"I do not pray that You should take my disciples out of the world, but I pray that You should keep them from the evil one. My followers are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world." (John 17:15-18)

This prayer of our Lord Jesus Christ, a part of what is often called the High Priestly Prayer, highlights three important aspects of the Christian life which are relevant to us today. First, Jesus did not pray for his disciples to be taken out of this world despite all the challenges and struggles and dangers they would face. Remember, during the first century, the early Christians faced many seemingly insurmountable obstacles – a Roman Empire that despised them, a Jewish community which eventually rejected them, and slander, danger, persecution and martyrdom that awaited them. Interestingly enough, though, Christ did not pray for his followers to be taken out of any difficult situation. Instead, our Lord prayed that his followers would be protected from whatever evil came in their midst.

Jesus reminded his disciples to always keep an eternal and Christ-centered perspective. Just as He Himself wasn’t of this world, they as His followers should never identify too closely with worldly and material goals and passions. Our true home and citizenship is not here on earth, but in eternity with the Lord in heaven. We all are simply sojourners passing through this brief life here and now.

During our earthly sojourn, surely we can expect struggles and challenges, and see evil and darkness all around us. We may be rejected and never
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The mission of Sts. Constantine and Helen Church is to proclaim the Good News of Salvation through the Orthodox Christian Faith for the glory of our Triune God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We are a community of believers who journey towards our Lord Jesus Christ and one another through our WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, SPIRITUAL GROWTH, WITNESS, and SERVICE. We invite all people to join us on this journey in the Kingdom of Heaven.

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feel too much at home, precisely because this isn’t our permanent home! Whatever we face in this life, Christ’s prayer is that we be kept from the evil one, and His promise is that He will be with us always. He will never leave us alone, facing the challenges of life by ourselves. He is with us! Thus, we never need to fear anything. Jesus will always be with us!

A second aspect of this prayer was that our Lord said, “Sanctify them in Your truth.” The world around us with all its incredible technology offers us much information and knowledge. Yet there’s a difference between worldly knowledge and life-giving, eternal truth. “I am the way, the truth and the life” Jesus proclaimed. Ultimate truth lies with Jesus Himself. He is the One who reveals to us the truth about ourselves, including our weaknesses and sinfulness as well as our divine potential for greatness. When we are sanctified by the truth that Christ offers, we will not be deceived by the superficialities of the world. Our contemporary society inundates us with its lies, and so many people embrace and believe this deception. Only in Jesus Christ we see the world for what it is, a beautiful yet temporary place, a brief journey which we partake in before we begin our eternal travel.

Finally, the third part of this high priestly prayer was when Christ offered, “As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.” As God the Father sent His Son Jesus to offer a concrete witness of love in this sometimes dark and evil world, as God the Father sent His Son to lovingly serve the world, and then to even sacrifice Himself for the world, in like manner, Christ now sends His followers into the world to act in a similar manner. Just as Jesus was a light shining in darkness, now we His followers are called to shine forth radiantly His light to the world around us.

Jesus prayed that His followers would understand the great role they now played in human history. In fact, what we see throughout the early centuries is how this small band of followers, facing unbelievable dangers and insurmountable odds, take to heart Christ’s mission and begin transforming the world. They begin shining the light of Christ on others, which transforms and transfigures the lives of those who accept and embrace the same light Jesus prays that we will not be taken out of the world with all its challenges, but that we will be protected from being influenced by the evil of society.

Christ prays that we will not be deceived by any worldly pursuits, but that we will be sanctified by His divine truth so that we can always keep a proper perspective on life.

And our Lord prays that we His followers will go into the world shining forth His divine light of love and hope just as He Himself came into the world and transformed the lives of all those who accepted Him.

May we all take to heart this High Priestly Prayer, and allow its message to guide us in our lives.

I wish everyone a blessed celebration of the Holy Feast of Pentecost, and for all the fathers of the Church I wish a blessed Father’s Day!

