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Attachments:

Dear Faithful and Friends of Saint John's,

Today Betsy and sallied forth on a necessary foraging expedition to Costco. We went at 8am to take advantage of their special 60+ hour (I'm the 60+ not Betsy). Oh my! The line to enter stretched around the corner and down the full length of the building, seniors holding canes, many wearing masks and all pushing carts. We sat in our car for half an hour till the line went down and then went in taking all the usual precautions. Probably won't do that again.

We have no guidance from Metropolitan Joseph yet about what we should do for Holy Week services. I will let you know our plan as soon as I hear from him.

I know there are a lot of things to see online, more than I can keep up with for sure. I am sending along three things I found interesting and hopefully useful, I if you want to look at them.

First, Bible Gateway has made a cartoon video of Pilgrim's Progress available free online. Here is the link:

I have not watched the whole cartoon, but I would tell you that when I was about 10 years old, reading the young person's version of "Pilgrims's Progress" made a very great impression on me. For those who don't know this is a Christian allegory written 1678 by John Bunyan. I hope this cartoon captures some of what I remember. Her is the link: [Pilgrim's Progress Cartoon](#)

Bishop Thomas, auxiliary bishop of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, serving in the Diocese of Oakland, Charleston and the Mid-Atlantic, posted a brief video encouragement for the Feast of the Annunciation. I enjoyed it and wanted to pass it long. Here it is: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=532249734362217>

John Marc and I are continuing to work on the Church website - stjohنالaska.org. New things are going up nearly every week. Recently added to the home page is a place to put a weekly excerpt from a great Christian writer. This week includes the quote from Saint John of the Ladder that I mentioned in my homily last Sunday. If you have not already done so, look at the "[Our Parish](#)" page under the menu "About Us." Please let me know if you have any suggested edits.

Finally, below you will see a famous painting by Fritz von Uhde, 1885. It depicts a guest you can invite for dinner with no fear of bringing the virus into your home. :-)

Peace,

Fr. Marc

"Grace before Dinner"

