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Holy Days Liturgy: 9:00 am or Previous Day at 7:00 pm

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CHURCH BULLETIN – ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

October 22, 2017 / Жовтень 22, 2017

DIVINE LITURGIES SCHEDULE:

October 22, 2017, 20th Sunday after Pentecost. *Our Venerable Father Euthymius.*

Tone 3: Epistle: Galatians 1:11 – 19. / Gospel: Luke 16:19 – 31.

9:00 am – Pro Populo – English.

10:15 am – (God's Blessing upon Bohdan and Olha and Shafranski & Family; Nadiya Chornomydza & Family, req. Maria Shafranski and Nadiya Chornomydza) – Ukrainian.

Sanctuary Candle: This week Sanctuary Candle is lit in Memory of
✠ Yaroslav Khomyak, req. by Sabadylo Family

Monday, October 23, 2017 – James Apostle, Brother of the Lord.

7:00 p.m. – God's Blessing upon Oleh & Margaret Balaban&Family, req. Family

Tuesday, October 24, 2017 – Arethas and Others Martyrs.

9:00 a.m. – ✠ Walter Batih/Panakhyyda/, req. Family

Wednesday, October 25, 2017 – Marcian and Martyrius Martyrs.

9:00 a.m. – God's Blessing upon Svitlana & Family, req. Family

8:00 p.m. - Bible Study (Reading, Explanation, etc) – Ukr.

Thursday, October 26, 2017 – Demetrius Great Martyr.

9:00 am – Pro Populo – English.

**7:00 p.m. – Thanksgiving to God for Ihor & Nadiya Koretska on their
30th Wedding Anniversary, req. Koretsky Family**

Friday, October 27, 2017 – Nestor Martyr.

7:00 p.m. – God's Blessing upon Taras & Yana Fedyna, req. Family

Saturday, October 28, 2017 – Paraskevia Martyr.

**8:00 a.m. – ✠ Daniel Nalewayko {2nd Anniv.} / Panakhyyda,
req. Robert & Leticia Nalewayko**

**5:00 p.m. – (Bination Liturgy) - God's Blessing upon Rev. Olvian
N. Popovici & Family; Olesia Warywoda & Family; Kevin Fromel &
Family; Iryna Koretska & Family, req. Anonymous**

6:00 p.m. – Vespers (Вечірня)

October 29, 2017, 21st Sunday after Pentecost. *Anastasia Venerable Martyr.*

9:00 am – Pro Populo – English.

10:15 am – (✠ Ann Romaniuk, req. Maria Shafranski) - Ukrainian.

Confessions: Can be heard by appointment daily and on Sundays before or after the Divine Liturgy.

Baptism and Chrismation: By appointment. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics.

Marriage: Please contact the Pastor at least six (6) months in advance.

Attendance at pre - Cana is required.

Ukrainian Culture School will be held Every Saturday from 9:15 am until 1:35 p.m. For more information please call the Rectory or contact the Director, Mr. Roman Vaskiv at (631) 225 -1203 or visit our Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/HFUKrainianSchool>.

Ukrainian Cultural Dances for children ages 5 to 12 are provided by Mr. Gregory Momot and Khrystyna Momot of Paramus, NJ, every Saturday, by groups: ages (5 – 9) 1:40 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.; ages (10 – 14) 2:25 p.m. – 3:55p.m.; ages (15 – 19) 3:55 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.

Religious Education: Classes for religious education will resume on September 18, 2017 and will be held every Monday from 5:00 p.m. until 5:55 p.m./6:00 p.m. – 6:55 p.m. Please contact the rectory for further information.

Ministry to the Sick: Rev. Popovici will make visits to the sick on the first Friday of the month. It is the responsibility of an immediate family member to kindly notify Rev. Popovici at the Rectory office about any sick or aged individual who is hospitalized or confined at home or in a nursing home, and he will gladly visit and administer the sacraments. In case of emergencies please call any time.

Pray the Rosary: The Apostleship of Prayer requests members and parishioners pray the Rosary on the **First Sunday** of each month, beginning 20 minutes before Divine Liturgy. The Rosary Society requests members and parishioners pray the Rosary on the **Third Sunday** of the Month beginning at 10:00 a.m. before Ukrainian Divine Liturgy.

Mothers in Prayer: Next prayer group will be held on **November 3, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.**

St. Joseph's Men's Prayer: group will be held every Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

Rectory Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm; Evenings by appointment. **Attention: Monday** is a free day for the priest. In case of an emergency, please call at any time.

Divine Liturgy: Dear Parishioners! Remember your faith; please come every Sunday and Holy Days to Church.

Divine Liturgy for Children: Special Divine Liturgy (English/Ukrainian language) for family/children will be held on **Sunday November 5, 2017 at 12:00 Noon.** All parents are requested to bring their children to church to celebrate the Holy Divine Liturgy. **After Divine Liturgy, there will be a special Blessing for all children and youth of our parish for the start of the school year.**

Sunday Bulletin Deadline: Notices should be phoned in or brought to the Parish Office **NO LATER** than 12:00 noon on the Friday prior to the Sunday of publication.

Requests: In making out your will, kindly remember your church. Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church of Lindenhurst, N.Y. is our legal title.

New Parishioners: Welcome to Holy Family Church! To all who are tired and need rest, to all who mourn and need comfort, to all who are friendless and need friendship, to all who are discouraged and need hope, to all who are hopeless and need sheltering love, to all who sin and need a Savior, this Church opens wide its doors in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Please stop by the Rectory to introduce yourselves and register. We look forward to meeting you.

Change in address or telephone? Parishioners, kindly provide the rectory with your new address and telephone numbers as soon as possible.

Parishioners and guests: after each Divine Liturgy, coffee, rolls, & cakes are served in the Parish Center for a donation of \$3.00 per person.

Sunday Collection – October 15, 2017.

“Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, for the Lord is one who always repays, and He will give back to you sevenfold.” (Sir. 35: 9 – 10).

Candles: \$185, Tetrapod: \$2, Annual Support: \$25, Coffee: \$200, Sanctuary Light: \$15, Energy: \$55, Church Debt: \$20, World Mission: \$5, Free will Coll.: \$100, Refund: \$15,
Pledge: \$220.00, Sunday Offering: \$1,055.00, Total - \$1,887.00.

Dear Parishioners: *Sincere thanks for the offerings made on Sunday, October 15, 2017. May God bless you all for your generosity.*

Our Prayer: *Please remember all those parishioners who are ill or elderly within your families. They are part of our parish and need to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacraments of Confession and Communion. To schedule a visit by the priest, please call the rectory for an appointment.*

Attention: To all who celebrate their birthday during the month of **October**, our best wishes and many happy healthy years! Mnohaya Lita and God's Blessing.

Our Church News:

1. Dear Parishioners: Let us remember to pray more every day, and to pray the holy rosary during this month of October, which is the Month of the Rosary, in church at 8:00 pm for God's guidance, forgiveness and mercy.

2. We will be making pyrohy with kapusta/mushrooms, cheese and meat for sale on **Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**

Everyone from the parish is invited to help us!

3. Upcoming events:

A. Today, Sunday October 22nd, 2017 is World Mission Sunday.

Specially marked envelopes for this collection are available in your boxed envelopes. All donations are greatly appreciated.

B. November collections: Regular church cleaning: The next free will donations will be collected on **November 19, 2017.**

C. NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE, “ZABAVA” – 2017/2018

Sponsored by Our Parish, Sunday, December 31, 2017 starts at 9:00 p.m. Live music provided by band “Zemlyaky”. More information will be provided in our next bulletin.

4. We wish to express our sincere thanks to:

A. Mr. Vasyl Bahlay who continued this past week to support our parish with his skills.

B. those family from our Parish who recently volunteered to prepare eight (8) packages of clothing items totaling 416.5 lbs. and were shipped to an orphanage in Ukraine.

C. all our Parishioners who participated in the voluntary collection this past Sunday (Cleaning support). The total amount collected was **\$100.00.**

D. Mrs. Helen Samilo who has, for the past two months, continued to bake Prospora for our Liturgy services; Also Samilo Family supplies our Church for the past two years with the lighters needed to light candles in our Church.

May God bless all those who volunteered or made donations and may He reward you with His choicest Blessings.

5. Dear Parishioners! At this time, we are asking anyone who can help defray the cost of shipping 416.5 lbs of clothing and shoes to the orphanage in Stary Rozdil, Ukraine, to please provide a separate donation marked “Stary Rodzil Orphanage”. The total shipping cost for this shipment was \$393.00 which the church has paid. We rely on your kind donations to help with this expense for the children.

6. Outreach Program for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Apostleship of Prayer/Rosary Society is again sponsoring this drive for the needy in our community. However, **we will only collect grocery**

store gift cards or cash donations. Please put all donations in an envelope separate from your weekly parish donation. Mark the envelope as “Outreach Program” with your name. (You can also donate anonymously if you wish.) All cash donations will be used to purchase grocery store gift cards. **We will accept donations through November 20, 2017.** M/M Ihor & Olesia Warywoda are in charge of this Program.

Parish Registration: Registration means “completing a census card”. Unless you have registered, we have no record of your presence in our parish. If you get no mail from the rectory, you can conclude you have not registered. Please stop at the rectory at your convenience, during regular rectory hours, and complete a census card. Please also consider using the weekly envelopes, which you can order at the same time. For those who do not choose to use envelopes, we have no record of contributions and can give no end-of-year statement regarding contributions.

Dear Parishioners: In light of world events, let us pray more every day for God's forgiveness and mercy and for His guidance.

Please Note: Apostle James, the Brother of the Lord – Commemorated on October 23rd.

From his early years James was a Nazarene, a man especially dedicated to God. The Nazarenes vowed to preserve their virginity, to abstain from wine, to refrain from eating meat, and not to cut their hair. The vow of the Nazarenes symbolized a life of holiness and purity, commanded formerly by the Lord for all Israel. When the Savior began to teach the nation about the Kingdom of God, Saint James believed in Christ and became His apostle. He was chosen as the first Bishop of Jerusalem. Saint James presided over the Council of Jerusalem and his word was decisive (Acts 15). In his thirty years as bishop, Saint James converted many of the Jews to Christianity. Annoyed by this, the Pharisees and the Scribes plotted together to kill Saint James. They led the saint up on the pinnacle of the Jerusalem Temple and asked what he thought of Jesus. The holy Apostle began to bear witness that Christ is the Messiah, which was not the response the Pharisees were expecting. Greatly angered, the Jewish teachers threw him off the roof. The saint did not die immediately, but gathering his final strength, he prayed to the Lord for his enemies while they were stoning him. Saint James' martyrdom occurred about 63 A.D. The holy Apostle James composed a Divine Liturgy, which formed the basis of the Liturgies of Saints Basil the Great and John Chrysostom. The Church has preserved an Epistle of Saint James, one of the books of the New Testament.

Today Apostle Saint James, in the 4th Chapter of his Epistle also calls us to establish peace and to quench feud from among us: *«From whence come wars and fightings among you? Do they not come even from your lusts that war in your members?... Whosoever, therefore, will be a friend of the world – is the enemy of God. But He giveth more grace; therefore, He saith, “God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.” Submit yourselves, therefore, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners, and purify your hearts, ye double-minded. But now ye rejoice in your boastings. All such rejoicing is evil. Therefore, to him that knoweth how to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin».* And further on: *«Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life which the Lord hath promised to those who love Him»* (James 1.12)! If we overcome disagreements and resentment, joy and peace will return into our life, as the warmth of spring returns to the land after a cold winter! May our Lord Jesus Christ send His blessing upon each one who came today to glorify with love and prayer St. Apostle James, and the blessing of the Lord be upon all of you for today and forever.

A Dictionary of Liturgical Terms ...continued from previous Bulletin...

FAN: The Processional Fan, bearing an Icon of the Holy Angels, held by the Altar-Servers, over the Icons, Gospels, the Holy Gifts, etc. during the Divine Services.

FASTING: Abstaining from certain foods and activities in order to draw closer to God. Eastern Christians fast on most Wednesdays and Fridays and during the Four Lenten Periods. Total fasting (no food or drink) is required before receiving Holy Communion.

FEAST DAY: A Holy Day commemorating an event in the life of Our Lord, His Mother or the Saints.

FOREFEAST: The days leading up to a feast of the Lord or Theotokos. During a forefeast, hymns of preparation for the feast replace those from the Octoechos.

GOSPEL: One of the first four books of the New Testament. At the Divine Liturgy the Deacon intones the Gospel. At the Vigil, the reading is done by the Bishop or Priest.

HIGH PLACE: The holy part of the Church, located in the eastern most section of the Church "behind" the Holy Altar Table. Whenever a server passes from one side of the altar through the High Place, he always crosses himself. Prior to any Entrances, etc. Altar-Servers reverently gather at the High Place.

HOLY WEEK: The week before holy Pascha, during which we commemorate the Passion of Christ. Eastern Christians fast very strictly this week and attend many Divine Services reliving the final days of our Lord before His Holy Resurrection.

HOURS: The short services that are read four times in a day, each commemorating a particular theme. The 3rd and 6th Hours immediately precede the Divine Liturgy. The 1st hour is read following Matins.

HYMN OF ASCENTS: These hymns in each of the Eight Tones, are chanted at Sunday Matins immediately before the Prokeimion. They are divided into three antiphons (but four in the case of the eighth tone), each antiphon being made up of three troparia. At weekday vigils, for both saints and feasts, the first antiphon of the Hymns of Ascents of the fourth tone is used. Also known as *Hymns of Degrees, Antiphons*

ICONS: The Sacred Images of Our Lord, His Mother, or the Saints. Icons may also depict a sacred event. We cross ourselves and bow before venerating (kissing) Icons. Eastern Christians have one or more Icons in the corners of the rooms of their homes.

ICONOSTASIS: The screen of Icons separating the sanctuary from the body of the church, and pierced by three doors. The central doorway, which is closed by double gates and a curtain, is known as the Royal Doors.

IKOS: This is a short composition that follows the Kontakion, between the Sixth and Seventh Odes of the Canon.

INCENSE: The pieces of fragrant substance that are burned in the censer.

INTROIT: The hymn sung at the Small Entrance in the Liturgy, as the clergy enter the Sanctuary. There is a standard Introit beginning *O come let us worship...* which is used on most days; certain Great Feasts have a special Introit, which is said by the deacon or priest. Also known as *Entrance Hymn*.

IRMO: The opening hymn of each ode of a canon. This is the Theme Song of each Ode of the Canon. The word Irmos means link, since originally the Troparia that followed it were sung in the same rhythm, and thus were linked to it.

Kanon: 1) Short hymns consisting of nine odes, sung at the service of Matins. 2) The special service known as the Great Kanon sung on the evening of the Wednesday of the fifth week of the Great Lent.

Katavasia: An irmos (or, in a few instances, two irmoi) appointed to be sung at the end of an ode. This is the concluding stanza of a Cantic of the Canon, so-called because, as the title implies (to go down), the Choir members came down into the center of the church to sing it.

These are found after each Ode of the Canon on major Feasts and on ordinary days, the Irmos of the last Canon sung (there are usually several Canons sung together) is sung as Katavasia after Odes Three, Six, Eight and Nine.

Kathisma: Each of the twenty divisions of the Psalter. From the word *kathizo* I sit, these are selections from the Psalter, read at Vespers, Matins, and various other services, during which the Faithful are permitted to sit.

Kathisma Hymn: These are short hymns sung after the Kathisma readings, during which the Faithful are permitted to sit (except for certain prescribed days). These are sometimes referred to as Sedalens or Sessional Hymns.

Klobuk: The black headpiece with a veil worn by monks and Bishops.

Kolybethra: A large, often movable, circular basin on a stand, containing the water for immersion in Baptism. It symbolizes the Jordan River or the pool of Siloam.

Kontakion: The hymn appointed to be sung after the sixth ode of the canons (sometimes also after the third ode); it is generally followed immediately by its ikos. Both the kontakion and the ikos are derived from the early kontakion, which was a long poem, intended to be sung in church. It consisted of a short preliminary stanza, followed by some 18-24 strophes, each known as an ikos; the preliminary stanza and every ikos. The word means pole, since the Kontakion was originally a long poetic composition rolled up on a pole. Now only the brief preliminary stanza remains and is sung before the Ikos after the Sixth Ode of the Canon, at the Liturgy, Hours, and various other services.

Lamb: (Gr. Amnos). The symbol for the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross (cf. John 1:29). In the liturgy the amnos is the first square piece from the altar bread (prosphoro), inscribed with the letters ICXC NIKA (an abbreviated form for "Jesus Christ conquers"). This particular piece is to be consecrated during the Eucharist.

Lent: One of the four periods set aside each year when we are called upon to fast and pray fervently. Before Pascha the lent is called: GREAT LENT or GREAT FAST.

Litany: A set of petitions offered to God by the Deacon. The faithful respond with either "Lord have mercy!" or Grant this, O Lord!"

LITURGY: The Eucharistic Service of the Church, usually called the Divine Liturgy. The Liturgy most often used is the Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom. The Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great is used ten times a year, notably on the five Sundays of Great Lent.

LAMPADA: The hanging lamps before Icons.

MATINS: The morning service of the Church usually celebrated with Vespers as the All-Night Vigil. ...to be continued

Saint Demetrius of Thessaloniki (October 26)

The holy, glorious, and right-victorious martyr Demetrius was born to pious Christian parents in Thessaloniki, Greece in 270 AD. He came from a wealthy family and grew-up to serve in the Roman Army. Due to his strong physical appearance and heroic nature, the Emperor Maximian, not knowing Demetrius was a Christian, raised him to the rank of Duke of Thessaly in 290 AD. Despite serving during a time when Christians were actively persecuted, Saint Demetrius ministered to many, and was unashamed of his Christian faith. He spent much of his free time attending secret meetings to spread the Gospel, and to

convert many pagans to Christianity. When the Emperor found out he was a Christian, he had Demetrius imprisoned in a Bath house. At the same time Demetrius was imprisoned, the Emperor had ordered gladiator games to go on in honor of the victories won during the latest campaign. During the games, a certain haughty barbarian gladiator by the name of Lyaeus, full of strength and vigor, was beating all who opposed him. A young acquaintance of Demetrius named Nestor, desiring to beat the barbarian, came to the Bath House where Demetrius was imprisoned, and asked for his blessing. Receiving a blessing from the saint, Nestor went to the games, crossed himself and exclaimed "O God of Demetrius help me!" With this, he was immediately able to defeat the barbarian with a mortal blow to the heart. Enraged at the loss of his gladiator, Maximian ordered that Nestor be beheaded, and that Demetrius be speared to death. On October 26, 306 AD, St. Demetrius was martyred by Maximian the Emperor. Christians had him secretly buried at the place of his execution, and a beautiful scent emanated from his tomb. It is because of this that he is known as "The Myrrh Gusher." His memory is celebrated on October 26th/November 8th.

Saint Nestor, the Martyr for Christ (October 27)

We know very little concerning the martyr Nestor, other than that he was a close spiritual brother of Saint Dimitrios. He may have volunteered to fight the giant Vandal, Lyaeus, in order to prevent other Christians from being drafted to do so against their will. According to Saint Nikolai Velimirović in the *Ochrid Prologue*, the emperor, Galerius, entertained the people with such spectacles and had a platform built on which Lyaeus wrestled with his opponents, and having overcome them, tossed them over the side onto a forest of spears. Saint Nestor was born in Thessaloniki, (or perhaps Constantinople), and is believed to have been about twenty years old when he was martyred. There is some evidence (in Saint Neofytos, for example) that the place where Saint Nestor was martyred was outside the Western (Golden) gate of the city. It appears that this was the "gallowgate", the place for executions, in this case decapitation by sword. The Church honours the memory of Saint Nestor on October 27, the day after the feast of Saint Dimitrios of Thessalonica.

Why Do People Sin? By Ron Boatwright

We are free moral agents. God could have made us as robots, but He didn't. We have a choice in the matter. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). There are several reasons why people sin. People sin because, "There is no fear of God before their eyes" (Romans 3:18). They have no respect for God, our Creator. But the "whole duty of man" is to "fear God and keep His commandments" (Ecclesiastes 12:13). Before we can keep God's commandments we must know what they are. But God says, "My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6). We must study God's word because, "Your word, I have hidden in my heart that I might not sin against You" (Psalms 119:11). We must develop an awesome respect for God and His word so we will not sin against Him. People sin because we are deceived by sin. We are to, "Exhort one another daily, while it is called today, lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin" (Hebrews 3:13). We can even deceive ourselves by denying we have sinned. "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (1 John 1:8). Because of the deceitfulness of sin, we are to, "Beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked" (2 Peter 3:17). We are warned, "Let no man deceive you with vain words" (Ephesians 5:6). Yes, sin is deceiving. People sin because there is temporary pleasure in sin. Moses chose "rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season" (Hebrews 11:25). Because of the pleasures of sin, we are tempted and enticed. "But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust has conceived, it brings forth sin, and

sin when it is finished, brings forth death" (James 1:14-15). People sin because, "The soul of the wicked desires evil" (Proverbs 21:10). Jesus asks, "Why do you think evil in your hearts?" (Matthew 9:4). People sin because they "love evil more than good, lying rather than speaking righteousness" (Psalms 52:3). And because of this they "call evil good and good evil" (Isaiah 5:20). People sin because they are deceived by false doctrine. "If anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed" (Galatians 1:9). If one wanders away into the sin of denominationalism, he will be lost. "Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God" (1 John 9). We must be faithful to God and His word. People sin because of the influence of the people with whom they associate. "Do not be deceived: evil company corrupts good habits" (1 Corinthians 15:33). We must carefully choose our associates. To protect ourselves from sin we must, "Abstain from all appearance of evil" (1 Thessalonians 5:22). We also sin when we don't do what we should do. "Therefore, to him that knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin" (James 4:17). One of the things some people fail to do is they fail to assemble for worship. But we are not to "forsake the assembling of ourselves together as is the manner of some...for if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sin" (Hebrews 10:25-26). If we continue willfully in our sin and don't repent, we will die in our sins and be lost (John 8:24). Let us not be deceived by sin, because the wages of sin is spiritual death in Hell forever (Romans 6:23).

Please Note: Quotes, of Saint Anthony of Padua:

St. Anthony - lector, orator, contemplative, wonder-worker is considered to be one of the most popular saints in the Catholic Church. Anthony is the saint of the whole world - a universal saint because of his loyalty to the Church, his fierce love for God, and his caring love for God's children. He is also known as the hammer of heretics because he battled heresies that questioned the value of life, the authority of the Church, and the very nature of God.

"Attribute to God every good that you have received. If you take credit for something that does not belong to you, you will be guilty of theft."

"Damned money! Alas! How many religious did it blind! How many cloistered religious did it deceive! Money is the 'droppings of birds' that blinded the eyes of Tobit." (Tob 2:10-12)

"The life of the body is the soul; the life of the soul is God."

"These symbolize (Proverbs 30:14) the greedy and usurers whose teeth are swords and knives which they use to devour the poor and steal their meager possessions. All of them are children of this world who consider the children of light to be stupid and believe themselves to be the prudent ones. Their prudence is their death."

"Christ acts like a loving mother. To induce us to follow Him, He gives us Himself as an example and promises us a reward in His kingdom."

"The Glorious Virgin did not have a stain in her birth because she was sanctified in her mother's womb and safeguarded there by angels."

St. Anthony wrote the above statement more than six-hundred years before the Church proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

"Anyone, then, who desires to live chastely in Christ Jesus, must flee not only the mouse of lust, but even from its very scent."

"The spirit of humility is sweeter than honey, and those who nourish themselves with this honey produce sweet fruit."

"Solicitude for material things distracts the soul and divides it. The devil seizes the divided soul and drags it to hell."

The following words of Saint Anthony are found in the Epilogue to his Opus: *"I ask that if you find anything edifying, anything consoling, anything well presented, that you give all praise, all glory and all honor to the Blessed Son of God Jesus Christ. If on the other hand, you find anything that is ill composed, uninteresting or not well explained, you impute and attribute it to my weakness, blindness, and lack of skill."*
