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ON THE MEND: Please keep the following parishioners and others in your prayers for recovery from their illnesses and injuries: Father Bob, Archbishop Daniel, Metropolitan Antony, Metropolitan Yuriy, Archbishop Jovan, Metropolitan Savas, Father Jakiw Norton, Father Paul & Pani Judy 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 Smolynech, Father Lawrence & Matushka Sophia Daniels, Father Joe & Protinica Linda Cervo, Father John Harrold [Saint Sylvester], Igumen Patrick, Father Jim Orr, Father Rick Seilier, Panimatka Laryssa Charest, Father Vasyl Sendeha, Father George & Dobrodijka Oksana Bazylevsky, Father Angelo Artemas, Father John Haluszczak, Dr. Christina Nellis, Father Joshua [Anna], Father Justin (Todd) Mokhiber, Pani Cathy Danczak, Protopresbyter Gerald Ozlanski, Father James Norton, Monk Andrew, Father Dan & Matushka Myra Kovalak, Father Joe Uzar, Father Deacon James & Diakonissa Kari Rossetti, Pastor Terry Polen, Chaplain Rachelle Zazzu, Joshua Agosto and his family, Eva Malesnick, Nick Behun, Grace Holupka, 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, 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 Zeliszczyk, 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 Slaugenhaupt, Louis & Terri Berceli, Tom Nolan, Silvia Martin, Dena & George, Georgia, Lawanda [Evelyn's niece], Maureen Sams, John Kendall, Judi Danser, Darcy, 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, Stephen Popichak—Fr. Bob's brother, 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, Mary Kay Ludovicy, Pastor Sara Irwin, George Dilendorf, Sharon Torick, Carol Behun, Erv Frye, William Lusherand, Colin Kirton—Stage 4 pancreatic cancer, Clifford, Paul Riley, Tonee & Sydnee Turner, Annette Paluh, Theresa Paluh, Cathy Lotinsky, Jeff & Buschra Kerr, Margaret Sekelsky, Robert Sekelsky, Robert Rodriguez, Rita & Joe Mrvos, Alexandra & Bowen,

Katherine Kulik, Eleanor Kitt, Stacie & Gary, Maria Warholak, Stacie & Gary, Anna Sekelik, Christy, Mariruth, Rich & Judy Previc, Ben Williams, Tim—surgery, John Wakin, Olivia—girl with a brain tumor, Rick & Sharon Morgan, John Stasko, John, Kris, & Kait, Kristi Wilson, Wendy LaGamba, Melissa Gross [hip replacement], Amy Forbeck, David Salazar, Kitty Mary, Dr. Paul Riley, David Hess, Serena, Wyatt, Makenzie, Jennifer, Alexandra Roberts, Candace Irvin, Carol Muschick, Grace Love [knee replacement], Stacie Riley, Joseph Paul Cervo, Jr., Elizabeth, Lillian Skowvron, Sue & Greg Heinen, Paul Simpson [Father Bob's cousin], Sharon Curtis Rivas, Kathy Milcic, Lisa Bolan, David G. [cancer], Donna [dementia] & Darla, Adam Snow, the McKenna family, David Gazella, Brian & Michele Cannone, the Rodrigues family, Michael Welsh, Nick Solominsky, Samantha & Lisa Houser, Sarah Stepanovich Clark, Julia Baloga, Brett Crosby, Randy Lapuh, Henry Tkacik, Diane & Arthur Chaklis, Denny Mader, 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 [knee replacement], Christine Mohamed & family, Sue Demko, Tammy Marsico, Terry & David Hartnett, Jamie Ball, Kay Williams, Hannah Stewart, Jim Wyko—Alex's friend, Dan Losego, Lisa Bruce, Yvette, Barry Bender, Scott McDougall, Andrew Zelleznick, Byron & Cecilia Scott, Vespina, Michelle Russo, Julie Tripodi, Alby Oxenreiter, Debbie—HTUCC Jackie May, Barbara Morvay, David Salsar, N&O, Randy & Adrienne Kuny, Vince Berardinelli, Mason Martin [Karns City HS QB] & family, Martin Mrvos, Jeff McCoy, Lauren & Sloane Valentina Persico, Alexis & baby Colton Rosati, Jessica Shirley, Mark [kidney cancer], Steve Milcic, Wilbert Wagner, Bob Wojciechowski, Ashley, Beth Skowvron, Sharon Svitek, Laura, Christopher, & Baby Jane Dickson, Luke D, Diane Murphy, Kristin Vaughn [Harry's daughter], George Petronsky, Doug & Darcie Burkholder, Michael, Jeane, and Katie Byerly, Acolyte Photios & family [Joanne, Richard, Heather, Keith, James, Debbie, James, Sophia, Zachary, Tabitha, Arqynios, Barbara, Aristotle, Alexander, Kalev, Nina, Elias, Elijah, Jessica], Richard & Daniel Scharba [Metropolitan Antony's brothers], George Lawrence, Edie McGrath, Samantha Lopez, Bob [cancer], Syble Elliott, Maria Ancevski, Krystyna, John, & Jeffrey, Dottie & family, Bonny Diver & Ashley Smock, Steve, Jill Morocco, and Lauren S. & Dan... We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

