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**ON THE MEND:** Please keep the following parishioners and others in your prayers for recovery from their illnesses and injuries: Archbishop Daniel, Metropolitan Antony, Metropolitan Yuriy, Metropolitan Theodosius [OCA], Archbishop Jovan, Bishop Robert, Metropolitan Savas, Father George & Pani Lillian Hnatko, Father Jakiw Norton, Father Paul Stoll, Father Igor Soroka, Father Joseph Kopchak, Father Elias Warnke, 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 Smoly nec, Father Lawrence & Matushka Sophia Daniels, Father Joe Cervo, Father John Harrold [Saint Sylvester], Father George Livanos, Igumen Patrick, Pani Mary Ann Chubenko, Father Jim Orr, Father Rick Seilier, Panimatka Laryssa Charest, Joshua Agosto and his family, Eva Malesnick, Nick Behun, Grace Holupka, 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, Robert McKivitz, Liz Obradovich, Halyna Zelinska [Archbishop 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—young man 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, Corey Guich, Robert Vangrin, Pauline Witkowsky, Sera White, Deborah Smith, Nancy & Eric Dunik, Julian Stroz [young lady with cerebral palsy], Dr. Kirsten Ream, Patricia Corey, Michelle, Katie Swarm, Michelle, Patrick, Linda Morris, Chris, David Hiles, Jennifer, 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, Alma Wyke, Lindsay Romanczak & family, 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, Sherri Walewski, Marika Zeliszcuk, 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, Dena & George, Georgia, Lawanda [Evelyn's niece], Maureen Sams, John Kendall, Judi Danser, Darcy, Denis Strittmatter, Nancy, Ian Brick, Cecilia Barnhart, Logan Magorien, Pam & Gordon Grant, Debbie & Jerry Novosel, Noah Willard, Sandra Dillard, Danielle McCann, Barry [Father Jim Orr's cousin], Tim Joyce, Mike Pawlyshyn-Jeannie Stutchell's brother, Joe Samchuck—vocations, Albert Heckman, Brianna Stumpf, Stanley Porembka, David & Terry Coyne Hartnett, Mike C., Jennifer Scheirer [Nick Behun's daughter], Catherine Beecham [Father Bob's cousin], JoAnne & Dave Andrews, Rev. Peg Bowman, Pat Jennings, Tim Sams, Mike Ruzzi, Cindy M., Stephen Popichak—Fr. Bob's brother, Mary Kay Ludovicy, Pastor Sara Irwin, George Dilendorf, Andy Torick, Carol Behun, Erv Frye, William Lusherand, Bill Boretsky, Colin Kirton—Stage 4 pancreatic cancer, Clifford, Joe Veto, Paul Riley, Tonee & Sydnee Turner, Annette

Paluh, Cathy Lotinsky, Monk Andrew, Jeff & Buschra Kerr, Steven—Harry Batch’s cousin, Rose Mary Pavlovich—Mary Anne Kuznik’s Cousin, Stella McKeag, Margaret Sekelsky, Robert Sekelsky, Robert Rodriguez, Dollie Irvin, Joe Mrvos, Alexandra, Katherine Kulik, Micky Delans [COVID-19], Pastor Terry Polen, Eleanor Kitt, Daniel Haun, Stacie & Gary, Dolores Wachnowsky, Maria Warholak, and Susan Pulcini—Father Ted Pulcini’s mom. ARNOLD: Homer Paul Kline and Walter Sakol. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ... There is NOTHING to keep us from praying...for each other, for our family and friends, and most of all for the first responders—EMTs, nurses, doctors, firefighters, police officers, and members of our military who keep us safe. Be well, and be SAFE!!! God Bless!**

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, AUGUST 30                      OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS!!!                      10:30 AM**  
**12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; AFTERFEAST OF THE DORMITION; MARTYR MYRON OF CYZICUS; MARTYRS THYRSUS, LEUCIUS, & CORONATUS & OTHERS AT CAESAREA IN BITYNIA; MARTYRS PAUL & SISTER JULIANA OF SYRIA; MARTYR PATROCLUS OF TROYES; MARTYRS STRATON, PHILIP, EUTYCHIAN, & CYPRIAN OF NICOMEDIA; VENERABLE ALYPIUS THE ICONOGRAPHER OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA**  
*Tone 3*  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Matthew 19:16-26

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 06                      OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS!!!                      10:30 AM**

**13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HIEROMARTYR EUTYCHIUS-DISCIPLE OF SAINT JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN; MARTYR TATION; VIRGIN-MARTYR CYRA OF PERSIA; VENERABLE GEORGE LIMNIOTES-CONFESSOR OF MOUNT OLYMPUS**

*Tone 4*

1 Corinthians 16;13-24

Matthew 21:33-42

***Josephine Roman, Father John Harvey, Father Dragan Filipovic, Frank Gazella, Sr., Suzie Pelczar, Helen McNally, & Gerald Wampler--Fr. Bob***

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13                      OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS!!!                      10:30 AM**

**14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; PLACING OF THE CINTURE OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS; HIEROMARTYR CYPRIAN-BIHSOP OF CARTHAGE; SAINT GENNADIUS-PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

*Tone 5*

2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4; Hebrews 9:1-7

Matthew 22:1-14; Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

## **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 30 AUGUST 2020**

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### **TROPARION—TONE 3**

Let the Heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad!  
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm!  
He has trampled down death by death!  
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,  
And has granted 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 3**

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One!  
Leading us from the gates of death.  
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;  
With the prophets and patriarchs  
They unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power!

### **PROKEIMENON—TONE 3**

**READER:** Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

**PEOPLE:** Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

**READER:** Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**PEOPLE:** Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

**READER:** Sing praises to our God, sing praises!

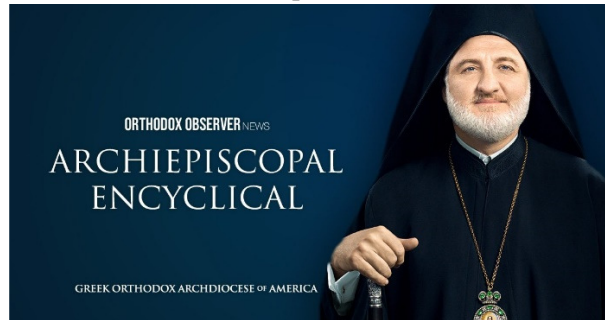
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### **ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 3**

In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame!

Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge, in order to save me!

### **Encyclical of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America The Feast of the Holy Dormition, 2020**



***At Your right hand stood the Queen,  
arrayed in a vesture of inwoven gold, adorned in varied colors.***

***Παρέστη ἡ Βασίλισσα ἐκ δεξιῶν σου,  
ἐν ἱματισμῷ διαχρύσω περιβεβλημένη, πεποικιλμένη.  
(Psalm 44:10, LXX)***

*To the Most Reverend Hierarchs, the Reverend Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, the Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils of the Greek Orthodox Communities, the Distinguished Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Day, Afternoon, and Church Schools, the Philoptochos Sisterhoods, the Youth, the Hellenic Organizations, and the entire Greek Orthodox Family in America*

Beloved Brothers and Sisters, Fellow Children of the Theotokos,

Today is truly a day of glory, when the Mother of our God is enthroned as Queen of Heaven and Intercessor for the world! Through the grace of Her Son, our Lord, she is received into the celestial heights, there to live forever as a promise of the Resurrection for all humankind.

And we, who are brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of one another, are therefore also the adopted children of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary. She is truly our mother, and we all depend upon her, and bless

her as did the nameless woman who lifted up her voice: “Blessed is the womb that gave birth to You, and the breasts that You suckled” (Luke 11:27).

For the Mother of God is the most perfect image of the Church, the pure and virginal Bride of Christ. She miraculously gives birth to every one of us through Holy Baptism, and nourishes and feeds us from her own Body, with the milk of the teaching of the Fathers that flow from her, and with the very Body and Blood of Christ which can never be exhausted.

This present Feast reminds us all that the last chapter in our history is written by God. We possess this hope and this faith even as we witness the outrage against the Great Church of Hagia Sophia. On earth, the Great Church suffers; but in Heaven, the Queen stands at the right hand of her Son and our God. There, she reigns “arrayed in a vesture of inwoven gold, adorned in varied colors.” Let this year’s “little Pascha,” the Holy Feast of the Dormition be a reminder to all of us that whatever comes our way, the will of God cannot be undone by anyone or anything. The Church is, and will always be victorious, through the grace, dominion, and power of “Him Who dwelt within her ever-virgin womb” (ὁ μήτραν οικήσας ἀειπάρθενον—*Kontakion* of the feast)

With paternal love in our Lord Jesus Christ,

†*ELPIDOPHOROS* Archbishop of America

### **The Mountains**

***Psalm 11:2-In the Lord put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain? (KJV)***

Trusting in the Lord requires directing the soul toward unity with the Lord God. The conscious use of the mind is necessary for the soul to fully unite with the Lord. Believers seeking unity with the Lord actively and resolutely repudiate ways to sin. Attentiveness is essential for the believer to guard against evil’s many deceptions. Focus on the Lord keeps the believer traveling on the path to God’s Kingdom.

