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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, 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 5-year-old girl with rheumatoid arthritis, Isabella Olivia Lindgren—a 2-year-old with a brain tumor, Dillon, Ethel Thomas, Donna, Jeff, Nick Malec [Maxine's brother], Bill, Erin, Jimmy Fennel [7th 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, Ed Jamison, Sarah Wilson, Theodore Nixon [neonatal ICU], Mary Novosel, and Daria Masur. **ARNOLD:** Stefania Lucci, Kay Tomson, Ann Ostaffy, Steve Sakal, Elisabeth Arasin, Homer Paul Kline, and Steve Ostaffy. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

COFFEE HOUR COORDINATOR WANTED! Help is needed to coordinate the coffee hour schedule—please see John Paouncic or Sonia Luciw if you are interested or have any questions.

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!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR “BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION” AND CAMPBELL’S SOUP LABELS TO CHURCH. There is a shoebox in the basement for Alex’s Fifth Grade and Matt’s Third Grade collections. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HELP! *Alex and Matt*

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 call 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] 279-5640.

Schedule of Services

Sunday, July 29

Divine Liturgy

10:30 AM

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—FATHERS OF THE SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS, HIEROMARTYR ATHEOGENES-BISHOP OF HERACLEOPOLIS & 10 DISCIPLES, MARTYRS PAUL & SISTERS CHIONIA & ALEVITINA AT CAESARAEA IN PALESTINE, MARTYR ANTIOCHUS-PHYSICIAN OF SEBASTE, MARTYR FAUSTUS, VIRGIN-MARTYR JULIA OF CARTHAGE

Tone 8

I Corinthians 3:9-17

Matthew 14:22-34

Sunday, August 5

Divine Liturgy

10:30 AM

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—ICON OF THE THEOTOKOS OF POCHAIV AND HER APPEARANCE IN 1675, MARTYRS TROPHIMUS, THEOPHILUS, & 13 OTHERS IN LYCIA, HIEROMARTYR APOLLINARIUS-BISHOP OF RAVENNA, RIGHTEOUS ANNA-MOTHER OF PROPHET SAMUEL, TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF SAINT HERMAN-ARCHBISHOP OF KAZAN

Tone 1

I Corinthians 4:9-16

Matthew 17:14-23

Litany in Blessed Memory of Samuel Mrvos, M. Denise Lawrence, Rudy Obradovich, Agnes Rossi, Mary Milanovich, Millie Kitch, & Michael Cherepko—Fr. Bob

Sunday, August 12

Divine Liturgy

10:30 AM

11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, APOSTLES SILAS & SILVANUS OF THE 70 AND THOSE WITH THEM-CRESCENS, EPNETUS, & ANDRONICUS, HIEROMARTYR POLYCHRONIUS-BISHOP OF BABYLON, PARMENIUS, HELIMENAS, & CHRYSOTELUS-PRESBYTERS, LUKE & MOCIUS-DEACONS, & ABDON, SENNEN, MAXIMUS, & OLYMPIUS, HIEROMARTYR VALENTINE-BISHOP OF INTERMNA & MARTYRS PROCULUS, EPHEBUS, APPOLONIUS, & ABUNDIUS-YOUTHS, MARTYR JOHN THE SOLDIER OF CONSTANTINOPLE, UNCOVERING RELICS OF SAINT HERMAN OF SOLOVKI, SAINT ANGELINA-PRINCESS OF SERBIA

Tone 2

I Corinthians 9:2-12

Matthew 18:23-35

Litany in Blessed Memory of Joe Karas—40 days—Fr. Bob

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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!

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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.

Two tankers were trapped in heavy seas. One carried a load of red paint; the other carried purple.

Despite the heroic efforts of their captains, the ships drifted closer and closer together, until finally, they crashed.

The sailors were marooned!

FORTUNE COOKIE THOUGHTS:

No one would remember the Good Samaritan if he only had good intentions.

There is no one so rich that they don't need help or so poor they cannot help.

I was telling my three boys the story of the Nativity and how the Wise Men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh for the infant Jesus.

Clearly giving it a lot of thought, my six-year-old observed, "Mom, a Wise Woman would have brought diapers."

Reader's Digest—Angie Flaute, Celina, Ohio

PRESS RELEASE

Catholicosate of Cilicia

Communication and Information Department

Antelias-Lebanon

HIS HOLINESS ARAM I EFFECTS A RECONCILIATION BETWEEN THE COPTIC AND ETHIOPIAN CHURCHES

"You have made history". This is how a Coptic Metropolitan described the reconciliation brought about by His Holiness Aram I between the Coptic Orthodox and the Ethiopian Orthodox Churches. "This is a historical day", said an Ethiopian Archbishop. These words were pronounced after the signing of a Common Declaration, marking the end of more than two decades of tension between the Coptic Orthodox Church and the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. The Common Declaration was signed on Friday 13 July 2007 at the Cathedral of the Coptic Church in Cairo, with the signing of a Common Declaration by the three spiritual heads: His Holiness Shenouda III, Pope of Alexandria and Patriarch of the See of St. Mark, His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia, and His Holiness Abba Paulos, Patriarch of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church.

Emphasizing "the importance of this historical meeting", the spiritual heads reaffirmed their unity of faith which is "deeply rooted in the Holy Scriptures, the Apostolic faith and Tradition, the three Ecumenical Councils (Nicea 325, Constantinople 381, and Ephesus 431) and the teachings of church fathers, specially St. Athanasius the Great, St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Gregory the Illuminator."

After expressing their "deep thanks to Catholicos Aram I for his fraternal efforts to bring this historic meeting into reality", Pope Shenouda and Patriarch Paulos committed themselves to deepen and expand their bilateral collaboration. Greeting this historic event, Aram I said: "We can not ignore or change the past; we can change the future with renewed faith, hope and vision."

The meeting in Cairo was preceded by another meeting in Addis Ababa between Catholicos Aram I and Patriarch Paulos. In their Joint Declaration they stressed the need to strengthen the cooperation between the Oriental Orthodox Churches in the area of Christian education, theological formation, justice and peace. They called for "the recognition of the Armenian Genocide by the International Community as the first genocide of the 20th Century just as they recognized the Rwandan Genocide as the last genocide of the 20th Century".

Commenting on the role of the Oriental Orthodox Churches His Holiness Aram I, the former Moderator of the World Council of Churches said: "Unity must be translated into a quality of life undergirded by close collaboration, joint action and common vision. The churches are the limbs of the one body of Christ; they can not live in isolation; they are interrelated".

He then continued "The Oriental Orthodox Churches with their theology, spirituality and long history of martyrdom and witness have a unique contribution to make to the Christian self-understanding and mission in a new world context" and to the ecumenical movement".

The Oriental Orthodox Family is composed of the Syrian, Coptic, Armenian, Ethiopian, Indian and Eritrean Churches. These Churches have world-wide Diaspora and are active in the ecumenical movement.

The Armenian Catholicosate of Cilicia is one of the two Catholicosates of the Armenian Orthodox Church. For detailed information about the Ecumenical activities of the Cilician Catholicosate, you may refer to the web page of the Catholicosate, <http://www.armenianorthodoxchurch.org>

The Cilician Catholicosate, the administrative center of the church is located in Antelias, Lebanon.

Via Father Joshua

There was a presbyter from Kellis who was discerning. While coming into the church to complete the synaxis, he saw a number of demons outside the cell of one of the brothers. Some had taken the form of women who were speaking indecently, and others of blasphemous youths; others were dancing while still others were trying on different outfits.

The old man sighed and said, "The brother persists in negligence in every way, and because of it the wicked spirits surround his cell in this disorderly manner." Therefore, when he had completed the synaxis, he returned and entered the cell of the brother, and said to him, "I am suffering, brother. I have faith in you, and if you pray for me, God will completely relieve my heart from suffering." The disciple was ashamed, and said, "Father, I am not worthy to pray for you." The old man persisted, pleading and saying, "I will not leave unless you promise me that you will say one prayer for me every night." The brother obeyed the old man's command. The old man did this because he wanted a new way to ensure that the brother would pray at night.

