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ADVENT/NATIVITY FAST/SAINT PHILIP'S FAST/PYLYPIVKA

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 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 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, 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, 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, Dave, Jared, & Beth 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 & Cindy 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 Scharba [Metropolitan Antony's brother], George Lawrence, Edie McGrath, Samantha Lopez, Bob [cancer], Syble Elliott, Maria Ancevski, Krystyna, John, & Jeffrey, Dottie & family, Bonny Diver & Ashley Smock, Steve, Jill Morocco, Peter Popichak [Father Bob's cousin], Mike Pelino, Maddie Stewart, Hutchinson Family, and Lauren & Dan... We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

We cannot fully acquire the virtue of purity unless we have first acquired real humility of heart. *St. John Cassian, Philokalia, Vol. 1 p.77*

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, December 15 ***NO SERVICES IN SLICKVILLE*****
25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; PROPHET HABAKKUK, MARTYR MYROPE OF CHIOS; VENERABLES JOHN, HERACLEMON, ANDREW, & THEOPHILUS OF EGYPT; VENERABLE JESSE-BISHOP OF TSLIKANI, GEORGIA; SAINT ATHANASIOS-RECLUSE OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA-NEAR CAVES; SAINT ATHANASIOS-RECLUSE OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA-FAR CAVES**

Tone 8

Ephesians 4:1-6

Luke 18:18-27

**SUNDAY, December 22 OBEDNITZA—SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM
26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; CONCEPTION OF SAINT ANNA; PROPHETESS ANNA-MOTHER OF PROPHET SAMUEL; SAINT SOPHRONIOS-ARCHBISHOP OF CYPRUS; VENERABLE STEPHEN THE “NEW LIGHT” OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Tone 1

Ephesians 5:8-19; Galatians 4:22-31

Luke 17:12-19; Luke 8 16-21

**SUNDAY, December 29 OBEDNITZA—SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM
27TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; PROPHET HAGGAI; MARTYR MARINUS OF
ROME; BLESSED EMPRESS THEOPHANIA OF BYZANTIUM**

Tone 2

Colossians 3:4-11

Luke 14:16-24

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TROPARION—TONE 8

Thou didst descent from on high, O Merciful One!

Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings!

Our Lord, our Life and Resurrection, Glory to Thee!

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

KONTAKION—TONE 8

By rising from the tomb,

Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam.

Eve exults in Thy Resurrection,

And the world celebrates Thy Rising from the dead,

O greatly Merciful One!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 8

READER: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

PEOPLE: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

READER: In Judah, God is known; His name is great in Israel!

PEOPLE: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

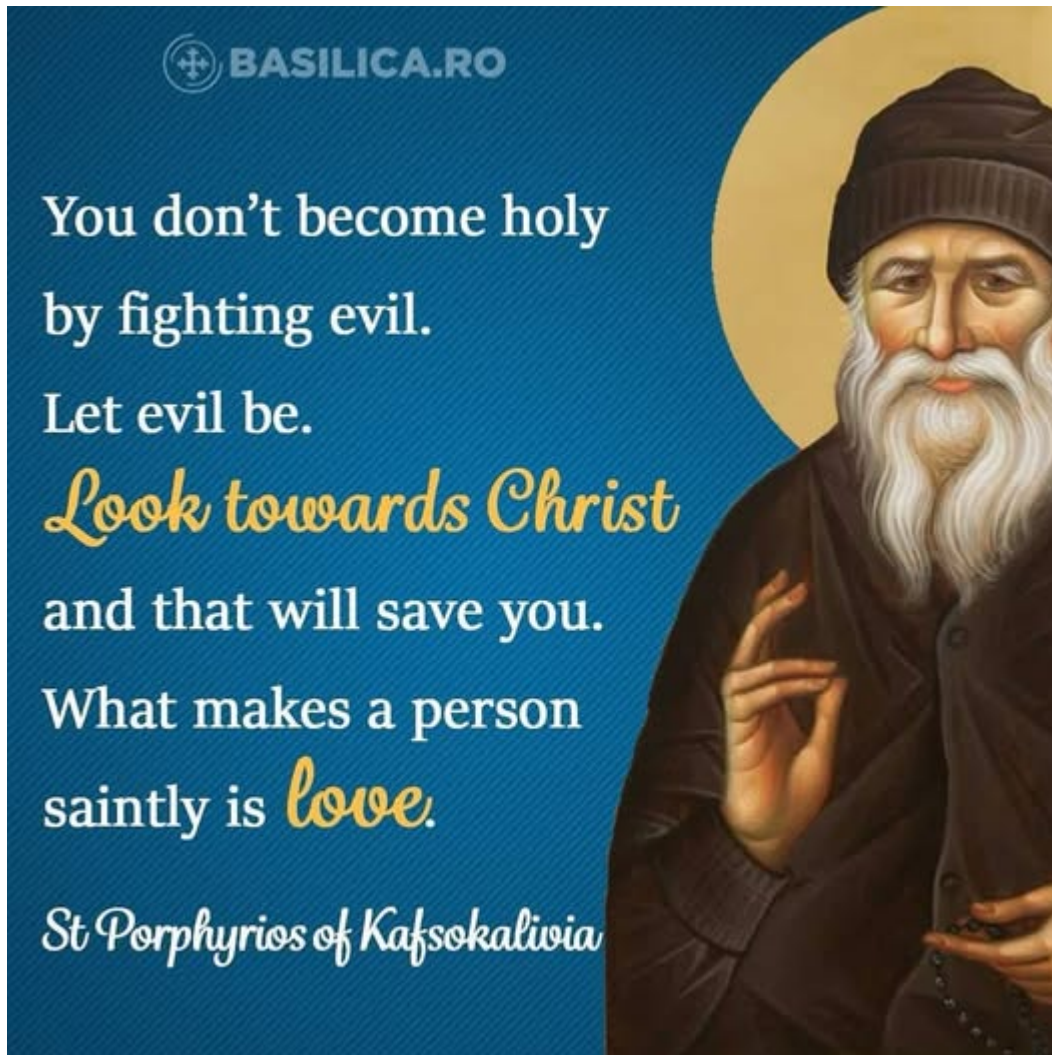
READER: Pray and make your vows.

PEOPLE: Before the Lord our God!

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 8

Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with psalms.



I saw this gentleman, Tim, in Boston's Logan airport with the sister he'd been visiting. It appeared he was both deaf and blind, as I observed her signing into his hand for him to feel her words. When he came aboard the plane he had been assigned the middle seat of my row. The kind gentleman who had the aisle seat graciously gave it up for him.

At this point Tim was traveling alone. The flight attendants sincerely wanted to assist him, but had no way to communicate. I watched as they didn't flinch when he reached out to touch their faces and arms. They took his hand and tried so hard to communicate with him, to no avail. He had some verbal ability, but clearly could not understand them.

The man who had given up his seat did his best to assist him with things like opening coffee creamer and putting it in his coffee. When Tim made the attempt to stand up and feel his way to the restroom, his seat mate immediately was up to help him. The flight attendants were talking among themselves and someone suggested paging to see if anyone on board knew sign language.

That's when this lovely young woman came into the picture. 15 years old, she learned ASL because she had dyslexia and it was the easiest foreign language for her to learn. For the rest of the flight she attended to Tim and made sure his needs were met. It was fascinating to watch as she signed one letter at a time into his hand. He was able to 'read' her signing and they carried on an animated conversation.

When he asked her if she was pretty, she blushed and laughed as the seat mate, who had learned a few signs, communicated an enthusiastic yes to Tim.

I don't know when I've ever seen so many people rally to take care of another human being. All of us in the immediate rows were laughing and smiling and enjoying his obvious delight in having someone to talk to.