With love in

+Luke

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FEAST OF PENTECOST: THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

On the feast of Pentecost, we remember how the Holy Spirit came WITH POWER upon the disciples of Christ, transforming them from frightened men to bold preachers, from men who felt like abandoned orphans to apostles filled with the presence of God!

One of our goals in our spiritual journey should be to receive the power of the Holy Spirit and allow that Spirit to guide and direct us. St. Seraphim of Sarov, one of the greatest Russian saints of the 19th century, affirmed this, “The goal of the Christian life is the acquisition of the Holy Spirit! Prayer, fasting, vigils, and acts of charity are all simply ways of trying to receive and maintain the Holy Spirit in our lives.”

And yet, honestly speaking, how many of us can say that one of the main goals in our lives is to acquire the Holy Spirit? How many of us can even say that we experience POWER from our faith? Do we realize that God lives within us, and wants us to concretely taste and experience His presence – the security of His love, the excitement of His joy, the depth of His peace, the invincibility of His hope!

Christianity is not some cultural heritage, some beautiful yet dead treasure we’ve inherited from our ancestors. NO! Our faith is a living, dynamic, vibrant WAY OF LIFE! St. Paul says it is “living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow, able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” (Heb 4:12)

How many of us can sincerely say that we experience our faith as such a lively source of power in our lives? Do we turn to this source each day, seeking its guidance and direction in our decision-making, in our words and actions. Remember, Christianity is not supposed to be a static, institutionalized religion, but is meant to be a way of life, affecting every aspect of our beings!!

Look at the transformation that occurred to the 12 disciples on the day of Pentecost. Men, who 50 days earlier had betrayed, denied, and abandoned their Master out of fear, received power with the coming of the Holy Spirit. With the Holy Spirit enlightening them, they BEGAN TO FULLY UNDERSTAND all that Christ said. With the coming of the Holy Spirit, they courageously PROCLAIMED the good news of Christ to everyone, even knowing that such boldness could lead to their arrest and even death. With the coming of the Holy Spirit the disciples RECEIVED THE INSPIRATION AND POWER TO GO FORTH TO ALL NATIONS AND OFFER A WITNESS OF GOD’S LOVE TO ALL PEOPLE EVERYWHERE!

This same Holy Spirit, which radically changed and directed the lives of the disciples, is ready to live and work within us today, transforming our lives in the same manner as the early apostles. But how does He transform our lives?

First, the Holy Spirit helps us understand all things. Jesus promised, “When the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth.” (Jn 16:13) The Holy Spirit is our guide in our spiritual journey. Our faith is extremely deep, and often difficult to correctly understand. The temptations and so-called wisdom of the world mislead our attempt to understand. Therefore, the Holy Spirit opens up our minds to comprehend better our faith. The Holy Spirit will clearly lead us on the straight and narrow path that leads to paradise.
Second, the Holy Spirit encourages us to boldly proclaim the good news of Christ. We see the concrete example of the early disciples being transformed from frightened men to fearless preachers. St. Peter denied knowing Christ three times before His crucifixion. Yet, on the day of Pentecost, he fearlessly stands before thousands of people proclaiming that Jesus Christ is Lord and King! The other disciples who abandoned Christ when the soldiers came to arrest him, now faced the very authorities who threatened them with the words, “We cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard!” Even St. Stephen faced martyrdom with deep peace for the sake of Christ. Such courage and strength comes only from the great Comforter, the Holy Spirit.

Third, the Holy Spirit empowers us to be witnesses in the world. Jesus promised his disciples at His Ascension, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” To be witnesses for God means the Holy Spirit fills us with the power necessary to overcome evil. We no longer remain helpless in front of our temptations and evil habits. We have the greatest helper, God Himself, living within us!

The Holy Spirit not only empowers us to overcome sin, however, but also guides us to grow in holiness by filling us with its fruit of “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, and self-control” (Gal 5:22). Each of these virtues will increase in our lives as the Holy Spirit increases its activity within us.

God gives us this fruit of the Holy Spirit, however, not only for our own benefit, but for a purpose! As we taste of such fruit in our lives, he tells us to then act as witnesses of God’s presence to other people – locally, nationally, and globally! Share His fruit with others everywhere!

So, now the question is, “How do we receive this Holy Spirit, which will lead us into this abundant life with God?!” Well, we need to understand that each of us Orthodox Christians have received the Holy Spirit on the day of our baptism. We have within us the presence of God which can help us fully understand our faith, encourage us to boldly proclaim the good news of Christ, and empower us to be holy witnesses to all the world!

The problem, though, is that following our baptism, many of us have limited the Holy Spirit. Following our baptism, we have locked the Spirit of God in one of the many rooms of our lives. Yes, we go into that room periodically – on a Sunday morning, for Easter and Christmas, and for some other special occasion. We enter that room occasionally, BUT we don’t open the door of that room, and allow the Holy Spirit to flow freely throughout EVERY ROOM OF OUR LIVES! Our goal is to have the Holy Spirit present in every room of our lives, to take part in every activity of our lives, to guide our tongue in every discussion we have. The Holy Spirit should not be a guest whom we call upon occasionally, but He should be our partner in life, intimately guiding us in EVERYTHING WE DO, SAY, or THINK!

St. Symeon the New Theologian advised, “Even after our baptism we Christians must turn to Christ for a new seal of the Holy Spirit through repentance, forgiveness, and faithful observance of God’s commandments.”

The coming of the Holy Spirit should be an ongoing act in our lives. Yes, we received the Holy Spirit on the day of baptism. But we renew the Holy Spirit each day through continual repentance and diligent observance of God’s commandments. Every day we must seek the Spirit through prayer, fasting, and doing good deeds of love.
**2017 METROPOLIS OF BOSTON AWARDS RECIPIENT**

Congratulations to Cynthia Johnson for being selected as the 2017 Metropolis of Boston Awards Recipient from our Saints Constantine and Helen Church. Cynthia has been a life-long member of our Church, a faithful and devout Christian actively serving on the parish council on and off for more than a decade as a member, the treasure and vice-president. She has been a co-chair of our annual Church Festival over the past five years, and ran our Church golf tournament one year. She has a love for the Church and has served tirelessly in a variety of capacities.

Not only is she active in Church activities, but she is very engaged in the community life of Webster. Cynthia is a Detective on the Webster Police department where she has served her community for 15 years and is also the School Resource Officer assisting and mentoring many students in the Webster School system. For many years Cynthia has overseen multiple community projects such as National Night-Out and Winter Wonderland. She has served on the Board of Directors for the Webster-Dudley Boys and Girls Club for several years and has organized an annual Ovarian Cancer Research Golf Tournament raising over $50,000.

Cynthia has a very genuine caring spirit and unselfishly gives of herself to help those in need making her a much worthy recipient of this award.

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**A THANK YOU NOTE**

Dear Fr. Luke and our Saints Constantine and Helen Family,

It has been a great joy and a rich blessing to be at your parish over the past two semesters while I’ve been a student at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. Although it was required for me to serve a parish, I could have only hoped that I would be welcomed into one the way that I was welcomed into yours. It is clear that Saints Constantine and Helen is not only a welcoming parish, but also a loving family. This is never something that simply happens by chance, but rather through great intentionality.

Since I joined your family at Saints Constantine and Helen, I have been blessed to learn things that I will always carry with me in my life as a human being, and I hope some day in the vocation of priest and spiritual father. I considered it a great privilege and responsibility to serve some of the children of your parish, and also to serve with and alongside your church family and your loving spiritual father. He is, without a doubt, a rare leader and you are truly blessed to have him, and its obvious that you recognize that as well.

I hope that I have in some way been a blessing to your family and parish as well over the past several months. Although I will not be with you any longer, I pray that you will remember me in your prayers, as I will you.

Thank you again for everything.

With love in Christ,

*Constantine Alexandrides*
PRESIDENT’S CORNER

This month we celebrate Father’s Day. Whether you are honoring your father, or someone who is a father-like figure in your life, on this Father’s Day, make it an extra special day for him.

