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FEAST OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

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 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 Daniels, Father Joe & Protinica Linda Cervo, 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, Father Christopher Bender, Dr. Christina Nellis, Father Anthony Ugolnik, Father Joshua [Anna], Father Justin (Todd) Mokhiber, Pani Cathy Danczak, Monk Andrew, Father Dan & Matushka Myra Kovalak, Pastor Terry & Lisa Polen, Chaplain Rachelle Zazzu & Genie Ford, Father Alexis Clodfelter—Military Chaplain, Father Deacon Joe Samchuck, Father John [cancer], Eva Malesnick, Nick Behun, Gary & Linda Mechtly, Evelyn Misko, Jeanne Boehing, Alex Drobot, Rachelle, 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, 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, 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, Gene Blair [Pani Gina's dad], 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], Patricia Corey, Michelle, Katie Swarm, Michelle, Patrick, Linda Morris, Chris, David Hiles, Jennifer, Cher Mount, Jim Wandling, Gail, Sirena Sharp, Ron Paulovich, Sandi Anderson, Lina, Shirley, Denny Mader, Ella Campbell, 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, Mira Filipović, Lynn, Jacqueline, Sharon, Zan Cheng, Kristy, Brandon, Anna Tranchine, Demetra, Blase Urban, Catherine Hogel & children, Jennifer & Dylan, 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, Fran Fulton, Bill Vizza, Jamie Swarm, Kathy Flaherty, Tori Reade-Henry's niece, Derick-Glen Burlack's neighbor, Michael, Nichole & Christopher, Ben Douglas, Dianne Donahue, Zachary, Natasha, Noah Willard, Gregory Cervo, Lisa Bruce, Kathy Cvetkovich, Judy, Will, Emma, Ginny, Ye-Jin, Maria, John & JoAnn, Ralph & Beverly Stoker, Noah Willard, Nikola, Natalie, Nikola, & Nevenka Jovonovich, Julia Collier, Amy Kemerer, Thomas Smith, Tracy Slaugenhaupt, Louis Berceli, Tom Nolan, Silvia Martin, Dena & George, Georgia, Lawanda [Evelyn's niece], Maureen Sams, John Kendall, 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, 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, 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, Robert Rodriguez, Rita & Joe Mrvos, Alexandra & Bowen, Katherine Kulik, Eleanor Kitt, Maria Warholak, Christy, Mariruth, Judy Previc, Ben Williams, Tim—surgery, Olivia—girl with a brain tumor, Rick & Sharon Morgan, John Stasko, John, Kris, & Kait, Wendy LaGamba, Melissa Gross [hip replacement], Amy Forbeck, David Salazar, Dr. Paul Riley, David Hess, Serena, Wyatt, Makenzie, Jennifer, Alexandra Roberts, Candace, Dave,

Jared, & Beth Irvin, Carol Muschick, Grace Love [knee replacement], Joseph Paul Cervo, Jr., Elizabeth, Susan & Greg Heinen & Jenette Wittik, 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, Barbette [cancer] & Scott, Kristin [cancer], Erm Hartmann, Barbara Bookser, Bob Mazzuca, Marko, Taylor, Terri Crosby-Vega, Christine Mohamed & family, Tammy Marsico, Terry & David Hartnett, Jamie Ball, Kay Williams, Hannah Stewart, Jim Wyko—Alex's friend, Dan Losego, Lisa Bruce, Yvette, Barry Bender, Andrew Zelleznick, Byron & Ceil Scott, Vespina, Michelle Russo, Julie Tripodi, Debbie—HTUCC, 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 & Colton Rosati, Jessica Shirley, Mark [kidney cancer], Steve Milcic, Wilbert Wagner, Bob Wojciechowski, Ashley, Beth, Sharon Svitek, Laura, Christopher, & Jane Dickson, Luke D, Diane Murphy, Kristin Vaughn [Harry's daughter], George Petronsky, Doug & Darcie Burkholder, Michael, Jeane, and Katie Byerly, McGrath, Samantha Lopez, Bob [cancer], Syble Elliott, Maria Ancevski, Krystyna, John, & Jeffrey, Dottie & family, Bonny Diver & Ashley Smock, Steve, Jill Morocco, Mike Pelino, Maddie Stewart, Hutchinson Family, David Urban, Vicky Moore, Casi [cancer], Ashley & Andy, Marion Mamula, Dominic [cancer], Diane Hughes, Jenny Case, Mary & Carl Stepanovich, Susie Fierst, Edward Poturich, Jeff, Chris, & Mills family, Kate Rapina & Mother Oksana, Sarah's son, Rachel, Alex, & little Charlie, Steve & Vonnie Gerson, Eva, Pamela & Doug, Nora, Mike & Jane, Mary Ann [Stage 4 cancer] & Lisa, Barbara Gardner & Mark Egleton, Donna Karas & Ross Rawe, Susan [cancer], Rose Marie, Tim Pruss, Donna & Laura Kloock, Tom Katona, Chris & Elisa Astorino, Dale & Nancy Burns, Cathy Metrick [Fr. Bob's cousin], Brianna [cancer] & Amanda, Jody Wojciechowski, Jim Lea, Gary, Dave Hirsch, Carolyn & Jeff Gray, Terry & Lou, Michael Goltz [cancer], Kay Archer & Luke Vega, Terri Crosby-Vega, and Lauren, Dan, & Daphne Iona... We pray that God will grant them all a complete and speedy recovery.

