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PALM SUNDAY

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, Archbishop Jovan, Bishop Robert, Metropolitan Savas, Metropolitan Kallistos of Diokleia, Father Jakiw Norton, Father Paul Stoll, Father Joseph Kopchak, Father Elias Warnke, Father George Yatsko, Father Paul Bigelow, Father Emilian Balan, Father John & Pani Mary Anne Nakonachny, Father Steve Repa, Protopresbyter William & Pani-Dobrodijka Sonia Diakiw, Archpriest Dionysi Vitali, Protodeacon Joseph Hotrovich, Father Paisius McGrath, Father Michael Smolynec, Father Lawrence & Matushka Sophia Daniels, Father Joe Cervo, Father John Harrold [Saint Sylvester], Igumen Patrick, Pani Mary Ann Chubenko, Father Jim Orr, Father Rick S3ilier, Panimatka Laryssa Charest, Fr. Vasyl Sendeha, Father George & Dobrodijka Oksana Bazylevsky, 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, 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, Yvonne Christy, Father Deacon 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, 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, Michelle, Patrick, Linda Morris, Chris, David Hiles, Jennifer, 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, 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], 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 & 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, 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 & Jan Jennings, Tim Sams, Mike Ruzzi, Stephen Popichak—Fr. Bob's brother, Mary Kay Ludovicy, Pastor Sara Irwin, George Dilendorf, Andy & Sharon Torick, Carol Behun, Erv Frye,

William Lusherand, Colin Kirton—Stage 4 pancreatic cancer, Clifford, Joe Veto, Paul Riley, Tonee & Sydnee Turner, Annette Paluh, Theresa Paluh, Lottie Bubrzyk, Cathy Lotinsky, Monk Andrew, Jeff & Buschra Kerr, Steven—Harry Batch’s cousin, Rose Mary Pavlovich—Mary Anne Kuznik’s Cousin, Margaret Sekelsky, Robert Sekelsky, Robert Rodriguez, Dollie Irvin, Joe Mrvos, Alexandra & Bowen, Katherine Kulik, Micky Delans [COVID-19], Pastor Terry Polen, Eleanor Kitt, Stacie & Gary, Maria Warholak, Stacie & Gary, Anna Sekelik, Christy, Mariruth, Rich & Judy Previc, Ben Williams, Denis Strittmatter, Father Joe Uzar—newly ordained, Tim—surgery, John Wakin, Olivia—young girl with a brain tumor, Rick & Sharon Morgan, John Stasko [triple by-pass], John, Kris & Kait, Jeff & Mary Jane Double [COVID-19], Terri Crosby-Vega [COVID-19], Kristi Wilson, Wendy LaGamba, Melissa Gross [hip replacement], Mike, Amy, Nathan, & Ben Forbeck [COVID-19], David Salazar, Ann Zurasky [knee replacement], James Mary, Barb Bookser, Dr. Paul Riley, David Hess, Serena, Wyatt, Makenzie, Jennifer, Carolyn Strittmatter, Barbara Shegat & Chaplain Rachelle Zazzu, Candace Irvin, Carol Muschick, Grace Love [knee replacement], Stacie Riley, Joseph Paul Cervo, Jr. [infant], Elizabeth [5-year-old], Lillian Skowvron, Pani Cathy Danczak, Sue & Greg Heinen, Paul Simpson [Father Bob’s cousin, car accident], Sharon Curtis Rivas, Kathy Milcic, Lisa Bolan, David G. [cancer], Donna [dementia] & Darla, Linda Snow, Zack Blair [Pani Gina’s nephew], Greg & Mary Lou Sheakley [Pani Gina’s cousins—COVID], the McKenna family, David Gazella, Brian & Michele Cannone, Robert & Eleanor Rodrigues & family, Don Menagon [COVID-19], Father Deacon James Rossetti & Diakonissa Kari—ordination!, Steve Sivulich, Michael Welsh, Nick Solominsky, Samantha & Lisa Sarah Stepanovich Clark, Julia Baloga, Diane Norton [cancer], Brett Crosby, Randy Lapuh, Henry & Shirley Tkacik, 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 REVIEW THE ABOVE PRAYER LIST—LET FATHER BOB KNOW IF ANYONE SHOULD BE REMOVED...THANK YOU!!!

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE! PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD—AND IN OUR LIVES!

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,

Tone 1

Acts: 5: 12-20

John 20:19-31

Litany in Blessed Memory of Charles Cherepko, Joseph Baloga, Daniel J. Pysh, Jr., Nicholas Homyrda, Anna Metrick, Carol Rose, Bogdan Mural, Esther Tylavsky, Evdokia "Josephine" Repa, +Metropolitan Constantine, Metro Warholak, Khorja Joann Abdalah, Katherine Tomson, Walter Golofski, Jr., Michael Yarmeak, Anna Vangrin, Stella Cherepko, & Rudy Muslin—Fr. Bob

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 17 APRIL 2022

**6th SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT; PALM SUNDAY; ENTRY OF THE LORD INTO JERUSALEM; SAINT JOSEPH THE HYMNOGRAPHER OF SICILY; SAINT GEORGE-MONK OF MOUNT MALEON IN THE PELOPONNESUS; SAINT JOSEPH THE MUCH-AILING OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA
*****BLESSING OF PALMS AND PUSSYWILLOWS*******

The Introit of the Little Entrance

Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God! Like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to Thee: O Vanquisher of Death: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Another Troparion Tone 4

When we were buried with Thee in Baptism, O Christ God, we were made worthy of eternal life by Thy Resurrection! Now we praise Thee and sing: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Kontakion Tone 6

Sitting on Thy throne in heaven, carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God! Accept the praise of angels and the songs of children, who sing: Blessed is He that comes to recall Adam!

Prokeimenon Tone 4 (Psalm 118)

Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!

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O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

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Alleluia Verses Tone 1 (Psalm 98)

O sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord has done marvelous things!

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God!

Communion Hymn (Psalm 118)

Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!

"Until a man's earthly life finishes its course, up to the very departure of the soul from the body, the struggle between sin and righteousness continues within him. However high a spiritual and moral state one might achieve, a gradual or even headlong and deep fall into the abyss of sin is always possible. Therefore, communion of the holy Body and Blood of Christ, which strengthens our contact with Him and refreshes us with the living streams of the grace of the Holy Spirit flowing through the Body of the Church, is necessary for everyone." *Saint John of San Francisco*



"The only place where modern man does not like to visit—is himself. He cannot hear the silence, he does not want to hear the voice of his conscience. But without knowing yourself you can not know God. Modern man lives in a shadowy world of TV, the media, the Internet, but the greatest reality in the world is the human soul. Inside we can open up the

kingdom of heaven, in our heart God wants to be born!" (Bishop Panteleimon (Shatov), 21st Century Russian Hierarch, 2013 blog entry)

The Fifth Sunday of Great Lent Mark 10:32-45

And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus went before them: and they were amazed; and as they followed, they were afraid. And he took again the twelve, and began to tell them what things should happen unto him, Saying, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles: And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again. And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldst do for us whatsoever we shall desire. And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you? They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory. But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized: But to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared. And when the ten heard it, they began to be much displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.(KJV)

St. Mary of Egypt Luke 7:36-50

And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat. And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment, And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner. And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on. There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most? Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged. And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little. And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven. And they that sat at meat with him began to say within

themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also? And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace .(KJV)

The last week of Great Lent has arrived. The time remaining until the arrival of Holy Week is brief and precious. If we are to benefit greatly, we must invest extensively in the remaining days.

The Lord God is good and merciful, Today's Gospel from St. Luke describes the Lord Jesus Christ's willingness and power to forgive sins. Jesus recognized and responded to the repentant woman's great faith.

The remaining time until the arrival of Holy Week is a time for repentance and completely focusing on the Lord Jesus Christ. The arrival of Pascha will soon be with us.

Now is the time to ready ourselves for the arrest, trial and crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus' great and immeasurable love for each person as exemplified on the Cross and merits a central place in the heart, mind and soul.

Today and each day we need to guard our heart, mind and soul that we do not put our soul in peril. Evil abounds in today world. That which appears good may actually be evil.

Serious prayer and fasting keep the believer vigilant and on guard against evil attacks and perilous temptations. The Lord God will strengthen and guide attentive and vigilant believers to the Heavenly Kingdom.

In today's Gospel of St. Mark, Jesus describes His forthcoming arrest, abuse, death and Resurrection. Let us use the days ahead to seriously contemplate all that Jesus has done in love for each of us.

Worldly distractions and events need to be set aside. Jesus deserves our increased focused attention with each arriving moment. Jesus' love will heal our deepest hurts and cleanse our transgressions.

When we repent, we give ourselves to Jesus Christ and become unified with Him. When we repent, Jesus fills our heart, mind and soul and transforms us.

The Body and Blood of Christ renews us, guides us and empowers us in Christ.

The Divine services of the Church today and each day strengthen, educate and offer healing. We learn of Christ and draw closer to Christ with each service we attend.

The time of life comes only once. We do well to invest our time wisely, seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteous. (Mt.6:33) The Church keeps us on the narrow path to the Kingdom, salvation and eternal life.

Let us heed Jesus' lessons on forgiveness and service in the Name of the Lord as recorded in the Gospels for today. May we recognize Jesus' unsurpassed love and humility and make them a part of our daily lives.

Thank God for the Church and the opportunity to repent. Thank God for the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us always be thoroughly mindful of Jesus' suffering, death on the Cross and Resurrection which changed the world forever.

The Fifth Sunday of Great Lent. St. Mary of Egypt. Venerable Father Hilarion the New. March 28/April 10, 2022. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic

Martyrs in every age...via Keety Saad

In honor of the Martyrdom of Hegumen Father Arsanios Wadid on the evening of Thursday, April 7, 2022



With hope in the general resurrection of the dead, and the life of the coming age, we bid Father Arsanios Wadid, priest of the church of the Holy Theotokos St. Mary and St. Paul the Apostle in Karmouz, Alexandria, to the Paradise of Joy.

Fr. Arsanios walked with a group of youth and his family down Al Corniche, the waterfront promenade along the port of Alexandria, specifically in the region of Abu Hayf. At approximately 9:15 PM, after the time of Iftar for the fast of Ramadan, a man feigning neediness and poverty approached Fr. Arsanios as he was about to board a minibus with the youth to return home. He asked Fr. Arsanios for money, with the intent to distract him. Fr. Arsanios gave him.

As Fr. Arsanios was giving the alms, another man, an Islamic fundamentalist, quietly approached Fr. Arsanios from behind. He drew a knife and stabbed Fr. Arsanios in the neck three times, viciously slaughtering him and severing his carotid artery. These events were witnessed to the horror of the youth with him. The murderer and the man feigning poverty were immediately apprehended. Fr. Arsanios was transported to the Military Hospital of Sidi Gaber, and four attempts to resuscitate him commenced. He did not respond to any of the attempts, and was pronounced dead.

Rizk Wadid was born in 1966, and ordained to the priesthood at the hands of the Thrice-Blessed Pope Shenouda III on June 16, 1995, taking the name Fr. Arsanios. He was elevated to the rank of Hegumen on October 16, 2021 by His Holiness Pope Tawadros II. On April 7, 2022, he received the crown of martyrdom. He was 56 years old.

Worthy, are you, our Father Arsanios the martyr, of the crowns of struggle and martyrdom. Pray for us. [#orthodoxsaintstories](#)

The Fifth Sunday of Great Lent-Evening Vespers-April 10, 2022

Proverbs 10:12-Hatred stirs up strife but love covers all sins.

Love is fundamental to the Christian life. Love is to permeate all a Christian does. Love is to be the rule of faith for the Christian. Hatred has no place in the heart, mind or actions of a believer.

The only place proper for hatred is hatred of sin. The believer needs to battle sin. The believer needs to seek peace. The believer needs to find a state of life where Christ is dominant and sinfulness is to be eschewed.

Hatred expressed verbally or physically is disconcerting. Hatred expressed physically or verbally can produce similar reactions. Hatred needs replaced with love.

The dangers of hatred require assessment. The reactions to hatred should be measured. Strong reactions to hatred are required from time to time. Reactions to hatred are not to be motivated by hatred.

Measured reactions to hatred will take into consideration the necessities of achieving peace without compromising principles. Believers need not give in to hatred expressed physically or orally.

Strength from Christ is necessary to deal with hatred. Strength from Christ is necessary to exercise restraint. Strength from Christ is required to maintain perspective and composure in the face of adversaries.

Christian love will manifest forgiveness. Christian love will demonstrate forgiveness toward the repentant sinner. Christian love will embrace the returning prodigal son or daughter.

Christian love will produce support for the victims of discrimination. Christian love will result in an encouraging presence in times of distress. Christian love will provide a voice for the voiceless.

Hatred runs counter to the life in Christ. Hatred runs counter to the Christ in the Gospels. Hatred does not produce love. Hatred does not produce peace.

Cultivating love in the way of life requires patience. Cultivating love in the way of life requires love of God. Cultivating love is easier in an atmosphere of love.

Not all persons growing up in an atmosphere of hatred learn to hate...but many do. Not all persons growing up in an atmosphere of love reflect love in the way they live. Love is a mystery associated with God. Love is a mystery best understood with faithfulness to God. Love is a mystery best seen in the perspective of the Crucified and Risen Christ.

Love is to be cherished, cultivated and shared. Love requires forgiveness and the overlooking of perceived shortcomings in others. Love

involves personal sacrifice for the spouse, son or daughter, friend or neighbor.

Love is willingly putting aside the self for the benefit of another.

Song of Solomon-8:6-Set me a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is as strong as death, jealousy as cruel as the grave; its flames are flames of fire, a most vehement flame.

Seal the heart with the love of God. Seal the heart from attacks of sins. Seal the heart with joy. Value the heart as the home for Christ. Value the heart as part of the temple of the Holy Spirit.

Guard the relationship with God and do all required to maintain the relationship pleasing to God. Guard the relationship with God and maintain the discipline necessary.

Stay away from the pathway to death. Stay firm on the path to eternal life.

The Crucified and Risen Christ demonstrated the power of love over death. The Crucified and Risen Christ can quench the flames that burn the soul.

The fire of Christ will warm the heart. The fire of Christ will ignite and provide the necessary speech. The fire of Christ will blaze the trail to the Kingdom.

Doubters will question the wisdom of following Christ. Doubters will question the wisdom of believing in the Crucifixion and Resurrection. Doubters will be jealous of those loving Christ and finding fulfillment in Christ.

Doubters will try to derail believers. Doubters will try to sink believers. Doubters will try to persuade believers.

If an observer views an icon of The Ladder of Divine Ascent, the visual image of failure is apparent. Reaching the Kingdom requires faithfulness throughout life until the last breath.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: "Narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it."(Mt.7:14). Each person makes the choices affecting his or her direction in life.

Each person determines by the choices made whether the ultimate destination is the Kingdom of God or eternal damnation. The way each person exercises choices daily determines the ultimate outcome of his or her life.

Abuse of the relationship with God is not healthy. Abuse of the relationship with God is irresponsible. Abuse of the relationship with God fails to show appreciation to God.

The grave could not represent victory over Christ. Hatred is not victorious over love. Even where physical death results, love for Christ triumphs by the witness of the Christian martyr.

The martyrs of Kosovo show convincingly that love for Christ in times of adversity is not forgotten or hidden but revealed for believers to see. Even after centuries have elapsed martyrs having died for Christ witness to succeeding generations.

Hold to love. Eschew hatred. Cling to God and love God.

John 13:35-By this they will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

Followers of Jesus Christ are expected to have love for one another. Love for another is evidence of being a follower of Christ. Having love for one another on a continuous basis and under various circumstances is part of the challenge of being a Christian.

To achieve and maintain love for one another requires continuous love for and unity with Jesus Christ. Only in Christ, learning from Christ, turning to Christ in prayer and for nourishment through His Precious Body and Blood can love for one another be established and maintained.

Holy Confession and Holy Communion provide the means by which believers can maintain balance, perspective and relationships consistent with the way Christ would have relationships to be. The standards set by Christ are the highest of standards. The standards set by Christ are considered achievable. The standards set by Christ require adherence to the way of Christ.

Critics will say it is not possible to love one another. Critics will say the expectation to love one another is beyond reach. Critics will say circumstances will arise that will cast love aside and replace love with feelings other than love.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."(Mk.9:23). If we want to call ourselves followers of Christ, we must do our best to love one another.

To do less than our best is deceptive and dishonorable. Bearing the name Christian carries with it the responsibility to do what is expected by Christ. The purity of belief in Christ is measured by the love shown toward others in the name of Christ.

Love for Christ is made visible in love for others. The degree to which one loves Christ will be revealed in the love shown toward others. Christ is identified with the least of the brethren. (Mt.25:31-46)

Believers must confront feelings preventing love for others. Address difficult feelings with Christ's help. Enemies of Christ take great satisfaction when Christians fail to show love for one another.

Parish churches are healthier when the love for one another is dominant. Families are healthier when love for one another is dominant. Work environments are healthier when love for one another is dominant.

A person loving others genuinely in the name of Christ makes a difference. True love in the name of Christ is respected. True love in the name of Christ becomes obvious over time. Love for one another comes as the believer loves Christ and grows in Christ. Christian love for others comes when pride and resentment are cast aside.

Father Rodney Torbic