5. That no one should be arrogant but instead glory in the Cross of the Lord.

Take notice, O human, of the outstanding position in which the Lord God has placed you! For He has created and shaped you in the image of His beloved Son according to the body and in His own likeness according to the spirit.

And yet all the creatures that are under heaven serve and know and obey their Creator in their own way better than you.

And it was not even the demons who crucified Him: it was you, together with them, who crucified Him and still crucify Him by taking delight in vices and sins.

On what account, then, can you glory?

For even if you were so clever and wise that you possessed all knowledge, and even if you knew how to interpret every form of language and to investigate heavenly things in subtle ways, still you could not glory in all this—

because one demon has known more of heavenly things and now knows more of earthly things than all human beings, even though there may have been some person who had received from the Lord a special knowledge of the highest wisdom.

Again, even if you were better looking and richer than all others, and even if you could work miracles (for example cast out demons), none of these things represent your true nature, you are in no way responsible for them, and you absolutely cannot glory in them.

Rather it is through our infirmities that we can glory and assume the burden each day of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.