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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 Smolynech, 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 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, Gaele 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 Stroz [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 Pynch, 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 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 Slausenhaupt, 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 & Gordon 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,

Mike Ruzzi, Cindy M., Stephen Popichak—Fr. Bob's brother, Pearl Hanczar, Mary Kay Ludovicy, Joe Sever, Pastor Sara Irwin, 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

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, NOVEMBER 24 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; GREAT-MARTYR MENAS OF EGYPT; MARTYR
VICTOR AT DAMASCUS & STEPHANIDA OF SPAIN; MARTYR VINCENT OF SPAIN;
VENERABLE THEODORE THE CONFESSOR-ABBOT OF THE STUDIO**

Tone 6

Ephesians 2:4-10

Luke 10:25-37

Litany in Blessed Memory of Paul Popichak—Fr. Bob

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 ADVENT/SAINT PHILIP'S FAST BEGINS

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 01 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MARTYR PLATON OF ANCYRA; MARTYR
ROMANUS THE DEACON OF CAESAREA & CHILD-MARTYR BARULAS OF
ANTIOCH; MARTYRS ZACCHAEUS THE DEACON & ALPHAEUS OF CAESAREA IN
PALESTINE**

Tone 7

Ephesians 2:14-22

Luke 12:16-21

Litany in Blessed Memory of Thomas Bryan, John Hanczar, Edward & Helen Pytlak, Mary Blitzkan, Marjorie Yarmeak, Mary Sharon, Rose Pyrch, Frank Barankovich, Mary Krevanich, Katherine Holowaty, & Robert Vetosky—Fr. Bob

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 08 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; LEAVE-TAKING OF THE ENTRY OF THE MOST
HOLY THEOTOKOS; HIEROMARTYR CLEMENT-POPE OF ROME; HIEROMARTYR
PETER-ARCHBISHOP OF ALEXANDRIA; VENERABLE PETER THE SILENT OF
GALATA, SYRIA**

Tone 8

Ephesians 4:1-6; Hebrews 9:1-7

Luke 13:10-17; Luke 10:38-42,11:27-28

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 24 NOVEMBER 2019

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MARTYR VICTOR AT DAMASCUS & STEPHANIDA OF SPAIN; MARTYR
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ABBOT OF THE STUDIO**

TROPARION—TONE 6

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body.
Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it.
Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.
O Lord who didst rise from the dead: 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 6

When Christ God, the Giver of Life,
Raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race.
He is the Savior of all,
The Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 6

READER: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

PEOPLE: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

READER: To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me.

PEOPLE: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

READER: O Lord, save Thy people.

PEOPLE: And bless Thine inheritance.

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 6

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

He will say to the Lord: My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in whom I trust.

The Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost Luke 8:5-15

A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it. And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be? And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience. (KJV)

We are blessed to hear the word of God in our churches. We are blessed to have access to the word of God for personal study and use in daily life. We are blessed with seminaries, colleges and universities to study the word of God.

The word of God is accessible in written, oral and visual formats. Icons and frescoes depict different themes from the word of God. The word of God has spread across the world through God's Holy Church.

Countless numbers of people have heard the word of God during the passing centuries. Today as in earlier times, each person hearing the word of God makes determined choices about adhering to the word of God.

On feast days of the Mother of God, we hear the words from the Gospel of St. Luke: "Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it." (Lk.11:28) The present Gospel reinforces the value of heeding the word of God and keeping it.

The world brings challenges to each believer. Many persons hearing the word of God reject it outright or eventually depart from following it. Different cares and interests cause a person to depart from following the word of God.

Serious believers rejoice in the word of God and ascribe great value to following it. The word of God is constantly nourishing and instructive. The word of God unites the believer with the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of God is comforting and ever available in times of need. When feeling lost, angry or alone, believers often turn to the word of God. Turning to the word of God brings hope, peace and tranquility.

The word of God lifts the spirits of the most downtrodden. The word of God gives courage to the sick and believers involved in various battles of life. The word of God gives strength to the exhausted.

We read in Isaiah these instructive words: "But they that wait upon the Lord shall **renew** their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. (Is.40:31)

The present Gospel describes the value of patience in heeding the word of the Lord. Following the Lord with patience results in the bearing of fruit.

Today's world often expects immediate action. The Lord advises being patient.

Merit exists in looking back through the years of God's Holy Church and studying the fruits brought forth with patience. A current example of patience is the building of the St. Sava Church on Vracar.

The building of the St. Sava Church on Vracar began decades ago. The construction was brought to halt for an extended period of time. Patience

prevailed and construction resumed. The completion is an example for the world to behold.

Christ's message has faced peril through the centuries. Christ was killed on the Cross. Christ's killers and those that plotted against Him presumed that death would put an end to Him. Christ lives on. Christ rose from the Tomb.