"Sons of the world see distraction as innocent," says St Ignatius (Brianchaninov), "but the Holy Fathers see it as the beginning of all evil." One of the greatest ascetics of old, St Poemen the Great, said, "The beginning of evil is distraction." Archbishop Averky

(Taushev), The Struggle for Virtue: Asceticism in a Modern Secular Society p.90

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 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, September 15 OBEDNITZA—SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM
12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MARTYR MAMAS & PARENTS MARTYRS
THEODOTUS & RUFINA; SAINT JOHN THE FASTER-PATRIARCH OF
CONSTANTINOPLE; 3,628 MARTYRS AT NICOMEDIA**

Tone 3

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Matthew 19:16-26

**SUNDAY, September 22 OBEDNITZA—SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM
13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE
MOST HOLY CROSS; AFTERFEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS;
HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS ANCESTORS OF GOD JOACHIM & ANNA; MARTYR
SEVERIAN OF SEBASTE; SAINT THEOPHANES THE CONFESSOR & FASTER
OF MOUNT DIABENOS; MARTYRS CHARITON & STRATON;
COMMEMORATION OF THE 3RD ECUMENICAL COUNCIL; UNCOVERING THE
RELICS OF SAINT THEODOSIUS-ARCHBISHOP OF CHERNIHIV**

Tone 4

Galatians 6:11-18; 1 Corinthians 16:13-24; Galatians 4:22-31

John 3:13-17; Matthew 21:33-42; Luke 8:16-21

**SUNDAY, September 29 OBEDNITZA—SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM
14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE
MOST HOLY CROSS; AFTERFEAST OF THE EXALTATION; GREAT-MARTYR
EUPHEMIA THE ALL-PRAISE OF CHALCEDON; SAINT SEBASTIANA;
MARTYR MELITINA; MARTYRS VICTOR & SOSTHENES AT CHALCEDON;
SAINT DOROTHEUS-HERMIT OF EGYPT; MARTYR LUDMILLA-
GRANDMOTHER OF SAINT WENCESLAUS-PRINCE OF THE CZECHS; REPOSE
OF SAINT CYPRIAN-METROPOLITAN OF KIEV**

Tone 5

Galatians 2:16-20; 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

Mark 8:34-9:1; Matthew 22:1-14

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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, 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!

All of the Holy Bible is God-inspired and we have to read it, but especially the Psalter from the Old Testament, which is very powerful prayer. Elder Arsenios Galanopoulos, the cave dweller, Elder Arsenios the Cave-dweller (1886-1983) p.84

Holiness and intelligence of soul are to be recognized from a man's eye, walk, voice, laugh, the way he spends his time and the company he keeps. Everything is transformed and reflects an inner beauty. For the intellect which enjoys the love of God is a watchful gate-keeper and bars entry to evil and defiling thoughts. Venerable and God-bearing Father Anthony the Great, Philokalia, Vol. 1 p.332

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Mt. 18:23-35

Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow servants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. And his fellow servant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity

on thee? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses (KJV)

The present Gospel is a lasting lesson in forgiveness. Our personal relationships in and outside the home are to be governed by the forgiveness taught in the present Gospel.

