

“An extraordinary transcendence of Chernobyl tragedy”

On the anniversary of our deceased **spiritual Father Sabba** (or Savva), his spiritual daughter M.T. came to Petsoni from Ovrouts. Here is what she narrated to us.

About **ten days before the tragedy in Chernobyl**, our spiritual Father, Starets Sabba, appeared in her sleep and said to her:

“Mary, soon **everything will be poisoned**. You will make the sign of the cross over everything by saying:

‘In the name of father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, amen’. You will make the sign of the cross over them and then you will say:

“Our Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, bless our food” and you will cross it, repeating: **“Mother of God, bless our food and so do all the Saints”**. Once again, you will make the sign of the cross over the food, saying:

‘With the wishes of our Father Sabba, our Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, bless it’, and you will make the sign of the cross over it”.

I narrated everything to my twin sister, who works in a restaurant. One day, after Father Sabba’s prophecy had been proved right, meat was brought to them in the kitchen of the restaurant. After thorough examination, it was found unsuitable to eat. Then, she remembered my narration of Father Sabba and his words. She took the meat back to her home and did exactly what the wise man had advised her to do. Next, she took it back to the restaurant and gave it for examination, without mentioning anything. Once the examination had been over, they asked her in amazement:

“Where did you get such good quality meat?”

Today, we live in Ovrouts, near Chernobyl, and **we still follow Father Sabba’s advice**, not only me but also my sister as well as all our spiritual sisters; **and with God’s mercy, we are alive and healthy!**

The above is an excerpt from the book: **“The Comforter Starets Savvas”** («Στάρετς Σάββας ο παρηγορητής») editions Athos, Athens 2009. Translated from the Russian: Archpriest John Fotopoulos.

Note (by [Leontios Monahos of Athos](#)):

The **Power of the Cross and Prayer demonstrate the only able to help people effectively, preventing the evil at the same time**, and it is clearly underlined in the case of the spiritual children of Elder Sabba. **Prayer and Cross are now operating very openly protecting the world of God even in the material field**. There seems not to be a big difference what prayer you will say, because the Lord's Prayer followed by **“Through the prayers of the Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us”**, includes the words of St. Sabba. One can just plead specific saints and his spiritual father in order to give a special blessing (and the food to be even better than the physical health status)!

It is certain that **only the truly faithful Christians will overcome the trials**, that have begun, without tormenting themselves how this will be done. The others no matter how well-intentioned observers they are, away from the blessings of the Church, will suffer or even die. Trials of material type, such as the Chernobyl’s consequences, are physical, but the next plague of Revelation, this of demonic locusts, will be a painful psychic experience: “They will ask for death to relieve them, but that will flee away” (Rev. 9, 6).