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ON THE MEND: Please keep the following parishioners and others in your prayers for recovery from their illnesses and injuries: Metropolitan Theodosius [OCA], Archbishop Jovan, Bishop Robert, Father George & Pani Lillian Hnatko, Father John Harvey, Father Jakiw Norton, Father Dragan Filipović, Father Paul Stoll, Father Igor Soroka, Father Joseph Kopchak, Father Elias Warnke, Father Nestor Kowal, Father George Yatsko, Father Paul Bigelow, Father Emilian Balan, Father John Nakonachny, Father Steve Repa, Protopresbyter William Diakiw, Archpriest Dionysi Vitali, Protodeacon Joseph Hotrovich, Father Adam Yonitch, Pani-Dobrodijka Sonia Diakiw, Father Paisius McGrath, Father Michael Smolynec, Father Lawrence & Matushka Sophia Daniels, Father John Harrold [Saint Sylvester], Joshua Agosto and his family, Eva Malesnick, Stella Peanoske, Nick Behun, Grace Holupka, Virginia Bryan, 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, George Rocknage, Robert McKivitz, Liz Obradovich, Halyna Zelinska [Bishop 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—21-year-old with cancer, Nicholas Orlando, Mary Ann Kuznik, Michael Pryhodzenko, Sonia Luciow, Theresa Ditto, Mary Ann Musial, Mary Pelino, Yvonne Christy, Myron & Barbara Spak, Julia Duda, Lisa Pandle, Kris & Julie Hanczar, John

Kennedy, Loretta, Nancy, Carol, & Michael Sheliga, 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, Helen Bozo, Corey Guich, Robert Vangrin, Pauline Witkowsky, Sera White, Donald Griffey, Deborah Smith, Nancy & Eric Dunik, Julian Strozh [child with cerebral palsy], Dr. Kirsten Ream, Patricia Corey, Michelle, Katie Swarm, Richard Dunst, Michelle, Patrick, Linda Morris, Howard Simpson, Chris, David Hiles, Jennifer, Jerry Quinn, 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, Barbara McDougall, Alma Wyke, Lindsay Romanczak & family, Virginia Catherine Pyrch, Susan Lucas, Neil Carter & family, James Paluh, Mickie Weikel, Evelyn Krempasky, Tammy Strunk, Loida Esbry, Darlene Chicka Deskins, Drew, Alice & Keith Philipa, Kateryna Kocelko, Nancy Heinbaugh, 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, Michael Pawlyshyn, Sherri Walewski, Marika Zeliszczuk, Donna Davis, Jackie Crimbchin, Marta Charron, Mary [Corba], Stella McKeag, 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 & Teresa Bercelli, Tom Nolan, Noble Wilshaw, Silvia Martin, Sarah Dorning, Evelyn Burlack, Dena & George, Georgia, Lawanda [Evelyn's niece], Maureen Sams, John Kendall, Judi Danser, Darcy, Denis

Strittmatter, Nancy, and Ian Brick. ARNOLD: Homer Paul Kline. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

In truth there is only one freedom – the holy freedom of Christ, whereby He freed us from sin, from evil, from the devil. It binds us to God. All other freedoms are illusory, false, that is to say, they are all, in fact, slavery. + *St. Justin Popovic*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: All Christians and the others in the Middle East who are suffering during this time of great tragedy and unrest. May God watch over and keep them safe! Lord have mercy!

Please remember ALL American service men and women in your prayers. May God watch over them and all American service men and women—and bring them all home safely!

