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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, Archbishop Jovan, Metropolitan Savas, Father Jakiw Norton, Father Paul Stoll, Father Joseph Kopchak, Father Elias Warnke, Father George Yatsko, Father Paul Bigelow, Father Emilian Balan, Father John & Pani Mary Anne Nakonachny, Father Steve Repa, Archpriest Dionysi Vitali, Protodeacon Joseph Hotrovich, Father Paisius McGrath, Father Michael Smolynec, Father Lawrence & Matushka Sophia Daniels, Father Joe Cervo, Father John Harrold [Saint Sylvester], Igumen Patrick, Pani Mary Ann Chubenko, Father Jim Orr, Father Rick Seilier, Panimatka Laryssa Charest, Fr. Vasyl Sendeha, Father George & Dobrodijka Oksana Bazylevsky, Father Angelo Artemas, Father John Haluszczak, 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, 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, Yvonne Christy, Father Deacon Myron & Barbara Spak, Julia Duda, Lisa Pandle, Kris & Julie Hanczar, John Kennedy, 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, 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, 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, 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], 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, 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, 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 & Jan Jennings, Tim Sams, Mike Ruzzi, Stephen Popichak—Fr. Bob's brother, Mary Kay Ludovicy, Pastor Sara Irwin, George Dilendorf, Andy & Sharon Torick, Carol Behun, Erv Frye, William Lusherand, Colin Kirton—Stage 4 pancreatic cancer, Clifford, Joe Veto, Paul Riley, Tonee & Sydnee Turner, Annette Paluh, Theresa Paluh, Cathy Lotinsky, Monk Andrew, Jeff & Buschra Kerr, Rose Mary Pavlovich—Mary Anne Kuznik's Cousin, Margaret Sekelsky, Robert Sekelsky, Robert Rodriguez, Dollie Irvin, Joe Mrvos, Alexandra & Bowen, Katherine Kulik, Pastor Terry Polen, Eleanor Kitt, Stacie & Gary, Maria Warholak, Stacie &

Gary, Anna Sekelik, Christy, Mariruth, Rich & Judy Previc, Ben Williams, Denis Strittmatter, Father Joe Uzar—newly ordained, Tim—surgery, John Wakin, Olivia—young girl with a brain tumor, Rick & Sharon Morgan, John Stasko [triple by-pass], John, Kris & Kait, Kristi Wilson, Wendy LaGamba, Melissa Gross [hip replacement], Mike & Amy Forbeck, David Salazar, James Mary, Barb Bookser, Dr. Paul Riley, David Hess, Serena, Wyatt, Makenzie, Jennifer, Carolyn Strittmatter, Barbara Shegat & Chaplain Rachelle Zazzu, Candace Irvin, Carol Muschick, Grace Love [knee replacement], Stacie Riley, Joseph Paul Cervo, Jr. [infant], Elizabeth [5-year-old], Lillian Skowvron, Pani Cathy Danczak, Sue & Greg Heinen, Paul Simpson [Father Bob's cousin, car accident], Sharon Curtis Rivas, Kathy Milcic, Lisa Bolan, David G. [cancer], Donna [dementia] & Darla, Linda Snow, the McKenna family, David Gazella, Brian & Michele Cannone, Robert & Eleanor Rodrigues & family, Father Deacon James Rossetti & Diakonissa Kari—ordination!, Michael Welsh, Nick Solominsky, Samantha & Lisa Houser, Sarah Stepanovich Clark, Julia Baloga, Brett Crosby, Randy Lapuh, Henry & Shirley [skin cancer] Tkacik, Diane & Arthur Chaklis, Denny Mader, Robert Chicka [cancer], Myra Woodruff [cancer], Zoe Oswalt—Fr. Bob's cousin [cancer], Barbette [cancer] & Scott, Kristin [cancer], Erm Hartmann, Barbara Bookser [cancer], Bob Mazzuca [cancer], Marko, Taylor, Terri Crosby-Vega, Christine Mohamed, Sue Demko, Tammy & Donnie [cancer] Marsico, Terry & David Hartnett, Jamie Ball, Kay Williams, Jim Wyko—Alex's friend, and Susan Pulcini—Father Ted Pulcini's mom. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

PLEASE REVIEW THE NAMES ON THE PRAYER LIST ABOVE AND LET FATHER BOB KNOW ANY NAMES THAT CAN BE REMOVED...

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE! PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD—AND OUR LIVES!

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] 956-6626.

SERVICES IN SLICKVILLE

SUNDAY, February 19 OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM
36TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MEATFARE SUNDAY; AFTERFEAST OF THE MEETING; VENERABLE BUCOLUS-BISHOP OF SMYRNA; VIRGIN-MARTYR DOROTHEA & MARTYRS CHRISTINA & CALLISTA-SISTERS, & THEOPHILUS AT CAESAREA IN CAPPADOCIA; MARTYR JULIAN; VIRGIN-MARTYRS MARTHA, MARY, & THEIR BROTHER LYCARION IN EGYPT; VENERABLE BARSANUPIUS THE GREAT & JOHN THE PROPHET-MONKS OF PALESTINE; SAINT PHOTIUS-PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Tone 3

1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

Matthew 26:31-46

SUNDAY, February 26 OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM
37TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; FORGIVENESS SUNDAY; CHEESEFARE SUNDAY; EXPULSION OF ADAM & EVE FROM EDEN; SAINT MARTINIAN; VENERABLE ZOE OF BETHLEHEM & VIRGIN PHOTINA; VENERABLE EULOGIUS-ARCHBISHOP OF ALEXANDRIA

