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ON THE MEND: *Please keep the following parishioners and others in your prayers for recovery from their illnesses and injuries: Archbishop Daniel, Metropolitan Antony, Metropolitan Yuriy, Anastasia [Metropolitan Yuriy's mom], Metropolitan Theodosius [OCA], Archbishop Jovan, Bishop Robert, Father George & Pani Lillian Hnatko, Father Jakiw Norton, 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 & Pani Mary Anne 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 Joe Cervo, Father John Harrold [Saint Sylvester], Joshua Agosto and his family, Eva Malesnick, Nick Behun, Grace Holupka, 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 [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, Sonia Luciw, 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, Gaille 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, Deborah Smith, Nancy & Eric Dunik, Julian Strozh [young lady 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, 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, Sherri Walewski, Marika Zeliszczyk, 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, Silvia Martin, Sarah Dorning, Dena & George, Georgia, Lawanda [Evelyn's niece], Maureen Sams, John Kendall, Judi Danser, Darcy, Denis Strittmatter, Nancy, Ian Brick, Cecilia Barnhart, Logan Magorien, Pam Grant, Debbie & Jerry Novosel, Noah Willard, Sandra Dillard, Danielle McCann, Barry [Father Jim Orr's cousin], Tim Joyce, Mike Pawlyshyn-Jeannie Stutchell's brother, Marianne Mulroy, Joe Samchuck—vocations, Albert Heckman, 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 Jennings, Patrick Felice [Melanie's husband] Tim Sams, and

Susan Pulcini—Father Ted Pulcini's mom. ARNOLD: Homer Paul Kline and Walter Sakol. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

NOTE: Father Bob will be attending the Sobor in South Bound Brook from Tuesday, October 15th through Saturday, October 19th. If you need the services of an Orthodox priest, please contact President Andy Torick or Pani Gina! God Bless!

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 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] 279-5640.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HIEROMARTYR GREGORY-BISHOP OF
GREATER ARMENIA; MARTYRS RHIPSIMA, GAIANA, & COMPANIONS OF
ARMENIA; SAINT MICHAEL-FIRST METROPOLITAN OF KIEV**

Tone 8

2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1; Hebrews 7:26-8:2

Luke 6:31-36; John 10:1-9

Litany in Blessed Memory of Nicholas & Catherine Behun--Behun Family

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MARTYR SERGIUS & BACCHUS IN SYRIA;
MARTYRS JULIAN-PRESBYTER & CAESARIUS-DEACON AT TERRACINA; VIRGIN-
MARTYR PELAGIA OF TARSUS; MARTYR POLYCHRONIUS OF GAMPHANITUS;
SAINT SERGIUS THE OBEDIENT OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA**

Tone 1

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Luke 7:11-16

Litany in Blessed Memory of Stancy Popichak—Fr. Bob

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 READER SERVICE DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY FATHERS OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL; MARTYRS NAZARIUS, GERVASE, PROTASE, AND CELSUS OF MILAN; HIEROMARTYR SILVANUS OF GAZA; VENERABLE PARASCEVA OF EPIBATIMATHRACE, WHOSE RELICS ARE IN IASI, ROMANIA; SAINT MYKOLA SVIATOSHA-PRINCESS OF CHERNIHIV & WONDERWORKER OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA

Tone 2

2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9; Hebrews 13:7-16

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

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TROPARION—TONE 8

Thou didst descent from on high, O Merciful One!
Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings!
Our Lord, our Life and Resurrection, 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 8

By rising from the tomb,
Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam.
Eve exults in Thy Resurrection,
And the world celebrates Thy Rising from the dead,
O greatly Merciful One!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 8

READER: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

PEOPLE: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

READER: In Judah, God is known; His name is great in Israel!

PEOPLE: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

READER: Pray and make your vows.

PEOPLE: Before the Lord our God!

