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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 Yurij, 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 Luciow, 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 Strozh [young lady with cerebral palsy1, 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, 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, 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 Houser, Sarah Stepanovich Clark, Julia Baloga, Brett Crosby, Randy Lapuh, Henry & Shirley Tkacik, Diane & Arthur Chaklis, Denny Mader, 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 NAMES ON THE PRAYER LIST ABOVE AND LET FATHER BOB KNOW ANY NAMES THAT CAN BE REMOVED...

Respect for others is peace. Respect for yourself is Happiness!

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ... There is <u>NOTHING</u> to keep us from praying...for each other, for our family and friends, and most of all for the first responders—EMTs, nurses, doctors, firefighters, police officers, and members of our military who keep us safe. Be well and be SAFE!!! God Bless!

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

REMEMBER—PRAYERS ARE ALWAYS 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 CALL FATHER BOB at [412] 279-5640.

SERVICES IN SLICKVILLE

SUNDAY, July 24 OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MIRACLE OF GREAT-MARTYR EUPHEMIA THE ALL-PRAISED OF CHALCEDON; HIEROMARTYR CINDEUS OF PAMPHYLIA; BLESSED OLHA-PRINCESS OF KYIV-IN BAPTISM-HELEN

Tone 5
Romans 12:6-14; 2 Corinthians 6:1-10
Matthew 9:1-8; Luke 7:36-50

SUNDAY, July 31 OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS; MARTYR EMILIAN OF SILISTRA IN BULGARIA; MARTYR HYACINTH OF AMASTRIS; VENERABLE PAMBO-HERMIT OF EGYPT; VENERABLE JOHN THE LONG-SUFFERING AND VENERABLE PAMBO THE RECLUSE—OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA

Tone 6

Romans 15:1-7; Hebrews 13:7-16; Galatians 5:22-6:2 Matthew 9:27-35; John 17:1-13; Luke 6:17-23

SUNDAY, August 07 OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; DORMITION OF THE RIGHTEOUS ANNA-MOTHER OF THE MOST-HOLY THEOTOKOS; SAINT OLYMPIAS THE DEACONESS & VIRGIN EUPHRAXIA OF TABENNA; COMMEMORATION OF THE 5TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Tone 7

1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Galatians 4:22-31 Matthew 14:14-22; Luke 8:16-21

Litany in Blessed Memory of Father Peter Natishan, Samuel Mrvos, Matushka Virginia Pyrch, David Yenni, Denise Lawrence, Rudy Obradovich, Michael Horvath, John Sheliga, Anna Harte, Mildred Kitch, Agnes Rossi, Michael Cherepko, & Mary Vangan—Fr. Bob

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 24 JULY 2022

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TROPARION—TONE 5

Let the faithful praise and worship the Word,
Coeternal with the Father and the Spirit;
Born for our salvation from the Virgin;
For He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
To endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

KONTAKION-TONE 5

Thou didst descend into Hell, O my Savior,
Shattering its gates as almighty;
Resurrecting the dead as Creator,
And destroying the sting of death.
Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man,
And we all cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 5

READER: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

PEOPLE: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

READER: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

PEOPLE: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

READER: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us...

PEOPLE: From this generation forever.

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 5

I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever, and my truth will be prepared in the heavens.

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Matthew 8:5-13

And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour. (KJV)

Great faith in the Lord is a true blessing. Great faith reveals to the believer the continuous depth of God's love. Exercising great faith reveals God's healing power and immeasurable goodness.

The centurion in the present Gospel was blessed with great faith. The Lord Jesus Christ recognized the depth and strength of the centurion's faith. Jesus Christ responded to the centurion's faith and healed his afflicted servant.

The centurion's deep interest in the wellness of his servant was an important element in the healing. The centurion was not looking for glory for himself. The centurion was clearly focused on Jesus and the power of Jesus to heal the servant.

For great faith to develop in the believer, the believer must be firmly focused. Purity of heart, mind and soul have a place in seeking healing. Those aspects of life which prevent love of Christ are to be rejected and repelled.

Jesus' love for each person is well-documented through the centuries. Jesus' healing power has filled volumes of books. Accounts and testimonies of healing by Jesus Christ are readily available.

Believers around the world turn to the Lord Jesus Christ in prayer and strong faith seeking healing. Believers in search of healing are never disappointed. Healing takes different forms and is not always outwardly physical.

Healing includes changing the heart, mind and soul in relationship to the current illness, injury or affliction. The believer does well to look to the Lord for understanding and perspective when seeking healing. Illnesses, injuries and afflictions can become sources of ultimate joy to a believer. They may result in a new and beneficial relationship with the Lord. The heart, mind and soul can be purified as a result of an illness, affliction or an injury.

Believer's having a strong and deep relationship with the Lord come to ultimately realize the value of the words of the Holy Apostle Paul in his Epistle to the Romans.

The Holy Apostle Paul wrote: "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (Rom.8:28) The believer benefits from being patient and understanding in the desire for healing.

The Lord God knows what each believer needs. Searching deep within the heart, mind and soul the believer will ultimately discover the Lord's purpose and reasoned response to prayers for healing.

God's Holy Church educates and nourishes the faithful about Jesus Christ's healing powers. The Mother of God, the saints and martyrs serve as valued intercessors before the Lord when healing is needed and desired.

The present Gospel speaks clearly about healing. The Church wants believers around the world to know about the centurion, his strong faith and Jesus Christ healing his servant.

Readers of the Gospel know that reading the Gospel faithfully in the context of God's Holy Church brings constant healing in life. Every day believers are afflicted with sin and ailments to the soul that need healed.

Reading and listening to the Holy Gospel regularly will bring healing to the believer. The Lord Jesus Christ works miracles through the reading and hearing of the Gospel.

Life is to be lived fully and completely in God's Holy Church. The Church teaches about Jesus Christ. The Church offers direct experience with Jesus Christ in the Holy Mysteries. Healing is only one aspect of the life in Christ.

The believer's response to healing is always to be kept in mind. Being grateful to Jesus Christ for healing will shape the remaining time of life. When healing occurs, the opportunity to witness for Jesus Christ arises.

Persons healed by Christ do well to tell others. Persons who are healed benefit by learning more about Christ. Having been healed, believers benefit by devoting the remaining time of life to loving Christ and demonstrating gratitude.

When illness or injuries arise, praying for healing often comes to mind. When recovery occurs, giving thanks to the Lord is absolutely proper and merits first place. Healing brings joy to the believer.

Sharing the joy of being healed will enrich others needing to learn more about Jesus Christ and the value of strong faith. Believers through the centuries have benefitted from the strong faith of the centurion.

Today let us give thanks to God's Holy Church for the Gospel lesson on healing. May our faith in the Lord be enriched and strengthened. Let love and gratitude for the Lord be first in our hearts, minds, and souls.

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. Venerable Sampson the Hospitable. June 27/July 10, 2022. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Matthew 8:28-9:1

And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time? And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding. So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine. And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters. And they that kept them fled, and went their ways into the city, and told everything, and what was befallen to the possessed of the devils. And, behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus: and when they saw him, they besought him that he would depart out of their coasts. And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city. (KJV)

In the current Gospel, two possessed by the devil blocked the passage way for travelers. Often the devil or those possessed by the devil block certain roadways in life.

Roadways blocked by the demon-possessed may prevent individuals from obtaining a desired job, a promotion, or access to healthcare or other needed services. The situation in the Gospel changed for the better when Jesus took action.

The passage way was opened when the Lord Jesus Christ sent the devils into the herd of swine and they perished in the sea. The Gospel creates hope for individuals seeking to move forward beyond inhibiting barriers in life.

The Lord Jesus Christ opens the pathways for Christian development. The possibility for joy in life becomes obtainable through Jesus Christ. Taking the Gospel message seriously changes daily life.

Love for Jesus Christ increases the desire to know more about Christ and living in Christ. Jesus Christ's victory over the devil-possessed in the current Gospel serves as reassurance to believers.

Living in Jesus Christ involves putting faith in action. When moving forward in life, believers will be confronted with road blocks that appear unexpectedly. All challenges are best addressed through focusing on Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ does not disappoint those turning to Him in faith. Jesus Christ opens passage ways for growth. The present Gospel serves as lesson to strengthen personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Doubts will arise in life. Trepidation may arise from time to time. Reassurance and certainty exist with the Lord Jesus Christ. Staying focused on Christ and united with Christ enables believers to go forth in confidence.

In today's world, many individuals face personal demons needing to be addressed and conquered for peace to occur. Peace is found in Jesus Christ. Personal demons are conquered through Christ.

The Church offers many prayers to address personal demons. The Church offers teachings on the value of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to address the demons in life.

The Divine services of the Church nourish, enrich, and guide the believer from Holy Baptism until departure from this life. The journey from baptism until departure from this life will entail facing many demons.

When a person gives in to the terror of demons, growth in life is impeded, Growth in life stops when demons prevail. Deterioration in life occurs when the demons are in control.

When life is centered in Jesus Christ, obstacles to growth are overcome. The hunger in the soul is thoroughly addressed when Jesus Christ is primary in life. The Holy Gospel provides life's lessons to be applied in daily life.