REMEMBER-PRAYERS ARE <u>ALWAYS</u> *FREE!*

<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] 279-5640.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY, JULY 22 OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH 10:30 AM 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HIEROMARTYR PANCRATIUS-BISHOP OF TAORMINAIN SICILY; HIEROMARTYR CYRIL-BISHOP OF GORTYNA; MARTYRS PATERMUTHIUS, COPRIUS, & ALEXANDER; SAINT THEODORE-BISHOP OF EDESSA

> *Tone 7* 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 14:14-22

SUNDAY, JULY 29 **READER SERVICE DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL** 10:30 AM 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST 6 ECUMENICAL COUNCILS; HIEROMARTYR ATHENOGENES-BISHOP OF HERACLEOPOLIS & 10

DISCIPLES; MARTYRS PAUL & SISTERS CHIONIA & ALEVTINA; MARTYR ANTIOCHUS-PHYSICIAN; VIRGIN-MARTYR JULIA

Tone 8 1 Corinthians 3:9-17; Hebrews 13:7-16 Matthew 14:22-34; John 17:1-13

SUNDAY, AUGUST 05 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM 10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; "POCHAIV" ICON OF THE THEOTOKOS; HIEROMARTYR APOLLINARIS-BISHOP OF RAVENNA; MARTYR TROPHIMUS, THEOPHILUS, & 13 OTHERS IN LYCIA

Tone 1

1 Corinthians 4:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 17:14-23; Luke 10:38-42,11:27-28

Litany in Blessed Memory of Father Peter Natishan, Samuel Mrvos, David Yenni, M. Denise Lawrence, Rudy Obradovich, Mike Horvath, Anna Harte, Millie Kitch, Agnes Rossi, Mary Milanovich, Michael Cherepko, & Mary Vigani—Fr. Bob

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 22 JULY 2018

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HIEROMARTYR PANCRATIUS-BISHOP OF TAORMINAIN SICILY; HIEROMARTYR CYRIL-BISHOP OF GORTYNA; MARTYRS PATERMUTHIUS, COPRIUS, & ALEXANDER; SAINT THEODORE-BISHOP OF EDESSA

TROPARION-TONE 7

By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death! To the thief, Thou didst open Paradise! For the Myrrhbearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy. And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, To proclaim that Thou art 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 7

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, For Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers! Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry: The Savior has come to those in faith! Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!

PROKEIMENON-TONE 7

READER: The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

PEOPLE: The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

READER: Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

PEOPLE: The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

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PEOPLE: The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

ALLELUIA VERSES-TONE 7

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy name, O Most High!

To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night!

BRIEF STORIES ABOUT THE DEVOTEES OF GEORGIA by Archimandrite Raphael (Karelin)

Catholicos-Patriarch Ephraim (Sidamonidze) loved to grow flowers. When he was arrested, during a search, in search of money, plant pots broke, but, of course, nothing was found. Patriarch Ephraim said: "I have one fate with flowers: they were broken and thrown to the floor, and I was taken to prison."

Patriarch Ephraim said that when he was taken to prison in the night, all the seats on the bunks were occupied, and he lay down on the floor. Seeing this, the Tatar-Mohammedan conceded to him his bunks. The Patriarch (then a bishop) said: "There is enough room for two," but the Tatar replied: "I am not worthy to lie next to God's man."

The parishioners of one church complained to Patriarch Ephraim about the priest. He came to the evening service, stood at the door, and when the service was over, he went up to the pulpit and said: "I want to wear a silk shirt, but there is no money, I have to wear a plain calico. You want a sinless priest, but I do not. You have "Lord, have mercy" in the temple, and this is enough for your salvation "- and left the temple.

Archimandrite Parfenii (Aptsiauri) said: "When I was a boy, my mother (stepmother) herself took me to the Shio-Mgvim Monastery. There I was given obedience to graze cows. When I prayed loudly, the cows did not go far, did not run away, they grazed near me, as if they were listening to a prayer. In the 1920s, the rector of the Shio-Mgvim monastery was appointed young hieromonk Ephraim (Sidamonidze), the future Patriarch of Georgia. Once he asked me: "Do you know what it means to open and close the monastery gate?". I replied that I had been doing this for several years. He said: "Go to bed, repeat a Psalter in your mind and fall asleep with it, that you will close your heart from the devil. In the morning, when waking up, first of all say Jesus' prayer, and then recite some verses from the psalm, by this you will dedicate the beginning of your day to God. With His name begin the day: open the gates of the monastery. "These words I took as the blessing of the abbot and, no matter how tired I was, I read the Psalter before going to bed, then I repeated one of the poems I read and so plunged into sleep. I felt that I was also praying in a dream. "

At one of the conferences of the Council of the World, Patriarch Ephraim was asked to speak. He went up to the rostrum and, addressing the American sitting in the front row, asked: "You, an American, want war?". He replied: "Of course, I do not want to." The Patriarch said: "I do not want either" - and left the rostrum. This was the shortest of all the speeches, but it caused the most prolonged applause.

Metropolitan Zinovy (Mazhuga) in the last years of his life served the early Liturgy, and then went to the cell and went to rest - so weakened from persistent illnesses. He could not stand on his feet for a long time and tried not to delay the service. The exception was the Cherubic song, during which he took out particles for the living and the dead. Then he seemed to forget about time and about his infirmities, but he was about 90 years old. Metropolitan Zinovy said that in prison he especially diligently prayed to the Mother of God and felt Her help.

Vladyka Zinovy also said that one of the Glyn monks, who was forced to report to his fellows, told him that after interrogations and tortures, when he was beaten, again thrown on the water-filled floor of the cell, he felt not pain, but unusual, or with than incomparable joy, not only in the soul, but also in the whole body, and warmly thanked God that he did not become a slanderer because of fear, did not betray Christ in the person of his brothers.

Schiarkhimandrite Andronik (Lukash) bequeathed to his children never to take off his own cross, even if a person washes in a bath. He told a story from his youth. Once the young men went to the river, and his neighbor, the best swimmer among them, before going into the water, took off his cross and laid it on the shore. Father Andronic felt something amiss and

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asked him why he did it. He replied: "The Spirit told me." Father Andronic warned him: "Do you know what spirit is afraid of the cross?". But he already began to justify his deed differently: "How will I wear the cross naked? When I swim, I'll put it on again. " He, as if drawn by some force, rushed to the river, dived and did not come out any more. They brought home only his clothes and a cross left on the stone.

The elder said: "A Christian without a cross is like a warrior who left his weapon ... As a hunter guards his prey, so the devil watches a man day and night. When he sees that a man has taken off the cross, he acts freely in his soul, as they enter a house without gates. "

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Shiarhimandrite Vitaly (Sidorenko) loved to repeat the words of Abba Dorotheus: "Christ comes to us in the form of a man; what you will do for a man - you will do for Christ "[1]. He tried not to pass by the beggar, not giving him alms. This was his rule, which he bequeathed to his children. It happened that when he had no money, he gave the beggar something of his clothes, and not just a beggar. Once in a conversation he learned that his brother had old, torn trousers. He immediately, in the metro, quickly took off his pants and gave it to him, and since he was dressed in a cassock and a long cloak, it was not immediately revealed. He said: "If you carry money to pay the debt, and on the way the beggar will meet and in your mind will struggle thoughts: return a debt or give alms to a beggar, then give alms; it is better to remain a debtor to man than to God."

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Monk Amvrosy (Gvazava) said: "Our hegumen said: not enemies, but our sins close the temples and monasteries. Is not God able to protect his property? But for our negligence, He intended us to be saved by sorrows."

Shiarchimandrite Andronik (Lukash) said: "Laughter, jokes and caresses are not the work of a monk, they are the habits of the world, from which he denied. If a monk attains grace, then without humor and outward affection in words he can console people."

One woman told her father, Andronik: "When people condemn me, I sit silently, not entering into conversation." The old man replied: "It would be better if you said that you listen in silence, not missing a word. Anyone who listens to slander, becomes a participant in slander, and what you remember, in due time, will tell others. Who could not hold the rumor, will not be able to retain the language." She said: "Father, if I get up and leave, I will offend a person." Father Andronicus replied: "It is better to offend a man than God; it is better to lose friendship than grace." They asked Shikharchimandrite Vitaly (Sidorenko) what he found best for salvation. He replied: "Prayer with repentance."

