



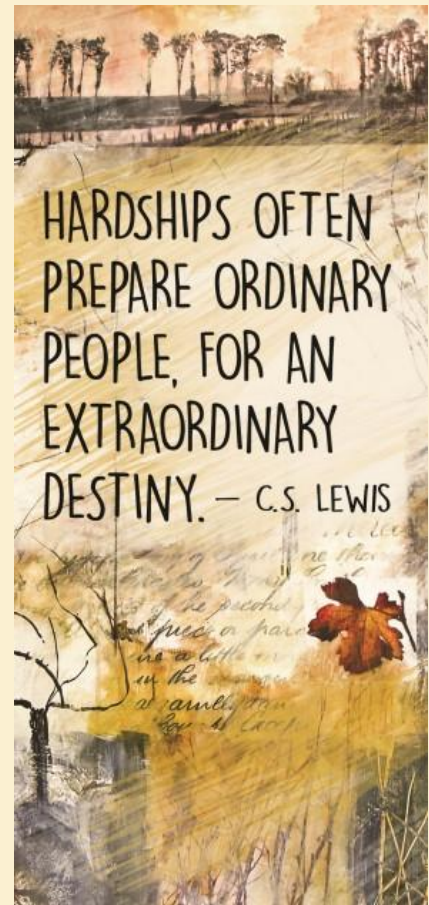
*From the Desk of Father Peter*

## *Destiny*

*“There is no such thing as chance; and what seems to us as a mere accident, spring from the deepest source of destiny,” says Johann Friedrich VonSchiller, a German philosopher.*

*Destiny is the word, fate is what others call it, but the operational hand behind both words is God! God calls us all to do something and help with something. God calls us all to better ourselves and our world. So we have education, family, and church. Most of us aren't living with daily violent persecution but we do face challenging situations every day. We can dedicate our day to serving or spend it expecting to be served. We can choose to forgive or to lash out. We can turn to Jesus or try to make a go of it with our own resources. Whatever it is, it all starts with receiving the Lord's grace in our hearts. If we can get in that habit of sharing in the small things of life, we will be so better prepared when bigger challenges come our way!*

*Destiny is a predetermined course of events and a necessary fate. It can take you there and bring you here. It can, within a couple of minutes, change the course of our history from being rich to poor and from poor to rich. I have had some hustle and bustle in my ministry as a priest that has given me somber reflection of life*



*and I can tell you that my understanding toward life has completely changed. I have realized that life, like a journey, may be long or short, but within each journey are inherent destinies that chance per the determination of our Creator. We are called as Christians to do our best and do it gracefully.*

*Once again, I would like to invite all to think about what we can do to grow our faith here at St. John's in Greece. What can we do to renew ourselves in the faith? Are we willing to volunteer or help out in any of the parish ministries? Saint Paul says in 2 Corinthians 9:8 that "God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that...you may have an abundance for every good work."*



*Peace to all,*

*Fr. Peter Kenyan*