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**ON THE MEND:** Please keep the following parishioners and others in your prayers for recovery from their illnesses and injuries: Metropolitan Theodosius [OCA], Archbishop Jovan, Bishop Robert, Father George & Pani Lillian Hnatko, Father John Harvey, Father Jakiw Norton, Father Dragan Filipović, Father Paul Stoll, Father Igor Soroka, Father Joseph Kopchak, Father Elias Warnke, Father Nestor Kowal, Father George Yatsko, Father Paul Bigelow, Father Emilian Balan, Father John Nakonachny, Father Steve Repa, Protopresbyter William Diakiw, Archpriest Dionysi Vitali, Protodeacon Joseph Hotrovich, Father Adam Yonitch, Pani-Dobrodijka Sonia Diakiw, Father Paisius McGrath, Father Michael Smoly nec, Father Lawrence & Matushka Sophia Daniels, Father John Harrold [Saint Sylvester], Joshua Agosto and his family, Eva Malesnick, Stella Peanoske, Nick Behun, Grace Holupka, Virginia Bryan, Joseph Sliwinsky, Gary & Linda Mechtly, Evelyn Misko, Jeanne Boehing, Alex Drobot, Rachelle, Jane Golofski, Doug Diller, Harry Krewsun, Mary Alice Babcock, Dorie Kunkle, Andrea, & Melissa [Betty O'Masta's relatives], Mary Evelyn King, Sam Wadrose, Isabella Olivia Lindgren, Ethel Thomas, Donna, Erin, Michael Miller, Grace & Owen Ostrasky, Patti Sinecki, David Genshi, Sue Segeleon, Mike Gallagher, Liz Stumpf, Theodore Nixon, Michelle Corba Kapeluck, Linda Hippert & family, Margaret Vladimir, Luke Emmerling, George Rocknage, Robert McKivitz, Liz Obradovich, Halyna Zelinska [Bishop Daniel's mother], Charlotte, Andrew Mark Olynyk, Deborah Finley, Claire Senita, Eleanor Kelly, Bryan, Nancy Barylak, Patrick Keenan, Khrystyna Chorniy, Anthony Cormier, Nathan Forbeck, Sarah Doyle, Samuel Peters, Esther Holupka, David Vallor, Henry Faraly, Julie Eiler, Dorothy Lednovich, Bob C., Allie—young girl with leukemia, Heather Kramer, Jane Wartinbee, Matthew—21-year-old with cancer, Nicholas Orlando, Mary Ann Kuznik, Michael Pryhodzenko, Sonia Luciw, Theresa Ditto, Mary Ann Musial, Mary Pelino, Yvonne Christy, Myron & Barbara Spak, Julia Duda, Lisa Pandle, Kris & Julie Hanczar, John

Kennedy, Loretta, Nancy, Carol, & Michael Sheliga, Gaelle Kelly, Irma McDivitt, Robin Young, Mckayla, Rachel, Carl & Margaret Reed, Lydia Wilson, Robert Pointon, Walter Cecelia, John Persico, Jeff Miller, Mary Kernick, Glenn Miller, Jean Marie, Donna & Walter McCrackin, Bonnie & Eugene Blair [Pani Gina's parents], David Hoenshell, Barbara Macino, Shelley Hill, Mikaela Kapeluck, Linda Cawley, Gerald Cogley, Helen Bozo, Corey Guich, Robert Vangrin, Pauline Witkowsky, Sera White, Donald Griffey, Deborah Smith, Nancy & Eric Dunik, Julian Strozh [child with cerebral palsy], Dr. Kirsten Ream, Patricia Corey, Michelle, Katie Swarm, Richard Dunst, Michelle, Patrick, Linda Morris, Howard Simpson, Chris, David Hiles, Jennifer, Jerry Quinn, Cher Mount, Frank & Janet Horrell, Jim Wandling, Gail, Sirena Sharp, Ron Paulovich, Sandi Anderson, Lina, Shirley, Denny Mader, Ella Campbell, Tom Hyatt, Bill Janiro, Jean Symanko-Andy's sister, William Lemonakis, Barbara McDougall, Alma Wyke, Lindsay Romanczak & family, Virginia Catherine Pynch, Susan Lucas, Neil Carter & family, James Paluh, Mickie Weikel, Evelyn Krempasky, Tammy Strunk, Loida Esbry, Darlene Chicka Deskins, Drew, Alice & Keith Philipa, Kateryna Kocelko, Nancy Heinbaugh, Mira Filipović, Lynn, Jacqueline, Sharon, Zan Cheng, Kristy, Elaine Ellenberger, Brandon, Anna Tranchine, Demetra, Blase Urban, Catherine Hogel & children, Jennifer & Dylan, Ron Schwartz, Lydia Wilson, Flora Tomlin, Howell Swarm, Jane Bielewicz Allred, Manny "Lazarus" Lopez, Glenn & Lucas Burlack, Katie Elizabeth, Mileva, & Michael, Deirdré Straughan, Terri Paluh, Lori & Steve Lucier, Kyranna Cherpas, Pastor Bruce Nordeen, Heather Ried, Carla Perry, Linda Elliot, Dennis McDaniel, Luke Tinsley, Brent, Tricia, Katherine Gorman, Pamela Jaquette, Michael Pawlyshyn, Sherri Walewski, Marika Zeliszczuk, Donna Davis, Jackie Crimbchin, Marta Charron, Mary [Corba], Stella McKeag, Margie Sekelsky, Gary Howell, Fran Fulton, Gina Catanese, Bill Vizza, Jamie Swarm, Kevin Allen (from Ancient Faith Radio), Kathy Flaherty, Tori Reade-Henry's niece, Derick-Glen Burlack's neighbor, Michael, Nichole & Christopher, Ben Douglas, Dianne Donahue, Zachary, Natasha, Noah Willard, Jodi Hanczar, Gregory Cervo, Lisa Bruce, Martha Nezolyk, Kathy Cvetkovich, Judy, Will, Emma, Ginny, Ye-Jin, Maria, John & JoAnn, Jim & Kitty, Phil Bouse, Ralph & Beverly Stoker, Noah Willard, Nikola, Natalie, Nikola, & Nevenka Jovonovich, Julia Collier, Amy Kemerer, Thomas Smith, Tracy Slaugenhaupt, Louis & Teresa Bercelli, Tom Nolan, Noble Wilshaw, Silvia Martin, Sarah Dorning, Evelyn Burlack, Dena & George, Georgia, Lawanda [Evelyn's niece], Maureen Sams, John Kendall, Judi Danser, Darcy, Denis

Strittmatter, Nancy, and Ian Brick. ARNOLD: Homer Paul Kline. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

**"If you want to help the Church, it is better to try to correct yourself, rather than be looking to correct others. If you manage to correct yourself, one small part of the Church is immediately corrected. Naturally, if everyone did the same, the body of the Church would be in good health. But, today, people concern themselves with anything but themselves. You see, judging others is easy, whereas working on yourself takes effort." *St. Paisios***

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: All Christians and the others in the Middle East who are suffering during this time of great tragedy and unrest. May God watch over and keep them safe! Lord have mercy!**

Please remember ALL American service men and women in your prayers. May God watch over them and all American service men and women—and bring them all home safely!

**REMEMBER—PRAYERS ARE ALWAYS FREE!**

Communion Fasting: nothing to eat or drink after midnight, EXCEPT in cases where your doctor tells you to eat or drink something for medical reasons: medication, diabetes, etc. If you have a question, please ask Father Bob.

**AT ANY TIME—if there is an emergency, if you have questions, or if you just need to talk, please CALL FATHER BOB at [412] 279-5640.**

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**SUNDAY, JULY 15      OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH      10:30 AM**  
**7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; PLACING OF THE HONORABLE ROBE OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS AT BLACHERNAE; SAINT JUVENAL-PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM; SAINT PHOTIUS-METROPOLITAN OF KIEV**

*Tone 6*

Romans 15:1-7; Hebrews 9:1-7  
Matthew 9:27-35; Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

**SUNDAY, JULY 22    OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH    10:30 AM**  
**8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HIEROMARTYR PANCRATIUS-BISHOP OF**  
**TAORMINAIN SICILY; HIEROMARTYR CYRIL-BISHOP OF GORTYNA; MARTYRS**  
**PATERMUTHIUS, COPRIUS, & ALEXANDER; SAINT THEODORE-BISHOP OF**  
**EDESSA**

*Tone 7*

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 14:14-22

**SUNDAY, JULY 29    **READER SERVICE DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL**    10:30 AM**  
**9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST 6 ECUMENICAL**  
**COUNCILS; HIEROMARTYR ATHENOGENES-BISHOP OF HERACLEOPOLIS & 10**  
**DISCIPLES; MARTYRS PAUL & SISTERS CHIONIA & ALEVTINA; MARTYR**  
**ANTIOCHUS-PHYSICIAN; VIRGIN-MARTYR JULIA**

*Tone 8*

1 Corinthians 3:9-17; Hebrews 13:7-16

Matthew 14:22-34; John 17:1-13

## **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 15 JULY 2018**

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**METROPOLITAN OF KIEV**

### **TROPARION—TONE 6**

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men.  
Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body.  
Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it.  
Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.  
O Lord who didst rise from the dead: glory to Thee!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever,  
and unto ages of ages. Amen.

### **KONTAKION—TONE 6**

When Christ God, the Giver of Life,  
Raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,  
He bestowed resurrection on the human race.  
He is the Savior of all,  
The Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all!

