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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 Yurij, 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 Smolynec, 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 Luciow, 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 Strozh [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 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, 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, Stacie & Gary, Anna Sekelik, Christy, 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our September babies: Liz Obradovich on the 5<sup>th</sup>; Nickolas Andrew Davis on the 12<sup>th</sup>, Mark Brunermer on the 13<sup>th</sup>, and Dray Scott on the 22<sup>nd</sup>! May God grant them all Many Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Blessed Years! M'nohaya Lita! God Bless them all!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ... There is <u>NOTHING</u> 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 <u>ALWAYS</u> <u>FREE!</u>

<u>Communion Fasting:</u> 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, 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

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS!!! 10:30 AM 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION; FOREFEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS; MARTYR SOLON OF CILICIA; APOSTLES EVODUS & ONESIPHORUS OF THE 70; MARYR EUPSYCHIUS OF CAESAREA IN CAPPADOCIA; MARTYRDOM OF SAINT MACARIUS-ARCHIMANDRITE OF OVRUCH-PEREISLAV

Tone 6

Galatians 6:11-18; 2 Corinthians 4:6-15; Hebrews 13:17-21 John 3:13-17; Matthew 22:35-46; John 10:9-16

## **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 06 SEPTEMBER 2020**

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### **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.

From Father Tom Soroka: My favorite quote from Fr Sergius tonight: "A good 15-minute sermon can fly by and a bad 3-minute sermon can take forever." Amen!

### **Divine Light**

Psalm 4:6-There be many that say, Who will shew us any good?

Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us. (KJV)

The Psalms offer believers a firm foundation for enlightenment by the Lord God. Generations of believers have turned to the Psalms for illumination from the Lord. Individuals seeking direction for personal life find enlightenment in the Psalms. Believers immersed in the Psalms have their paths illumined by the Lord God. Love for the Lord increases as believers realize benefits from the Lord's light.

# Psalm 17:29-/18:28-For thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness. (KJV)

When dark times occur, the Psalms reveal the Lord's light for the path forward. Prayerfully focusing on the Psalms draws believers attention to the Lord's light. The Lord's light emanating from the Psalms eradicates the darkness in the soul. Searchers for the path out of darkness focus on the Divine light to show the way. God's Holy Church utilizes the Psalms daily to bring God's light to the world.

Psalm 26/27:1-The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

(KJV)

The Psalms provide believers with necessary light and strength from the Lord. Divine light from the Lord shines through the centuries in God's Holy Church. Believers have unlimited possibilities to experience the Divine light in the Church. The Holy Fathers' teachings about the Divine light are treasured in the Church. The Great Feast of Transfiguration celebrates the Divine light of Christ each year.

# Psalm 35:10-/36:9-For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light. (KJV)

Growth in Christ requires believers being attentive to the light of Christ in life. Peter, James and John were blessed to witness Christ transfigured on the mount. Personal life shines brightly when Christ's Divine light burns within the believer. Personal choices determine whether individual believers embrace the Divine light. Believers battle daily with evil forces seeking to extinguish Jesus Christ's light.

# Psalm 36/37:6-And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday. (KJV)

The Lord's light enables believers to be victorious in the battle with daily evils. Radiance from the Lord's light eradicates the evil lurking within believers' hearts. Resolute believers achieve unity with the Lord by following the Divine light.

Joy abounds when Jesus Christ's light fills the believer's heart, mind and soul. Every day presents the opportunity to thank the Lord for being the Light of Life.

Apodosis of the Transfiguration. Holy Martyr Hyppolitus, August 13/26, 2020. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic

"How tedious to me are the counsels of human leaders and wise men-oh how tedious they seem to me—ever since Your wisdom caused my heart and mind to tremble, Holy God.

Those whom the dark desires of the heart are dragging into the abyss do not believe in Your light. There are no obstacles for a stone while it is rolling down a hill. The higher the steep slope and the deeper the abyss—the swifter and more unrestrained is the rolling of the stone.

One dark desire lures another with its success; and that one hires yet another, until all that is good in a person withers, and all that is evil gushes out in a torrential flood—until, along with everything else, all that the Holy Spirit has built is washed away, both inside and out;

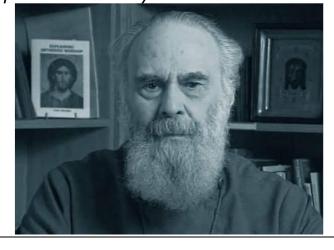
Until the scorners of the light begin to scorn themselves and their teachers; Until the sweetest sweets begin to choke them with their stench; Until all the material goods, for which they killed neighbours and razed cities, begin to mock their monstrosity.

Then they stealthily lift their eyes toward heaven, and through the dung of their profaned and putrid existence, they cry out: 'Holy God!'"

Saint Nikolai Velimirovich, Prayers by the Lake



"The main obstacle that stands in the way of upbringing [maturity/growth] of the heart, is our fear of suffering, before emotional pain, before spiritual tragedy. We are afraid of suffering, and so we have narrowed our heart to protect it. We are afraid to look and see, we are afraid to listen and hear; we are afraid to see the person in his suffering and hear the cry of his soul. And thus we become closed. And being closed, we do everything narrower and narrower, and become prisoners of our closure." -Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh



If you're having sex before marriage, go to church anyway. If you are a drug addict trying to beat addiction, go to church anyway. If you were out drunk all night the night before, go to church anyway. If you aren't sure what gender you prefer, go to church anyway. If you can't quit that disgusting habit, go to church anyway. Church is a hospital for the broken, lost, empty, confused, desperate, and rejected. Every sinner has a future, and every Saint has a past. How do we break the chains of addiction and bondage? By prayer, prayer for you and prayer with you! There isn't a single person in the 4 walls of the church that doesn't have something they hate or regret about their past. We've all made mistakes, and will continue to, BUT His Grace is enough!! There's things that I'd never want to admit outloud about myself, but God knows. And He loves me none the less. So whatever you've done, whatever you're doing, whatever you will do....go to church anyway, it might just change your life!!