

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

Fr. Andrew Bartek, Rector

Parish Council President: Matthew Adamcio



Sunday, July 5, 2020

Gospel: St. Matthew 8:5-13

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Epistle: Romans 6:18-23

4th Sunday after Pentecost / Ven. Athanasius, Founder of the Great Lavra and Cœnobitic Monasticism on Mt. Athos, and his six disciples

JULY Bulletin Sponsor:

Father Andrew for the Health of all my cousins & God-children after birthday's this month

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, July 5

9:30 am: Divine Liturgy / Outside social

Saturday, July 11

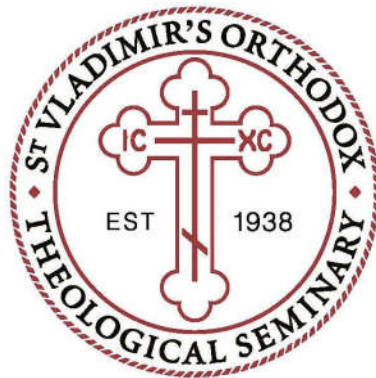
4:00 pm: Great Vespers

Sunday, July 12

9:30 am: Divine Liturgy / Outside Social

(NOTE: You must let Fr. Andrew know if you want to attend any service. Right now we are allowed 18 people Max.)

JULY SPECIAL COLLECTION



JULY BULLETIN AND CANDLE SPONSORS

Bulletin: \$50 Fr. Father Andrew For health of all my cousins and God-children having birthdays this month.

Chandelier: \$50 From Father Andrew In memory of my family reposed in July.

Altar Candles: \$50 From Basil in memory of his Father Anthony and his mother Martha

Candles on the Tomb: \$25 OPEN

Eternal Light & Icon Screen: \$25 OPEN

For Your Prayers

Julia Guzy (96 ½ yrs old)

1601 Church Rd

Marblehead, OH 43440

Diane Tryon

109 Joslyn Street

Arcadia, OH 44804

Please remember our shut-Ins, especially now during this National Crisis.

VIGILS - 6/ 28

Basil Glovinsky (2) Health and recovery to Karen Muzyka and to Sonya and Joe Rose

Susan Guzy (1) Special intentions

Laura Kovach (4) God's blessings and healing to everyone battling or suffering during the COVID-19 pandemic; God's blessings of peace and healing for our country; For healing or health of Betty, Betty, Julia, Andrea, Mark, Joe, Margi, Dana, Bohdi, Chuck, Steve, and Jeanne; Safe travels for family.

Sandy Martin (1) Special intentions

Jim Mazur(2) in memory family and friends, for health of family and friends

Twarek (7) God's Blessings and Peace; Birthday Blessing for Carter (6/26); Birthday Blessings for Brantley (7/3); Safe travel for Laura and Jim; For health and recovery of JC Giesman; Health of Shannon and unborn baby; For the health of Tom Twarek, and Jeanie Roth Snowball, Jason, Nancy, Mary, Margi & Joe, MaryAnn and Bob, Judy, Chuck, Steve, Bohdi, Heidi, Liz, Joe, Sonya, Julia, Diane, Stella, Ron, Jake, Helen.

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OTHER INCOME FROM JUNE

Sunday, June 7: \$6 Candles; \$50 Vigils; \$50 Special Collection (Mother Maria); \$50 Bulletin; \$200 donation

Sunday, June 14: \$12 Tomb Candles; \$100 Chandelier; \$115 Vigils; \$75 Food Pantry; \$50 Restoration ; \$25 Eternal Light

Sunday, June 21: \$31 Candles; \$50 altar candles; \$95 Vigils; \$100 Special Collection (Mother Maria); \$130 Halupki Festival

Sunday, June 28: \$47 candles; \$50 vigils; \$100 Food Pantry; \$125 Special Collection (Mother Maria); \$2,000 Halupki Festival

MONTHLY TITHING ONLY JUNE

Goal Pledged per month: \$4,600

Sunday, June 7	\$ 634
Sunday, June 14	\$1,503
Sunday, June 21	\$1,354
Sunday, June 28	\$1,003

TOTAL FOR MONTH: \$4,494 (\$106.00)

Preconciliar Commission Holds Second Meeting

The second meeting of the Preconciliar Commission for the [20th All-American Council](#) was held on Thursday, June 25, 2020, by video conference. The council is slated to be [held July 26-30, 2021 in Baltimore, Maryland](#) under the theme: Hope in an Age of Despair.

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, in his opening address, informed the members of the Preconciliar Commission of the [recent decision of the Holy Synod](#) to postpone the 50th-anniversary celebrations of [Autocephaly](#) and the [Glorification of Saint Herman](#) until late 2020, continuing into 2021 concluding with a final All-Church celebration at the 20th All American Council. Addressing the Pandemic, and

potential effects it may have on the council, His Beatitude instructed the members of the commission and the local committees to proceed with their planning of the council as normal, noting the great importance of the All American Council in bearing witness and helping to maintain the identity, unity, and mission of the Orthodox Church in America.

The commission and committees of the 20th All-American Council will continue to closely monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects and will make necessary adjustments to the council based on additional feedback from local authorities and hotel officials.

Metropolitan Tikhon heard reports from Archpriest Alexander Rentel, Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America; Deacon Peter Ilchuk, Council-Manager; Archpriest Theodore Boback and Lisa Mikhalevsky, Local Committee co-chairs; and Rebecca Tesar, representing the [Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America](#) which will be holding its annual convention in conjunction with the council.

The next meeting of the Preconciliar Commission will be held in September.

The All American Council, convened periodically, normally at intervals of three years, and bringing together all the various elements of the Church, is the highest legislative and administrative authority within the Orthodox Church in America. The Orthodox Church in America has convened more than 30 All-American Councils since the first in 1907. In order to differentiate between the councils before autocephaly and after it, when the church began a new existence, it was decided that the councils from 1907 to 1970 would be called by the term "Sobor" and that these gatherings since autocephaly in 1970 would be called by the equivalent term in English "Council".



PRAYER LIST Updated 7-2

Clergy:

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius
His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman
John Duranko (*Father's home pastor*)
James Gleason (*Father's Spiritual Father*)
Moses Barry
Steven Frase
Joseph Gibson
Gregory Grivna
Emilian Hutnyan
Josef Von Klarr
Dan Kovolick
Vladimir Lecko
Myron Manzuk
Philip Lasbrook
Christopher Phillips
Benjamin Tucci
Peter Tutko
Deacon Nicholas Denysenko
Deacon Paul Gansle
Deacon Gregory Krutchak
Deacon Paul Mitchell
Sub-deacon Wylie Meath

Matushkii:

Pani Patricia Duranko
Irena Korolenko
Myra Kovolick
Virginia Lecko
Maura McCartney
Jillian Rettig
Snezana Ruzic
Sonya Tutko

Parishioners / & their Family:

John Beadle (*Elcishko*)
MaryAnn Cook (*Cousin to Twarek's*)
John Richard Elchisco
Ruthe Flewelling
Debbie Garnek (*Roddie's sister*)
Michael Glovinsky (*Basil's nephew*)
Heidi Golob
Shirley Gresh (*Wife of Ernest*)
Julia Guzy
Joseph Habegger (*Laura brother-in-law*)
Nancy Hanon (*Cassell*)
Barb Heffernan
Tom Hileman

Charisse Hileman
Jessica Issler (*Hileman*)
Alice Jackson (*Mazurik*)
William Jappsen (*Diane T.*)
Michael Kouznetsov (*Mary Hiser's son*)
Debbie Kollar (*Fr.'S cousin*)
Kris Kollar (*Fr.'S cousin*)
Betty Kovach
Kristen (*Cassell's daughter*)
Terri Lariccia (*Fr's cousin*)
David LaValle (*Fr.'s cousin*)
Helen Lis
Greg Mazur
Judy Mazurik (*Paul Mazurik's*)
Child Stella Miller
Katelyn Pipenur (*Niece of Jean*)
Earl Rindfleisch
Helen Jean Rofkar (*Elchisco*)
Joe Rose
Sonya Rose
Ron Royhab
Maryann Royhab
Steven Schirtzinger (*Soski*)
Christy Schutt (*Joe's sister*)
Christi Soski
Peter Truta (*Jean H's cousin*)
Diane Tryon
Greg Tryon
Tom Twarek
Katie and her baby Bodhi (*Cassell's daughter-in-law*)
Nikki & her newborn Brooks
Patrick
Katherine & her unborn baby (*Fr.'s cousin*)
Sarah and her unborn Child (*Laura's daughter*)
Brittany And her unborn baby (*Fr's cousin*)

Other Requests:

Sandra Alex (*Muzyka*)
Alexia
Infant Baylor
Carol Bernier (*Golob*)
Anna Burch (*Wayne's friend*)
Breeana (*Kowal*) Teenager who ran away from foster home

Delores Danchisen
Layne Demkosky
Paul Demkosky (*Fr's friend*)
Betty Dubbert (*Kovach*)
Marge Dziama
Mary Dziak (*Twarek*)
Matt Essex
Ben Franklin (*Laura friend*)
James Geisman (*Twarek*)
Theodore Geletka (*St. Michael Broadview Heights' choir director*)
Brad George (*Christi's friend*)
Donald Gresh (*Basil*)
Robert Hritsko (*Glovinsky*)
Elliot Joy (*Police chief's son*)
Andrea Joy (*Kovach*)
Tommy Leonchik (*Fr's friend*)
Jake Lipstraw (*Twarek*)
Mark Ludvik (*Guzy*)
Anna Maiani (*Friend of Wayne*)
Mark Masica (*Kovach*)
Claudia McDonald (*Twarek*)
Pauline Meath (*Fr's*)
Elizabeth Mercier (*Golob*)
Cole Miller (*Cassell*)
Doug Millinger (*Kovach*)
Karen Muzyka (*Fr's friend*)
Tim Nash (*Royhab*)
Charlie Nowak (*Avery's*)
Beth Reinhard (*Diane friend*)
Chris Reinheimer (*Bruno's*)
Elvis Reyes (*Fr.'S friend*)
Sandy Scafaria (*friend of Jean*)
Arby Shenesky (*Pastor Bob's sister*)
Betty (Elizabeth) Slanta (*sister-in-law of Kathy Jacob*)
John Slanta (*brother of Kathy Jacob*)
Jeanne Roth Snowball (*Twarek*)
Matthew Sterling (*Tyron*)
Andrea Szabo (*Sonya friend*)
Dan Terry (*Twarek*)
Devin Thomson (*Jamestown*)
Janice Timko
George Timko
Philip (Andy) Timko
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Feast of the Tikhvin Icon Celebrated at Chicago's Holy Trinity Cathedral

On Friday, June 26, His Eminence Archbishop Paul celebrated the feast of the Appearance of the Tikhvin Icon of the Mother of God at [Holy Trinity Cathedral](#) here. His Eminence was joined by Priest Alexander Koranda, Cathedral Dean, Priest Jonathan Lincoln, Associate of St. Joseph Church in Wheaton, IL, Protodeacon Thomas Keith, and faithful from around Chicagoland.

The Tikhvin icon of the Mother of God is of great importance to the Diocese of the Midwest and the Orthodox Church in America as the original miraculous icon was in the care of the Archbishop John of Chicago and Minneapolis, of blessed memory, for five decades during the time of communism in Russia. Archbishop Paul preached about the need to draw near to the Mother of God for our protection and clarity of mind during the time of the pandemic.

According to ancient tradition, the Tikhvin icon of the Mother of God is one of several painted by Saint Luke the Evangelist. In the fifth century, the icon was taken from Jerusalem to Constantinople, where it was enshrined in the Church of Blachernae, which was built especially for this purpose. In 1383, seventy years before the fall of Constantinople, fishermen on Lake Ladoga in the principality of Novgorod in northern Russia witnessed the icon miraculously hovering over the lake's waters amidst a radiant light. Shortly thereafter, the icon appeared in several neighboring towns, including the village of Motchenitsy on the bank of the Tikhvinka River, before it finally appeared near the town of Tikhvin. A wooden church dedicated to the Dormition of the Mother of God was built on the site. In 1560, by order of Tsar Ivan the Terrible, a men's monastery was established near the church. Over the centuries, the icon's fame spread far and wide, with copies of the original adorning countless churches throughout Russia and beyond.

During World War II the Nazis removed the icon from the Tikhvin Monastery to Riga, Latvia. When the city was evacuated, Bishop John [Garklavs] of Riga, in whose care the icon was placed, took the icon to Bavaria, where it was venerated by

Orthodox faithful who had been displaced because of the war. Bishop John was permitted to take the icon to the United States in 1949, under the pretext that the icon in his care was a reproduction, the work of a simple monk, and that it was of little historic or monetary value. Shortly after his arrival in the United States, Bishop John, who was later elevated to the rank of Archbishop, was elected to oversee the Diocese of Chicago, and the icon was regularly displayed and venerated in Chicago's Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Archbishop John frequently took the icon on pilgrimage to various places throughout the United States and Canada. The visit of the icon, in some places, even inspired festivals to be founded to commemorate the visit.

After Archbishop John's retirement in the late 1970s and death on Palm Sunday, 1982, Archpriest Sergei Garklavs, Bishop John's adopted son, became the caretaker of the icon. In 2003, over a decade after the fall of communism and the resurrection of the Russian Orthodox Church, the decision was made to return the precious icon to its original home.

The icon began its year-long journey [to Russia](#) at the [99th annual Pilgrimage](#) to The Monastery of Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk in 2003.

In 2016 an exact reproduction of [the icon was enshrined](#) in Holy Trinity Cathedral, a gift of His Grace Bishop Mstislav of Tikhvin, and the Russian Church.



HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL IN CHICAGO

JULY Celebrations

Anniversary	Birthday
10- Matt & Rachel Adamcio 16- Peter & Stephanie Kowal 7-22-2002: Retired Metropolitan Herman (Elected as Primate) 24- Frank & Laurie Batura 27- Greg & Natalie Twarek 30- Tim & Jennifer Heffernan	2- Matt Essex 3- Kim Whitham; Brantley Thomas Williams 4- Stephanie Kowal 5- Pani Stacey Mihaly 8- Ed Vangeloff 11- David Lavallo 12- Justin Stokley; Joe Stokley; Joey Hileman 13- Police Chief Casey Joy 17- Jonah Bremer 20- Alison LaValle 25- James Malchisky 27- Matthew Lariccia
<h3>Namesday</h3> <p>7-31: Archbishop Benjamin of San Francisco</p>	

If there are those names to be added or removed, please contact Fr. Andrew. He would like to list all members of your family Orthodox and non-Orthodox.

Show us who feel frightened and alone the same compassion that thou didst once show to the trembling fatherless ones.



St. John (Maximovitch) of Shanghai &
San Francisco
4 June 1896 - 2 July 1966



Isaiah 35:4

“...say to those with fearful hearts, “Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you.”

John 14:27

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

Joshua 1:9

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

JULY Reposed

2- John Danchisen (2009)	17- Mary Bartek (1984)	27- Father Vladimir Meschersky (1937) Former Pastor
6- Anna Mazur (1969)	14- John Gulla (1968)	29- Sally Franklin (2018)
6- Joseph Golob Jr	20- Fr. Dc. John Youhas (2012)	29- Robert Zgonc (2018)
7- Mary Martha Glovinsky (1975)	20- Mitered Archpriest Sava Chaly (1991) Former Pastor	29- Charles Hagmaier (2018)
9- Andrew Holodnak (1971)	20- Anna Zavada Bartek (1924)	Mary Danchisen (1927)
10- Gretta Gresh (2018)	21- Anna Mazurik (1973)	Michael Wolf (1929)
		Triantafilos Lefas (1995)

PRAYER LIST CONTINUED

Steve Turinsky (*Twarek*)
Chuck Wiedenhoft (*Twarek*)
Rachel (*Darlene M.*)
Mollie & her unborn baby (*Fr.'s friend*)
Molly and her newborn Phalen (*Fr.s friend*)

Those suffering from the Coronavirus
Those suffering from the unrest around the country
Those suffering from Financial & spiritual issues

Military:

Craig Cassell, Nathan Brown, Alena Grabavoy, Alex, Jake Ellithorpe

Captives:

Metropolitan Paul (*Orthodox Archdiocese of Aleppo*)
Archbishop John (*Syriac Archdiocese of Aleppo*)
The UN & IOCC humanitarian aid workers in & around Syria; Those suffering persecution in Iraq, Syria, Israel, Egypt, Ukraine and throughout the world

Miracles Do Happen

I posted this on my Facebook page back in April of 2016. It is a story of racial and human reconciliation between a crooked cop and a man he put in jail for a crime he did not commit. The story is amazing and worth sharing again given today's issues on race.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/on-the-road-innocent-michigan-man-ends-up-working-alongside-crooked-cop-that-locked-him/>

The news piece says it all. Forgive me for the commercials. This is a good story to share with your children. If you can't open it, copy the link and paste it in your browser.

The blessing of the Lord be upon you,
+Paul

NOTE: You need to go to the Diocesan Website under family Life. (Midwestdiocese.org)

Greetings of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon to Metropolitan Onufriy for the Feast of Saint Onuphrios

Your Beatitude, Dear Brother and Concelebrant in the Lord's Mysteries,

I congratulate you and wish you many years on your name day, the feast of the Holy Desert Father Onuphrios the Great. May the day be celebrated in peace and in joy, together with those dear to you both near and far.

Metropolitan Tikhon and Metropolitan Onufriy at 18th All-American Council Liturgy, Atlanta, GA, July 2015. Our Father Onuphrios lived a life of silence, solitude, and contemplation in the desert of Egypt, drawing near to God through this unique path. While your lot in life has been different, to live of a life of preaching, leadership, and activity in the world, you yet struggle to imitate your heavenly patron in prayer and asceticism. Your silent prayer and contemplation is offered up in the midst of the masses, and your ascetic labor is to diligently shepherd the faithful of Kyiv and Ukraine. May you continue in such good works, ever drawing yourself and the people nearer to our Lord!

Praying for your good health, and the quick dissipation of the Coronavirus epidemic in Ukraine and throughout the world, I wish you many years on this festive day. Many years, dear Vladyka Onufriy!

With warm regards and best wishes in Christ,
+TIKHON
Archbishop of Washington
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

From Rita & Jim Mazur

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers as we felt God's strength during the sad time of passing of our son Matthew Gould.

Also, thank you for the beautiful flowers and the sympathy cards from the church members. All of this we are grateful for.

Thank You!
Love, Rita & Jim Mazur

Venerable Athanasius, founder of the Great Lavra and Coenobitic Monasticism on Mount Athos, and his six disciples

Commemorated on [July 5](#)

Saint Athanasius of Athos, in holy Baptism named Abraham, was born in the city of Trebezond. He was orphaned at an early age, and being raised by a certain good and pious nun, he imitated his adoptive mother in the habits of monastic life, in fasting and in prayer. Doing his lessons came easily and he soon outpaced his peers in study.

After the death of his adoptive mother, Abraham was taken to Constantinople, to the court of the Byzantine emperor Romanus the Elder, and was enrolled as a student under the renowned rhetorician Athanasius. In a short while the student attained the mastery of skill of his teacher and he himself became an instructor of youths. Reckoning as the true life that of fasting and vigilance, Abraham led a strict and abstinent life, he slept little and then only sitting upon a stool, and barley bread and water were his nourishment. When his teacher Athanasius through human weakness became jealous of his student, blessed Abraham gave up his teaching position and went away.

During these days there had arrived at Constantinople Saint Michael Maleinos (July 12), igumen of the Kyminas monastery. Abraham told the igumen about his life, and revealed to him his secret desire to become a monk. The holy Elder, discerning in Abraham a chosen vessel of the Holy Spirit, became fond of him and taught him much in questions of salvation. One time during their spiritual talks Saint Michael was visited by his nephew, Nicephorus Phocas, a military officer and future emperor. Abraham's lofty spirit and profound mind impressed Nicephorus, and all his life he regarded the saint with reverent respect and with love. Abraham was consumed by his zeal for the monastic life. Having forsaken everything, he went to the Kyminas monastery and, falling down at the feet of the holy igumen, he begged to be received into the monastic life. The igumen fulfilled his request with joy and tonsured him with the name Athanasius.

