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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 Antony, Metropolitan Yuriy, Anastasia [Metropolitan Yuriy's mom], Metropolitan Theodosius [OCA], Archbishop Jovan, Bishop Robert, Father George & Pani Lillian Hnatko, Father Jakiw Norton, 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 & Pani Mary Anne 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 Smolynech, 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 Slaughaupt, Louis & Teresa Bercelli, Tom Nolan, Silvia Martin, Sarah Dorning, Evelyn Burlack, Dena & George, Georgia, Lawanda [Evelyn's niece], Maureen Sams, John Kendall, Judi Danser, Darcy, Denis Strittmatter, Nancy, Ian Brick, Cecilia Barnhart, Logan Magorien, Pam

Grant, and Susan Pulcini—Father Ted Pulcini's mom. ARNOLD: Homer Paul Kline. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

And when any kind of sorrow from demons and men comes upon us, or an affliction or disease or misfortune, then especially let us diligently pray to God. Let us cry out with tears without anxiety and concern over how we should be delivered from this need, for there is no sorrow that comes to us without God's providence.

St. Paisius Velichkovsky—Little Russian Philokalia p.108

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, OCTOBER 21 OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH 10:30 AM
21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; FATHERS OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL;
VENERABLE PELAGIA THE PENITENT OF THE MOUNT OF OLIVES; VIRGIN-
MARTYR PELAGIA OF ANTIOCH; VENERABLE THIAS OF EGYPT

Tone 4

Galatians 2:16-20; Hebrews 13:7-16

Luke 7:11-16; John 17:1-13

Litany in Blessed Memory of Father John Harvey—40 days—Fr. Bob

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28 OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH 10:30 AM
22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; VENERABLE EUTHYMIUS THE NEW OF
THESSALONICA-MONK OF MOUNT ATHOS; MARTYR LUCIAN-PRESBYTER OF
GREATER ANTIOCH; MARTYRS SARBELUS & BEBAI OF EDESSA; SAINT
SABINUS-BISHOP OF CATANIA; HIEROMARTYR LUCIAN-PRESBYTER OF
PERCHEVSKY LAVRA

Tone 5

Galatians 6:11-18

Luke 8:5-15

***Litany in Blessed Memory of Stancy Popichak
& Father Dragan Filipovic-40 days—Fr. Bob***

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 04 OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH 10:30 AM
23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY EQUAL-TO-THE-APOSTLES ABERCIUS-
BISHOP & WONDERWORKER OF HIERAPOLIS; 7 HOLY YOUTHS [7 SLEEPERS]
OF EPHESUS: MAXIMILIAN, JAMLICHUS, MARTINIAN, DIONYSIUS,
ANTONINUS, CONSTANTINE, & JOHN; MARTYRS ALEXANDER-BISHOP,
HERACLIUS, ANNA, ELIZABETH, THEODOTA & GLYCERIA AT ANDRIANOPOLIS

Tone 6

Ephesians 2:4-10

Luke 16:19-31

***Litany in Blessed Memory of Thomas Bryan, John Hanczar, Edward & Helen
Pytlak, Mary Blitzkan, Marjorie Yarmeak, Mary Sharon, Rose Pynch, Frank
Barankovich, Mary Krevanich, Katherine Holowaty, & Robert Vetosky—Fr. Bob***

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 21 OCTOBER 2018

**21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; FATHERS OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL
COUNCIL; VENERABLE PELAGIA THE PENITENT OF THE MOUNT OF
OLIVES; VIRGIN-MARTYR PELAGIA OF ANTIOCH; VENERABLE THIAS
OF EGYPT**

TROPARION—TONE 4

When the women disciples of the Lord
Learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection;
They cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles:
Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen,
Granting the world great mercy.

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

KONTAKION—TONE 4

My Savior and Redeemer,

As God rose from the tomb
And delivered the earthborn from their chains.
He has shattered the gates of Hell,
And as Master, He has risen on the third day!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 4

READER: O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

PEOPLE: O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

READER: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great!

PEOPLE: O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

READER: O Lord, how manifold are thy works!

PEOPLE: In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 4

Go forth and prosper and reign, because of truth and meekness and righteousness.

You love righteousness and hate iniquity.

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Luke 6:31-36

And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for He is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. (KJV)

Learning to get along with each other as Christ would have us to do is a challenge for each generation. The Second Coming of Christ is facing everyone living or departed this life.

The Ten Commandments serve as a framework and basis for daily personal relationships. The Ten Commandments remain timely and relevant until Christ's Second Coming and the Final Judgment.

Christians are expected to adhere to God's commandments and teachings.

Believers are to avoid evil and take action against evil. The Holy Apostle Paul said: "Love never fails." (I Cor.13:8).

Christians are to be discerning in personal relationships. When Jesus sent His disciples out, He said to them: "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves." (Mt.10:16)

Personal relationships will reveal if maturity in Christ is realized. The Holy Apostle Paul changed from being a persecutor of Christians to being a foremost apostle. Believers nourished from the Holy Gospel will mature in Christ.

Maturity takes effort and a willingness to follow Christ. Maturity will not occur without effort and conscious nourishment from Christ. It is commonly said "You are what you eat."

Consistently feeding on the Word of God and consciously partaking of the Precious Body and Blood of Christ make a decided and lasting difference in the life of a believer.

Feeding on the Word of God nourishes the attentive Christian's very heart, soul, and mind. The Holy Gospel provides believers with perspective for all human relationships.

Believers receptive to the Holy Gospel will discern between good and evil. The Holy Gospel contains the best responses to good and evil. The Lord God instructs believers in the ways to deal with good and evil.

Adherers to God's ways withstand attacks and prevail with the passage of time. The Holy Gospel is filled with teachings addressing the dilemmas arising in daily life.

The Lord Jesus Christ instructs serious believers about personal relationships and material possessions. The Lord Jesus Christ teaches the basis for lending and the criteria for lending.

Lending is influenced by the attachment the lender and intended recipient place upon the transaction. Christians benefit when examining the motivation involved in lending and to whom they lend.

Reading the lives of the saints provides interesting perspectives about giving freely. Constant self-examination is a way for believers to assess whether they are living according to the standards of Christ.

Believers benefit from assessing the degree accumulation of material goods governs their motivation. The needs of individuals we meet in life are to be considered in responding to requests for help.

Believers are stewards of their material possessions. Material possessions are gifts from God. Christians will be judged based upon the way they utilize their material possessions.

Care must be taken. Wise use of material possessions will increase the benefit to individuals in need. Careless use of material possessions reduces benefits.

Jesus expects believers to be kind and to do good to their enemies. Obedient believers learn from Jesus' teachings. Christ's standards would not be established if they were unattainable.

Courage is required to give without expecting anything in return. Trust and faith in the Christ's teachings are necessary to meet the spirit and the letter of Jesus' instructions.

In the Gospel of St. Matthew, Jesus said: "Be sons of your Father in heaven for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust." (Mt.5:45)

To meet the conditions established by Jesus requires radical change for individuals possessive and protective of their material goods. Some people put an inordinate value on the accumulation of materials goods.

The Gospel lesson of Lazarus laying at the gate of the rich man continues to have relevance. (Lk.16:20-31). Astute observers of current societal conditions will quickly see present day conditions where certain rich have poor at their gates.

Giving freely not only involves material goods. Giving freely entails giving of time and talents. Giving of the self has great value and reflects the inner understanding that each person is created in the image and likeness of God. (Gen.1:27)

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost. September 24/October 7, 2018. Holy Equal-Equal-to-Apostle Thecla; Venerable Simon; King Vladislav; Venerable David the Serb. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic

Do not say: 'I have sinned much, and therefore I am not bold enough to fall down before God.' Do not despair. Simply do not increase your sins in despair and, with the help of the All-Merciful One, you will not be put to shame. For He said, 'he who comes to Me I will not cast out.' (John. 6:37) And so, be bold and believe that He is pure and cleanses those who draw near to Him. *St. Gennadius of Constantinople, The Golden Chain p.87*

Elder Ephraim of Katanoukia-this big pillar of the Church-says that once the elder Joseph Hesychast sighed and said: "Ah, so many years it took me to uncover the secret of grace!"

Elder Ephraim, being young, did not dare to ask him what this mystery was. Time passed, and after years he asked him, and the elder Joseph answered: - Gratitude. This is the secret of grace...

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE ON THE AUTOCEPHALY OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH IN UKRAINE

NEW YORK – The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America releases below an important announcement by our Ecumenical Patriarchate related to the serious issue of the autocephaly of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

Announcement (11/10/2018)

Presided by His All-Holiness, the Ecumenical Patriarch, the Holy and Sacred Synod convened for its regular session from October 9 to 11, 2018, in order to examine and discuss items on its agenda.

