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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, Stacie & Gary, Dolores Wachnowsky, Maria Warholak, Stacie & Gary, Anna Sekelik, Christy, Mariruth, Rich Previc, 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 50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TO OUR OWN BILL AND MARY ANNE KUZNIK, who celebrated the big day yesterday! May God grant them Many Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Blessed Years together! M'nohaya I Blahaya Lita! God Bless them both!**

**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, 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

**Blessing of Marriage—Bill and Mary Anne Kuznik—50 years!!!**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27                      OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS!!!                      10:30 AM**  
**16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; EXALTATION OF THE LIFEGIVING CROSS;**  
**REPOSE OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM; MARTYR PAPAS OF LYCAONIA;**  
**NEWMARTYR MACARIUS OF THESSALONICA**

**\*\*\*\*\*STRICT FAST DAY\*\*\*\*\***

*Tone 7*

1 Corinthians 18-24  
John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-29, 30-35

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 04                      OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS!!!                      10:30 AM**  
**17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE**  
**CROSS; LEAVE-TAKING OF THE EXALTATION; APOSTLE QUADRATUS OF**  
**THE 70; HIEROMARTYR HYPATIUS-BISHOP OF EPHESUS & PRESBYTER**  
**ANDREW; SAINTS ISAACIUS & MELETIUS-BISHOPS OF CYPRUS; MARYT**  
**EUSEBIUS OF PHONEIA & MARTYR PRISCUS OF PHYRGIA; UNCOVERING**  
**OF DRELICS OF SAINT DEMETRIUS-METROPOLITAN OF ROSTOV**

*Tone 8*

Galatians 2:16-20; 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1  
Mark 8:34-9:1; Matthew 15:21-28

***Father Theodore Forosty, Johnathan Dorning, Catherine Behun, Mary Medich,  
Daniel Chicka, & Mary Evaniuk--Fr. Bob***

## **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 20 SEPTEMBER 2020**

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### **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.

### **The Kingdom of God**

**Matthew 6:33-But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. (KJV)**

The Lord Jesus Christ makes clear seeking the Kingdom of God is life's priority. Every individual has the freedom to seek first the Kingdom of God in daily life. Seeking first the Kingdom of God requires conscious choice of the mind each day. All that inhibits believers seeking first the Kingdom of God is to be firmly avoided. Consistently faithful believers experience the everlasting joy of God's Kingdom.

**Mark 1:14-Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, (KJV)**

The Lord Jesus Christ's preaching of the Kingdom of God remains relevant today. Attentive individuals seeking to address the soul's hunger take Christ to heart. Jesus Christ's preaching and teachings are immeasurably treasured by believers. Serious believers make every effort to apply Christ's words to personal actions. The Kingdom of God is within reach of each person embracing Jesus Christ.

**Luke 9:62- And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. (KJV)**

Believers choosing to follow Jesus Christ are to set aside any contrary thoughts. Following Jesus Christ requires the total commitment of mind, body and soul. To seek first the Kingdom of God merits making resolute decisions. (Mt.13:46) The Lord Jesus Christ's teachings empower believers to seek God's Kingdom. The mind and soul perceive the immeasurable value in Jesus Christ's words.

**John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. (KJV)**

Being renewed in the Lord Jesus Christ is a life-long journey and learning process. Constant repentance brings newness of living in Jesus Christ throughout life. Serious believers' sinful ways are rejected in the journey to God's Kingdom. Jesus Christ's teachings become the believer's way of life in seeking the Kingdom. Faithful believers increasingly value following Christ when seeking the Kingdom.

**Acts 1:3-To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: (KJV)**

The Resurrected Jesus Christ continued to speak clearly of the Kingdom of God. God's Holy Church preserves and proclaims Christ's teachings of the Kingdom. Much in daily life competes for believers' attention to establish life's priorities. Discerning believers will value the Lord Jesus Christ's teachings on the Kingdom. Serious followers of Christ make certain the Kingdom of God is the first priority.

*Venerable Father Poemen the Great. August 27/September 9, 2020. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania Father Rodney Torbic*

### **The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Matthew 22:1-14**

*And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said, The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him*

*hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness, there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen. (KJV)*

### **Synaxis of Serbian Saints Matthew 5:14-19**

*Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. (KJV)*

We gather today in God's Holy Church to worship and glorify God. We come seeking the salvation of our souls and unity with the Lord God. God's Holy Church offers us the opportunity to partake of Christ's Precious Body and Blood.

Every moment of every day God's invitation to draw near exists. Too often God's invitations are rejected. Matters and interests other than God captivate individuals' hearts and minds.

Work, personal activities, and pursuits regularly take individuals away from God. Excuses are plentiful as to why persons do not come to the Divine services of the Church.

Reasons for not drawing near to God need challenged and deeply questioned. God's Holy Church has existed through the centuries because of the great fervor and sacrifice of believers.

Each generation has the responsibility to be fervent in faith and to follow Jesus Christ. Every generation is expected to accept God's invitations to be faithful stewards of God's Holy Church.

Believers, martyrs, teachers, ascetics, clergy, and monastics are needed in each generation. We commemorate the Synaxis of Serbian Saints today. Our hearts and minds need to be filled with gratitude for the faithful believers come before us.

We are blessed to have this church to worship and draw near to God. This church exists because many faithful through the years said "yes" to the Lord. They sacrificed and worked with God's help to build the church and keep it going.

Renewed commitment to the Lord God is called for from all believers of every generation. The Lord God depends upon believers of every century to carry forth the message of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Evil abounds in the world. Faithful believers are needed to counter the evil and show there is a better way. Lovers of the Lord Jesus Christ put into practice Christ's teachings.

Ardent followers of Christ bring alive the peace of Christ and love of neighbor in daily life. God's invitation to the Divine Banquet offers renewal in life and unity with Christ.

Daily life is a challenge. The battle against sin and interests that take a person away from God are constant. The more fervent a person is about God, the greater the effort the devil applies to derail the believer.

The Lord Jesus Christ offers the strength, the teachings and the opportunities for repentance and renewal. Believers need to say "yes" to Christ and "no" to sin and evil.

The saints and martyrs through the centuries are standing examples and proof that saying "yes" to Christ is of the greatest value. Worldly values are not lasting. Jesus Christ offers life-everlasting.

Hunger in the soul is satisfied in Jesus Christ. Peace in the heart and mind occur when believers say "yes" to Christ. Material pursuits, worldly interests, and sinful ways fail to bring lasting peace and joy.

Peace, love, and joy come from the life in Christ and from saying "yes" to God's invitation. God's Holy Church is the welcoming home for experiencing peace, love, and joy.

God's Holy Church keeps alive God's invitation to draw near. Nourishment for the heart, mind and soul abound and never is exhausted in God's Holy Church. Jesus Christ's Precious Body and Blood replenishes all who partake.

No greater banquet exists than the Divine Banquet in God's Holy Church. Choose always to say "yes" to God's invitations. Be resolute in drawing near in faith and in love for everlasting life.

*The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Synaxis of Serbian Saints. Placing of the Sash of the Most Holy Theotokos. Holy Martyrs of Jasenovac. August 31/September 13, 2020. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic*