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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.

**"Our life is life to the extent that it is life in Christ. And how much is it life in Christ? This is revealed by its holiness. The holier life is, the more immortal and eternal it is." - St. Justin Popovich**

**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 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; MARTYR 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***

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11                      OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS!!!                      10:30 AM**  
**18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SAINT CHARITON THE CONFESSOR-ABBOT OF PALESTINE; PROPHET BARUCH; SYNAXIS OF THE SAINTS OF THE PERCHEVSKY LAVRA MONASTERY NEAR CAVES OF VENERABLE ANTHONY-FOUNDER OF THE CAVES—PROCHOUS THE GARDNER & WONDERWORKER, JOHN THE FASTER, AND OTHERS**

*Tone 1*

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Luke 5:1-11

## **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 27 SEPTEMBER 2020**

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### **TROPARION—TONE 7**

By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death!  
To the thief, Thou didst open Paradise!  
For the Myrrhbearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy.  
And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God,  
To proclaim that Thou art 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 7**

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive,  
For Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers!  
Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry:  
The Savior has come to those in faith!

Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!

**PROKEIMENON—TONE 7**

**READER:** The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

**PEOPLE: The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!**

**READER:** Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

**PEOPLE: The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!**

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**ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 7**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy name, O Most High!

To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night!

***NOTHING FROM OUTSIDE CAN DEFILE US*** *Sister Vassa Larin*  
(Wednesday, September 16)

"When he had called all the multitude to himself, he said to them, 'Hear me, everyone, and understand: There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man. If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!' When he had entered a house away from the crowd, his disciples asked him concerning the parable. So he said to them, 'Are you thus without understanding also? Do you not perceive that whatever enters a man from outside cannot defile him, because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, thus purifying all foods?' And he said, 'What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders...'"  
(Mk 7: 14-20)

...Lest I think that I must be a "victim" of those things that "enter" me "from outside." No, I only fall prey to the "bad" things that I sometimes "eat," be they certain foods, – or indeed words, or images, or melodies, – if I embrace them in my heart, with a heartfelt attachment to them, and hence re-produce them from there, letting them "come out" of me, in my own actions and words.

Let me guard my heart today, by re-connecting with God in some heartfelt prayer. Similarly to the "bad" things, which can "defile" me only if

I embrace them in my heart, so does the "good" thing of God's grace elevate and enlighten me, when I let it into my heart. "Come and abide in us, and cleanse us from all impurity, and save our souls, O Good One!"

### **Patty Martinovich**

We need each other, and we work out our salvation together.

"Bill interjected, "I don't go to church to relate with others, I go to receive the sacrament. Receiving Christ feeds my prayer life, makes me feel closer to him. It helps me to keep up my devotions throughout the week."

"I think part of the reason you say this, Bill, is that you're missing a crucial dimension of what the eucharist is about," Father answered. "The Liturgy is not a 'me and Jesus' phenomenon. The eucharist ushers in the kingdom of God and makes us its citizens. Here we willingly enter into a relationship with God and with each other through the command of Christ and his mediation. This transcends and supersedes every separation and division—a challenge for us all, for Christ says, 'Love one another as I have loved you.' Isn't it remarkable that we become mostly truly who we are by giving ourselves entirely to others! That's the only way we can become most fully ourselves. The sacraments feed our union and make it visible in the assembly where we partake of them.

Many of us still don't understand that this worship is more than just 'me and Jesus'; after all, no one can 'muster up' the eucharist alone; it's interpersonal, 'we together' who are shown how expansive the mystery of Christ is. Again, it's beyond anything we could achieve alone."

*(The Monks of New Skete, In the Spirit of Happiness, p. 233)*



*Jawn, pronounced \ˈjān\, is the Philadelphia all-purpose noun. It can refer to a single thing, or a collection or class of things, or a situation, or a person.*

In this week's edition of *The Jawn*, in honor of the approaching change of season from summer to autumn, we were lucky enough to have a short conversation with three of autumn's most dangerous hazards: wet leaves, ice, and the sun. While all three hazards have something in common (they're hazards), we decided to transcribe their conversation as we heard it. The following is completely 100% accurate and totally happened.

**Wet Leaves:** *Frankly, I'm growing tired of being overlooked as one of autumn's main hazards. I've been around just as long as ice has, yet ice gets all the attention. What gives? I'm slippery, too.*

**Ice:** *Leave it to leaves to complain about not being dangerous enough. Seriously, how dangerous could something you can blow away with air really be?*

**Wet Leaves:** *I'll tell you how dangerous I can be. Ever drive over a pile of wet leaves? It's just like driving over ice! Have you ever seen a "Wet Leaf Storm Warning?" I haven't, but I should.*

**Ice:** *Ok, true. But, that's like, one thing that could go wrong. Me? I stick around forever...*

**Sun:** *Ice, that's not exactly accurate...have we met? I'm the sun.*

**Wet Leaves:** *Or, what about when a big pile of me covers a pothole and you drive over it? I'm light, airy, crunchy. Like a potato chip. I'm not saving your suspension. Ice, you're a bit heartier.*

**Ice:** *Heartier? I know what that means...*

**Sun:** *Not cool, bro. I'm the size of a star.*

**Wet Leaves:** *I'm just saying that I'm everywhere during autumn. What about when I'm all over the road and you can't see the outline for traffic lanes?*

**Sun:** *Ice, he has a point. I can't melt a leaf. Yet.*

**Ice:** *Fine, I get it. So, what do you want me to do?*

**Wet Leaves:** *I just want to be treated with the same amount of respect as you and Sun do. I mean, we form piles all over the side of the road and sidewalks. Who knows what's in those piles when you drive over them? Could be an old tire, a block of wood, a portal to another dimension...*

**Sun:** *...why would a portal to another dimension hide under a pile of leaves?*

**Wet Leaves:** *Never mind. I think I've proved my point.*

Join us for next week's jawn when we have a sit-down interview with this past spring's forgotten hazard: the Murder Hornet.

**John DiSpaldo** Teracore

Federal Emergency Management Agency- Region III

### **New in Christ**

***Romans 6:4-Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. (KJV)***

The Christian identity begins at Baptism and is to be honored throughout life. Believers begin the new life in Christ at Holy Baptism and are forever changed. The identity change occurring at Baptism is permanent for life's remaining days. Serious Christians measure all



thoughts and actions with Jesus Christ's teachings. The heart, mind and soul consciously guide the believer in following Jesus Christ.

**2 Corinthians 5:17-Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.** (KJV)

Sin is resolutely rejected at Holy Baptism and afterwards is to be firmly avoided. When the believer becomes aware of committing sins, repentance is necessary. Repentance and recommitment to Jesus Christ enable new beginnings to occur. Confession and Communion restore the desired unity with the Lord Jesus Christ. Revulsion of committing sins and desire to be with Christ will hasten repentance.

**Ephesians 4:24-And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.** (KJV)

Peace, love, and joy abound when unity with the Lord Jesus Christ is experienced. Holiness occurs when all that is of Christ is fully a part of every aspect of life. Temptations and perils to the soul exist to destroy the believer's faith in Christ. Serious believers ardently cherish and are grateful for Christ's boundless love. Holiness and righteousness are compelling thoughts for believers serious in Christ.

**Colossians 3:10-And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:** (KJV)

Believers desiring to grow in Christ act to learn more from and about the Lord. The Creator of life and life are held dearly in the believer's heart and mind. Life emanates from Jesus Christ, exists in Christ and is directed toward Christ. The life in Christ is a great and wonderful mystery constantly being revealed. Attentive believers marvel at the Divine revelations occurring on a daily basis.

**Hebrews 10:20-By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;** (KJV)

Partaking of Jesus Christ's Precious Body and Blood brings unity and new life. The Precious Body and Blood of Christ are available in each Divine Liturgy. Celebration of the Divine Liturgy creates newness of life for the community. Communities are lovingly transformed by the celebrations of the Divine Liturgy. Every Divine Liturgy is a celebration of thanksgiving to the living, loving God.

*Holy Hieromartyr Anthimus, St. Joannicius, First Serbian Patriarch, September 3/September 16, 2020. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic*

### **The Fifteen Sunday after Pentecost** Matthew 22:35-46

*Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked Him a question, tempting Him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,*



*and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The son of David. He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? If David then call him Lord, how is he his son? And no man was able to answer Him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask Him any more questions. (KJV)*

**The Sunday before the Exaltation of the Precious Cross** John 3:13-17

*And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.*

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. KJV)*

St. John's Gospel reading for today states Jesus came into the world to save the world. Believers are required to take action to be saved. Willingness to adhere to Christ's teachings is necessary.

Temptations and perils exist that endanger believers' souls. The Lord Jesus Christ said: "Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." (Mt.7:14)

The Lord Jesus Christ's commandments are clear in the Gospel: "Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" and "Love thy neighbour as thyself." (Mt.22:37-39)

The Christian life involves the constant work of prayer, the avoidance of evil and the embracing of Christ's good. Care must always be taken of the heart, the mind and soul.

The Lord is always present to help the believer in the journey to God's Kingdom. (Acts 17:1-31, Mt.11:29, Jn. 3:16) Believers faithful to the Lord experience peace, love and joy. (Gal.5:22-23)

God's Holy Church provides believers with the nourishment to remain united with Christ from Holy Baptism until departure from this life. The Church is the refuge and protective harbor from the sins of the world.

God's Kingdom is alive in the Divine services of the Church. Jesus Christ's teachings and Precious Body and Blood thoroughly nourish the faithful in God's Holy Church.

The Church is where healing takes place. In the Church, anxieties and fears are put to rest and are replaced by peace. In the Church, Believers experience the unconditional and unlimited love of the Lord.

God is always present and at work in the Church. The soul's hunger is addressed in the Church. Personal goals and pursuits foreign to seeking the Kingdom of God leave individuals unsatisfied.