Huge kudos to the flight attendants of Alaska Airlines who went above and beyond to meet Tim's needs. I can't say enough about this beautiful young woman named Clara who didn't think twice about helping her fellow passenger. It was a beautiful reminder, in this time of too much awfulness, that there are still good, good people who are willing to look out for each other.❤️

Credit: Lynette Scribner



To His Eminence Metropolitan Antony,
Beloved Hierarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA

From the Members of the Council of Metropolia,
Clergy and the Faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA
Your Eminence,

It is with profound sorrow and heartfelt sympathy that I address you on behalf of myself, clergy, and the faithful entrusted to our spiritual care, offering our deepest condolences upon the repose of your beloved brother, the newly-departed servant of God, David.

The bond of brotherhood is one of the most precious gifts given to us by our Creator. It reminds us of the true essence of family, which is rooted in love, support, and shared memories. Your loss touches all of us deeply, as it is not only a loss for your family but also for our greater spiritual family in Christ.

The departure of a loved one is a solemn reminder of the fragility of life and the eternal hope we hold in our Lord's promise of resurrection. In moments like these, we find solace in the unbreakable unity of Christ's Church—a family bound not by earthly ties, but by faith and love in our Risen Lord. We stand with you in prayer, embracing you and your immediate family with the love and compassion of the entire Body of Christ.

May the Lord, the source of all comfort, grant rest to the soul of His servant David in a place of light, peace, and refreshment, where there is no pain, sorrow, or sighing, but life everlasting. And may He strengthen and uphold you, Your Eminence, as well as all who grieve his loss, with the hope of reunion in the Kingdom of Heaven.

As we commend the soul of the newly-departed David to our loving and merciful God, I offer the words of our holy tradition: "With the saints, O Christ, grant rest to the soul of Your servant, where there is no pain, nor sorrow, nor sighing, but life everlasting."

May his memory be eternal!

With love and prayerful support,

Archbishop Daniel

Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA



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& ETERNAL

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Пам'ять*

A Note of Gratitude from Metropolitan Antony for Your Prayers and Support

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Dearly Beloved Archbishop Daniel, Clergy and Faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA,

On behalf of my entire family, I extend our deepest gratitude to you for your heartfelt condolences, prayers, and acts of kindness following the repose of my brother David. Your unwavering support during his long months of suffering brought immense comfort to us all, and your compassionate presence reflected the love of Christ in a profound way.

David's journey was greatly eased by the constant care and devotion of his children—Traci, Kevin, and Chriss—and their families. Yet, it was also the prayers and concern of faithful friends like you that sustained us and assured us of the love and mercy of our Lord during this time.

We pray that our Loving Lord will bless each of you abundantly for living His Gospel through your words and deeds. May He fill your lives with His divine peace, love, and joy, and may His grace guide you in all that you do.

In the All-Encompassing Love of Christ,
Metropolitan Antony

"To whom it may concern: the early Christians did not deduce the date of Christ's birth by simply placing it 9 months after the Feast of Annunciation. St. John Chrysostom explained in his homily on the date of Christ's birth that the Feast of the Nativity was celebrated in the Church of Rome since the earliest days of the Church and that they knew the date because the census documents showing the exact day on which the Mother of God and Joseph registered in Bethlehem were still publicly available in the Roman Archives even up till his time. This is probably also how St. Hippolytus of Rome knew that Christ was born on Wednesday, December 25th during the 42nd year of Caesar Augustus. Chrysostom also explains that even without these documents, the date of Christ's birth at the end of December would still be able to be deduced from the Gospel of St. Luke in relation to the conception and birth of St. John the Baptist."

Further insight from an Orthodox brother in reference to the dating of Christ's birth 🙏🙏🙏

The Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Luke 8:41-56

And, behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue: and he fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought him that he would come into his house: For he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a dying. But as he went the people thronged him. And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all

her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, Came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanch'd. And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me. And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately. And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace. While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master. But when Jesus heard it, he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole. And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in, save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and the mother of the maiden. And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laugh'd him to scorn, knowing that she was dead. And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise. And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat. And her parents were astonished: but he charg'd them that they should tell no man what was done. (KJV)

Apodasis of the Feast of the Entry of the Mother of God into the Temple Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. But Martha was cumber'd about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her. And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast suck'd. But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it. (KJV)

We gather today in God's Holy Church on the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. This is the time to consider the condition of our souls and seek nourishment from the Lord God.