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 8

Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

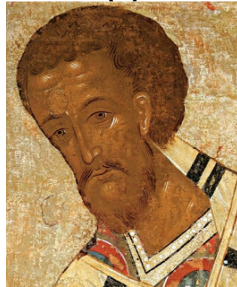
Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with psalms.

25 Quotes by St. John Chrysostom

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If you cannot find Christ in the beggar at the church door, you will not find Him in the chalice.

Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness.



Not to share our own wealth with the poor is theft from the poor and deprivation of their means of life; we do not possess our own wealth, but theirs.

Be ashamed when you sin, don't be ashamed when you repent [To repent means to have a change of heart and mind. It is not simply a feeling of sorrow, but a psycho/spiritual growth away from evil/death and a turning to God/life]. Sin is the wound, repentance is the medicine. Sin is followed by shame; repentance is followed by boldness [Boldness means to beg God for undeserved mercy]. Satan has overturned this order and given boldness to sin and shame to repentance.

No matter how just your words may be, you ruin everything when you speak with anger.

Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward & learning to enjoy whatever life has and this requires transforming greed into gratitude.

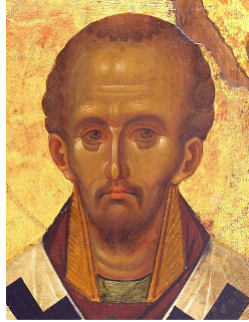
The road to Hell is paved with the bones of priests and monks, and the skulls of bishops are the lamp posts that light the path.

When you are weary of praying, and do not receive, consider how often you have heard a poor man calling, and have not listened to him.

The bee is more honored than other animals, not because she labors, but because she labors for others.

If you wish to leave much wealth to your children, leave them in God's care. Do not leave them riches, but virtue and skill. For if they learn to

expect riches, they will not mind anything besides, and their abundant riches shall give them the means of screening the wickedness of their ways.



It is impossible to be saved without the help of the Most Blessed Virgin, because those who are not saved by the justice of God are saved by the intercession of Mary.

When we teach our children to be good, to be gentle, to be forgiving (all these are attributes of God), to be generous, to love their fellow men, to regard this present age as nothing, we instill virtue in their souls, and reveal the image of God within them.

Why not learn to enjoy the little things-there are so many of them.

There is nothing colder than a Christian who does not seek to save others.

I am a Christian. He who answers thus has declared everything at once-his country, profession, family; the believer belongs to no city on earth but to the heavenly Jerusalem.

To destroy the fetus 'is something worse than murder.' The one who does this 'does not take away life that has already been born, but prevents it from being born.'

Do you fast? Then feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, visit the sick, do not forget the imprisoned, have pity on the tortured, comfort those who grieve and who weep, be merciful, humble, kind, calm, patient, sympathetic, forgiving, reverent, truthful and pious, so that God might accept your fasting and might plentifully grant you the fruits of repentance.

The rich man is not one who is in possession of much, but one who gives much.

The Eucharist is a fire that inflames us, that, like lions breathing fire, we may retire from the altar being made terrible to the devil.

We must not mind insulting men, if by respecting them we offend God.



A mother experiences more than one death, even though she herself will only die once. She fears for her husband; she fears for her children; again she fears for the women and children who belong to her children... For each of these-whether for loss of possessions, bodily illness, or undesired misfortune-she mourns and grieves no less than those who suffer.

You cannot pray at home, like you can at church, where there is a great multitude; where exclamations are cried out to God as from one great heart, and where there is something more: the unions of minds, the accord of souls, the bond of charity, the prayers of priests.

You can set up an altar to God in your minds by means of prayer. And so it is fitting to pray at your trade, on a journey, standing at a counter, or sitting at your handicraft.

God loves us more than a father, mother, friend, or any else could love, and even more than we are able to love ourselves.

