



# Mother of God Orthodox Church

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Joy of all who sorrow art thou  
and protectress of the oppressed,  
feeder of the hungry, consolation of travelers,  
haven for the tempest tossed,  
visitation for the sick,  
protection and aid for the infirm, staff of old age,  
O, all pure Mother of the Most High God,  
Hasten, we pray, to save thy servants.

We welcome  
all who seek to know  
Christ in His Word  
and in His Church.

## Message from Father Peter



Recently I was asked to lead a retreat at St. Andrew's camp with the theme: "Tools for developing peace in a chaotic world." I asked myself what do the words "chaotic" and "world" mean? They are common words often used by many, and yet they invoke different feelings and have different meanings for many. I began the retreat by defining these two words.

"Chaotic" is defined as: In a state of complete confusion and disorder; Complete confusion: lack of understanding; Disorder: the disruption of peaceful and law-abiding behavior; an illness or condition that disrupts normal physical or mental functions. I asked, "Are we, or are you in complete confusion?"

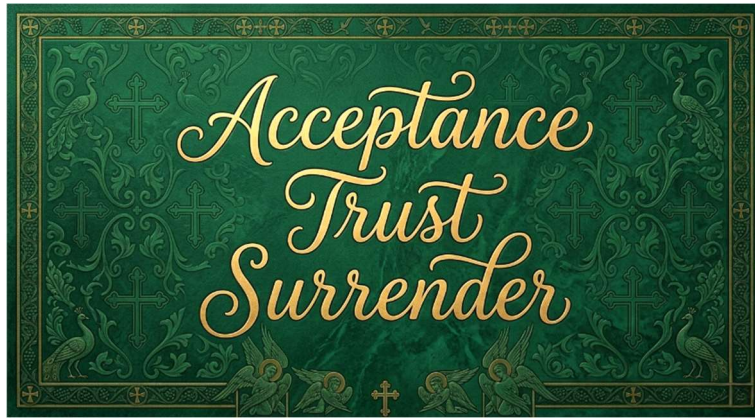
"World," I shared, is even more difficult to find a common meaning for and in scripture we find many different meanings. Old Testament, Hebrew word *tebel*, תבל refers to the earth as inhabited and moist, emphasizing both the land and its life forms (1 Samuel 2:8; Psalm 24:1). New Testament, Greek

word *cosmos*, κόσμος, similarly encompasses the created order, including the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1; John 1:9). Scripture affirms that God is the Creator and Owner of the world (Psalm 24:1; Psalm 50:12). World also refers to humanity as a whole, and God's love and concern for all people. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son" (John 3:16). I asked, "What is your understanding of the term 'world' and what then is in chaos?"

My scripture reflection for the retreat was from Matthew 6:25ff: *"Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is life not more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not more valuable than they are? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."*



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Then we began to explore three basic tools that can help us when we feel that we are in need to find peace in a chaotic world.

1. The first is **Acceptance**. To accept what cannot be changed. Acceptance is a learned experience, and we learn it from going through tough times. Our need and demand for explanations make us nervous and stressed. "I have learned to be content. I know how to live when I'm poor, and I know how to live when I have plenty. I have learned the secret of being happy anytime in everything. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:1-13) (in prison awaiting execution).
2. The second is **Trust**. Trust in God's loving care. There is no such thing as a problem-free life. We will always have problems in life. We must learn to have peace in the middle of problems or troubles. "You, O Lord, give true peace to those who depend on You because they trust You" (Isaiah 26:3). "Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything" (Philippians 4:6-7).
3. The third is **Surrender**. Surrender to God's Loving control. We want to be in control: "If a person's thinking is controlled by his sinful self, then there is death. But if his thinking is controlled by the Spirit of God, there is life and peace" (Romans 8:6). Obedience is the evidence of a surrendered life. "Those who love your teaching will find true peace, and nothing will defeat them" (Psalm 119:165). Before we can have peace of mind, we must first make peace with God. Surrendering our entire life to Christ, not just a little part of our life.

I asked those attending the retreat and I ask you: "Who creates chaos in your world?"

Yes, there are things and situations we can change; we need to know what we can change and what is beyond our abilities to change. Can we trust in a creator who knew us, even before we were in our mother's womb? Can we trust that we are valued and more important than birds? That peace can only come from the one who is Peace. Lastly, can we surrender, and be obedient, or will we ever be rebellious people seeking our will, causing divisions and confusion?

How can you learn to Accept, Trust, and Surrender? May the God who created all that we know and all that we are yet to know, grant you peace.



## Services, Feasts & Special Events

~ June 2026 ~

Sunday liturgical services are at MOG @ 9:30 A.M. (All are welcome. Masks are optional.) **When services are held inside, capacity may be limited.** Saturday Vesper Services are at MOG @5:00 P.M.

We will continue to stream the services online for those of you who are unable to attend the live services. You can view the live stream and recast at <https://www.youtube.com/@mogprinceton>. **CONFESSION WILL BE HEARD ON SATURDAYS, BEFORE OR AFTER VESPERS, OR BY APPOINTMENT.**

<b>Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:00 P.M. Vespers Service</b>
<b>Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy</b>
<b>Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:00 P.M./ Inquirers Class at MOG</b>
<b>Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:00 P.M. Vesper Service</b>
<b>Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy</b>
<b>Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:00 P.M./ Inquirers Class at MOG</b>
<b>Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:00 P.M. Vespers Service</b>
<b>Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy</b>
<b>Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:00 P.M./ Inquirers Class at MOG</b>
<b>Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:00 P.M. Vespers Service</b>
<b>Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>930 A.M. Divine Liturgy</b>
<b>*Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>930 A.M. Divine Liturgy, Sts. Peter and Paul</b>

**\*Fr. Peter will be at Saint Andrew's camp cooking from the 29<sup>th</sup> of June to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July.**



View the master MOG calendar at:



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## Church School

Church school is on break for the summer months. Please check the bulletin for the opening date of the fall semester. Thank you. Enjoy your summer. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions regarding the Church School, please contact Father Peter.

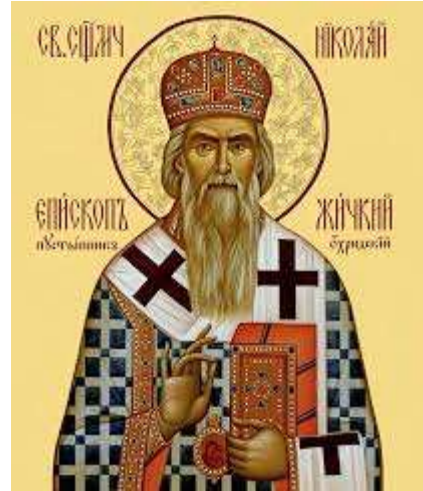


## Wisdom of Our Church Fathers

### Prayers by the Lake Saint Nikolai Velimirovich, Bishop of Ochrid Poem LXXV (75)

***Bless my enemies, O Lord. Even I bless them and do not curse them.***<sup>1</sup>

Enemies have driven me into Your embrace more than friends have. Friends have bound me to earth, enemies have loosed me from earth and have demolished all my aspirations in the world. Enemies have made me a stranger in worldly realms and an extraneous inhabitant of the world. Just as a hunted animal finds safer shelter than an un-hunted animal, so have I, persecuted by enemies, found the safest sanctuary, having ensconced myself beneath Your tabernacle, where neither friends nor enemies can slay my soul. Bless my enemies, O Lord. Even I bless them and do not curse them.



They, rather than I, have confessed my sins before the world.  
They have flagellated me, whenever I have hesitated to flagellate myself.  
They have tormented me, whenever I have tried to flee torments.  
They have scolded me, whenever I have flattered myself. They have spat upon me, whenever I have filled myself with arrogance.

Bless my enemies, O Lord. Even I bless them and do not curse them.  
Whenever I have made myself wise, they have called me foolish.  
Whenever I have made myself mighty, they have mocked me as though I were a dwarf.  
Whenever I have wanted to lead people, they have shoved me into the background.  
Whenever I have rushed to enrich myself, they have prevented me with an iron hand.  
Whenever I thought that I would sleep peacefully, they have wakened me from sleep.  
Whenever I have tried to build a home for a long and tranquil life, they have demolished it and driven me out.

Truly, enemies have cut me loose from the world and have stretched out my hands to the hem of Your garment.

**Bless my enemies, O Lord. Even I bless them and do not curse them.  
Bless them and multiply them; multiply them and make them even more bitterly against me —**

so that my fleeing to You may have no return; so that all hope in men may be scattered like cobwebs; so that absolute serenity may begin to reign in my soul;  
so that my heart may become the grave of my two evils twins: arrogance and anger;  
so that I might amass all my treasure in heaven;<sup>2</sup>  
ah, so that I may for once be freed from self-deception, which has entangled me in the dreadful

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web of illusory life.