The Holy Synod discussed in particular and at length the ecclesiastical matter of Ukraine, in the presence of His Excellency Archbishop Daniel of Pamphilon and His Grace Bishop Hilarion of Edmonton, Patriarchal Exarchs to Ukraine, and following extensive deliberations decreed:

- 1) To renew the decision already made that the Ecumenical Patriarchate proceed to the granting of Autocephaly to the Church of Ukraine.
- 2) To reestablish, at this moment, the Stavropegeion of the Ecumenical Patriarch in Kyiv, one of its many Stavropegia in Ukraine that existed there always.
- 3) To accept and review the petitions of appeal of Filaret Denisenko, Makariy Maletych and their followers, who found themselves in schism not for dogmatic reasons, in accordance with the canonical prerogatives of the Patriarch of Constantinople to receive such petitions by hierarchs and other clergy from all of the Autocephalous Churches. Thus, the above-mentioned have been canonically reinstated to their hierarchical or priestly rank, and their faithful have been restored to communion with the Church.
- 4) To revoke the legal binding of the Synodal Letter of the year 1686, issued for the circumstances of that time, which granted the right through oikonomia to the Patriarch of Moscow to ordain the Metropolitan of Kyiv, elected by the Clergy-Laity Assembly of his eparchy, who would commemorate the Ecumenical Patriarch as the First hierarch at any celebration, proclaiming and affirming his canonical dependence to the Mother Church of Constantinople.

5) To appeal to all sides involved that they avoid appropriation of Churches, Monasteries, and other properties, as well as every other act of violence and retaliation, so that the peace and love of Christ may prevail.

At the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the 11th of October 2018

From the Chief Secretariat of the Holy and Sacred Synod

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Luke 7:11-16

And it came to pass the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and much people. Now when He came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And He came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And He said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And He delivered him to his mother. And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited His people. (KJV)

The Feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her. And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked. But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it. (KJV)

Today is the Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God. The Holy Orthodox Church turns to the Mother of God in prayer throughout the year. The Mother of God is constantly in the hearts and minds of fervent believers.

The Mother of God holds a place of honor on the iconostasis of each Orthodox Church. Believers pray with great fervor to the Mother of God. Her intercession before the Lord Jesus Christ is greatly valued.

Miraculous icons of the Mother of God have appeared through the centuries. Miracles attributed to the Mother of God are without number. The miracle of the Jesus turning water into wine is associated the Mother of God. (Jn 2:1-11)

When the Archangel approached Mary with God's message to tell her she would bear a son, her response was: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word." (Lk.1:26-35)

Being attentive and obedient to the word of God is part of every feast of the Mother of God. At each feast of the Mother of God the Gospel reading states: "Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it." (Lk. 11:28)

Great and constant effort is necessary to be attentive and obedient to the word of God. Vigilance is required to carefully listen to God's word and personally apply it to daily life.

God's Holy Church is where best to hear the word of God. God's word is proclaimed in the Church with clarity and splendor. The Church teaches specific ways to apply the word of God in daily life.

Consciously keeping the Lord God in mind is beneficial throughout the day. Distractions and temptations tear at believers. Keeping God in mind keeps believers vigilant against sin.

Christ nourishes believers. Christ said: "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." (Jn 6:35)

Life is a daily battle for believers to remain faithful. God's Holy Church strengthens believers. God's Holy Church offers Christ's nourishment as fortification against sin.

Each person has to contend with temptations and diversions when seeking salvation and eternal life in God's Kingdom. Each person benefits by continuing to learn and grow in Christ throughout life.

The Holy Apostle Paul in his letter to the Romans said: "Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (Rom. 12:2 KJV)

Christians learn in the Church the value of reading the Holy Scriptures with regularity. Reading the Holy Scriptures is life-changing. Reading the Holy Scriptures is an investment in the Kingdom of God.

The Lord Jesus Christ said: "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also," (Mt. 6:21-KJV) Decisions are made at each moment of time on how to use the time of life. The time of life is only at the given moment and never repeated.

Draw strength from the Epistle to the Hebrews: "...lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,² Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;" (Heb.12:1-2)

Today's feast brings to mind the joy associated with the Mother of God through the centuries. Joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. (Gal.5:22) The Holy

Spirit's action with the Mother of God is recorded in the St. Luke's Gospel. (Lk.1:35)

Joy rests in the Lord Jesus Christ. (Jn 15:11) Serious followers of Christ always want to be united with Him. Serious followers of Christ are drawn to the joy in Christ.

Let us always heed Simon Peter's words to the Lord: "Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God." (Jn.6:68-69)

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost.

The Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God.

October 1/14, 2018. Hidden Valley, Pa. Father Rodney Torbic

Prayer of the Optina Elders

O Lord, grant that I may meet all that this coming day brings to me with spiritual tranquility. Grant that I may fully surrender myself to Your Holy Will.

At every hour of this day, direct and support me in all things.

Whatsoever news may reach me in the course of the day, teach me to accept it with a calm soul and the firm conviction that all is subject to Your Holy Will.

Direct my thoughts and feelings in all my words and actions.

In all unexpect

THANK YOU ALL! Our tiny parish collected \$350 in support of the International Orthodox Christian Charities' Hurricane Florence relief efforts. Your kindness and generosity have helped many who have been impacted by this terrible storm on the south-eastern coast and inland areas of the United States. I am proud to be able to serve as your priest! God Bless each and every one of you! Fr. Bob