A certain monk complained to Father Vitaly that the brother with whom he lives in one cell is grumpy. Father Vitaly said: "And everywhere it was good for me." The monk was surprised and asked: "Explain to me what your words mean." Father Vitali replied: "With whomsoever I was, I tried not to me with people, but with me it was good for people, and put on my heart - to cut off my will before each person."

Archimandrite Gabriel (Urgebadze) said: "If you saw what grace goes on the Liturgy, you would be ready to collect dust from the floor of the temple and wash your face with it!".

Archimandrite Gabriel was asked when the end of the world would be. Abba replied: "Twenty-four elders pray that the Lord will soon come to earth to judge the living and the dead. And the twenty-four saints on earth pray that the Lord will extend the time for repentance. Among them is the Betan archimandrite. " He was asked: "There are two archimandrites, which one is it?". Abba replied: "Enough of what I said, and more talk about it is not useful."

Patriarch David (Devdariani) said: "Mother for her child is a wall unbreakable and guardian vigilant."

Patriarch Ephraim (Sidamonidze) said: "If one of the two is intelligent, there will be no quarrel."

In Forgiven Sunday, Patriarch Ephraim told the priests: "Kiss the epitrachel and the throne, kiss each other, warm each other with the warmth of your love."

Before his death, Patriarch Ephraim said: "It's time for me to go on my final journey. I take away all the punishment from those whom I have punished, I forgive everyone and ask forgiveness from those I have offended; I give all the court to God. "

The Catholicos-Patriarch Kalistrat (Tsintsadze) prayed for a long time before the icon of St. Nicholas, and then he said: "You are an archbishop, and I am the Patriarch, so hear and fulfill the request of the Patriarch."

The Catholicos-Patriarch Calistrat said that the Church was preserved by God and the common people.

Skhigumen Savva (Ostapenko) said: "One of the signs of Jesus' prayer is the desire for silence and solitude. He who has the name of Jesus Christ in his heart does not speak lush words and does not repeat the same thing twice. " Sikhigumen Sawa said: "He who speaks during the service, he becomes an accomplice of the devil, who tries to take away the prayer." If Father Sawa heard the conversation in the altar during the service, he abruptly, even with anger interrupted him. When someone asked him during the service, he did not answer, and if they repeated the question, he said: "During the Liturgy, a greater deed is accomplished than during the time of the universe, but you do not understand this." Often Father Sawa answered the question not with words, but with prayer. He said: "I will pray, and you will be given an answer."

Shiarchimandrite Seraphim (Romantsov) said: "The only feat for the young is obedience. Drift without obedience - walking on stilts. " One mother, complaining about the children, Father Seraphim said: "You remember the commandment well:" Honor the father and mother "*, but forgot about the other:" Parents, irritate your children "**".

Sriarhimandrite Seraphim said: "Blessed is he who loves cattle, but is told, * who loves cattle and thereby equated them with man."

Szymonina Zosima said: "How many times the devil deceived you, and you still believe him."

Sosimonahinya Zosima said: "The carnal love spiritually alienates people from each other. When an addiction passes, then such people become alien and unpleasant to each other. Sin does not unite, it only divides. "

Mother Zoili said: "I am a nun from a young age, the hand of a man has never touched me, but I ask the Lord that he pardon me as a harlot who anoints His feet with a world mixed with tears."

Zoili's mothers said: "We did not see you angry; but what would you do and how would you do if you saw the fighting between the sisters? ". She said: "I would say to them:" If you want to fight, then fight with pillows. "

Mother Zoili was asked: "Whom did you prepare as your successor?". She answered: "When I'm going to die, I'll put the hegumen staff at my cell: if anyone wants, let him take it."