Although, not a father myself, I look to my father as a role model. Being a single mother of two sons, there were definitely challenging times, but being a father of 5 children (3 of which were daughters) must have added to his grey hairs. Like many dads, their pride and happiness glows when you speak of their children. The hardships and struggles cannot weigh against the amount of love a father can bear.

I hope you will all take a few extra minutes and offer a special prayer of gratitude for your father!

This is something that I read and I hope you will enjoy as much as I did.

THE STRENGTH OF A MOUNTAIN

God took the strength of a mountain,
    The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
    The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
    The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
    The power of the eagle’s flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
    The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
    The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
    When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
    And so, He called it … Dad

May God’s Blessings be on all the men in this world and may we remember those that have passed on. Happy Father's Day! Also, God Bless all the 2017 Graduates!

Many sympathies to the family of Tom Baxter. May his memory be eternal.

Just a reminder on two upcoming events. Both of these events are fundraisers. Please participate and help support our Church. On June 10th from 11am to 7pm we are introducing our NEW “Gyro Fest 2017.” Tickets are on sale now! Please buy some for yourself, but also try to sell some to your friends. Let’s make this a big success. We will need volunteers to help us throughout that day, so please see me or another Parish Council member if you can help.

On Saturday July 29th, we will have our annual Golf Tournament. I know many of us play golf, so please get your friends to come, make up a foursome, and support our Church. Please call Arthur Bilis (508-331-8006) for details on putting together a group of four, sponsoring a hole, or participating in any other way.

With God’s Blessings,

Lisa Healy

Philoptochochos News

On June 5th we will be having our end of the year dinner at Point Breeze at 6:00. Marie McNally will be taking names and collecting the money. It is $20.00 per person. Please see her. All women of our parish are invited. At the meeting we will be having elections. Despina is the chairman of the board of directors and she will be handling the elections. Please come so we have a quorum for voting.

Hope to see you there!

With love and appreciation,

Evelyn Pappas
Philoptochochos President
She serves on the Webster Police Department, where she has served and helped many students at Bartlett High School. She oversees the annual Police Winter Wonderland at Webster Lake and National Night Out.

**Vacation Church Camp 2017**
(Ages 3-11 with Teen Helpers 13+)

Tubing on the Lake
Family Pool Party
Laser Tag
Recreational Activities

5:00pm-8:15pm
Monday, July 10–Friday, July 14, 2017

Invite Your Friends to Join Us!

Email Sara Darligiannis (saragardens@yahoo.com) to register for camp. $35/child.

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Email Sara Darligiannis (saragardens@yahoo.com) to register for camp. $35/child.
She organized several Jimmy Fund golf tournaments raising more than $50,000 for cancer research. She also serves as the 2nd Vice President of the Boys and Girls Club in Webster.

GYRO FEST
JUNE 10, 2017
11AM-7PM
GYRO PLATTER $10
GYRO - RICE - FETA & OLIVES
Gyro $7 Hot Dog and Chips $3
GREEK PASTRIES
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Godparents and Grandparents Sunday
ANNUAL GREEK FESTIVAL NEWS

In the efforts to keep our costs down as much as possible for this year’s Festival, we would be very grateful to anyone who would like to donate any of the following ingredients or make a monetary donation to purchase any of the items for the food line, please see or call Lisa Healy 508-981-8109, Marie McNally 508-612-2946. Thank you !!!!

**These items are needed by 7/15/2017**
- 30 boxes Barilla Brand Rigatoni
- 3 large (16 ounces) grated Parmesan cheese
- 10 pounds feta cheese
- 12 med onions (for Pastitsio)
- 4 packages celery stalks
- 8 pounds of butter
- 24 - 29oz cans of tomato sauce
- 4 boxes cornstarch
- 5 gallons of whole milk
- 2 large bottles Cabernet wine
- 10 diet coke
- 8 ginger ale
- 9 root beer
- 8 orange
- 2 large bottles of ketchup
- 1 large bottle relish
- 2 large bottles mustard
- 20 large onions (for gyros)
- 3000 napkins
- 600 small paper plates 6 or 7 inch
- 100 slices of american cheese (individually wrapped)
- 140 hot dogs and hot buns
- 140 hamburgers and buns
- 500 dinner rolls
- 3 cases Sernio (6 hour)
- Ice

**If you are donating the following, we will need to know by 8/30/2017**
- 30 cases of water
- 50 cases of soda
- 15 coke

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**6th ANNUAL Sts. Constantine & Helen GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**Saturday, July 29, 2017 at Dudley Hill Golf Club**

**Tournament Format**
- Scramble

**Cost:** $90/person (includes golf, cart, dinner, and prizes)

**12:30 Registration**
**1:30pm Shotgun Start**
**6:30 Dinner**

**Events:**
- Raffles
- Mulligan and Strings
- Contests (Closest to Pin, Closest to Line, Best 4-some overall)

**Hole Sponsors - $50**
Monetary or Raffle Donations are Welcome

Not golfing? Join us for dinner $30/person.

Contact Arthur Bilis (508-943-8341) for more info.
SUPPORT OUR PROJECT MEXICO TRIP

Dear Beloved Parishioners

Our Church will once again sponsor a MISSIONS TEAM TO MEXICO to serve our Lord Jesus Christ and His Church in a cross-cultural setting.

This will be the SIXTH TIME our Church will send such a group. We have 28 people participating in this exciting mission.

The Veronis Family, Neal/Olivia/John Neslusen, Steve/Louisa Foisy, Kara Bilis, Jaime, Gabriella, Gideon, Grady Ross Tony/Maia Beaudry, Smaranda Cojocarui, Sophia Georges Matvey Zhuk, Bill Thompson, Nick Kiritsis And four youth from Sts. Constantine and Helen Church in Andover, MA and two from New Jersey. Please keep our team in your prayers!

As in past years, we will travel to Mexico and work with the PROJECT MEXICO, while staying at the St. Innocent Orphanage. We will go from July 21-27, 2017.

Our primary goal will be to help construct a home for a needy family in Rosarito. The week we are there, we will work with 125 Orthodox Christians from around the country, and will build FIVE SIMPLE HOMES. We will also spend time with the teenage orphans at the St. Innocent home, as well as share our faith and spend time with the local people we meet.

In order for our group to participate in this mission trip, WE ARE RAISING $25,000, which will pay for the supplies and materials needed to build the house, our food and lodging at the orphanage, our flights to San Diego and the van we must rent for Mexico.

Would you prayerfully consider becoming a spiritual and financial partner with us on our mission?

As a financial partner, you can send a tax-deductible donation to Sts. Constantine and Helen Church. Please write Project Mexico in the memo line of the check. You can learn more about Project Mexico on their website www.projectmexico.org.

Thank you for helping our Church fulfill its part in our Lord’s global mission and outreach!!

In Christ’s love,

+Luke
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:
June 4 - Kathy Bilis, Sara Darligiannis, Marie Monroe, Charlotte Neslusan, Carolyn Niemeck, Stephanie Quill,
June 11 - Thomai Gatsogiannis, Trish Lareau, Irini Costomiris, Deb Raymond, Evangeline Wilson
June 18 - Donna Cooney, Leah Didonato, Rena Klebart, Jaime Ross, Betty Tonna
June 25 - Marie McNally, Christa Benoit, Sandi Kunkel, Mary Seferi

YOUTH EPISTLE READERS
June 4 - Olivia Neslusan
June 11 - Zach Beaudry
June 18 - Gabriella Ross
June 25 - Lily Mueller
July 2 - Maia Beaudry
July 9 - Theodora Veronis
July 16 - Kyra MacKenzie

YOUNG ADULT COOK OUT
Everyone ages 18-30 come and join us for an evening of faith and fellowship.
Thursday, June 15

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
10:00-11:00am
June 7, 21,
All Are Welcome!
Giving According to How We’ve Been Blessed

God does not expect more than you can give. Nor does He expect less. Proportional giving is not something unique to the New Testament (I Corinthians 16:2).