Every person is indebted to the Lord God. Every person fails to fully repay the Lord for all that has been given to each of us. The gifts and talents of life are not always used in ways pleasing to God.

Believers often seek forgiveness from God. If a believer seeks forgiveness from God and expects forgiveness, then the believer is to be equally forgiving in personal relationships.

Parents have the responsibility to forgive sons and daughters. Sons and daughters are responsible for forgiving their parents. In the workplace, employers improve employee morale and work conditions by being forgiving.

Employees forgiving their employers strengthen the mutual relationships. The present Gospel is intended to impact believers. Believers hearing today's Gospel message are to apply it to daily relationships.

Relationships affect where believers will experience eternity. (Mt. 25:31-46) Jesus Christ's love has a place in daily relationships. Love for one another is valued in the Christian life.

Love is expressed through forgiveness. Forgiveness is a way to strengthen relationships. Forgiveness develops relationships and makes them healthier, stronger and more enduring.

God's Holy Church offers learning for all the days of life. Each Gospel reading provides lessons for the healthy life in Jesus Christ. Believers grow in Christ by being attentive to the Gospel.

Jesus' known words and teachings are proclaimed in the Gospel. Jesus' words and teachings implanted in the heart strengthen the believer. Believers are nourished directly when attentive to the Gospel.

Addressing the hunger in the soul motivates believers to seek nourishment.

Authentic nourishment comes from Jesus Christ. The Church provides the authentic nourishment needed for all of life.

The Church addresses the believer's needs from the time of Baptism until departure from earthly life. The Church is the pathway to eternal life in Christ.

Believers learn of God's Kingdom in the Church and the path to the Kingdom.

The Church offers a foretaste to the Kingdom. Each Divine Liturgy is a foretaste of God's Kingdom. Believers actively participating in the Divine Liturgy experience nourishment from and unity with Jesus Christ.

The Holy Scriptures are a source of nourishment for all of life. Wise individuals take time to study the Holy Scriptures. Studying the Scriptures is an investment in the Kingdom of God.

Investing in the Kingdom of God is the most secure and beneficial investment.

Investments in the Kingdom of God are protected from corruption or theft. (Mt.6:19)-20)

Wise individuals invest the time and treasures of life in the Kingdom of God.

Life comes from God. Life's talents and treasures come from God. Showing gratitude to God is the believer's responsibility. Investing the gift of life and treasures of life in God's Kingdom is responsible behavior.

The person forgiven by the king in the current Gospel had the responsibility to be grateful for the forgiveness he received. Each person has reason to be grateful to God for life, talents and gifts in life. God is patient and forgiving with each person.

Today is the day to think carefully about life, and the talents and gifts from God. Now is the time to be grateful for God's forgiveness. Demonstrating love and forgiveness towards others is a way to show gratitude to God.

Practicing forgiveness and patience with others validates God's teachings in the Gospel. God forgives believers more than is realized. The journey to God's Kingdom continues with each small step of following the lessons in the Gospel.

Jesus said: "Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it." (Lk.11:28)

*The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost. Holy Martyrs Adrian and his wife Natalia. August 26/September 8, 2024. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania.
Father Rodney Torbic*

Human life is literally made up of unceasing warfare and endless temptation. Temptation causes struggle and so warfare results. Because of this warfare, let us always keep awake, doing our utmost to guard our heart, to watch over it, and keep it peaceful and quiet. Fr. Jack Sparks, Victory in the Unseen Warfare p.91

[On Grace] It intimates its coming by supernatural weeping—and the man enters the gates of God's sanctuary (his heart) with

Pure

Matthew 5:8-Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

(KJV)

The New Testament provides numerous references of purity to seriously consider. Believers seeking to live faithful to the Lord God benefit from the Scriptural references. According to the Beatitude in St. Matthew's Gospel, a believer with a pure heart will see God. The contents of the person's heart and mind influences what is seen during daily life. Care, purifying, and nurturing the heart and mind ensures God influences what is viewed. God determines if the view is consistent with the content of the Beatitude in the Gospel.

Acts 20:26- Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. (KJV)

Daily personal relationships are to be based in seeing Jesus Christ in each person. (Mt.25:31-46) Thoughts will arise in the mind which at times will be contrary to the Lord's teachings. Too often blood is spilled in the world when relationships go astray in moments of anger. Anger can give rise to thoughts of evil towards others which are not physically visible. Words ill spoken can have a devastating effect on the person to whom they are directed.

Philippians 4:8- Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. (KJV)

The Holy Apostle Paul exhorts the Philippians to seriously think about things that are pure. Christians of every century benefit from the enduring content of Holy Apostle Paul's Epistles. Living in purity requires constant self-examination and cleansing of any ill within the heart. Purifying the heart, mind and soul depends on nourishment from God and constant repentance. The desire to live in purity is the believer's responsibility to cultivate and work to accomplish.

I Timothy 1:5- Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned: (KJV)

Believers become responsible to live in ways pleasing to Jesus Christ at the time of Baptism. Baptism is freely chosen and living in Jesus Christ entails daily renewal of the commitment. Successful living in purity involves Jesus Christ filling the heart, mind and soul at all times. Honest repentance is required to remove impurities entering the heart, mind, and

soul. God's cleansing of the impurities affecting the believer results from sincere repentance.

Titus 1:15- Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. (KJV)

A heart, mind and soul defiled negatively affects the way daily life is envisioned. Life is viewed differently when the heart, mind and soul are cleansed by the Lord. God restores the believer's healthy outlook on life when true repentance occurs. Repentance grows out of the strong desire for purity of the heart, mind and soul. A clean conscience enables the believer to live joyfully with renewed energy in life.

Afterfeast of the Dormition. Holy Martyr Agathonicus. Holy Hieromartyr of Gorazd of Prague August 22/September 4, 2024. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic

It was through our parents that God gave us the gift of life. They will have to give an answer for their own behavior; we will not answer for them. What we will have to give an answer for is whether we respected them or not. Elder Thaddeus(Strabulovich) of Vitovnica, Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives: The Life and Teachings of Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica p.84

The Lord allows us to be tossed by various passions in this life in order that we may hate these passions with all our heart, that we may look upon everything earthly as nothing, however precious and pleasant it may appear, and that we may long with all our hearts for God alone... Righteous John, Wonderworker of Kronstadt, My Life in Christ p.213

"If we ourselves do not learn humility, God will not stop humbling us," Elder Thaddeus(Strabulovich) of Vitovnica, Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives: The Life and Teachings of Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica p.40

Pennsylvania is part of "the pierogi pocket"

The English word "pierogi" comes from Polish pierogi [pjɛ'ɾɔɡji], which is the plural form of pieróg ['pjɛruk], a generic term for one filled dumpling.

Some believe the pierogi came from China and through Italy via Marco Polo's expeditions.

Traditional pierogi have just butter and onions on them.

I've also heard that the word Pierogi comes from the Slavic word, pir, meaning "festivity." This makes sense as pierogi are often associated with, and served during, the holidays. You're also meant to eat a LOT of them, because the word pierogi is plural.

Pierogi were brought to the United States and Canada by Central and Eastern European immigrants. They are particularly common in areas with large Polish or Ukrainian populations, such as **Pittsburgh**, Chicago, and New York City along with its New Jersey suburbs.

So next time you have a friend making homemade Pierogi like Jim and Carol Morrissey (photograph below) ask them to share. They are always best homemade!



By reverencing the angels, we ally ourselves with the life-giving conviction that there exists another world of reasonable beings, perfectly pure, simple, and bodiless, and that therefore the existence of our soul after death is not only possible, but real and actual. *Righteous John, Wonderworker of Kronstadt, My Life in Christ* p.474



PLEASE—Pause and say a prayer for all who lost their lives on September 11, 2001—especially those First Responders who died trying to save others. God Bless and keep them all...

Absolutely nothing will help us if we are not lenient toward the weaknesses of men and forgive them. For how can we hope that God will forgive us if we do not forgive others?
Saint Nikolaj Velimirovich

FOR YOUR PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION:

Winter will soon be here, so we are trying to prepare at Holy Ghost! We heat with oil and—although the price is lower than last year—it is still a significant cost. If you would like to contribute to the heating bill, consider sending a donation to:

**Holy Ghost Orthodox Church
PO Box 3
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Attention: Heating Oil Fund

**THANK YOU! God Bless you for your kindness to His Church!
The Holy Ghost Parish Family...**