Tone 4

Romans 13:11-14:4

Matthew 6:14-21

MONDAY, February 27

GREAT LENT BEGINS

SUNDAY, March 05 OBEDNITZA—SAINT BASIL THE GREAT—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM
1ST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT; SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY; SAINT LEO-BISHOP OF CATANIA IN SICILY; HIEROMARTYR SADOC-BISHOP OF PERSIA & 128 MARTYRS WITH HIM; SAINT AGATHO-POPE OF ROME; VENERABLE PRINCE YAROSLAV THE WISE; SAINT AGATHO-WONDERWORKER OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA

Tone 5

Hebrews 11:24-26,32-12:2

John 1:43-51

Litany in Blessed Memory of Mary Smith, John Metrick, Andrew Hanczar, Anna Lawrence, Daria Masur, Michael Cicio, Charles Shumsky, Terry Reinhart,

*Jean Stutchell, Joseph Vangrin, Frank Riznow, Michael Holupka, and
Joseph Nezolyk—Fr. Bob*

**TRIUMPH OF ORTHODOXY—4:30 PM—SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX
CATHEDRAL OAKLAND**

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 19 FEBRUARY 2023

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TROPARION—TONE 3

Let the Heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad!
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm!
He has trampled down death by death!
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,
And has granted the world great mercy!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

KONTAKION—MEATFARE SUNDAY—TONE 1

When Thou, O God, shalt come to earth with glory
All things shall tremble and the river of fire shall flow before Thy Judgment
Seat;
The Books shall be opened and the hidden things disclosed;
Then deliver me from the unquenchable fire
And make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand
O Righteous Judge.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

KONTAKION—TONE 3

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One!
Leading us from the gates of death.
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;
With the prophets and patriarchs
They unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 3

READER: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King,
sing praises!

PEOPLE: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

READER: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

PEOPLE: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

READER: Sing praises to our God, sing praises!

PEOPLE: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 3

In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame!

Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge, in order to save me!

The Sunday of the Prodigal Son Luke 15:11-32

And he said, A certain man had two sons: And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry. Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant. And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound. And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him. And he

answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends: But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf. And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine. It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.(KJV)

God's Holy Church is moving with certainty toward the beginning of Great Lent. The Sunday of the Prodigal Son reminds each of us that God desires our return to His welcoming embrace.

Regardless of how far we have departed from God's desired path, God awaits and welcomes our return. We may have departed from God's ways intentionally. We may have moved away without thinking clearly.

Returning to God's loving embrace is encouraged in the present Gospel. Jesus said: "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."(Lk. 5:32)

The father welcomed the returning son with great joy.

St. Luke's Gospel is very clear: "...**joy** shall be **in heaven** over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance. (Lk.15:7)

Persons hesitant and reluctant to return to God can draw courage from the present Gospel. God is good, merciful, and forgiving. God's love heals and restores wholeness to the person wanting to put sin behind and to begin anew in Christ.

The Church is where new beginnings in Jesus Christ begin and continue. The Church welcomes believers desiring to begin anew. The Church nourishes the believer in the renewed journey in Christ.

Every believer to some degree departs from the path to God's Kingdom begun at Holy Baptism. Repentance and return enable renewal and new beginnings. The Sunday of the Prodigal Son reassures believers that returning to God is beneficial.

The Church stands in contrast to the world. The Church is a foretaste of God's Eternal Kingdom. Perils exist abundantly in the world. Believers too often fall prey to the perils of the world.

The Prodigal Son came to himself and returned to his father. The returning son experienced the embracing love of the father. The Church calls all believers to take the steps to return today on this Sunday of the Prodigal Son.

Great Lent is on the horizon in God's Holy Church. The time for full unity with the Lord God is at hand. Putting away life in sin is to begin now and continue.

God is present to welcome the believer in the effort of renewal.

The heart, mind, and soul benefit when the believer returns from the far country. Family life, work, and community life improve when the believer returns to the Lord God.

God strengthens, nourishes, and leads the believer to the eternal kingdom when the believer rejects the way of sin in the far country. Trust in God is well-placed. Trust in God yields desirable results.

The hunger in the soul seeks the satisfying nourishment found only in the Lord God. The Prodigal Son found the nourishment he sought when he returned to his father.

God gives each person life. It is fitting the person acknowledges God as the Source of Life and turns to God for life and life eternal. The Church is ever-present for the attentive believer to follow the path to the Heavenly Kingdom.

The Prodigal Son knew the home where his life originated. His life was renewed when he returned home. God's doors are always open for returning sons and daughters seeking renewal.

The love of God is inexhaustible. God's welcoming arms are all-encompassing. Every Prodigal Son and Daughter is welcome. In God's House, there is always room for everyone choosing to sincerely enter.

Thank God for the Church setting forth this Sunday of the Prodigal Son each year. Thank God for the Heavenly Father welcoming Prodigal Sons and Daughters. Thank God for the opportunity to be renewed in Christ.

*The Sunday of the Prodigal Son. Synaxis of the Three Holy Hierarchs.
January 30/February 12, 2023. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father
Rodney Torbic*



ICON—Sunday of Meatfare/The Last Judgment