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Christ IS Born! Glorify Him!

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, Archbishop Jovan, Bishop Robert, Metropolitan Savas, Metropolitan Kallistos of Diokleia, 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, Fr. Vasyl Sendeha, Father Steve Hutnick [COVID-`9], Father Victor Wronskyj [COVID-19], 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, 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 & Judy Previc, Ben Williams, Denis Strittmatter, Deacon Joe Uzar-vocations, Tim-surgery, Archimandrite Raphael-COVID-19, John Wakin, Olivia—young girl with a brain tumor, Rick & Sharon Morgan, John Stasko [triple by-pass], John, Kris & Kait, Jeff & Mary Jane Double [COVID-19], Barbara Shegat & Chaplain Rachelle Zazzu, 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 Henry Tkacik, Jr., whose birthday is January 23rd, and was accidently omitted from the list...May God grant him Many Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Blessed Years! M'nohaya Lita! Christ IS Born! God Bless!

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.

SERVICES IN SLICKVILLE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021 OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS!!! 10:30 AM 32ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY; SYNAXIS OF THE 70 APOSTLES; VENERABLE THEOCTISTUS-ABBOT AT CUCOMO IN SICILY; MARTYR ZOSIMAS THE HERMIT & MARTYR ATHANASIUS THE COMMENTARISIUS-ANCHORITES OF CILICIA; VENERABLE AQUILA-DEACON OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA

Tone 7
2 Timothy 4:5-8
Mark 1:1-8

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2021 THEOPHANY EVE—STRICT FAST! TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021 THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021 OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS!!! 10:30 AM 33RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; AFTERFEAST OF THEOPHANY; VENERABLE THEODOSIUS OF ANTIOCH

BLESSING OF WATER DOWNSTAIRS AFTER SERVICE

Tone 8

Ephesians 4:7-13; 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 Matthew 4:12-17; Matthew 11:27-30

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021 OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS!!! 10:30 AM 34TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SAINT ATHANASIUS THE GREAT & SAINT CYRIL-ARCHBISHOPS OF ALEXANDRIA; VENERABLE MARCIAN OF CYRRHUS IN SYRIA-MONK

Tone 1
Colossians 3:12-6; Hebrews 13:7-16
Luke 18:18-27; Matthew 5:14-19

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 17 JANUARY 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!

The Sunday after the Nativity Matthew 2:13-23

And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son. Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, In Rama was there

a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not. But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life. And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee: And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.(KJV)

МИР БОЖИ ХРИСТОС СЕ РОДИ! DIVINE PEACE CHRIST IS BORN!

The present Gospel describes Herod's interest in destroying the Newborn Christ. Herod eventually slew all the children under two years of age. Horrific action against young children continues to the present day.

In addition to the innumerable babies that are aborted prior to birth, the daily news often reports acts of horror against young children. Love for children is not fully embraced by all in present society.

Repentance is needed for a change within the present society to address the harm imposed on children born and unborn. Restraint is called for among those adults who would have a child aborted or harmed.

A change in the hearts and minds is necessary to prevent harm to children, born and unborn in the present world. The love embodied in the Newborn Christ Child being celebrated at this time merits greater attention in the wider community.

Repentance begins within the individual. The importance of changing must be visualized if it is to occur. Individuals who would harm children need to realize within themselves that restraint is the best action.

Believers loving children and practicing restraint serve as inspiring examples. Love learned from the Lord Jesus Christ and practiced in daily life on a much wider basis will lead to changing community values.

Love practiced sincerely goes further than the use of force. Repentance is needed not only within those harming and those who might intend to harm children.

Repentance is needed among believers who are lukewarm in faith. Love that is not genuine and full of forgiveness has limited effect. When faith and love increase among believers, the impact is much greater.

The proof of the value of living in Jesus Christ becomes evident in the lives of believers making the total commitment. The valuing of loving as Christ intends becomes obvious when fully practiced.

The Lord Jesus Christ made clear that following Him and living in ways pleasing to Him is not the easiest path to follow. The narrow path of Christ always involves the Cross.

Violence occurred at the time of Christ's birth and was a reaction to His birth. Violence took place directly against Jesus Christ when He was placed upon the Cross.

Believers seriously following Jesus Christ are not exempt from witnessing violence. Believers embracing the values of Jesus Christ may personally experience derision and oppositions from those holding contrary views.

Love and forgiveness are the essential guiding factors for followers of Jesus Christ. Believers embracing Jesus Christ will look to Christ's example to follow in daily actions.

Jesus demonstrated humility, patience, and forgiveness. Jesus is love incarnate and teaches love. Hearts change and repentance occurs when love, patience, forgiveness, and humility are put into practice.

The centurion standing at the Cross had his heart changed when he witnessed the Crucifixion. (Mk.15:39) The tempo of violence against children born and unborn in current society requires widespread change.

The changes needed have a place in the lives of individuals that would perpetuate violence against children and in the lives of believers seeking to eliminate the violence.

The solution rests in all taking steps taught and demonstrated by the Lord Jesus Christ. The Church is currently rejoicing and celebrating Jesus Christ's birth.

The Church has the full teachings of Christ for the benefit of all wanting to learn.

The Church offers the beneficial Divine services fostering change and proclaims the values of love and repentance. Individuals within and outside the Church do well to take the steps of forgiveness, love, humility, and patience.

Children born and unborn cannot defend themselves. The responsibility for change rests with society's adults. Each adult has the responsibility to begin the process of change that will lead to less violence and harm to children in this world.

The Sunday after the Nativity. Holy 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia. December 28, 2020/January 10, 2021, Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic

