“For I was hungry and you gave me food...”
Let us come together as Catholics through the Annual Catholic Appeal

On March 2-3, we will once again have the opportunity to be Christ to others. The Appeal is solely dedicated to the social mission of the Church here in Northern California. Together as Catholics, the Appeal is a way we can all give through the Church to help our sisters and brothers in a powerful way. Each of our gifts, no matter the amount, really do make a difference in someone’s life. Please prayerfully consider what you can give this year.

The following is a reflection I offered at a prayer service for the city of Sacramento on December 21st 2018, the longest night of the year and a significant day to pray for the homeless who sleep outside during these difficult winter months.

There are days I feel like the homeless are rude, but after all, they are homeless, what’s my excuse?
There are days I feel like the homeless are wasteful, but after all, they are homeless, what’s my excuse?
There are days I feel like the homeless are loud, but after all, they are homeless, what’s my excuse?
There are days I feel like the homeless are smelly, but after all, they are homeless, what’s my excuse?
There are days I feel like the homeless are annoying, but after all, they are homeless, what’s my excuse?
There are days I feel like the homeless are aggressive, but after all, they are homeless, what’s my excuse?
There are days I feel like the homeless are ungrateful, but after all, they are homeless, what’s my excuse?
There are days I feel like the homeless don’t even try, but after all, they are homeless, what’s my excuse?
There are days I feel like the homeless are lazy, but after all, they are homeless, what’s my excuse?
There are days I feel like the homeless are hard to love, but after all, they are homeless, what’s my excuse?
There are days when it feels like the only thing that separates me from the homeless is my home.

Heavenly Father, give us the grace to fully appreciate the gift of our homes and the courage to help prepare a home where all can dwell. In our final resting place, may we be embraced by all who have suffered and died due to our rudeness, greed, aggression, fear, laziness, ingratitude, and hardened hearts. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

~Fr. Michael ~
CATHEDRAL BROWN BAG LUNCH MINISTRY

As human beings, we are rational animals, in other words, we reason. We sense, make judgments based on our observations and then act. But unlike all other animals on earth, our sensing, judging and actions therefrom are not bound by our instincts. A pack of wolves in the wild during the winter, for example, will huddle together for warmth, and their species will continue to do so until the end of time. Man, on the other hand, at some time in history, when he realized he was cold, found shelter and then built his own. He realized the coat of animals could provide greater warmth and then he built fire. At some time in history it became as easy as flipping a switch and setting a dial to stay warm, but it took a while to get there. We, among God’s creatures, are extraordinarily gifted as we are made in His image and likeness, we possess a will that enables us to act beyond our instincts striving towards the greatest good and an intellect that enables us to arrive at the ultimate truths.

But today, affected by original sin, how do we use these gifts in practice everyday in our lives? Are we reasoning through our senses for the greatest goods and ultimate truths about those or issues around us? Sure we can find the quickest, tastiest lunch spot and the cheapest place for gas, but what about our relationships, especially with those who have different opinions than ours? How to Train your Dragon (2010) a DreamWorks animated film, takes up that question from the angle of how we, as a people, tend towards holding pre-conceived notions about those around us. Notions that prevent us from fully delving into the fullness of those that behave or have different opinions than we do.

Hiccup, the story’s protagonist, is a young man who belongs to a tribe of Vikings who are at war with dragons. Hiccup, as the son of the tribe leader, is constantly trying to prove himself to his father, with no success. But after capturing the rarest of dragons, a Night Fury, Hiccup finds his chance, as bringing the heart of the rarest of dragons will prove beyond all doubt he is worthy. However after injuring the dragon and preparing to kill it, Hiccup decides to show it mercy, and he begins to learn that their behavior, their intentions, their “kind” are not what he has been taught to believe. He applies reason, in search of the good and the truth concerning these creatures, and as a result befriends his people’s generational enemy, and finds that they are not the vicious monsters he came to understand but actually loyal, loving creatures who only want to survive. Hiccup then takes it upon himself to bring this truth to his people, but naturally meets opposition, as his people are set in their ways.