Since it is likely that, being men, they would sin every day, St. Paul consoles his hearers by saying 'renew yourselves' from day to day. This is what we do with houses: we keep constantly repairing them as they wear old. You should do the same thing to yourself. Have you sinned today? Have you made your soul old? Do not despair, do not despond, but renew your soul by repentance, and tears, and Confession, and by doing good things. And never cease doing this.

Bookstore employee writes this on Facebook after "little old lady" shocks everyone at the register

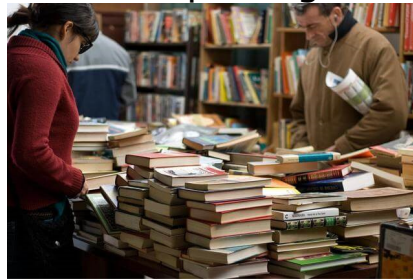
A bookstore worker recently wrote this Facebook post describing an encounter with a "little old lady" who shocked everyone at the register. The post has since gone viral, and for good reason. Read it below.

Posted by Christine Turel

I work in a decent sized, local, indie bookstore. It's a great job 99% of the time and a lot of our customers are pretty neat people. Anywho, middle of the day this little old lady comes up. She's lovably kooky. She effuses how much she loves the store and how she wishes she could spend more time in it, but her husband is waiting in the car 'OH! I BETTER BUY HIM SOME CHOCOLATE!' She piles a bunch of art supplies on the counter and then stops and tells me how my bangs are beautiful and remind her of the ocean ('Whoosh,' she says, making a wave gesture with her hand. Ok. I think to myself. Awesomely happy, weird little old ladies are my favourite kind of customer. They're thrilled about everything and they're comfortably bananas. I can have a good time with this one. So we chat and it's nice.

Then this kid, who's been up my counter a few times to gather his school textbooks, comes up in line behind her (we're connected to a major university in the city so we have a lot of harried students pass through). She turns around to him and, out of nowhere, demands that he put his textbooks on the counter. He's confused but she explains that she's going to buy his textbooks.

He goes sheetrock white. He refuses and adamantly insists that she can't do that. It's like, \$400 worth of textbooks. She, this tiny old woman, boldly takes them out of his hands, throws them on the counter and turns to me with an intense stare and tells me to put them on her bill. The kid at this point is practically in tears. He's confused and shocked and grateful. Then she turns to him and says, **'you need chocolate!'** She starts grabbing handfuls of chocolates and putting them in her pile.



He keeps asking her 'why are you doing this?' She responds, 'Do you like Harry Potter?' and throws a copy of the new Cursed Child on the pile too.

Finally she's done and I ring her up for a crazy amount of money. She pays and asks me to please give the kid a few bags for his stuff. While I'm bagging up her merchandise the kid hugs her. We're both telling her how amazing she is and what an awesome thing she's done. She turns to both of us and says probably one of the most profound, unscripted things I've ever had someone say: **'It's important to be kind. You can't know all the times that you've hurt people in tiny, significant ways. It's easy to be cruel without meaning to be. There's nothing you can do about that. But you can choose to be kind. Be kind.'**

The kid thanks her again and leaves. I tell her again how awesome she is. She's staring out the door after him and says to me: 'My son is a homeless meth addict. I don't know what I did. I see that boy and I see the man my son could have been if someone had chosen to be kind to him at just the right time.'



I've bagged up all her stuff and at this point am super awkward and feel like I should say something, but I don't know what. Then she turns to me and says: 'I wish I could have bangs like that but my darn hair is just too curly.' And leaves. And that is the story of the best customer I've ever had. **Be kind to somebody today!**

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Matthew 25:14-30

For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. And likewise, he that had received two, he also gained other two. But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. After a long time, the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. And so, he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.(KJV)

The present Gospel speaks about the kingdom of heaven. The Gospel describes the distribution of talents and their use while the Lord was away. The Lord gives each person talents and each person will be judged on their use.

At Holy Baptism, believers confess belief in the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Belief in Christ's return and final judgment are professed at Holy Baptism and at each Divine Liturgy.

The Holy Gospel describes the Lord Jesus Christ's return and the final judgment. (Mt.25:1-48) Each day is a day to be mindful of the talents received from God and the way the talents are used.

Every person is the recipient of talents from God. Talents used wisely and conscientiously for the glory and honor of God are an investment in the kingdom of heaven.

Time is given by God. Physical, artistic and mental talents are given by God. When talents are invested in doing good, the good is multiplied and shared by many others.

Farmers with abundant crops feed communities. Laborers working hard improve living standards. Intellects put to good use facilitate daily living. God rewards good in this life and will reward good at the time of the Second Coming.

Each person does well to determine if he or she is using the talents given by God in ways most pleasing. Each day is a day to prepare for Christ's return and final judgment.

Every person has skills and talents for the betterment and building up of God's creation. Each person can perform work or contribute time that will benefit themselves and others.

The Lord Jesus Christ will eventually return and assess what each person has done with his or her life. The way a person relates with others and the use of personal talents will be determining factors in the final judgment.

In the current Gospel, the receivers of five and two talents put their talents to good use. They increased the amount of talents they had by sound investment. The receiver of the one talent did nothing of benefit with the talent he received.

The Lord rewarded those making sound investments with their talents. The servant burying his talent lost even the talent he had. This Gospel is a valuable lesson and a message to heed Christ's teachings.

Fear and trepidation have a place in preparing for the Second Coming of Christ. We know not the day or the hour He will return. How many people have made the best use of talents given by God?

Now is the time to make the best use of talents. Heed the words of St. John the Baptist whose conception we commemorate today. St. John the Baptist said: "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Mt.3:2)

Heed the words of the Lord. Christ said; "Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Mt.4:17) Today is the day to prepare for Christ's

return and final judgment. The good use of talents is an investment in the kingdom of heaven.

Talents used appropriately as God would have them used will multiply in amount. God blesses the good use of talents and multiplies them. God rewards those individuals using their talents in God-pleasing ways.

Not everyone receives the same amount of talents. Everyone has the same opportunity to use the talents well. The receiver of five talents and the receiver of two talents increased their value. The receiver of the one talent failed to realize an increase. He experienced loss in the end.

The returning Lord rewarded the servants doubling the value of their talents.

The person failing to achieve an increase was punished. The present Gospel is a strong lesson to prepare daily for the Lord's return and final judgment

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Conception of the Glorious Prophet and Baptist John. September 23/October 6, 2019. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic

"They are times when, like a sailor on deck, when the storm comes bringing big waves washing the deck, if you are trapped there, you can do nothing otherwise you might end up in the sea, except to hold on the railings, hold the bar. After the waves have passed, then you can run to the cabin, let's say..." Fr. Rafail Noica

Therefore, whether you call upon the Lord Himself, or His Mother, or the angels, or saints, call upon them with all your heart; whether you pray for anyone living or departed, pray for them with your whole heart, pronouncing their names with heartfelt fervour; *Righteous John, Wonderworker of Kronstadt My Life in Christ p.193*



PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

LORD,

MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE;
WHERE THERE IS HATRED, LET ME SOW LOVE;
WHERE THERE IS INJURY, PARDON;
WHERE THERE IS DISCORD, UNION;
WHERE THERE IS DOUBT, FAITH;
WHERE THERE IS DESPAIR, HOPE;
WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS, LIGHT;
AND WHERE THERE IS SADNESS, JOY.

"O DIVINE MASTER,
GRANT THAT I MAY NOT SO MUCH SEEK
TO BE CONSOLED, AS TO CONSOLE;
TO BE UNDERSTOOD, AS TO UNDERSTAND;
TO BE LOVED, AS TO LOVE;
FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE,
IT IS IN PARDONING THAT WE ARE PARDONED,
AND IT IS IN DYING THAT
WE ARE BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE."

AMEN.