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ON THE MEND: Please keep the following parishioners and others in your prayers for recovery from their illnesses and injuries: Metropolitan Constantine, Patriarch Pavle, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Peter Natishan, Father Gerald Olszewski, Father Jakiw Norton, Father Dragan Filipović, Father Elias Katras, Father Stevo Rocknage, Father Paul Stoll, Father Igor Soroka, Father Deacon Joseph Bulkanowa, Ollie Pendylshok, Walt & Evelyn Burlack, Joshua Agosto and his family, Harley Katarina Rahuba, Joe Karas, Mike and Hilda Holupka, Eva Malesnick, Helen Likar, Angela Wesolosky, Stella Peanoske, Joe Nezolyk, Nick Behun, Terry Reinhart, Bernie O'Masta, Grace Holupka, Virginia Bryan, Joseph Sliwinsky, Maria Balo, Linda Mechtly, Mary Mochnick, Mary Pekich, Mildred Manolovich, Evelyn Misko, Amy, Nigel Daniel, & Daniel Pocura, Jeanne Boehing, Alex Drobot, Rachelle, Jane Golofski, Doug Diller, Harry Krewsun, Sandy Gamble, Glen Lucas Burlack, Bernie Vangrin, Mary Alice Babcock, Dorie Kunkle, Andrea, & Melissa [Betty O'Masta's relatives], Mary Evelyn King, Stella Cherepko, Sam Wadrose, Khoruia Joanne Abdalah, Cameron [a boy in Matt's class], Faith—a 3-year-old girl with rheumatoid arthritis, Isabella Olivia Lindgren—a 10-month old with a brain tumor, Dillon, Ethel Thomas, Donna, Jeff, Nick Malec [Maxine's brother], Bill, Erin, Jimmy Fennel [6th Grader], Jim Markovich, Jeff Walewski [thyroid cancer], Carol [Lotinski] Rose, Michael Miller, Dave May, Peter Paul & Louise May Sprock, Grace & Owen Ostrasky, Claudia [Horvath] Gradicheck, Alberta, Margaret Mueller, Gary Zurasky, Michael Horvath, Tony Notaro, Patti Sinecki, David Genshi, Pete Special, Rita Very & family, Sue Segeleon, Mike Gallagher, Mildred Walters, Michael Miller, Betsy Mallison, Mike Pelchar [Liz's brother], Jim Logue—throat cancer, Michael, Amy, Luke Brunermer—broken arm, Liz Stumpf, Aubrie—3-month-old with Cystic Fibrosis, Kathy Ciranni, Ester Tylavsky, and Daria Masur. **ARNOLD:** Stefania Lucci, Kay Tomson, Ann Ostaffy, Steve Sakal, Elisabeth Arasin, and Homer Paul Kline. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

Please remember ALL American servicemen and women in the Middle East in your prayers. May God watch over them and all American servicemen and women—and bring them all home safely!

Romans 2:10-16 & Hebrews 11:13-12:2
Matthew 4:18-23 & Matthew 4:25-5:12

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 27 MAY 2007

THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (Pentecost Sunday—Trinity Sunday)

PARISH NAME'S DAY AND FEAST DAY; MARTYR ISIDORE OF CHIOS, MARTYR MAXIMUS; VENERABLE SERAPION-MONK OF EGYPT, VENERABLE NICETAS-BISHOP OF HOHOROD, SAINT LEONTIUS-PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM, BLESSED ISIDORE-FOOL-FOR-CHRIST, WONDERWORKER OF ROSTOV

BLESSING OF CARS, TRUCKS, AND MOTORCYCLES AFTER LITURGY

The First Antiphon Tone 2 (Psalm 19)

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night-to-night declares knowledge.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

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

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

The Second Antiphon Tone 2 (Psalm 20)

The Lord answer you in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob protect you.

O Gracious Comforter, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

May He send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion!