The story, in its animated fantasy form, successfully reminds us of our attitudes today, as media in an apparent ever growing fashion, seems to more and more polarize us, we must make an effort to use our God given will and intellect to acknowledge, yes, of course, we as Catholics, from a moral point of view, have stances, that are actually right and true, yet still, at the same time, with charity, acknowledge, that there are people behind stances that are different from ours. We mustn’t be afraid to take the chance to listen to those people behind those stances, acknowledging their points of view, as human beings holding them, and despite rhetoric that far too often appeal to emotion today, we, enlightened by God’s grace, faithfully, with grace, acknowledging the good and true, might act as an instrument to bring someone to that very same objective good and truth of an issue, as well as make a new friend, and as trite as it may sound, also make this world a better place to be.

~ Hannah Guest ~
Bring in your blessed palms from last year to be burned on March 3 to create ashes for Ash Wednesday on March 6.

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION
Sponsored by: Lay Canossian Association

Please join us for a “Journey with the Suffering Christ to Renewed Life” on March 2, 2019 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish hall, 1951 North Avenue, Sacramento, CA. This Day of Reflection will be directed by Fr. Alex Llanera, SJ. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. concludes at 2:00 p.m. Includes a 2-part presentation by Fr. Alex Llanera, Mass and Stations of the Cross. Share the Journey - Bring a Friend!

Have you ever considered taking a pilgrimage to Spain and walking the Camino de Santiago, or to Italy along the Via Francigena, as well as a non-walking pilgrimage to Mexico walking in the steps of Mexican martyrs, and visiting colonial Catholic churches in Cuba? If you would like to sign up for a pilgrimage, please join Catholic Charities of California for a Prospective Pilgrim Wine & Cheese Reception on Friday, February 22, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. in the McHugh Hall at Holy Spirit Parish, 3159 Land Park Drive, Sacramento, CA 95818. At this Reception, you will meet with group leaders and past pilgrims, and will receive information on these wonderful pilgrimage opportunities that will change your life and support the work of Catholic Charities of California. Cottage Way, Carmichael, CA 95608. To RSVP for the Reception or for more information regarding the pilgrimages, please go to our website at www.CCCpilgrimages.com or call (916) 706-1539 Ext. 12.

The very popular “I ♥ the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament” T-shirts are still available. From children’s size s through adult size 3x, at $10.00 each. Get yours by emailing Susan at susandurand@ymail.com!

HOLY HOUR FOR HEALING IN THE CHURCH CONTINUES
The Parish Council is hosting a special Holy Hour on every First Friday of this liturgical year. Join us in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament as we seek healing and atonement in our Church. Our next Holy Hour is March 1st from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Your presence is needed during this special time of prayer.

~ NOTE: FLU-SEASON DIRECTIVES ARE STILL IN FORCE ~

“For the Special Intentions of:
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Benny Garces+
Roman Q Paguio+
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“I AM GOD’S STEWARD!”
Practicing Stewardship in our everyday lives

Pray this prayer from St. John Bosco to Our Lady:

“Most Holy Virgin Mary, Help of Christians, how sweet it is to come to your feet imploring your perpetual help. If earthly mothers cease not to remember their children, how can you, the most loving of all mothers forget me? Grant then to me, I implore you, your perpetual help in all my necessities, in every sorrow, and especially in all my temptations. I ask for your unceasing help for all who are now suffering. Help the weak, cure the sick, convert sinners. Grant through your intercessions many vocations to the religious life. Obtain for us, O Mary, Help of Christians, that having invoked you on earth we may love and eternally thank you in heaven. Amen.”
Readings & Observances

Readings for the week of February 17, 2019

Regular: Sunday, 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 4, 6 (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Presidents’ Day
Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [20b]/Mk 8:27-33

Wednesday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

Thursday: St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr
Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145:2, 3, 4-5, 10-11 [cf. 1]/Mk 9:2-13

Date | Mass/Intentions | Activities
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Saturday, February 16 | 5:00 pm / Margarita Mora de Anda + | 10:00 am CCD Classes
Sunday, February 17 | 7:30 am / 9:00 am / Beatrice Bishop + 11:00 am* / Felix Rodriguez + 1:00 pm* (Spanish) / People of the Parish S.I. 3:00 pm (Chinese) 5:00 pm / Maria Gloria Garcia + 7:00 pm (Spanish) / Pablo C. Coesta S.I. *Rite of Sending / Confirmation Students | 9:00 am RCIA for Children & Teens 9:00 am Mass: RCIA - Breaking of the Word 11:00 am Mass: Liturgy of the Word for Children
Monday, February 18 | President’s Day 12:10 pm / Raphael Ramirez Slaughter + Cynthia Ramirez S.I. No 5:10 pm Mass | Rectory Closed 6:30 pm RCIA: Vespers 7:00 pm RCIA: Class
Tuesday, February 19 | 12:10 pm / Jaime Benigno + 5:10 pm / Souls in Purgatory | 6:00 pm Spanish Choir Rehearsal for the 7pm Mass 7:00 pm Teen Confirmation Class 7:15 pm The Men’s Group
Wednesday, February 20 | 12:10 pm / Alexis Mesaros S.I. 5:10 pm / Souls in Purgatory | 7:00 pm English Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm Communion & Liberation 7:15 pm Spanish Choir Rehearsal for the 1pm Mass
Thursday, February 21 | 12:10 pm / Souls in Purgatory 5:10 pm / Souls in Purgatory | 7:00 Bible Timeline
Friday, February 22 | 12:10 pm / Souls in Purgatory | 
Saturday, February 23 | 5:00 pm / | 10:00 am CCD Classes

Sharing the Gospel - One day in heaven, God will reward you for all the loving things you do. When you clean up the dishes without being asked, God sees. If other people are mean to you because you love Jesus, God sees. God will be so happy to see you in heaven!

Prayer - Dear God, help me love you with my whole heart. Help me do things that will make you smile.

Mission for the Week - Are any of your neighbors lonely? Go out of your way to show Jesus’ love to those people.

Cathedral Kids

Read the Gospel and Color

Raising his eyes toward his disciples [Jesus] said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.” ~Luke 6:20~

Can you draw this angel from heaven identical to the first drawing?

Puzzle
La siguiente es una reflexión que ofrecí en un servicio de oración para la ciudad de Sacramento el 21 de diciembre de 2018, la noche más larga del año y un día importante para orar por las personas sin hogar que duermen afuera durante estos difíciles meses de invierno.

Hay días en que siento que las personas sin hogar son groseras, pero después de todo, son personas sin hogar, ¿cuál es mi excusa?
Hay días en que siento que las personas sin hogar son un desperdicio, pero después de todo, son personas sin hogar, ¿cuál es mi excusa?
Hay días en que siento que las personas sin hogar son ruidosas, pero después de todo, son personas sin hogar, ¿cuál es mi excusa?
Hay días en que siento que las personas sin hogar huelen mal, pero después de todo, son personas sin hogar, ¿cuál es mi excusa?
Hay días en que siento que las personas sin hogar son molestas, pero después de todo, son personas sin hogar, ¿cuál es mi excusa?
Hay días en que siento que las personas sin hogar son agresivas, pero después de todo, son personas sin hogar, ¿cuál es mi excusa?
Hay días en que siento que las personas sin hogar son desagradecidas, pero después de todo, no tienen hogar, ¿cuál es mi excusa?
Hay días en que siento que las personas sin hogar ni siquiera lo intentan, pero después de todo, están sin hogar, ¿cuál es mi excusa?
Hay días en que siento que las personas sin hogar ni siquiera lo intentan, pero después de todo, están sin hogar, ¿cuál es mi excusa?
Hay días en que siento que las personas sin hogar son perezosas, pero después de todo, son personas sin hogar, ¿cuál es mi excusa?
Hay días en que siento que las personas sin hogar son difíciles de amar, pero después de todo, son personas sin hogar, ¿cuál es mi excusa?

Padre celestial, danos la gracia de apreciar plenamente el regalo de nuestros hogares y el valor para ayudar a preparar un hogar donde todos puedan vivir. En nuestro lugar de descanso final, que todos los que sufrieron y murieron a causa de nuestra rudeza, avaricia, agresión, temor, pereza, ingratitud y corazones endurecidos, nos abracen. Te lo pedimos por Cristo nuestro Señor. Amén.

~Pr. Michael~

Unámonos como católicos a través de la Apelación Católica Annual

El 2 y 3 de marzo, nuevamente tendremos la oportunidad de ser Cristo para los demás. La apelación está dedicada exclusivamente a la misión social de la Iglesia aquí en el norte de California. Juntos como católicos, la Apelación es una manera que todos podemos dar a través de la Iglesia para ayudar a nuestras hermanas y hermanos de una manera poderosa. Cada uno de nuestros regalos, sin importar la cantidad, realmente hace una diferencia en la vida de alguien. Por favor, considere en oración lo que puede dar este año.
Las lecturas de la semana del 17 de febrero de 2019
Domingo: 6o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Jer 17, 5-8/Sal 1, 1-2. 3.4. 4. 6 [40, 5]/1 Co 15, 12.
16-20/Lc 6, 17. 20-26
Lunes: Día de los Presidentes
Gn 4, 1-15. 25/Sal 50, 1 y 8. 16-17. 20-21 [14]/
Mc 8, 11-13
Martes: Gn 6, 5-8; 7, 1-5. 10/Sal 29, 1 y 2. 3-4. 3 y 9-10 [11]/
Mc 8, 14-21
Mc 8, 22-26
Jueves: San Pedro Damián, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia
Gn 9, 1-13/Sal 102, 16-18. 19-21. 29 y 22-23 [20]/
Mc 8, 27-33
Viernes: San Pedro Damián, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia
1 Pe 5, 1-4/Sal 23, 1-3. 4. 5. 6 [1]/Mt 16, 13-19
Sábado: San Policarpo, obispo y mártir
Heb 11, 1-7/Sal 145, 2-3. 4-5. 10-11 [cfr. 1]/Mc 9, 2-13

Meditación evangélica
En este domingo las lecturas nos invitan a reflexionar en lo que es vivir siempre luchando por una sociedad más justa. El Papa Francisco hizo una meditación para pensar en los que no tienen ni siquiera lo necesario para vivir. Dice así:

“?se rinde un culto idolátrico al dinero. ¿Porque se ha globalizado la indiferencia, se ha globalizado la indiferencia: a mí ¿qué me importa lo que les pasa a otros mientras yo defiendo lo mío? Porque el mundo se ha olvidado de Dios, que es Padre; se ha vuelto huérfano porque dejó a Dios de lado.

Algunos de ustedes expresaron: Este sistema ya no se aguanta. Tenemos que cambiarlo, tenemos que volver a llevar la dignidad humana al centro y que sobre ese pilar se construyan las estructuras sociales alternativas que necesitamos. Hay que hacerlo con coraje, pero también con inteligencia. Con tenacidad, pero sin fanatismo. Con pasión, pero sin violencia. Y entre todos, enfrentando los conflictos sin quedar atrapados en ellos, buscando siempre resolver las tensiones para alcanzar un plano superior de unidad, de paz y de justicia. Los cristianos tenemos algo muy lindo, una guía de acción, un programa, podríamos decir, revolucionario. Les recomiendo vivamente que lo lean, que lean las bienaventanzas que están en el capítulo 5 de San Mateo y 6 de San Lucas, (cfr. Mt 5, 3 y Lc 6, 20) y que lean el pasaje de Mateo 25. Se los dije a los jóvenes en Río de Janeiro, con esas dos cosas tiene el programa de acción.

(Discurso de S.S. Francisco a los participantes del Encuentro Mundial de los Movimientos Populares, octubre de 2014).