Jesus Christ is readily available when demons appear and threaten to block personal growth. Praying directly to Jesus Christ and seeking intercession from the Mother of God and the saints makes improvement possible.

The Holy Apostle Paul made clear the nearness of the Lord. He said: "He be not far from every one of us: For in him we live, and move, and have our being." (Acts 17:27-28.) The Apostle's words are reassuring of the nearness of the Lord.

The best way to verify the Lord's presence is to reach out in faith. Verification of the Lord's presence occurs in the Divine services of the Church.

God is revealed in daily life, each day of life, when believers are attentive.

Hope and confidence in the Lord are bolstered when believers take the Gospel seriously and apply the Gospel to daily life. The Gospel is always relevant.

God is always relevant and timely.

Life and the Church are to be inseparable. Each breath in life unifies the believer with the Lord God. Each heartbeat unifies the believer with the Lord. Viewing daily life in faith verifies the presence of the Lord.

Thank God for the presence of the Lord to open the blocked roadways of life. Thank God for the inherit power to overcome the demons of life. Thank God for the peace derived from God's overthrow of demons in life.

Take time to look for the presence of God in each moment of life. Take time to be thankful for God's love for each person. Pray always for life to be lived in ways pleasing to God.

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. St. Andrew, Archbishop of Crete. Hieromartyr Sava of Upper Karlovac. July 4/July 17, 2022. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic



On this day, July 17, 2022, we pause to remember Čiča Draža Mihailović who was killed by Tito's Communists July 17, 1946. I was almost 5 years old.

When I was 16 years old, I sang with the Philip Visnich Choir from St. Sava Pittsburgh church up in Canada, my first choir trip.

We entered onto the stage, with Professor Boris Dobrovolsky. We sang only 2 words of Adam Popovich's arrangement of Ratne Pesme. "Doline Tutno"—when the packed audience jumped out of all seats and

were clapping and stomping their feet. Even the balcony in this huge high school auditorium was filled. My heart was so excited, there are no words to describe it. Good thing it didn't leap out of my skin!

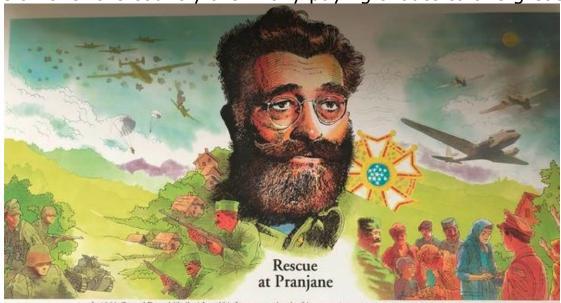
We had to start over a couple of times because of all the applause....

Then, we came to this middle part where we sang quietly as if whispering... "Kaži milo, Kaži Pravo... Je li Čiča Draza zdravo?" (as if afraid that the Communists might overhear...) Tell me, is it true that Čiča Draža is still alive?

And then we belted out at the top of our voices: "Jeste, jeste! Kaži Svima, u Srcu je Svi Srbije!" Yes! Yes! Tell everyone! He is alive in the hearts of all Serbia!"

Salute to Draža Mihailovic, on the cover of TIME magazine for being the FIRST leader to stand up to Hitler! Xoxox. He lives on today in all our hearts!

He was responsible for the rescue of 512 airmen (432 American and 80 Allied) from behind German-occupied lines in Yugoslavia. U.S.A. museums all over the country are finally paying tribute to this great man!



In 1944, General Draza Mihailovich and his forces rescued and safely returned more than 500 United States airmen shot down over German occupied Yugoslavia. It was the greatest rescue of American lives from behind enemy lines in history. For his valor, General Mihailovich was posthumously awarded the Legion of Merit by President Harry Truman.

The Will of God

Living According to the Will of God

How do we know we are living according to the will of God? We make sure we live a life that is focused on Christ and not let that which is transitory rule, for a life centered in Christ brings about true peace, wisdom, and knowledge, and we are given the grace to trust in God's Divine Providence for everything.

If we focus only on the things that haven't been done and ignore the little things that bring joy to our lives, we will find ourselves in a rut,

constantly thinking of where we'd rather be living, or the job we'd rather have, or the work that still needs to be completed. We'll wake up one day and realize all we've needed for happiness has been right in front of us all the time.

How do we know we're living according to the will of God? The Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica tells us, "He who lives according to God's will has no worries. When he needs something, he simply prays for it. If he does not receive that which he asked for, he is joyful as though he had received it. A soul that has given itself over to God has no fear of anything, not even robbers, sickness, or death. Whatever happens, such a soul always cries, 'It was the will of God'."

With love in Christ, Abbot Tryphon