Source: <u>http://www.pravoslavie.ru/36750.html</u>

St. Moses, also known as the Ethiopian, was a large and foreboding man whose fame was grounded in seeking vengeance and spreading violence. Hiding from local authorities, St. Moses took refuge among monks in a colony in the desert of Scetis, near Alexandria. The meditation and prayerful dedication of their lives, as well as their inner peace and contentment, helped St. Moses find the meaning of life and end his journey in seeking out the one eternal and true God of the Universe. St. Moses was to discover happiness in his life, a peaceful meditative, soul settling type of happiness which would forever turn his life toward the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Opioid Pandemic—*By John Athanasatos July 16, 2018* The drug problem has been a major concern for decades, from the 1960s with marijuana and heroin, to the 1980s with crack and cocaine, and the 1990s with speed and LSD. However, for the past decade or so we have seen prescription narcotic painkillers spiral out of control and surpass the stage of an epidemic to become a pandemic. The opioid crisis has affected individuals nationwide but even worldwide. So why is it a pandemic and not an epidemic? An epidemic is an outbreak of a disease that attacks many people at about the same time and may spread through one or several communities. A pandemic on the other hand is when an epidemic spreads throughout the world.

Recently on a 60 Minutes episode, it was claimed that at least 200,000 lives have been lost in the United States due to this crisis. Unfortunately, this number is expected to grow. President Trump earlier this year declared a state of emergency nationwide for this pandemic. The problem is believed to have originated with the drug manufacturers who make prescription drug medications more and more addictive which then the drug distributors sell to local independent pharmacies, exceeding their regulatory thresholds. Doctors are given incentives to write for these narcotic prescriptions even if a patient's medical condition does not warrant them. These drugs have even reached the black market, working their way to the streets of America where they are sold along with illicit drugs like heroin and cocaine.

Many of the victims of this crisis who developed an addiction to prescription narcotics did not have any prior history of any kind of illicit drug use. Many had an injury or health condition causing tremendous pain that necessitated the need for such medications. However, after only a few weeks on them or even in some cases a few days, many people developed a dependency on these drugs. Even once their injuries healed or health conditions improved, they maintained a dependency on these medications. At that point it was the negligence of the physicians whether intentional or unintentional to continue to prescribe the same drugs without any legitimate medical need. So in theory anyone is a potential victim if in the event some unfortunate injury or disease warrants the need for such medications.

No one particular demographic of people is immune to this pandemic. It has affected people of all ethnic/religious and socio-economic backgrounds. Many of our fellow Orthodox Christians are included in the casualties of this pandemic. Yet, it is not only those who take these medications and become addicted that are affected but also our health care workers who interact with those addicted. Imagine for a moment the ethical challenges our faithful face day after day who have to prescribe, dispense, and administer narcotic medications in light of this pandemic.

As a Church, both as a royal and ministerial priesthood in Christ, we have a responsibility to become more aware of this pandemic and do what we can to intervene so that this astronomical number of 200,000 lives does not grow. It is not just ministering to the addicts of these narcotics but also providing support for those who are in recovery, for the families and friends who have endured seeing their love ones suffer and perhaps perish from this pandemic and for those who are interacting with all the above on a daily basis in the healthcare field.

Of course as a Church our priority should be concern for our own faithful and their needs but our mission should not end there. Christ said to his Apostles, "You are the light of the world...Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." (Mt 5: 14, 16)

We as a Church united in this battle against this horrific adversary, the opioid pandemic, have both a duty and opportunity to lead not only this nation but the world in defeating this crisis. Let not our efforts stop at our Orthodox faithful but let it include the entire world.

To do this, we need to first have a better understanding and awareness of the problem. This requires reaching out to our faithful. Things like offering discussion groups on this topic and providing literature in bulletins and information on websites and other forms of media can be a start.

The target audience can be separated into three categories: healthcare workers who face this crisis on a daily basis, addicts and recovering addicts, and families and friends of the latter. This setup is very similar to what is offered for alcoholism. AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) is for alcoholics and recovering alcoholics and Al-Anon is for friends and families of alcoholics. What would be different is the addition of a third targeted audience, all healthcare workers who interact with addicts or potential addicts.

Although there are programs in place providing services to addicts, recovering addicts and their friends and families, it is more on a secular level. We need to expand on this issue in light of our faith.

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Metropolitan Anthony [Bloom] (1914-2003) was once asked, "What shall we do with children in church? They interfere with our prayers."

He replied, "When you begin to pray, they will stop bothering you."