¿Crees que vale la pena meditar lo que dice el Papa?

Vivir la liturgia
Salir adelante en el mundo es algo que muchos consideran importante. Éxito, una vida cómoda y los valores mundanos son vistos como lo que se necesita para alcanzar la felicidad. Nos guste o no admitirlo, estas actividades son claves en muchas de nuestras vidas. Por mucho que queramos creer en el Evangelio, también nos resulta difícil no aferrarnos a estas otras cosas. La confianza incondicional en Dios debe ser lo primero si vamos a percibir el reino de Dios. Y aunque Dios no quiere que nos compliquemos la vida tratando de ser miserables, Jesús claramente da preferencia a aquellos que son pobres, hambrientos, que lloran, son marginados, vulnerables y despreciados. Cuando las personas se encuentran con estas cosas, tocan a Dios. Nos enseña a no sentirnos demasiado cómodos con nuestras riquezas y que hay mucho más en la vida real que las cosas que consideramos tan importantes.

La corresponsabilidad diaria
Cuando era niño, a menudo pensaba que la Iglesia era algo místico y sobrenatural. No me equivoqué en mi comprensión del Cuerpo de Cristo, por seguro la Iglesia tiene estas características. Sin embargo, aunque hablamos del fundamento de todo lo que somos como Iglesia siendo el "misterio de Cristo", Jesús se convirtió en un hombre para que ese elemento sobrenatural pueda penetrar en el mundo natural de una manera profunda. Lo que una vez no podíamos ver, ahora lo vemos. Lo que vimos como un Dios en un lugar distante ahora habitaba entre nosotros. Es uno de los aspectos del catolicismo que más he apreciado a medida que he madurado: para un católico, lo sobrenatural es natural. La comunión de los santos es celestial y terrenal al mismo tiempo.

Las bienaventanzas nos instruyen sobre esta realidad. El Papa Francisco nos recuerda que la santidad "no se trata de desmayarse en éxtasis místico". La santidad se trata de vivir en el mundo real y hacer cosas extraordinarias con nuestras vidas ordinarias. Nuestro estilo de vida de corresponsabilidad consiste en acciones en el mundo natural que tienen repercusiones extraordinarias.

Nunca des por hecho tus acciones simples de generosidad y amor. Como discípulos llamados a una vida de corresponsabilidad participamos en algo más profundo de lo que podemos ver. Estamos bendecidos de ser llamados a seguir a Jesús, y traemos bendiciones a todos aquellos con quienes elegimos compartirnos.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTs
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When attendants are available:
Wednesday 12:45 pm to 4:45 pm
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English - 3rd Saturday of the month, 9:00am
Español - 4º Sábado del mes, 9:00am

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English - 1st Thursday of the month, 7:00pm
Español - 2do jueves del mes, 7:00pm

TOURS
Tours are free and are led by trained Docents after the 9am and 11am Sunday Masses, and at 12:40pm on Wednesday. Tours in Spanish are held the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month after the 1pm Mass. Tours begin at the Baptismal Font. Contact 916-444-3071 to arrange free private group tours.

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CATHEDRAL PARISH STEWARDSHIP
Weekend Total Offering Percent of Goal
January 12/13 $8,083 70%
January 19/20 $8,541 74%
January 26/27 $9,606 84%
February 2/3 $8,148 71%

The Parish’s weekly expenses exceed $20,000. To maintain fiscal integrity, the weekend offertory needs to cover more than half of Parish expenses. The Finance Council has set a weekly offertory goal of $11,500.