Fear and upheaval are present in today's world. Believers have the responsibility to exhibit Christ's peace in daily life. Believers' actions are expected to demonstrate love of God and neighbor.

Serious believers faithfully adhere to the resolute commitment made to Jesus Christ at Holy Baptism. The Lord Jesus Christ is the life and goal of every moment of the Christian life.

Christ's Cross is a constant presence in the mind of conscientious believers. Jesus' suffering and death on the Cross revealed and verified His great love. Each person is indebted to Christ for His love.

Full gratitude can never be fully given to Christ for His death on the Cross. Believers show gratitude by loving God and neighbor completely in accord with Christ's teachings.

On Feasts of the Mother of God, we hear Jesus Christ's words in St. Luke's Gospel: "Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it."(Lk.11:28) Joy comes from heeding the word of God.

Today is the Forefeast of the Nativity of the Mother of God. Conscientious believers are mindful of the Mother of God and her relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Mother of God is ever-present as an intercessor before her Son. Believers always have the opportunity to turn to the Mother of God in prayer to intercede before the Lord Jesus Christ in times of need.

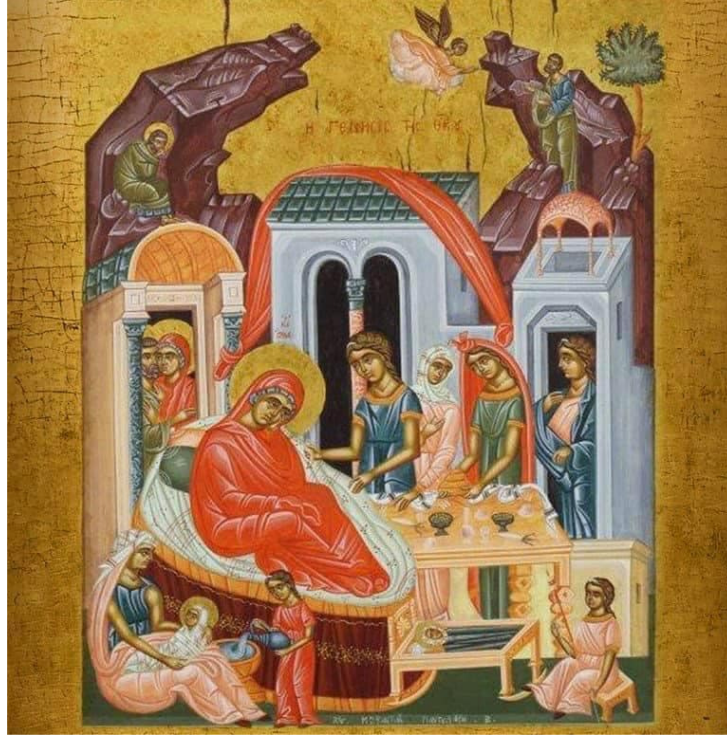
Today is a day for unending gratitude to the Lord Jesus Christ for His love, mercy and forgiveness. Every moment of every day merits expressing gratitude to the Lord.

The Church is the world for believers to experience and remain united with the Lord Jesus Christ. The Church is where to find the nourishment, wisdom and direction for life and life-everlasting.

During the tumultuous and difficult periods of life, turn to the Lord in His Holy Church in prayer and repentance. Express deepest needs to the Mother of God to intercede before her Son.

Rejoice and give thanks to the Lord for all that takes place. Holy Apostle Paul expressed lasting wisdom to the Thessalonians: He said "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (I Thess. 5:18)

*The Fifteen Sunday after Pentecost. The Sunday before the Exaltation of the Precious and Lifegiving Cross. The Forefeast of the Nativity of the Mother of God. Holy Martyr Sozon September 7/20, 2020. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic*



**A special THANK YOU to all who attended our celebration of our dear Mary Anne and Bill Kuznik's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary last Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. The food was great, the service was too long [I'll take the hit for that], the attendance was high without stretching our health guidelines, and I think they had a great time!**

**Pani Gina did get a picture of the still-happy-after-all-these-years couple—it's printed below.**

**Coincidentally, it was also Carl's birthday, so it was a double-celebration for our parish!**

**We often forget to look at the wonderful things that God has given to us every day...Bill, Mary Anne, and Carl are all huge plusses for our tiny parish family! Between the lunches, maintenance of the church building, and Carl's elbow grease to keep the brassware shiny and bright, we have 3 gems to celebrate in our midst!**

***Please keep Martha Persico and Liz Obradovich in your prayers as well...they were in a car accident on their way to church for the big doings!***



**ALSO—PLEASE, PLEASE—REMEMBER TO THANK GOD EVERY DAY  
FOR THE GOOD THINGS HE GIVES US!**

***May God Bless and Keep our parish family...may He grant  
us all Many Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Blessed Years  
serving HIM! M'nohaya Lita! Stay SAFE!!! God Bless! With  
love from Pani Gina, Reader Alex, EMT Matt, the Parish  
Board, members, and Fr. Bob***