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, JULY 12 *****NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE--PARKWAY*****
6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY, GLORIOUS, AND ALL-PRAISED LEADERS OF THE APOSTLES—PETER & PAUL

Tone 5

Romans 12:6-14; 2 Corinthians 11:21-12:9
Matthew 9:1-8; Matthew 16:13-19

SUNDAY, JULY 19 *****NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE*****
7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; VENERABLE SISOES THE GREAT OF EGYPT; MARTYRS MARINUS & MARTHA, CHILDREN AUDIFAX & ABBACUM, & THOSE WITH THEM AT ROME—CYRINUS, VALENTINE-PRESBYTER, & ASTERIUS; VENERABLE SISOES OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA; UNCOVERING OF RELICS OF HOLY PRINCESS JULIANA VILSHANSKA

Tone 6

Romans 15:1-7; Galatians 5:22-6:2
Matthew 9:27-35; Luke 6:17-23

SUNDAY, JULY 26 *****NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE--PARKWAY*****
8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY FATHERS OF THE 1ST 6 ECUMENICAL COUNCILS; HOLY ARCHANGEL GABRIEL; SAINT STEPHEN OF THE SAINT SABBAS MONASTERY; SAINT JULIAN-BISHOP OF CENMANIS; MARTYR SEAPION-UNDER SEVERUS; MARTYR MARCIAN OF ICONIUM

Tone 7

1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Hebrews 13:7-16
Matthew 14:14-22; John 17:1-13

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PRAISED LEADERS OF THE APOSTLES—PETER & PAUL**

TROPARION—TONE 5

Let the faithful praise and worship the Word,
Coeternal with the Father and the Spirit;
Born for our salvation from the Virgin;
For He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
To endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection!

TROPARION—TONE 4

Oh, First Enthroned of the Apostles,
Teachers of the Universe,
Entreat the Master of all
To grant peace to Thy world
And great mercy to our souls.

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

KONTAKION—TONE 2

Thou hast taken the firm and divinely inspired Preachers, O Lord,
The leading Apostles, for the enjoyment of Thy blessings and for repose.
For Thou hast accepted their labours and death
As above every burnt offering,
O Thou Who alone knowest the secrets of our hearts.

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

KONTAKION—TONE 5

Thou didst descend into Hell, O my Savior, Shattering its gates as almighty;
Resurrecting the dead as Creator, And destroying the sting of death.
Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man,
And we all cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 5

READER: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this
generation forever.

PEOPLE: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this
generation forever.

READER: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

PEOPLE: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

READER: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us...

PEOPLE: From this generation forever.

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 5

I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever, and my truth will be prepared in the heavens.



He served the Divine Liturgy daily, slept little more than an hour a day, and kept a strict fast until the evening. Even as Archbishop, St John (Maximovitch) of Shanghai and San Francisco (July 2) lived in poverty, wearing a cassock was made of Chinese "peasant cloth" stitched with crosses by orphans once in his care. His "miter" was sometimes a cloth cap to which he had glued paper icons. He went barefoot in all seasons, even in the United States—until, after a foot infection, his Metropolitan ordered him to wear shoes. St John chose sandals.

It would be difficult to find one man who dedicated himself so much to the protection and well being to exiled Russian Orthodox Christians after the Revolution of 1917. Saint John was an unwearying, watchful shepherd of his sheep in China, the Philippines, Europe, and America.

At his funeral, the eulogist declared that because Archbishop John was able to live the spirituality of the Orthodox Church so fully, even in modern, western, urban society, so should we—without excuse.



To repent is
to smile, not to frown,
to look up, not down.

It is not just the recognition
that things have gone wrong,
but the realization that
through Christ
they can be put right.

It is not the sight of
our own ugliness
but the vision
of God's beauty.

Metropolitan Kallistos of Diokleia
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When I was a young man, my spiritual father once asked me to clean the old windows of our church.

To be honest, I didn't understand why. And as a kid I wasn't the happiest doing it to be honest!! 😊 The work was slow, the windows were covered with years of dust, and from inside the church they didn't seem that dirty.

But as I cleaned those old dusty windows, something beautiful happened. Little by little, more light began to enter. The icons seemed brighter. The colors became more vivid. The entire church

felt different...and I felt so happy with my unexpected accomplishment!

My spiritual father smiled and said, "Sooooo...? The light didn't change. The sun didn't become brighter. The window simply became cleaner."

Years later, I finally understood what he was teaching me.

In today's Gospel, Christ says, "The eye is the lamp of the body." Our hearts are like those windows. When they become covered with the dust of anger, fear, pride, jealousy, constant negativity, and the noise of the world, we begin to think that life itself has become dark.

But the problem is not that Christ's light has disappeared. The problem is that the window of our heart needs a bit cleaning.

Prayer cleans it.

Repentance cleans it.

Forgiveness cleans it.

Love cleans it.

My friends, the world tells us to look everywhere except toward God but Mother Church teaches us to clean the window of the soul so that we can see the Light that was there all along.

The Sun never stopped shining, and it never will. Christ's light has never grown dim. From time to time, we simply need to pause and ask ourselves whether the windows of our soul have become covered with the heavy dust of all troubles, struggles, and unnecessary stress.

For when the window is clean, we discover that the Light was there all along.

May our Good Lord enlighten your hearts, steps, and minds!

Fr. Avgoustinos

Chuck Hann:

He knew who would die that night, he knew where the child who needed to be saved was lying in the trash bin, he knew who he should give his last money to. And he told people: "I see right through you."

And this is not an ancient legend. This is the 20th century. The Russian Saint John of Shanghai.

In Paris, students were arguing: there are no more saints, holiness is somewhere in ancient times, a thing of the past. And they heard in response: "What are you talking about? Saint John the Barefoot is walking the streets of Paris right now."

He walked barefoot in the snow in winter. He served in China, Europe, and America. And everywhere they told the same stories about him.

Here are five stories. And each one is confirmed by living witnesses.

The first. It's late at night. Bishop John says to a woman from the shelter: "Take two bottles of vodka." She's taken aback, but she's used to obeying the bishop.

They go to the worst part of the city, where drunks and drug addicts are. The Bishop approaches a drunk man lying on the ground, hands him a bottle, and retrieves a living newborn baby from a trash can.

They move on. There's a second drunk. They hand over the second bottle and take the second baby. They take both to the shelter.

How did he know in advance that there were two children there?

The second story. He's called to a dying man. On the way, he sees a healthy, cheerful guy with an accordion. He's waiting to be discharged from the hospital and is playing for the nurses.

The Bishop gives him communion. His companion is shocked: "Vladyka, there's a man dying there! Why are we taking so long?"

Bishop John answers: "This one will die tonight, but that one, who is seriously ill, will live for many more years."

That's how it all happened.

The third story. A dying man blasphemes God and drives the bishop away. The bishop comes anyway to give him Holy Communion. But the man spits out the Holy Communion on the floor. Meanwhile, the man is suffering from a deadly infection.

Do you know what the bishop does? He kneels and collects the Holy Gifts from the floor with his lips.

He didn't get sick. The next morning, the man recovered and later begged for forgiveness on his knees in the church.

Story four. Late at night. After the service, the bishop calls his assistant: "We're going to see the sick woman."

A Russian teacher. She can no longer walk. She lies alone. The room stinks unbearably. There's no one to clean up after her cats.

The assistant couldn't bear it any longer and ran out into the street. But Bishop John didn't even flinch. He sat down next to her, talked to her, and consoled her for forty minutes. And as he left, he laid out every last coin of his money on her bed.

The fifth story. The last one.

The bishop dies in San Francisco. It turns out that burial within the city limits is illegal. Transporting the body to another state is also illegal. It's the weekend. All institutions are closed.

What's going on? Over the course of a Saturday and Sunday, the city changes the law. What others have been trying to achieve for years is now being accomplished in two days, so they can bury a holy man under the cathedral's altar.

During his life, Saint John of Shanghai told people directly: "I see right through you." And before his death, he said: "Tell the people: Although I am dead, I am alive."

That's why we pray to Bishop John today. And he helps.

ROMAN GOLOVANOV

UPCOMING SERVICES SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JULY 12 NO SERVICE—PARKWAY

SUNDAY, JULY 19 NO SERVICE

SUNDAY, JULY 26 NO SERVICE—PARKWAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 02 NO SERVICE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 09 OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 NO SERVICE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 NO SERVICE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 06 OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 NO SERVICE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 NO SERVICE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 04 OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 NO SERVICE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 NO SERVICE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 01 OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 08 NO SERVICE

Due to the huge construction project that will close the Parkway East by the Squirrel Hill Tunnels from July 10th through August 5th, we will NOT have any scheduled services in July. Father Bob will still be available, so you can call his cell phone!

Here are some close-by Orthodox Churches you might want to visit:

***Saint Michael Antiochian Orthodox Church, 1182
Ashland Street, Greensburg, Father David Hyatt***

***Saint Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church, 2110
Haymaker Road, Monroeville, Father Stefan Djuric***

***Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 1150
Leishman Avenue, New Kensington, Father Justin
Mokhiber***

***Saint Stephen Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Church,
1520 Susan Drive, Latrobe, Father Michael Rustick***

***Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church, 150 Elmtree
Road, New Kensington, Father John Parker***

***Dormition Greek Orthodox Church, 12 Washington
Avenue, Oakmont, Father Michael Gavrilos***

**Should you decide to visit and would like to
receive Holy Communion, PLEASE ask to speak with
the priest BEFORE the service and tell him that you
are a regular Communicant at Holy Ghost Orthodox
Church in Slickville, and are in good Canonical
standing in the parish!**

**Again, if you have any questions, please contact
Father Bob...**