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聖母忠僕會七位會祖（二月十七日）

主曆一二二五年，義國佛羅倫斯有富商七人，看破紅塵，創立了聖母忠僕會。其時佛羅倫斯局勢混亂，邪說肆虐，人民道德水準低落。這七人立志度苦的生活，並特別恭敬天主聖母。某年聖母升天瞻禮，聖母發顯給他們，囑他們往隱僻的處所，獻身敬主。廿三日後，一切準備妥當；他們經主教特准，往佛羅倫斯城外一小屋，度禱告和補贖的生活。後來因來訪的客人太多，遷居荒山，遠離塵囂，度最嚴厲的苦修生活。

數年後，主教親來視察，並指示他們應訂立會規。他們遂祈求聖母光照。聖母又顯現給他們，手中拿著一件黑色會衣，旁有一天神，手持一牌，寫著：「聖母忠僕會」等字。聖母囑他們應穿黑色會衣，並遵守聖奧斯定會會規。自該時起（一二四零年四月十三日），他們正式取了「聖母忠僕會」的會名，並由主教委派七人中最年長的彭費祿為會長。他們七人分別取名：彭弗里、亞力西、亞瑪達、赫格、沙斯德、瑪納德、彭納群。除亞力西外，其餘六人均接受特別訓練，晉陞鐸品。不久，會務迅速發展，各地紛紛設立分會。

聖母忠僕會雖經教區神長核准，尚未獲宗座正式批准。因根據拉特朗會議決定：任何新修會，一概不准設立。故聖母忠僕會雖一再申請，宗座為當時法令所限，未能批准。至該會成立六十年後，始由教宗真福本篤十一世正式予以批准。聖彭費祿於主曆一二五六六年，因年老力衰，辭去會長職務，由聖彭納群（七人中最年幼者）繼任。聖彭費祿於主曆一二六一年除夕逝世。聖彭納群在堂中誦耶穌受難福音時逝世。聖亞力西、瑪納德當選第四任會長。聖沙斯德往巴黎領導會務。聖赫格往德國創立分院。兩人任務完畢，奉召重返總院，於同日逝世。聖亞力西，謙辭司鐸聖職，終身任輔理修士，享壽一百一十歲。

The Seven Founders of the Servite Order (February 17)

In 1225 A.D., there were seven rich businessmen in Florence, and they saw the Red Dust and founded the Servite Order. At that time, the situation in Florence was chaotic, evil words were spreading, and the people’s moral standards were low. These seven people are determined to live a hard life and pray for the Virgin Mary. In a certain year during the celebration of the ascension of the Virgin Mary, the Virgin appeared to them, and told them to go to the secluded place and dedicate themselves to the Lord. After twenty-three days, everything is ready; the bishop granted them the permission to go to a hut outside Florence to pray and redeem the life. Later, due to too many visiting guests, they moved to the barren hills, away from the hustle and bustle, to live in the most severe and painstaking life.

A few years later, the bishops came to inspect and instructed them to establish regulations for the order. They pray for the light of the Virgin. The Virgin appeared to them again, holding a black cloak in the hand, and one day next to God, holding a card, saying: "The Servite Order." The Virgin told them that they should wear black robes and obey the rules of St. Augustine. Since then (April 13, 1404), they officially took the name of "The Servite Order" and appointed the eldest of the seven of the six principals, Bonfilius as the president. The seven of them were named: Bonfilius, Alexius, Amadeus, Hugh, Sosteneus, Manettus, and Bonajuncta. Except for Alexius, the other six people received special training and promoted products. Soon, the order developed rapidly, and branches were set up in various places.

The Servite Order has not been officially approved by the Pope, although it has been approved by the diocese of the dioceses. Due to the decision of the Latrang meeting: no new order will be established. Therefore, although the Virgin Mary servant has applied repeatedly, the Pope was limited by the decree and cannot approve the establishment of the order. Sixty years after the establishment of the association, it was officially approved by Pope Benedict XI. In 1265, Bonfilius resigned and was succeeded by Bonajuncta (the youngest of the seven). Bonfilius died in new year of 1261 when he was reciting the gospel of Jesus in the synagogue.

Amadeus was elected as the fourth president. Sosteneus went to Paris to manage the order. Hugh went to Germany to establish the branch for the order. After they complete their assignments, they went back to the headquarters of the order and died on the same day. Alexius retired from his priesthood and became a monk for the rest of his life until his was 110 years old.
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