***Psalm 48:1- Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness. (KJV)***

The Holy Scriptures have many references to mountains when speaking of God. Seekers of God’s Kingdom continuously learn from reading the Holy Scriptures. The Holy Scriptures nourish and address the deep hunger in the believer’s soul. Many references to the mountains in Holy Scripture elevate the believers thinking. Climbing from the depths of sins to the heights of the Lord is always challenging.

***Psalm 72:3- The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness. (KJV)***

Serious Christians address the constant challenge of growing in Jesus Christ. Being a serious Christian involves difficult work and sincere

repentance of sins. Careful and complete examination of the heart and mind are necessary to repent. Sin's repugnance is firmly present in the mind of the resolute Christian believer. Joy in the Lord is fully embraced among active believers of like mind in the Lord.

***Psalm 87:1- His foundation is in the holy mountains. (KJV)***

The Lord God's immovable foundation attracts believers seeking lasting peace. Investing in the Lord is a protected investment in the Lord's Eternal Kingdom. The Christian life extends beyond life on this earth to life eternal with the Lord. Christ's Resurrection verifies the conquering of death and the hope of eternal life. Christians mindful of Christ's Resurrection are mindful of His Transfiguration.

***Psalm 104:8- They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them. (KJV)***

Mountains arise in the thoughts of believers seeking the Kingdom of the Lord God. The problems for believers in daily life may at times seem to be insurmountable. The Resurrected Christ demonstrated once and for all for hope to be maintained. Dark times in life are always replaced by the brightness of the Lord Jesus Christ. The transfigured Christ on the mountain revealed the brightness to behold. (Mt. 17:1-3)

*Afterfeast of the Transfiguration. St. Emilian the Confessor. Venerable Zosimas of Tuman. August 8/21, 2020. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic*

### **On Worship Toward the East Via Father Thomas Soroka**

It is not without reason or by chance that we worship towards the East. But seeing that we are composed of a visible and an invisible nature, that is to say, of a nature partly of spirit and partly of sense, we render also a twofold worship to the Creator; just as we sing both with our spirit and our bodily lips, and are baptized with both water and Spirit, and are united with the Lord in a twofold manner, being sharers in the mysteries and in the grace of the Spirit.

Since, therefore, God is spiritual light (1 John 1:5), and Christ is called in the Scriptures Sun of Righteousness (Malachi 4:2) and Dayspring, the East is the direction that must be assigned to His worship. For everything good must be assigned to Him from Whom every good thing arises. Indeed the divine David also says, Sing unto God, you kingdoms of the earth: O sing praises unto the Lord: to Him that rides upon the Heavens of heavens towards the East. Moreover the Scripture also says, And God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there He put the man whom He had formed (Genesis 2:8): and when he had transgressed His command He expelled him and made him to dwell over against the delights of Paradise, which clearly is the West. So, then, we worship God seeking and striving after our old fatherland. Moreover the tent of Moses (Leviticus 16:14) had its

veil and mercy seat towards the East. Also the tribe of Judah as the most precious pitched their camp on the East. (Numbers 2:3) Also in the celebrated temple of Solomon the Gate of the Lord was placed eastward. Moreover Christ, when He hung on the Cross, had His face turned towards the West, and so we worship, striving after Him. And when He was received again into Heaven He was borne towards the East, and thus His apostles worship Him, and thus He will come again in the way in which they beheld Him going towards Heaven Acts 1:11; as the Lord Himself said, As the lightning comes out of the East and shines even unto the West, so also shall the coming of the Son of Man be (Matthew 24:27).

So, then, in expectation of His coming we worship towards the East. But this tradition of the apostles is unwritten. For much that has been handed down to us by tradition is unwritten.

*(St John of Damascus, Exact Exposition of the Orthodox Faith, 4:12)*