## **PROKEIMENON—TONE 6**

**READER:** O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

**PEOPLE: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.**

**READER:** To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me.

**PEOPLE: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.**

**READER:** O Lord, save Thy people.

**PEOPLE: And bless Thine inheritance.**

## **ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 6**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

He will say to the Lord: My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in whom I trust.

### **Matthew 8:28-9:1**

*And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time? And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding. So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine. And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters. And they that kept them fled, and went their ways into the city, and told every thing, and what was befallen to the possessed of the devils. And, behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus: and when they saw him, they besought him that he would depart out of their coasts. And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city. (KJV)*

Christ's dominant presence in believers' hearts and minds makes demons unwelcome. The present Gospel describes the way Jesus disposes of demons. The nearby herd of swine would become a vehicle for the disposition of the demons.

The Lord Jesus Christ made use of the herd of swine to rid the threat of the demons and to clear the path for passersby. Jesus clears the path to the Kingdom of God for believers.

Jesus lights the path to follow in times of darkness. Jesus provides semblance of mind in times of distress. Stress from personal demons is alleviated when believers turn to Christ.

The demons gave a glimpse of their belief that Jesus was insurmountable in power when they asked to be sent into the herd of swine. If the demons felt superior in strength to Jesus, they would have acted differently.

If the demons were stronger than Jesus, there would be no need to act as if Jesus had control over their disposition. Jesus followed through on the disposition. The demons entered the swine and the herd perished in the sea.

The demons were no longer a threat to individuals passing that way. The demons perished due to the action of the Lord Jesus Christ. Believers appealing to the Lord Jesus Christ in serious prayer will have pathways open to them.

Believers should not be averse to confronting the demons in their lives by appealing to the Lord. Evidence exists in the history of the Church of believers who have overcome personal demons through prayer, fasting and vigilance.

The power of Jesus Christ does not remain hidden. The working of miracles by Jesus Christ continues to be told. Individuals facing adversity find hope in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Witnesses to the disposition of the demons went to the city and told others. Individuals healed by Christ act appropriately by giving Christ credit for helping them overcome demons.

People from the city came to Jesus when they heard that Jesus had caused the demons to perish. When Jesus performs miracles the reaction is not always favorable. Sometimes individuals learning of the miracles are frightened.

Sometimes personal sinfulness can cause individuals to want to be distanced from Jesus. Jesus was asked to leave the area. There are certain environments where Christians as followers of Jesus Christ are not welcome.

In certain places of employment and certain areas of communities where corruption is prevalent, Christians are not welcome because of their ethical standards.

When a serious Christian works in an environment where dishonesty or questionable ethical practices exist, the Christian may find a hostile work

atmosphere or be encouraged to “loosen up” and become “accommodating.”

How often do we hear of individuals entering fields where high ethics are required who succumb to existing lesser ethical practices and find themselves compromising their standards?

When Christians expect co-workers and superiors to perform with honesty and ethically, friction may occur. When individuals subscribe to questionable practices in a workplace, the honest person’s difference is highlighted.

Jesus was not applauded for ridding the roadway of the undesirable demon-possessed men. Jesus did not receive expressions of appreciation from individuals who no longer had to worry about facing threats from the demon-possessed men.

In contemporary terms, the demon-possessed men could be considered “bullies” by the behavior they would exhibit to passersby. How many boys and girls face “demon-possessed” individuals on their activities each day?

How many adults face “demon-possessed” individuals on the streets? How many individuals have worked in situations where a person wanted the job to be done ethically correct and others wanted to “bend the rules”?

Being a Christian requires taking a stand against the demon-possessed in our communities and work places. Being a Christian necessitates upholding the teachings of Christ and following the example of Christ.

Jesus left and went to His own city. The action of the people towards Jesus and Jesus’ departure brings to mind the words Jesus gave to His disciples when He empowered them.

When Jesus empowered His disciples over unclean spirits, sickness and disease, He told them: “Whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet.”(Mt.10:1-14).

*The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. June 18/July 1, 2018. The Holy Martyrs Leontius, Theodulus, and Hypatius. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic*

“Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity, though I'm not sure about the universe.” — Albert Einstein

Temptations are the same today as they were for thousands of years. When the radio was invented, everyone thought: that's it, the end has come. And now we have the internet, new forms of communication. They can be taken advantage of to serve one's neighbor for the sake of Christ, but they can also be used to gratify our passions. Just like a light switch: it can be used to illuminate a room, but also to throw it into darkness. - Archbishop Mark of Berlin

If you give something to one in need, let the cheerfulness of your face precede your gift, and comfort his sorrow with kind words. When you do this, by your gifts the gladness of his mind surpasses even the needs of his body. (The Ascetical Homilies of St. Isaac the Syrian)