Christ's Holy Church continues to grow and to spread across the world. Serious followers of Christ are patient in heeding the word of God. Believers experience Christ in the Gospel, in His Church, in the Holy Mysteries.

Believers around the world hear the present Gospel reading proclaimed today. Individuals from different backgrounds and of different ages hear the Holy Gospel and have the opportunity to take it to heart.

Choices always remain with the passing of time as to whether to be faithful to the word of the Lord. We read in Joshua the statement: "Choose you this day whom ye will serve."(Joshua 24:15)

At Holy Baptism, believers commit to following the Lord. When having gone astray, believers always have the opportunity to repent and return to following the narrow path to the Kingdom. (Mt.4:17, Mt.7 13-14)

Joy exists in the Lord God in ways and dimensions beyond measure. Trusting the Lord God always is the soundest investment and the path to follow.

The present Gospel is a lasting lesson brought before believers each year.

Attentive believers adhere to the word of God and are eternally gratefully.

The Lord's love and goodness are manifested and present in His word. We learn on Pascha: "The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."

(Jn.1:17)

*The Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost. Holy Martyrs Terence; St. Arsenius of Srem, Archbishop of Serbia. October 28/November 10, 2019.
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Ecumenical Patriarch: "It is unacceptable that representatives of religions appear as preachers of fanaticism"

Message from His All-Holiness at the International Conference on Religious Diplomacy held in Athens yesterday

"Peace between religions is a fundamental prerequisite for peace between peoples and cultures," the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew pointed out in his recorded message to the International Conference on Religious Diplomacy, on the topic "Religion in the Modern World: Challenges and Prospects for Dialogue and Peace," co-organized by "Foreign Affairs: The Hellenic Edition" magazine and the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens that began Monday, November 11, in Athens.

In his message, His All-Holiness pointed out, among other things, that "religions must develop their peacekeeping function more effectively," and reiterate that 'violence and war in the name of religion and God is violence and war against religion and God.' Religions must cease to give welcome arguments to the opponents of faith and to those who seek to identify religion with its negative aspects. It is unacceptable for representatives of religions to appear as preachers of fanaticism, to ignite the flame of hatred, and casually allow religion be used by unscrupulous people for dissimilar, non-peaceful purposes."

His All-Holiness reiterates that "in view of the outbursts of religious fundamentalism, of brutal violence, the destruction of religious monuments, the impending or even ongoing 'clash of civilizations,' persecution of religious minorities, and the widespread violation of religious freedom, the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church (Crete, 2016) condemned these morbid expressions of religiosity and praised the importance of interfaith dialogue and its contribution to peace."

"It has been rightly said that 'the Gordian knot' of peace is not untied by the sword of Alexander the Great. Peace is an eternal challenge and a task that is never fulfilled, it is never guaranteed forever, and it requires constant struggle. We are 'destined' to struggle and suffer for peace. After all, Our Modesty praises and supports any sincere initiative for peace, and continuously strives for the dialogue of religions and for the strengthening of their contribution towards reconciliation and solidarity," said the Patriarch.

Following is the full text of the Message of the Ecumenical Patriarch to the International Conference on Religious Diplomacy on "Religion

in the Modern World: Challenges and Prospects for Dialogue and Peace”:

The Honorable Mr. Lukas G. Katsonis, Editor-in-Chief of *Foreign Affairs Magazine: The Hellenic Edition*, beloved in the Lord son of Our Modesty, may the grace, peace and blessing of God be with you.

We have experienced for the last decade a reassessment of the role of religion in the lives of individuals and in society. Religion is dynamically returning to the forefront, appearing to be an important factor in the present and future of mankind. No analysis of the present situation is complete unless there is a reference to the influence of religion. In this discussion, four important functions of religion are highlighted: the first has to do with the meaning of human life. Religion gives vital answers to our deep existential problems and a steady orientation to human existence. Secondly, religion provides identity to peoples and cultures. Therefore, those who know the religion of the other have access to the characteristics of his or her culture. Thirdly, the most important cultural achievements of man, his highest and most important intellectual and artistic works, are related to religion. The fourth function of religion relates to its contribution to peace. Peace between religions is a fundamental prerequisite for peace between people and civilization.

Regarding the last point, which is your conference theme, there has been criticism of religion over the fact that it does not seem to be working effectively against violence in the name of God.

In view of the explosion of religious fundamentalism, of brutal violence, the destruction of religious monuments, the impending or even ongoing 'clash of civilizations,' persecution of religious minorities, and the widespread violation of religious freedom, a Great Council of the Orthodox Church (Crete, 2016) condemned these morbid expressions of religiosity and praised the importance of interfaith dialogue and its contribution to peace. In the Encyclical of the Council, the following points are noted: "Today We are experiencing today an increase of violence in the name of God. The explosions of fundamentalism within religious communities threaten to create the view that fundamentalism belongs to the essence of the phenomenon of religion. The truth, however, is that fundamentalism, as "zeal not based on knowledge" (Rom 10.2), constitutes an expression of morbid religiosity. A true Christian, following the example of the crucified Lord, sacrifices himself and does not sacrifice others, and for this reason is the most stringent critic of fundamentalism of whatever provenance.

Honest interfaith dialogue contributes to the development of mutual trust and to the promotion of peace and reconciliation.” (§ 17).

And we also emphasize that religions must develop their peacekeeping function more effectively, and reiterate that “violence and war in the name of religion and God is violence and war against religion and God.” Religions must cease to give welcome arguments to the opponents of faith and to those who seek to identify religion with its negative aspects. It is unacceptable for representatives of religions to appear as preachers of fanaticism, to ignite the flame of hatred, and casually allow religion to be used by unscrupulous people for dissimilar, non-peaceful, purposes.”

Never in the history of mankind has peace been an inexplicable condition, but it has always been the result of inspired initiatives, of bravery and self-sacrifice, of the righteousness of men and women. In our day, many expect that the end of the “Cold War,” the rise of the standard of living, the advancement of science and technology, the information society and global literacy will contribute significantly. But there are new initiatives, cultural conflicts, religious fundamentalism, the struggle for the preservation of popular representation, terrorism, the arms industry and a variety of other economic interests, social problems, and injustice, operating today in the context of new violent conflicts and the restriction of freedom and human rights.

It has been rightly said that “the Gordian knot of peace is not untied by the sword of Alexander the Great. Peace is an eternal challenge and a task that is never fulfilled, it is never guaranteed forever, and it requires constant struggle. We are ‘destined’ to struggle and suffer for peace.” After all, Our Modesty praises and supports any sincere initiative for peace, and continuously strives for the dialogue of religions and for the strengthening of their contribution to reconciliation and solidarity.

The Orthodox Church emphasized and emphasizes the connection of peace with justice. Concern for peace means the creation of a society of justice and freedom, for the protection of human rights. Fundamental justice in peace is the highest universal good, the true cause, the “bearer of the good,” for human beings, for people, for mankind. The Church must promote the philanthropic traditions and values of the Orthodox tradition, to contribute to the edification of a peaceful human being, who will see in the person of a fellow human being his brother, and not someone who threatens his life and freedom, not “hell.”

With these thoughts, congratulations to the organizers and other contributors to this international conference, with its impressive theme, and

wishing you success in all things, we convey to the eloquent speakers and other delegates and other participants, our Patriarchal blessing and we beseech for you the grace and mercy of the God of peace, justice, and love.

November 4, 2019.

Trust God

Psalm 7:1-O Lord my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me: (KJV)

Trusting in God is an expectation for believers seeking the heavenly kingdom. The path to the God's Kingdom is revealed to seeking believers during daily life. Attentive eyes and ears are directed to the Lord God all the days of conscious life. Vigilant believers will avoid perilous paths and seek authenticity from the Lord. The heart is joyful when trust in the Lord God is verified in daily occurrences.

Psalm 16:1-Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust. (KJV)

Believers loving the Lord God seek the Kingdom with complete and earnest faith. Conscious choices are made throughout life to seek first the Kingdom of God. Believers come to know that trusting the Lord God is always the beneficial path. The Lord God will protect and not betray or abandon seriously trusting believers. Being greatly attentive to the Lord God reveals the ultimate benefit of earnest trust.

Psalm 18:2-The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. (KJV)

Trusting in the Lord God is discovered by the seekers looking to save their souls. Increasing trust in the Lord God develops as the Christian matures and grows. The Christian life begins at Baptism and trust in the Lord is expected to continue. Challenges and temptations occur as life progresses and faithfulness is expected. Christians violate the Baptismal commitment when later betraying trust in God.

Psalm 18:30-As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the Lord is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him. (KJV)

Placing trust in the Lord God results in nourishment of the heart, mind and soul. The Holy Scriptures offer instruction and verify the value of placing trust in God. The Psalms are rich and instructive references for learning to trust in the Lord God. Great benefit exists in drawing strength, knowledge, and wisdom from the Psalms. Trusting in the Lord God will guide believers facing difficult personal situations.

Psalm 20:7-Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God. (KJV)

Learning the value of trusting in the Lord God is opportunity for Christian growth. Studying the topic of trusting in God merits the investment of real personal effort. Increasing trust in the Lord is required for believers to truly grow and develop. Joy is ultimately experienced when believers place complete trust in the Lord. The passing centuries reveals the immeasurable value of trusting in the Lord God.

*St. King Milutin, Venerable Theoctist, and Helena, Confessor Varnava of Hvosno.
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"Good disposition is the affection or love for a certain kind of good deeds which lies at the core of doing them. Humility, for example, is described as a virtue, but it is not a specific act, but an innermost attitude that can be seen in all humble deeds".