Even in the Old Testament offerings, there was provision for giving according to means. If God had richly blessed you, there was a fitting way to show your gratitude - the offering of a young bull. Those not so fortunate could still express their thanks by offering a sheep, a goat, or even a bird.

Whether the offering was as large as Solomon’s - who sacrificed 22,000 oxen and 120,000 sheep at the dedication of the temple (I Kings 8:36), or as small as Mary's (who brought the offering of the poor, a pair of turtledoves, after the birth of Jesus (Luke 2:24) - the important thing was not the size of the gift but the intent of the giver.

The poor man’s pigeon smelled as sweet to God as the rich man’s bull. Let us all give according to how God has blessed us!

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Remembering Our Church Family

**Important Dates in JUNE:**

*Make a visit, give a call, or express your congratulations to members of our Church family who celebrate special days during this month.*

**BIRTHDAYS:**

- June 1: Jimmy Milios
- June 2: Adam Rivelli
- June 2: Presbytera Faith Veronis
- June 4: Peter Christo
- June 6: Nick Rivelli
- June 8: Pauline Angelo
- June 11: Gabriela Ross
- June 12: Rose Angelo
- June 13: Claire Milios
- June 14: Arthur Bilis
- June 14: Dan Rivelli
- June 15: Ron Sanderson
- June 16: Sam Pappas
- June 22: Athena Cooney
- June 23: Nikoleta Cojocaru
- June 24: Carolyn Niemeck
- June 25: Jennie Manthos
- June 26: Nike Beaudry

**NAMEDAYS:**

- June 2: St. Nikiphoros
  - Nick Popiak
- June 14: St. Methodios
  - His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios
- June 24: St. Elizabeth
  - Elizabeth Cojocaru
  - Lisa Healy
  - Betty Tonna
- June 29: Sts Peter and Paul
  - Pauline Angelo
  - Peter Christo
  - Petru Cojocaru
  - Peter George
  - Paul Geotis
  - Paul Karapanos
  - Pauline Mueller
  - Peter Porazzo
  - Paul Veronis
  - Apostolos Xanthopoulos

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

- June 1: Ted & Gail Avlas
- June 3: Matt & Christa Benoit
- June 13: Dan & Susan Rivelli
- June 16: Harry & Catherine Jordanoglou
- June 18: Anestis & Evis Jordanoglou
- June 26: Bob and Lea Miranda
- June 27: Angelo & Dhimitra Adamopoulos

*“Crown them with Glory and Honor” Congratulations to Andrew and Katya Kladas for the marriage!*
HOLY SCRIPTURE ON PENTECOST

“The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things, and bring to remembrance all things that I said.”

John 14:26

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

“Suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:3-4

THE PSALMS

Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord. Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with the whole heart.

Psalm 119:1-2

With my whole heart I have sought You, O let me not wander from Your commandments. Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

Psalm 119:10-11

I will meditate on Your precepts, and contemplate Your ways. I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.

Psalm 119:15-16

The law of Your mouth is better to me than thousands of coins of gold and silver.

Psalm 119:72

How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth.

Psalm 119: 103

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalm 119:105

You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word.

Psalm 119:114

Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them. The entrance of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

Psalm 119:129-130
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In Honor of Father’s Day
THE GENTLEMAN

He carries himself with peace and grace
Exuding class in making his case
He thinks before he speaks and prefers to hear
The perspective of others who teach without fear

He is a student of knowledge and things most rare
And defends the underdog and all that is fair
He lives a life of honor with positive thought
So his adversaries know he cannot be bought

He acquires only what he needs and does not hoard
For he understands his blessings come from the Lord
He treats all people with respect and admiration
Knowing he cannot judge them without condemnation

He is invited to serve on boards of power
For he is a man who does not easily cower
Women look at him and see a fine catch
While men urge their daughters to be his match

When he walks by decked out in fine style
Those who pass by look at him and just smile.

Nicholas A. Veronis