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## **ADVENT—SAINT PHILIP'S FAST—PILIPKIVA**

**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, Archbishop Jovan, Bishop Robert, Metropolitan Savas, Archbishop David, 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 Smolynech, 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, Fr. Vasyl Sendeha, 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 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 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 & Bowen, 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, Ben Williams, Denis Strittmatter, Deacon Joe Uzar—vocations, Tim—surgery, Archimandrite Raphael—COVID-19, 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 December Babies: Shirley Tkacik on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Scot Brunermer on the 14<sup>th</sup>, and Donna Karas on the 15<sup>th</sup>! May God grant them Many Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Blessed Years! M’nohaya Lita! God Bless!**

**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.**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 06**

**OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS!!!**

**10:30 AM**

**26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; AFTERFEAST OF THE ENTRY OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS; SAINT AMPHILOCHIUS-BISHOP OF ICONIUM; SAINT GREGORY-BISHOP OF AGRIGENTUM; SAINT SISINIUS THE CONFESSOR-BISHOP OF CYZICUS; MARTYR THEODORE OF ANTIOCH**

*Tone 1*

Ephesians 5:8-19

Luke 12:15-21

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

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13                      OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS!!!                      10:30 AM**  
**27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY AND ALL-PRAISED APOSTLE ANDREW THE FIRST CALLED; SAINT FRUMENTIUS-ARCHBISHOP OF ABYSSINIA**  
***Father Bob's 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary—Ordination to the Holy Priesthood***

*Tone 2*

Ephesians 6:10-17;1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Luke 13:10-17; John 1:35-51

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20                      OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS!!!                      10:30 AM**  
**28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SAINT AMBROSE-BISHOP OF MILAN; MARTYR ATHENODORUS OF MESOPOTAMIA; VENERABLE PAUL THE OBEDIENT; VENERABLE PAUL THE FASTER OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA**

*Tone 3*

Colossians 1:12-18

Luke 17:12-19

## **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 06 DECEMBER 2020**

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### **TROPARION—TONE 1**

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews;  
While the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure Body;  
Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior,  
Granting life to the world.  
The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of life:  
Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ!  
Glory to Thy Kingdom!  
Glory to Thy Dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind.

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

### **KONTAKION—TONE 1**

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself.

Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished!

Adam exults, O Master!

Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee:

Thou are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!

### **PROKEIMENON—TONE 1**

**READER:** Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.

**PEOPLE: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.**

**READER:** Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!

**PEOPLE: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.**

**READER:** Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

**PEOPLE: As we have set our hope on Thee.**

### **ALLELUIA VERSES**

God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me.

He magnifies the salvation of the king, and deals mercifully with His Christ, with David and his seed forever!

### **Thanksgiving—Always Thank God**

***Psalm 25/26:7-That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works. (KJV)***

The Lord gives us more than we will ever know for which we should be thankful. If we center our hearts and minds in the Lord God we will always be thankful. Every moment of everyday we have reasons to thank the Lord God for our lives. Each breath and each thought are reasons to give thanksgiving to the Lord God. Our beating hearts and the blood flowing in our bodies merit thanks to the Lord.

***Psalm 49/50:14-Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High. (KJV)***

Being able to see, hear, feel and touch others are a basis for joyful thanksgiving. The freedom to learn and worship in God's Holy Church inspires thanksgiving. Receiving the Precious Body and Blood of Christ calls for endless thanksgiving. We have reason to be always thankful for God's

constant nourishment of our souls. We would be ungrateful if we did not thank God for the ability to pray at all times.

***Psalm 68/69:30-I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving. (KJV)***

Our thoughts and our voices are means to offer thanksgiving to the Lord God. Singing in God's Holy Church beautifies expressions of collective thanksgiving. The love of God is expressed in acts of thanksgiving to God and to our neighbor. Daily thanksgiving to God and joy and peace in life are inseparable experiences. We can never repay God for all given to us but we can always certainly be grateful.

***Psalm 94/95:2-Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. (KJV)***

Every Divine Liturgy is a collective expression of thanksgiving to the Lord God. Believers coming together in God's Holy Church unite in common thanksgiving. Hearts filled with thanksgiving to God overflow with abundant gratitude and joy. God's faithful carry the thanksgiving to God into daily life following the Liturgy. Love and charitable acts in personal relationships actualize thanksgiving to God.

***Psalm 99/100:4-Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. (KJV)***

When difficulties and challenges arise in life, believers find reasons to be thankful. God's goodness exists when life's challenges, hardships and difficulties arise. Faithful and serious believers are thankful to God for all circumstance in life. God is within reach of believers at every moment and welcomes thanksgiving. Do not let a day pass without giving thanks to the Lord God for all His blessings.

*Holy Great Great-martyr Menas, Holy Martyr Stephen of Decani, King of Serbia.  
November 11/24, 2020. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic*

### **Hardness of Heart**

***Psalm 94/95:8-Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: (KJV)***

Let us always be aware of the condition of our heart that we do not harm the soul. The Lord Jesus Christ deserves the primary place in the hearts of all believers. Believers benefit when prayer emanates from the heart with great regularity. Joy fills the hearts of believers when the Lord Jesus Christ is of primary interest. Guarding the heart to welcome Jesus Christ and being open to Christ is a necessity.

***Proverbs 28:14-Happy is the man that feareth always: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief. (KJV)***

Evil seeks to gain a firm foothold in the heart and then to increase in influence. Vigilance and steadfast faith enable evil to be rooted from the

heart and expelled. Hardened hearts eventually lead to great peril to the souls of negligent believers. The Lord God rejoices in believers having hearts filled with love for the Lord. The care of the heart is a life-long responsibility and requires continuous effort.

***Isaiah 63:17-O Lord, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways, and hardened our heart from thy fear? Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance. (KJV)***

When we turn to the Lord with attentive faith, the heart welcomes His presence. God's Holy Church offers constant nourishment for the heart to remain healthy. Medicine for the heart is found in the Holy Mysteries and in the Holy Gospel. Faithful believers find all that is needed for a healthy heart in God's Holy Church. The journey to the Kingdom of God and eternal life rests on the heart's condition.

***Matthew 19:8-He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. (KJV)***

Hardened hearts negatively affect personal relationships with lasting consequences. Hearts hardened in bitterness, with grudges and filled with hate are devastating. Repentance is the necessary step to transform the hardened heart from negativity. The love from and for Jesus Christ can eventually soften the hardest of hearts. Individuals with hardened hearts benefit from having firm hope in repentance.

***Mark 3:5-O Lord, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways, and hardened our heart from thy fear? Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance. (KJV)***

The heart filled with love for the Lord leads to stronger personal relationships. Christ's love exuding from the hearts of believers is revealed in daily demeanor. God's Holy Church enables the healthy heart to thrive during life's long journey. Attentiveness to Jesus Christ's teachings results in the heart becoming purified. Thank God for the believers having the opportunity to repent of hardened hearts.

*Holy Martyrs Galacteon and Epistemis. November 5/18, 2020  
Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic*



***"The Earth is our Mother, and we all have a sacred obligation to learn to live in harmony with her and protect her for future generations." +Chief Quiet Thunder (1934–2020)***