O Gracious Comforter, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

May He remember all your offerings, and fulfill all your plans.

O Gracious Comforter, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

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

Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God Who for our salvation willed to be incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, Who without change didst become man and wast crucified, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and with the Holy Spirit: O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, save us!

The Third Antiphon Tone 8 (Psalm 21)

In Thy strength the King rejoices, O Lord, and exults greatly in Thy salvation.

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net. O Lover of Man, Glory to Thee!

Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withheld the request of his lips.

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net. O Lover of Man, Glory to Thee!

For Thou dost meet him with goodly bless-'rig; Thou dost set a crown of fine gold upon his head.

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net. O Lover of Man, Glory to Thee!

The Introit of the Little Entrance:

Be exalted, O Lord, in Thy strength! We will sing and praise Thy power!

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net. O Lover of Man, 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

When the Most High came down and confused the tongues,
He divided the nations;
But when He distributed the tongues of fire,
He called all to unity.
Therefore, with one voice, we glorify the all-holy Spirit!

Instead of the Trisagion

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia!

Prokeimenon Tone 8 (Psalm 19)

READER: Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth; and their words to the ends of the universe.

PEOPLE: Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth; and their words to the ends of the universe.

READER: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

PEOPLE: Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth; and their words to the ends of the universe.

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PEOPLE: And their words to the ends of the universe.

Alleluia Verses Tone 1 (Psalm 33)

By the Word of the Lord the heavens were made; and all their host by the Spirit of His mouth.

The Lord looked down from heaven, and saw all the sons of men.

The Hymn to the Theotokos (Replaces "It Is Truly Meet")

Rejoice, O Queen! Glory of mothers and virgins! No mouth, however sweet or fluent, is eloquent enough to praise you worthily! Every mind is overawed by your childbearing. Therefore with one voice we glorify you!

Communion Hymn (Psalm 143)

Let Thy good spirit lead me on a level path.

FASTING REMINDER: The Apostles Fast begins on Monday, June 4th, and ends on Thursday, July 12th. Please fast according to your best efforts—add prayers as you can and try to emphasize what comes out of your mouth rather than what goes into it! Please see Father Bob if you have any questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS—MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

On Saturday, June 9, Saint Vladimir's Parish on the South Side of Pittsburgh will honor Father John Haluszczak and His Beatitude, Metropolitan Constantine at a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, followed by refreshments. Father John recently celebrated the 15th anniversary of his ordination to the Holy Priesthood. Father John and his family attended Holy Ghost for several years when he lived in the Greensburg area. His Beatitude also recently celebrated the 35th anniversary of his consecration to the episcopate and is a son of that parish. Divine Liturgy will begin at 10 AM and the reception will follow.

On Saturday, June 16, Saints Peter & Paul in Carnegie will celebrate with a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy as His Beatitude, Metropolitan Constantine, will ordain Subdeacon Mark Swindle to the Holy Diaconate. Divine Liturgy will begin at 10:30 AM and refreshments will follow.



The Ascension of the Lord

When the day of the Jewish Pentecost drew near, the disciples of Christ returned from Galilee to Jerusalem.

On the fortieth day after the resurrection of Jesus Christ, they were all together in one house. Jesus Christ appeared to them and spoke with them saying, "Thus it is written that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in His name to all nations beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation. He, who believes and is baptized, will be saved, but he, who does not believe, will be condemned. And these signs accompanies those who believe: in My name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Then, the Saviour said to the disciples that soon the Holy Spirit would come upon them, and until that time He charged them not to depart from Jerusalem. He said, "I send the promise of My Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high; for John baptized with water; but before many days, you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Conversing with the disciples, the Saviour led them out of the city as far as Bethany to the Mount of Olives. The disciples, overjoyed with the words of the Saviour, surrounded Him and started to ask, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

The Saviour said to them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons which the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

When He had said this, Jesus Christ lifted up His hands and blessed His disciples. While He blessed them, He parted from them, and He was lifted up to Heaven; and soon, a cloud took Him out of their sight.

