

**St. Mary's Orthodox Church**  
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**Sunday, January 31, 2021**  
34th Sunday after Pentecost  
Tone 1 – Holy Wonderworkers

*Glory Be To Jesus Christ!*

*Glory Be Forever!*

Sun...January 31...9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy – NO COFFEE HOUR

Sat... February 6– NO VESPERS

Sun... February 7...9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Candles – NO COFFEE HOUR

Sat...February 13 – NO VESPERS

Sun...February 14... 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by Parastas – NO COFFEE HOUR

**Next Parastas is February 14, 2021**

**Prayer List:** *HEAVENLY FATHER ... Physician of our souls and bodies, Who has sent your only begotten Son to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit us and heal us, Your servants, from all physical and spiritual ailments through the grace of Your Son Jesus Christ; grant to us patience in this sickness, strength of body and spirit, and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your word to pray for each other that we may be healed. You are the source of healing and to You, we give glory; to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Matushka Lovey Ropitsky, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Andrew Balliet, Michael Birosik, Clark Bogosh, Theodore Bogosh, Cecil Buchanan, Emmalyn Naomi Buchanan, Evanna Jane Buchanan, Stephanie Chmel, Edward Conarty, Irene Davis, Ilene Devine, Julia Forte, Olga Hebda, Peter Holoviak, John King, Claire Kononchuk, Michael Kulick, John Kushnir, Nancy Lorchak, MaryAnn Macenka, Mary Maholick, Alexandra Miller, Britney Miller, Courtney Miller, Isaac Miller, Margaret Miller, Mildred O'Shura, Anna Pisko, Melissa Schmitt, Althea Shellock, Olga Sidoriak, Helen Suda, Martha Stafiniak, Joseph Tosca, Martha Teno, Michael Teno, Nancy Vanno, Elizabeth Warcholak, Russell Wishousky, Russell Yallas, & Richard York.

**February Birthdays:** 1- Michael Kulick, 3- Michael Tatusko, 7- Ira James, 9-Wendy Kulick, 15- Claire Remington, 22- Peter Harahus, 26- Catherine Hedes, 26- George Yurchak

If anyone is in need of a priest please call Father James Weremedic at 570-645-2772. Visitation of the Sick and Infirm: If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Fr. James at the Rectory. Emergency Calls: Please call the Rectory (570-645-2772) anytime (day or night) in an emergency.

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Candles (January 31):

Flowers...In memory of the deceased members of the **Herbert, Macalush, & O'Shura Families**  
offered by the Herbert Family

7-Day Vigils/Altar... In memory of **Gloria Ferri** offered by Russell & Geri King

Altar Candles... For the health of **Aunt Olga Hebda** offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak

Eternal Lamp... In memory of **Mother, Mary Lutash** offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak

Vigil Crosses ... In memory of **Jacob Lorchak** offered by Marie Yurchak

7-Day Vigils/Tetrapod... In memory of **Michael Lorchak** offered by Marie Yurchak

Decorated Candles/Tetrapod...For the health of **Matushka Lisa Weremedic** offered by Ted Bogosh

Financials 1/18-24/21: *Operating Acct:* Candles 43 - Altar Candles 40 - Offerings  
1,343 – Non-Envelope 160 - Holy Days 0 – Initial (to pay for envelopes) 40 = Total  
\$1,689.00; – Please continue to keep filling your church envelopes. – Thank you!

Thank you very much to the church family for the cards, prayers, well-wishes, and thoughts, especially to Father James and Matushka Lisa Weremedic. It was greatly appreciated.

Nancy Lorchak

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**Helen King as soon as possible if interested.**

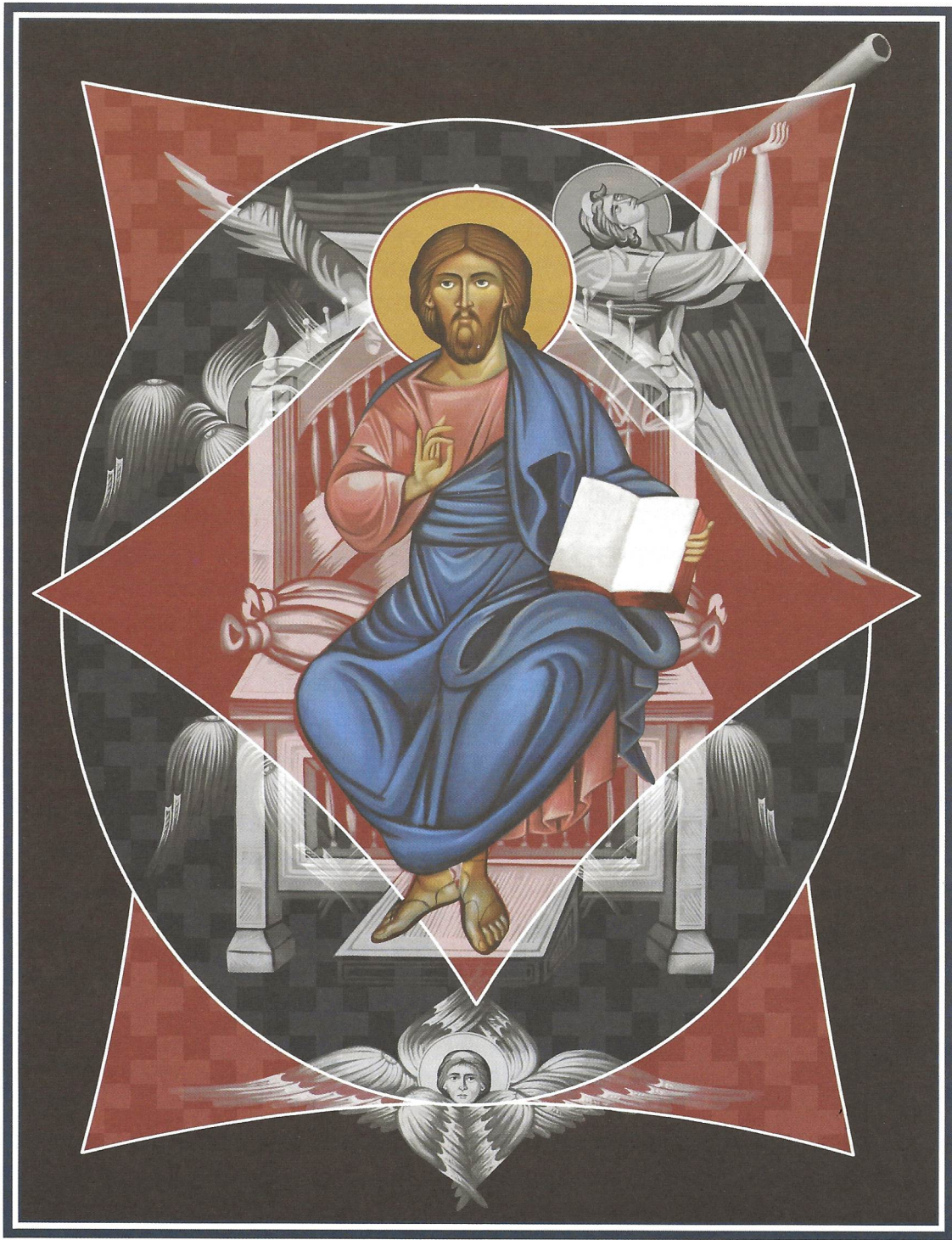
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## A BIBLE VERSE FOR ALL OF US

**I**n John 3:16 we read: *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.”* It is taught to us in Sunday School when we are young and is probably known by more people than any other verse in the Bible.

Why is this, you may ask? It is because with these few precious words, we feel love, sacrifice and ultimately an invitation to embrace our Saviour. God’s gift of His Son is the ultimate expression of His love for the world.

What if God had not loved the world? Mankind would be without hope and without a purpose. But rest assured, God loves us all, no matter what we have done. He loves us whether we are rich or poor. He loves us no matter how worthless we may feel.

God cared so much for us *“that He gave His only begotten Son.”* Many events in the life of Jesus are encompassed here. These words make us reflect on His birth, sinless life, death and ultimate resurrection. All this was done by the Lamb of God. We are truly washed of all our sins by His blood.

The message is clear. This Bible verse acts as an **INVITATION** to us. All who respond in Faith, will receive everlasting life. How will you answer this call?

**34th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1.** Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cyrus and John, and with them Martyrs Athanasia and her daughters: Theoctiste, Theodotia, and Eudoxia, at Canopus in Egypt (311).

### **Colossians 3:12-16** *(Epistle)*

Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

### **Matthew 25:14-30** *(Gospel)*

For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them.

And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.

Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise, he who had received two gained two more also.

But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money.

After a long time, the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

So, he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.'

His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.'

His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.

And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.'

But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.

So, you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.

Therefore, take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.

For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.

And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

# Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cyrus and John, and those with them

## Troparion — Tone 5

You have given us the miracles of Your martyrs, Cyrus and John, / as an invincible rampart; / through their prayers, frustrate the plans of the heathens, / and strengthen the faith of the Orthodox Christians, / for You alone are good and love mankind.

## Kontakion — Tone 3

Having received the gift of miracles through divine grace, O saints, / you work wonders in the world unceasingly. / You remove all of our passions through your invisible surgery, / divinely-wise Cyrus and glorious John, / for you are truly divine physicians.

Saint Cyrus was a noted physician in the city of Alexandria, where he had been born and raised. He was a Christian and he treated the sick without charge, not only curing their bodily afflictions, but also healing their spiritual infirmities. He would say, "Whoever wishes to avoid being ill should refrain from sin, for sin is often the cause of bodily illness." Preaching the Gospel, the holy physician converted many pagans to Christ. During the persecution by Diocletian (284-305), Saint Cyrus withdrew into Arabia, where he became a monk. He continued to heal people by his prayer, having received from God the gift to heal every sickness.

In the city of Edessa at this time lived the soldier John, a pious Christian. When the persecution started, he went to Jerusalem and there he heard about Saint Cyrus. He began to search for him, going first to Alexandria and then to Arabia. When Saint John finally found Saint Cyrus, he remained with him and became his faithful follower.

They learned of the arrest of the Christian woman Athanasia and her three young daughters. Theoctiste was fifteen; Theodota, was thirteen; and Eudoxia, was eleven. Saints Cyrus and John hastened to the prison to help them. They were concerned that faced with torture, the women might renounce Christ.

Saints Cyrus and John gave them courage to endure what lay before them. Learning of this, the ruler of the city arrested Saints Cyrus and John, and seeing their steadfast and fearless confession of faith in Christ, he brought Athanasia and her daughters to witness their torture. The tyrant did not refrain from any form of torture against the holy martyrs. The women were not frightened by the sufferings of Saints Cyrus and John, but courageously continued to confess Christ. They were flogged and then beheaded, receiving their crowns of martyrdom.

At the same place they executed the Holy Unmercenaries Cyrus and John. Christians buried their bodies in the church of the holy Evangelist Mark. In the fifth century the relics of Saints Cyrus and John were transferred from Canopis to Manuphin. Later on their relics were transferred to Rome, and from there to Munchen (Munich) (another account is located under June 28).

Saints Cyrus and John are invoked by those who have difficulty in sleeping.

## **MEMORY ETERNAL! MITRED ARCHPRIEST DANIEL D RESSETAR**

(Courtesy OCA) The Mitred Archpriest Daniel D Ressetar fell asleep in the Lord on the morning of January 20, 2021. He was born March 28, 1927 in Edwardsville, PA to Archpriest Dimitri and Matushka Margarita Ressetar. He married Theodora (Prislopsky) in 1958. A graduate of Saint Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary, he was ordained to the Holy Diaconate by Archbishop John (Garklavs) of Chicago and to the Holy Priesthood by Archbishop Dmitri (Magan) of Philadelphia in 1958. Father Daniel served parishes in Eastern Pennsylvania and as a United States Air Force Military Chaplain. Continuing in his family's tradition, he was an accomplished church musician and singer. He was awarded the Saint Innocent Award (Silver Class) by the Holy Synod in 2003 and the Mitre in 2017. He retired in 2006 and remained active at Christ the Savior Church in Harrisburg, PA as pastor emeritus. He is survived by his wife, Matushka Theodora, and his three sons, Nicholas, Gregory, and Alexander.