Enemies have taught me to know — what hardly anyone knows — that a person has no enemies in the world except himself.

One hates his enemies only when he fails to realize that they are not enemies, but cruel friends. It is truly difficult for me to say who has done me more good and who has done me more evil in the world: friends or enemies.

Therefore bless, O Lord, both my friends and my enemies.

A slave curses enemies, for he does not understand. But a son blesses them, for he understands. For a son knows that his enemies cannot touch his life. Therefore, he freely steps among them and prays to God for them.

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1. Cf. Matt. 5:43-48.

2. Matt. 6:19-21.

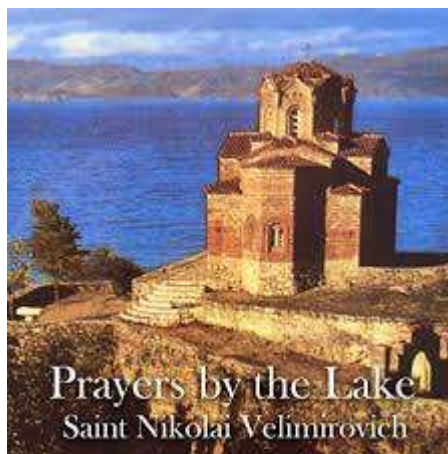
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**Prayers by the Lake, LXXV (75), by St. Nikolai Velimirovic**  
**Written at Lake Ochrid 1921-1922.**

.. Like the Old Testament Psalmist, our holy Vladika poured out his soul in his works and in prayer. This is especially evident in his “Prayers by the Lake,” “The Spiritual Lyre,” and “Prayerful Songs.” From his poetic inspiration and fervor arose prayers on the level of the Psalms, like the most beautiful flowers of paradise. Vladika Nikolai’s spirit of prayer was so powerful that it often threw him to his knees. He was often seen weeping. He was inflamed by divine eros.\* His thirst for God was unquenchable; it could be satisfied only with complete union with God.

A view of Lake Ochrid (Ochrid), where St. Nikolai composed these prayers.

The 13th century monastery is dedicated to St. John the Theologian at Kaneo, Ohrid





## The Sisterhood of Saints Mary and Martha

### Thank You Note to the “Fathers” of Our Parish

As we celebrate Father's Day, we offer our heartfelt gratitude to all the fathers, grandfathers, godfathers and father figures in our parish family.

Through their love, dedication, hard work and quiet acts of service, they help strengthen our homes and our church community. Father's Day is a wonderful opportunity to recognize the many ways they encourage, support and care for those around them.

The Sisterhood of Sts. Mary and Martha would especially like to thank our rector, Fr. Peter, and our Deacon John for their constant support and encouragement of our ministry.

We are also deeply grateful to the many fathers of our parish who have generously assisted us throughout the year, whether helping with hospitality events, supporting our fundraising efforts, lending a hand at parish activities, or assisting with the beautiful decoration of the Epitaphios during Lent. Your willingness to serve helps make so much of what we do possible.

We wish all our fathers a joyful and blessed Father's Day and thank you for all you do for our parish family.



*Thank you to all who serve in this ministry.*

*“The bee is more honored than other animals not because she labors, but because she labors for others.” ~St. John Chrysostom*



## Church Hospitality

Please contact Matushka Jeanne at [jbaktis@hotmail.com](mailto:jbaktis@hotmail.com) or (915) 255-9896 if you are able to sponsor a coffee hour after Sunday Liturgies.



***“Work is a blessing, a gift from God. Work gives vigor to the body and refreshes the mind. If God had not given us work, man would have become moldy. Those who are diligent continue to work into their old age.” ~ Saint Paisios of Mount Athos***





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Donations for St. Basil's House**

Mother of God continues to support St. Basil's House with food donations, placed in the collection bin at the side entrance of the Church.

Please, when you shop, think of those in our community who are in need and bring your offerings to the Church.

### **Church School**

For information or to volunteer, contact Father Peter Baktis, [pabaktis@gmail.com](mailto:pabaktis@gmail.com)

### **Donations for a Garden Fund**

MOG is seeking donations for a garden fund to finance more plantings to beautify the outdoors around the church.

A donation basket for this purpose is on the table in the side-door entry room.

Please write "beautification fund" somewhere on your check or just donate cash.

Thank you!

- ❖ Catechetical Class has begun. Anyone interested in joining, please contact Fr. Peter at [pabaktis@gmail.com](mailto:pabaktis@gmail.com)
- ❖ Inquirers class via Zoom:  
Contact FP for information
- ❖ Confessions by appointment, please contact FP
- ❖ Thanks to all who donated to the Fellowship Space fundraiser. Please make your 2026 pledges!





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**THANK YOU** for donating **canned goods, toiletries, clothing,** toys, books and re-usable shopping bags in the bin in the vestibule at MOG; your gifts are greatly appreciated. We are privileged to receive the lovely gifts and to pass them along to our neighbors.

Special thanks to Mina and to John Dragan, who have given us fresh eggs. Delicious! More thanks to Carrie and her crew for their work in Ephrosini's Garden! We've already harvested some herbs for SBH, and look forward to the other crops.

Except for one week when volunteers were not available, we met in May on **Wednesday mornings** for breakfast, Bible study and the distribution of clothing and groceries.

**Additional volunteers** are needed on the mornings of the third and fifth Wednesdays of each month. Sometimes, a volunteer cannot come on his or her scheduled day; it would be very helpful to have other people available to fill in as needed.

Natalie T. and George plan to host an open house on the morning of **Saturday, June 6**. If volunteers were available, we would be able to host other Saturday gatherings; please consider serving in this way; we each have gifts to share.

Please continue to **pray** for us, and for our neighbors. Please pray that God would send people to help so that the work may continue; dependable, younger, stronger volunteers are badly needed.



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## The Holy Glorious & All-Praised Leaders of the Apostles, Peter & Paul

Commemorated June 29, 2026

### Sermon of Saint Augustine, Bishop of Hippo



Today the Holy Church piously remembers the sufferings of the Holy Glorious and All-Praised Apostles Peter and Paul.

Saint Peter, the fervent follower of Jesus Christ, for the profound confession of His Divinity: “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God,” was deemed worthy by the Savior to hear in answer, “Blessed art thou, Simon ... I tell thee, that thou art Peter [Petrus], and on this stone [petra] I build My Church” (Mt.16:16-18). On “this stone” [petra], is on that which thou sayest: “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God” it is on this thy confession I build My Church. Wherefore the “thou art Peter”: it is from the “stone” [petra] that Peter [Petrus] is, and not from Peter [Petrus] that the “stone” [petra] is, just as the Christian is from Christ, and not Christ from the Christian. Do you want to know, from what sort of “rock” [petra] the Apostle Peter [Petrus] was named? Hear the Apostle Paul: “Brethren, I do not want ye to be ignorant,” says the Apostle of Christ, “how all our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and all were baptized unto Moses in the

cloud and in the sea; and did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ” (1 Cor.10: 1-4)....

Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the final days of His earthly life, in the days of His mission to the race of man, chose from among the disciples His twelve Apostles to preach the Word of God. Among them, the Apostle Peter for his fiery ardor was vouchsafed to occupy the first place (Mt.10:2) and to be as it were the representative person for all the Church. Therefore, it is said to him, preferentially, after the confession: “I will give unto thee the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth, shall be bound in the heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth: shall be loosed in heaven” (Mt.16: 19). Therefore, it was not one man, but rather the One Universal Church, that received these “keys” and the right “to bind and loosen.” And that it was actually the Church that received this right, and not exclusively a single person, turn your attention to another place of the Scriptures, where the same Lord says to all His Apostles, “Receive ye the Holy Spirit” and further after this, “Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them: and whose soever sins ye retain, are retained” (John 20: 22-23); or: “whatsoever ye bind upon the earth, shall be bound in Heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth, shall be loosened in heaven” (Mt.18:18). Thus, it is the Church that binds, the Church that loosens; the Church, built upon the foundational cornerstone, Jesus Christ Himself (Eph 2:20), doth bind and loosen. Let both the binding and the loosening be feared: the loosening, in order not to fall under this again; the binding, in order not to remain forever in this condition. Therefore “Iniquities ensnare a man, and everyone is bound in the chains of his own sins,” says Wisdom (Prov 5:22); and except for Holy Church nowhere is it possible to receive the loosening.