Thus our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ ascended in His physical body to Heaven and sat down at the right Hand of God the Father. His human soul and body took on the indivisible glory with His divinity. In His divinity, He always is and will be in Heaven and everywhere.

The disciples worshipped the ascended Lord and for a long time continued to stand and gaze into Heaven after Him. Then, two angels in white robes appeared before them and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into Heaven? This Jesus, Who was taken up from you into Heaven, will come to earth in the same way (that is, in the flesh) as you saw Him go into heaven."

After this the disciples of Jesus Christ returned to Jerusalem with great joy and stayed there together awaiting the descent of the Holy Spirit. All of them, together in soul, spent the time in prayer and were continually in the Temple of God praising and thanking God. With them, there were several women and Mary, the Most-holy Mother of the Lord Jesus Christ, with their relatives.



Decanski monastery church lit by candles for the vigil of the Ascension feastday

Heavenly Marriage

On their way to get married, a young Catholic couple are involved in a fatal car accident. The couple find themselves sitting outside the Pearly Gates waiting for St. Peter to process them into Heaven.

While waiting, they begin to wonder: Could they possibly get married in Heaven?

When St. Peter shows up, they asked him. St. Peter says, "I don't know. This is the first time anyone has asked. Let me go find out," and he leaves.

The couple sat and waited for an answer. Two months pass and the couple are still waiting. So as they waited, they discussed that IF they were allowed to get married in Heaven, SHOULD they get married, what with the eternal aspect of it all. "What if it doesn't work?" they wondered, "Are we stuck together FOREVER?" After yet another month, St. Peter finally returns, looking somewhat ragged. "Yes," he informs the couple, "you CAN get married in Heaven."

"Great!" said the couple, "But we were just wondering, what if things don't work out? Could we also get a divorce in Heaven?" St. Peter, red-faced with anger, slams his clipboard onto the ground.

"What's wrong?" asked the frightened couple.

"OH, COME ON!" St. Peter shouts, "It took me three months to find a priest up here! Do you have ANY idea how long it'll take me to find a lawyer?"

Polish women are tough!

An elderly Polish man lay dying in his bed. While suffering the agonies of impending death, he suddenly smelled the aroma of his favorite pyrohi with fried onions wafting up the stairs.

He gathered his remaining strength, and lifted himself from the bed. Gripping the railing with both hands, he crawled downstairs. Downstairs, he leaned against the door frame, gazing into the kitchen, where if not for death's agony, he would have thought himself already in heaven, for there, spread out upon waxed paper on the kitchen table were hundreds of his

favorite pyrohi.

Was it heaven? Or was it one final act of love from his wife of sixty years, seeing to it that he left this world a happy man? He threw himself towards the table, landing on his knees in a crumpled posture. His parched lips parted, the wondrous taste of the pyrohi was already in his mouth.

With a trembling hand he reached up to the edge of the table, when suddenly he was smacked with a wooden spoon by his wife.

"Back off!" she said. "Those are for the funeral."

FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING, PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS:

- 1. Peace of mind**
- 2. Peace of heart**
- 3. Peace of soul**

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:

- 1. Squash gossip**
- 2. Squash indifference**
- 3. Squash grumbling**
- 4. Squash selfishness**

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:

- 1. Lettuce be faithful**
- 2. Lettuce be kind**
- 3. Lettuce be patient**
- 4. Lettuce really love one another**

NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS:

- 1. Turnip for meetings**
- 2. Turnip for service**
- 3. Turnip to help one another**

TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN WE MUST HAVE THYME:

- 1. Thyme for each other**
- 2. Thyme for family**
- 3. Thyme for friends**

WATER FREELY WITH PATIENCE AND CULTIVATE WITH LOVE. THERE IS MUCH FRUIT IN YOUR GARDEN BECAUSE YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW.