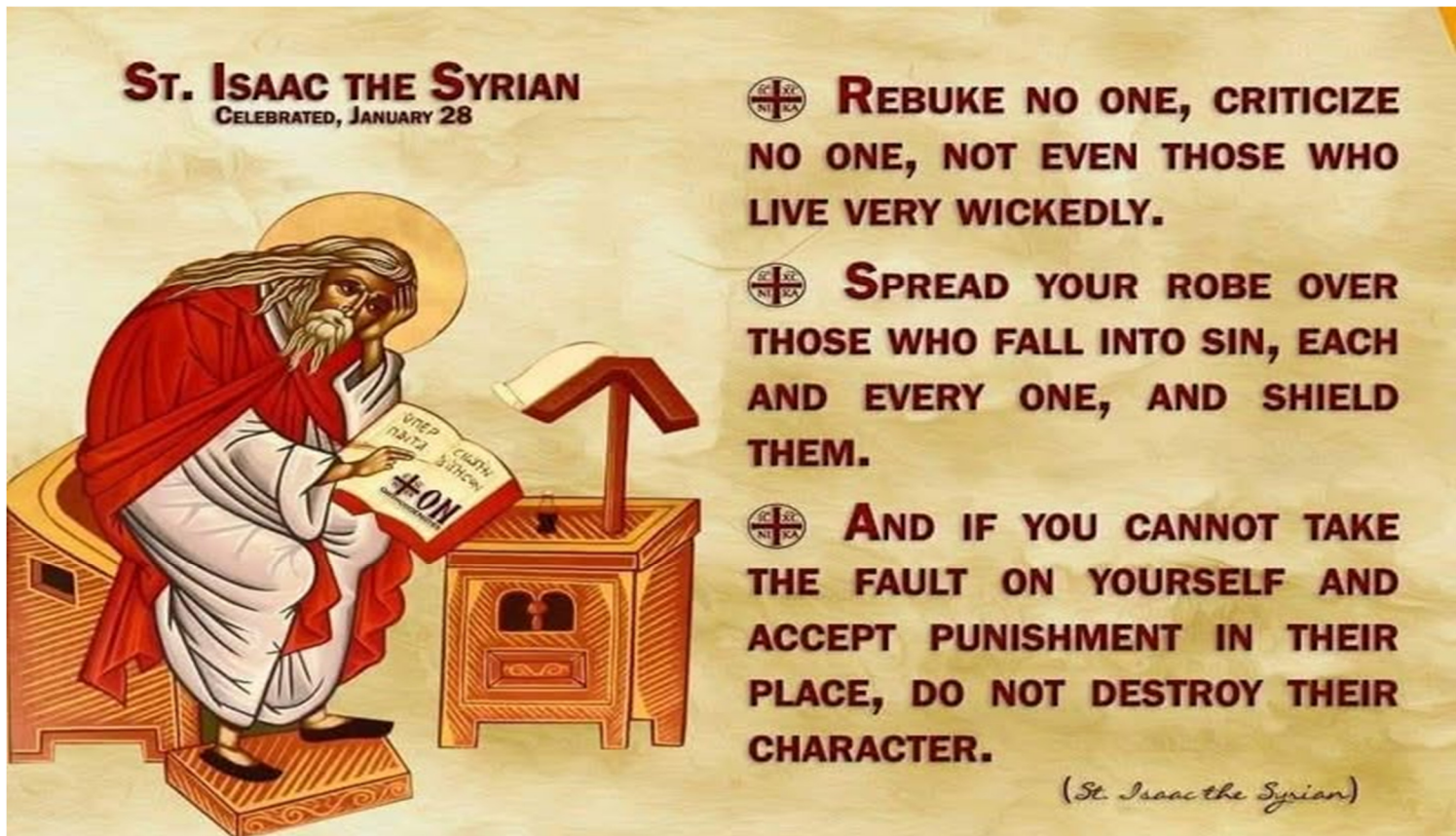
No one is going to give you a medal for that stuff.

That's the point, being helpful isn't about getting attention, it's about doing the right thing, to make a difference.

It is my belief that if everyone in the world tried to be just a little more helpful, in those small, everyday ways, the world would run a whole lot smoother.

Be the Scout who looks around and says, "Who could use a hand right now?"

Then offer it. Not for applause, but because it's just who you are. You can make a difference, be helpful.



The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Luke 5:1-11

And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon Him to hear the word of God, He stood by the lake of Gennesaret, And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. And He entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And He sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. Now when He had left speaking, He said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto Him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at Thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their

partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him (KJV)

St. Luke's Gospel for today describes Jesus as teaching the people from one of the ships standing by the lake. The Lord Jesus Christ continues to teach attentive listeners in His Holy Church.

Thank God we can hear the Gospel freely in the Church. Thank God for Jesus Christ's teachings to guide and nourish us through life. When we are perplexed, suffering or lost, we have the Gospel to turn to learn from Jesus Christ.

When we are frustrated or desire a new beginning in life, Jesus Christ is ever-present to show us the way. Jesus Christ is always willing to listen to us and help us to begin life anew.

Jesus Christ through the Gospel guides attentive believers from the Baptismal font to the Kingdom and eternal life. We learn a great lesson from today's Gospel.

We learn to listen carefully to Jesus's words and to apply them.

Simon Peter, James and John had fished all night without success. When Jesus told Peter to try again, Peter listened to Jesus and caught a great multitude of fish.

Listening to Jesus enriches attentive believers' lives.

The hunger in the soul yearns for the satisfying nourishment existing in Jesus Christ. Nourishment from Jesus is found in the Gospel and in the Holy Mysteries.

Believers have a responsibility to thank Jesus Christ for nourishing us.

Jesus Christ's nourishment is inexhaustible. The Gospel is always new and applicable to life. Jesus Christ's Precious Body and Blood have been renewing believers around the world for centuries.

Jesus Christ's forgiveness and healings have benefitted lives beyond measure in all parts of the world. The human mind cannot fully grasp the extent of Jesus love, mercy, and goodness.

Today and everyday are opportunities to thank God. God is not to be approached only when crises arise. God has a place in everyday of life throughout life. We benefit from God beyond measure. Our gratitude to God should also be endless.

Simon Peter, James, and John were captivated by Jesus Christ. The large draft of fish that appeared after listening to Jesus made a life-changing impact. Peter, James, and John gave up everything to follow Jesus. They became fishers of men.

We have benefited from the Holy Apostles. We have benefited from the Gospel. God's Holy Church is present for us throughout our lives. We benefit greatly from listening to Jesus as did Simon Peter in the current Gospel.

Listening to Jesus Christ renewed Simon Peter, James, and John's lives. Their lives were redirected towards more important work. Listening to Jesus Christ enables each believer to ensure his or her life conforms to Jesus' teachings.

Being renewed in Jesus Christ is possible throughout life. While the mind functions, believers can put Jesus Christ's words into action. While the mind functions, believers can express gratitude to Jesus Christ.

Expressing gratitude is a responsible and mature action. Individuals often turn to God when faced with a crisis in life. Prayers usually intensify when stress increases or when an illness or accident occurs.

Prayers of thanksgiving are in order when prayers for help and healing are answered. St. Luke's Gospel bears record of Jesus noticing the one leper who took time to say thank you for being healed and the nine who failed to do so. (Lk. 17:12-19)

Each Divine Liturgy prepares believers for the next period of life. Believers fully immersed in the Divine Liturgy are readied for life. Jesus Christ reassures and strengthens believers by His presence in the Divine Liturgy.

Consistent active participation in the Divine Liturgy is the way to be nourished and taught by Christ and the way to say thank you to Jesus Christ. Actively participating in the Divine Liturgy reflects love and thanksgiving.

The length of the journey from the Baptismal font to God's Kingdom and eternal life is uncertain for each person. Jesus Christ is always present for believers on the journey. Jesus Christ is present to help and guide believers to live life to the fullest.

Constantly giving thanks and glorifying God daily is living life to the fullest.

Jesus Christ fills each life with His love to hearts, minds, and souls open to Him. Hearts, minds, and souls filled with Jesus's love resound with gratitude.

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Venerable Cyriacus the Hermit of Palestine. September 29/October 12, 2025. Father Rodney Torbic