After His Resurrection the Lord entrusted the Apostle Peter to shepherd His spiritual flock not because, that among the disciples only Peter alone was pre-deserved to shepherd the flock of Christ, but Christ addresses Himself chiefly to Peter because, that Peter was first among the Apostles and as such the representative of the Church; besides which, having turned in this instance to Peter alone, as to the top

Apostle, Christ by this confirms the unity of the Church. "Simon of John" -- says the Lord to Peter -- "lovest thou Me?" -- and the Apostle answered: "Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I love Thee"; and a second time it was thus asked, and a second time he thus answered; being asked a third time, seeing that as it were not believed, he was saddened. But how is it possible for him not to believe That One, Who knew his heart? And wherefore then Peter answered: "Lord, Thou knowest all; Thou knowest that I love Thee." "And sayeth Jesus to him" all three times "Feed My sheep" (John 20:15-17).

Besides this, the triple appealing of the Savior to Peter and the triple confession of Peter before the Lord had a particular beneficial purpose for the Apostle. That one, to whom was given "the keys of the kingdom" and the right "to bind and to loose," bound himself thrice by fear and cowardice (Mt.26:69-75), and the Lord thrice loosens him by His appeal and in turn by his confession of strong love. And to shepherd literally the flock of Christ was acquired by all the Apostles and their successors. "Take heed, therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock," the Apostle Paul urges church presbyters, "over which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood" (Acts 20:28); and the Apostle Peter to the elders: "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof not by constraint, but willingly: not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind: neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock. And when is appeared the Prince of pastors, ye will receive unfading crowns of glory" (1 Pet. 5:2-4).

It is remarkable that Christ, having said to Peter: "Feed My sheep," did not say: "Feed thy sheep," but rather to feed, good servant, the sheep of the Lord. "Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?" (1 Cor.1:13). "Feed My sheep". Wherefore "wolfish robbers, wolfish oppressors, deceitful teachers and mercenaries, not being concerned about the flock" (Mt.7:15; Acts 20:29; 2 Pet 2:1; John 10:12), having plundered a strange flock and making of the spoils as though it be of their own particular gain, they think that they feed their flock. Such are not good pastors, as pastors of the Lord. "The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep" (John 10:11), entrusted to Him by the chief Shepherd Himself (1 Pet 5:4). And the Apostle Peter, true to his calling, gave his soul for the very flock of Christ, having sealed his apostleship by a martyr's death, is now glorified throughout all the world.

The Apostle Paul, formerly Saul, was changed from a robbing wolf into a meek lamb. Formerly he was an enemy of the Church, then is manifest as an Apostle. Formerly he stalked it, then preached it. Having received from the high priests the authority at large to throw all Christians in chains for execution, he was already on the way, he breathed out "threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord" (Acts 9:1), he thirsted for blood, but "He that dwells in the Heavens shall laugh him to scorn" (Ps 2:4). When he, "having persecuted and vexed" in such manner "the Church of God" (1Cor. 15:9; Acts 8:5), he came near Damascus, and the Lord from Heaven called to him: "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?" and I am here, and I am there, I am everywhere: here is My head; there is My body. There becomes nothing of a surprise in this; we ourselves are members of the Body of Christ. "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me; it is hard for thee to kick against the goad" (Acts 9:4-5). Saul, however, "trembling and frightened", cried out: "Who art Thou, Lord?" The Lord answered him, "I am Jesus Whom thou persecutest."

And Saul suddenly undergoes a change: "What wantest Thou me to do?" -- he cries out. And suddenly for him there is the Voice: "Arise, and go to the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do" (Acts 9:6). Here the Lord sends Ananias: "Arise and go into the street" to a man, "by the name of Saul," and baptize him, "for this one is a chosen vessel unto Me, to bear My name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel" (Acts 9: 11, 15, 18). This vessel must be filled with My Grace. "Ananias, however, answered: Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he hath done to Thy saints in Jerusalem: and here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Thy Name" (Acts 9:13-14). But the Lord urgently commands Ananias: "Search for and fetch him, for this vessel is

chosen by Me: for I shall show him what great things he must suffer for My name's sake" (Acts 9:11, 15-16).

And actually, the Lord did show the Apostle Paul what things he had to suffer for His Name. He instructed him the deeds; He did not stop at the chains, the fetters, the prisons and shipwrecks; He Himself felt for him in his sufferings, He Himself guided him towards this day. On a single day the memory of the sufferings of both these Apostles is celebrated, though they suffered on separate days, but by the spirit and the closeness of their suffering they constitute one. Peter went first, and Paul followed soon after him. Formerly called Saul, and then Paul, having transformed his pride into humility. His very name (Paulus), meaning "small, little, less," demonstrates this. What is the Apostle Paul after this? Ask him, and he himself gives answer to this: "I am," says he, "the least of the Apostles... but I have labored more abundantly than all of them: yet not I, but the grace of God, which was with me" (1 Cor.15:9-10).

And so, brethren, celebrating now the memory of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, remembering their venerable sufferings, we esteem their true faith and holy life, we esteem the innocence of their sufferings and pure confession. Loving in them the sublime quality and imitating them by great exploits, "in which to be likened to them" (2 Thess 3: 5-9), and we shall attain to that eternal bliss which is prepared for all the saints. The path of our life before was more grievous, thornier, harder, but "we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses" (Heb 12: 1), having passed by along it, made now for us easier, and lighter, and more readily passable. First there passed along it "the author and finisher of our faith," our Lord Jesus Christ Himself (Heb 12: 2); His daring Apostles followed after Him; then the martyrs, children, women, virgins and a great multitude of witnesses. Who acted in them and helped them on this path? He Who said, "Without Me ye can do nothing" (John 15: 5).

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## Prayer Requests



“...and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”

~James 5:16, NKJV

### Commemoration of the Living Servants of God:

*O Lord Jesus Christ our God, Who for the sake of Your eternal mercy and loving kindness became man, and suffered crucifixion and death for the salvation of all; Who rose from the dead and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father, where You hear the prayers of all who call upon You humbly and with their whole heart: incline Your ear to us, and hearken to the prayer which your unworthy servants offer as a spiritual sacrifice for all Your people.*

### Have mercy, O Lord, upon:

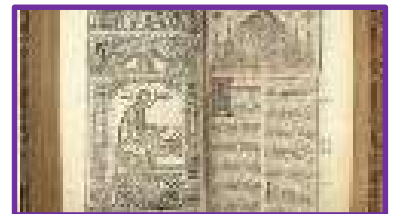
- We pray for a cessation of the hostilities against Ukraine, and that reconciliation and peace will flourish there, we pray thee, hearken and have mercy. We pray for peace in the Middle East. We pray the same for all war-torn nations.
- Please pray for an end to gun violence, particularly in the United States. Please pray for unity, love, peace and joy.
- Please pray for Daria Pettus' husband **Mark**, who is undergoing chemotherapy.
- **Debbie Baktis**, Matushka Jeanne's sister-in-law who is awaiting a kidney transplant.
- Praise for Matushka Jeanne's niece's husband, **David**. His last brain scan was clear of all cancer. He is doing his chemo rounds and is handling the treatment well.
- **Jan Perkins**, who continues to suffer from mobility and digestive issues.
- **The Delarato Family**. **Nick DeLarato**, who has health issues, and Nick's sister, **Kathy**.
- **Olga Mezina**, friend of Lana.
- **Carson & Addison**, Joe Elchak's granddaughters.
- Nina Robinson's friend, **Stella Goudard**, who has heart issues, and Stella's husband, **Rick**.
- Lauren Ugorji's: husband, **Richmond**, who has health issues, adult children **Jade & Mike Edwards**, who continue to suffer setbacks in quest to rebuild home; **Jordan & Eric Mosurick**, who need jobs, and teenage **Anastasia Ugorji**. Lauren's: dad, **Don Robinson**, as he battles blood cancer; aunt Kirra (undergoing chemo treatments for pancreatic cancer) & uncle **Jesse Filkins**, aunts **Scott Brown Pempeit** and **Laverne Tisdale**; friend **Missy Gillespie** and Missy's husband, **Kurt**, who may soon be added to the kidney transplant list; and **Lydia**, a family friend diagnosed with cancer (she is 17).

*May we join you in prayer for all of those on your minds, all of those in your prayers, and all of those in your hearts. Lord Have Mercy.*

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### COMMEMORATION OF THE DEPARTED Memory Eternal for Rita, Dana's mother

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**Please Pray for the Mother of God Joy of All Who Sorrow  
Orthodox Church as we move forward.**



**God's Will Be Done In All Things!!!**