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Romans 5:1-10 (Epistle)

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Translation of the Relics of the holy and wonderworking Unmercenaries Cyrus and John

Commemorated on [June 28](#)

The Transfer of the Relics of the Holy Martyrs, Unmercenaries and Wonderworkers, Cyrus and John from the city of Konopa, near Alexandria (where they suffered in the year 311) to the nearby village of Manuphin, took place in the year 412. This Egyptian village prompted fear in everyone, since in a former time there was a pagan temple inhabited by evil spirits. Patriarch Theophilus (385-412) wanted to cleanse this place of demons, but he died. His wish was fulfilled by his successor in the See of Alexandria, the holy Patriarch Cyril (412-444). He prayed fervently in carrying out this project. An angel of the Lord appeared in a vision to the hierarch and commanded the venerable relics of Saints Cyrus and John be transferred to Manuphin. His Holiness Patriarch Cyril did the angel's bidding and built a church at Manuphin in the name of the holy martyrs.

From that time this place was purified of the Enemy's influence, and by the prayers of the holy Martyrs Cyrus and John there began to occur many miracles, healings of the sick and infirm. An account Saints Cyrus and John is located under January 31.

Some Lights that are out there

I mentioned previously how there are some good things going on in the Diocese to talk about when it comes to breaking down barriers. Not all of our parishes have left the inner city to flee to the suburbs. We have at least five parishes in particular that have made conscious commitments to redefine their mission and work with the local community.

A couple of these parishes have been doing this work for five to 10+ years. They have made an intentional commitment to engage the community that they were previously alienated from, through works of kindness and mercy. This is not just about doling out food. It is an active attempt to get to know the neighbors where the church is. When this happened, the neighborhood began to embrace the church and no longer saw the church as an island disconnected from the community. This did come with a price. A few members ended up leaving the parish because of this change in focus. But attitudes can be changed when we embrace the Gospel and love those that God brings into our midst, irrespective of the color of their skin.

You are also aware of the ministries of FOCUS Minnesota, Detroit, St. Louis, and Cleveland (St. Herman's House). They have taken the work of some of our parishes to another level, where the Outreach they do is aimed to provide care for the total person.

I would encourage families to get involved with a local FOCUS chapter if it is near where you live. If you are not close to any such ministries, then be a force (with the blessing of your priest) in your local parish to break barriers. Find organic ways you can involve yourselves in ministry to various people of color that is consistent with what the Church teaches. Just be aware, as this becomes more of a priority in the outreach of a parish, you might encounter resistance. As we get to know people for who they really are and not who we think they are, salvific changes can happen

The blessing of the Lord be upon you,

The unworthy Archbishop Paul

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Hebrews 13:7-16 (*Epistle, Fathers*)

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp.

Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

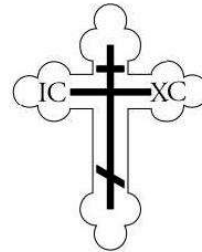
Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

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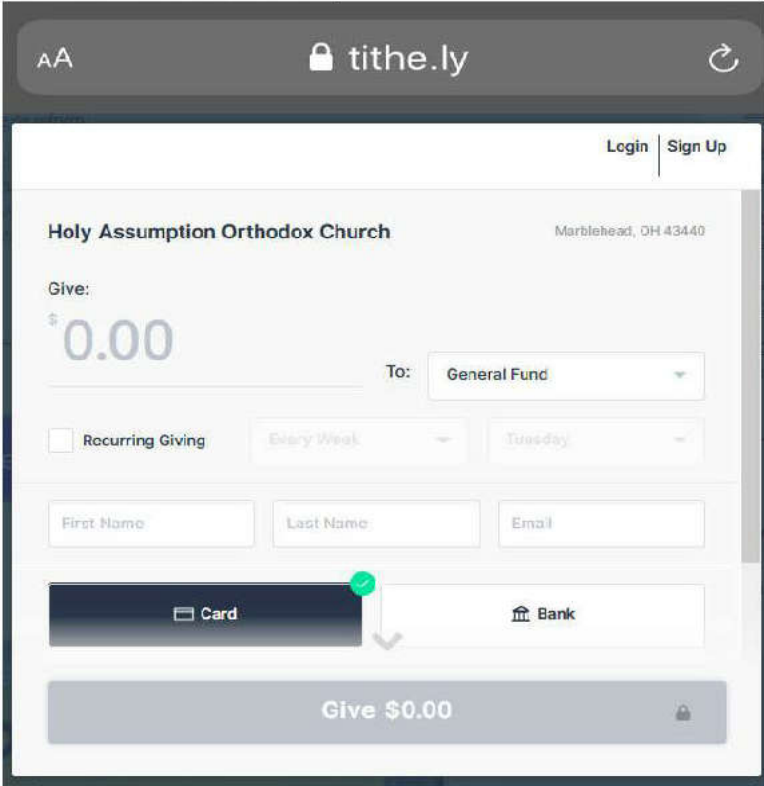
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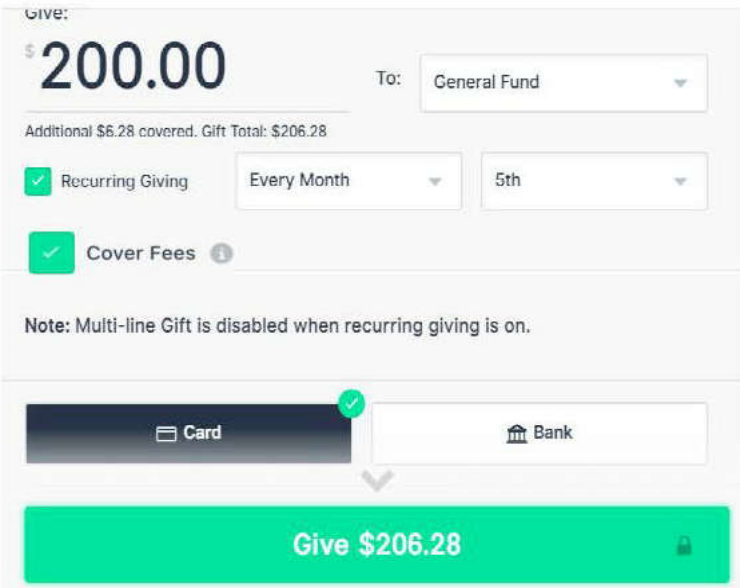
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