With long fasts, vigils, bending of the knees, with works night and day Athanasius soon attained such perfection, that the holy igumen blessed him for the

exploit of silence in a solitary place not far from the monastery. Later on, having left Kyminas, he made the rounds of many desolate and solitary places, and guided by God, he came to a place called Melanos, at the very extremity of Athos, settling far off from the other monastic dwellings. Here the monk made himself a cell and began to live an ascetical life in works and in prayer, proceeding from exploit to exploit towards higher monastic attainment.

The enemy of mankind tried to arouse in Saint Athanasius hatred for the place chosen by him, and assaulted him with constant suggestions in thought. The ascetic decided to suffer it out for a year, and then wherever the Lord should direct him, he would go. On the last day of this year's length of time, when Saint Athanasius set about to prayer, a heavenly light suddenly shone upon him, filling him with an indescribable joy, all the thoughts dissipated, and from his eyes welled up graced tears. From that moment Saint Athanasius received the gift of tenderness, and he became as strongly fond of the place of his solitude as he had formerly loathed it.

During this time Nicephorus Phocas, having had enough of military exploits, remembered his vow to become a monk and from his means he besought Saint Athanasius to build a monastery, i.e., to build cells for him and the brethren, and a church where the brethren could commune of the Divine Mysteries of Christ on Sundays.

Tending to shun cares and worries, Saint Athanasius at first would not agree to accept the hateful gold, but seeing the fervent desire and good intent of Nicephorus, and discerning in this the will of God, he set about the building of the monastery. He built a large church in honor of the holy Prophet and Forerunner of Christ, John the Baptist, and another church at the foot of a hill, in the name of the Most Holy Theotokos. Around the church were the cells, and a wondrous monastery arose on the Holy Mountain. In it were a trapeza (dining area), a hospice for the sick and for taking in wanderers, and other necessary structures.

Brethren flocked to the monastery from everywhere, not only from Greece, but also from other lands, simple people and illustrious dignitaries, desert-dwellers having labored in asceticism for long years in the wilderness, igumens from many monasteries and hierarchs wanting to become simple monks in the Athos Lavra of Saint Athanasius. ***Con't Next Page***

St Athanasius Con't

The saint established at the monastery a cenobitic monastic Rule on the model of the old Palestinian monasteries. Divine services were served with all strictness, and no one was so bold as to talk during the services, nor to come late or leave the church without necessity.

The Heavenly Patroness of Athos, the All-Pure Mother of God Herself, was graciously disposed towards the saint. Many times he was privileged to see Her with his own eyes. By God's dispensation, there once occurred such a hunger, that the monks one after the other quit the Lavra. The saint remained all alone and, in a moment of weakness, he also considered leaving. Suddenly he beheld a Woman beneath an ethereal veil, coming to meet him. "Who are you and where are you going?" She asked quietly. Saint Athanasius from an innate deference halted. "I am a monk from here," Saint Athanasius replied, and spoke about himself and his worries.

"Would you forsake the monastery which was intended for glory from generation unto generation, just for a morsel of dry bread? Where is your faith? Turn around, and I shall help you." "Who are you?" asked Athanasius. "I am the Mother of the Lord," She answered, and bid Athanasius to strike his staff upon a stone. From the fissure there gushed forth a spring of water, which exists even now, in remembrance of this miraculous visitation.

The brethren grew in number, and the construction work at the Lavra continued. Saint Athanasius, foreseeing the time of his departure to the Lord, prophesied about his impending end and besought the brethren not to be troubled over what he foresaw. "For Wisdom disposes otherwise than as people judge." The brethren were perplexed and pondered the words of the saint. After giving the brethren his final guidance and comforting all, Saint Athanasius entered his cell, put on his mantiya and holy kukolion (head covering), which he wore only on great feasts, and emerged after prolonged prayer. Alert and joyful, the holy igumen went up with six of the brethren to the top of the church to inspect the construction. Suddenly, through the imperceptible will of God, the top of

the church collapsed. Five of the brethren immediately gave up their souls to God. Saint Athanasius and the architect Daniel, thrown upon the stones, remained alive. All heard the saint call out to the Lord, "Glory to Thee, O God! Lord, Jesus Christ, help me!" The brethren with great weeping began to dig out their father from the rubble, but they found him already dead.

Matthew 8:5-13 (Gospel)

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

Romans 6:18-23 (Epistle)

And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.