Today also is the Leave-taking of the Feast of the Entry of the Mother of God into the Temple. The celebration of the Feast concludes today. Lessons from the Feast of the Mother of God continue throughout life.

Both Gospels for today offer nourishment for the soul. Both Gospels provide wisdom for renewal of the life in Jesus Christ. Attentive believers take the Gospel messages to heart and make them a part of daily life.

The Gospel for the Twenty Fourth Sunday is clear on expressing the value of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Jairus' faith in turning to Jesus Christ for the healing of his daughter was well-placed.

The woman with the issue of blood for twelve years was healed immediately when she reached out to Jesus in faith. Skeptics exist in today's world about the ability of Jesus Christ to heal. Skeptics have always existed.

Believers may have doubts deep within the recesses of their hearts and minds about Jesus' power to heal. The Gospel for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday is clear and convincing. The Gospel for today has endured through the centuries.

Healing by Jesus Christ is determined by Christ and the power of Christ. Jesus determines the appropriate healing for each person turning to Him in faith. Believers have the responsibility to understand Jesus' response to their desires.

Trusting in the ultimate wisdom of Jesus is the believer's responsibility. Initially it looked as if Jairus' daughter was dead and would remain dead. Jesus transformed the daughter's death into new life for her.

Jesus offers new life for each person dying in sin and seeking renewal in Christ.

The Nativity Fast is an opportunity to seek renewal in Christ. The Mother of God offers a permanent inspiring example of a life lived in purity.

The Gospel for the Leave-taking of the Feast of the Entry affirms the value of heeding the word of God and keeping it. This same Gospel message is common to all the feasts of the Mother of God. The same lesson is for all of life.

Every day is a challenge in life. Believers face trials and temptations capable of corrupting the soul. The Lord God is ever-present to provide hope and the path to the Kingdom of God and eternal life.

Today's Gospel readings and the readings for each day offer nourishment and guidance. Serious believers heed the daily Scriptures readings and seek to live by them.

Jesus Christ did not disappoint Jairus. Jesus did not disappoint the woman with the issue of blood reaching out in faith. Jesus will never disappoint individuals turning to him in complete faith.

The Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. The Apodasis of the Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos in the Temple. Holy Hieromartyr Clement, Pope of Rome. November 25/December 9, 2024. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic

Self-reproach, prayer, and theoria, however, are always more than religious practices. They are facets of a relationship with the living God, who guided Noah to build an ark to escape the raging waters of the flood and Moses to lead the children of Israel on dry land in the midst of the sea. Faith in that guidance transfigures patristic techniques into expressions of obedience and love that cognitively accomplish far more than any short-range goal. They call forth a response from God. Bishop Alexis (Trader), Ancient Christian Wisdom and Aaron Beck's Cognitive Therapy: A Meeting of Minds p.215



Carpatho-Rusyn Society

A Saint Nicholas Day Miracle:

The fateful day was December 19th, 1907—St. Nicholas Day according to the Julian Calendar. A tragic explosion occurred at the Darr Mines in Jacobs Creek, Pennsylvania, killing 239 people. Spared from death were the lives of hundreds of Carpatho-Rusyns, and other Eastern Europeans, who had defiantly taken off of work

that day in observance of the Feast of their beloved Saint Nicholas, whose intercession they credit with saving their lives. In the aftermath, churches were dedicated to St. Nicholas and icons were commissioned depicting the Saint as the miracle worker of the mines. Above is an icon titled "Saint Nicholas Feast Day 1907 Pass Over Icon" written by Michael Kapeluck and is located at Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church in Carnegie, Pennsylvania.

On behalf of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society: Have a Happy St. Nicholas Day!