Therefore, when the brother rose in the night, he said the prayer for the old man. After finishing the prayer, he was struck with contrition, and said to himself, "Wretched soul, you pray for the old man, but you do not pray for yourself." Therefore he offered one prayer for himself. He did this for a week, offering two prayers each night, one for the old man and one for himself.

On Sunday, while the old man was going to the church, he saw the demons once again standing outside the brother's cell, looking glum, and the old man knew that the demons were grieved because the brother prayed. He was filled with joy and went to the brother, saying, "Have charity and offer another prayer for me each night." After saying the two prayers for the old man, he was struck again with contrition, and said to himself, "O miserable one, offer another prayer for yourself."

He did this for a whole week, offering four prayers each night. When the old man came again, he saw the demons glum and silent, and gave thanks to God, and went in again to the brother and urged him to offer another prayer for him. The brother also offered one for himself, and said six prayers at

night. When the old man came again to the brother, the demons were angry with the old man, furious about the salvation of the brother. The old man gave glory to God and after entering his cell and exhorting him not to be negligent but the pray unceasingly, let him alone. The demons, seeing the brother's perseverance in the prayers and in soberness, by the grace of God left him.

Via Father Joshua

There was an old man named Hierax in the region of the Thebaid who lived for about ninety years. The demons wanted for some time to cast him into the despondency of boredom, and so they beset him one day saying, "What will you do, old man, for you have another fifty years to live?" In reply, he said to them, "You have indeed distressed me greatly, for I had been prepared to live for at least two hundred years." And with great cries, they left him.

"Saints are people who live on earth by holy, eternal Divine truths. That is why the Lives of the Saints are actually applied dogmatics, for in them all the holy eternal dogmatic truths are experienced in all their life-creating and creative energies. In The Lives of the Saints it is most evidently shown that dogmas are not only ontological truths in themselves and for themselves, but that each one of them is a wellspring of eternal life and a source of holy spirituality." Fr. Justin Popovich

[Charges against Bartholomew I for calling himself Ecumenical Patriarch](#)



Patriarch Bartholomew I has come under attack by Bujidar Cipof, an ex-Church member of the Bulgarian exarchate of Constantinople for using the title "Ecumenical." A desire to influence how Christian minorities will vote is behind the charges filed by a

former member of the Bulgarian exarchate. It shows how secular fundamentalism uses Islam.

Istanbul (AsiaNews) – Two weeks after a Turkish court denied the Patriarchate of Constantinople the right to call himself ecumenical, Bartholomew I has come under attack once again by Bujidar Cipof, an ex-Church member of the Bulgarian exarchate of Constantinople which comes under the jurisdiction of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Cipof has now filed charges against Patriarch Bartholomew, whose 'crime' is to have used in his latest speeches—during the successful July 11-15 Second Orthodox Youth Conference—the much deprecated historical expression "Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople."

Many in local diplomatic and media circles believe that behind the tug-of-war started by various ex-members of the Bulgarian exarchate, stand the guardians of the Turkish state who are sending signals to the country's various Christian minorities, whom they suspect of favouring the party of outgoing Prime Minister Erdogan.

These elements within the Turkish state see themselves as the true protectors of the Kemalist legacy, which has however lost much of the founder's initial élan, turning instead into a secular form of fundamentalism that has not refrained from using Islam in moments of political tensions, as suggested by David Shankland in his book *Islam and Society Turke*, (1999).

As much as it may seem strange in Western Europe, Christian minorities have never experienced the degree of tolerance that they have in the last 20 years under the governments of Ozal and Erdogan, both conservative and reformers, this according to a Turkish-born Orthodox prelate living in Berlin. Yet he did acknowledge Turkish education lacks elements from Greco-Roman culture that are useful in preparing a truly European ruling class.

Finally, Baskin Oran, a well-respected scholar and independent candidate in the upcoming elections, in an interview with the newspaper *Radikal* demolished piece by piece the recent court decision against the patriarch. And it is not without a certain ironic tone that he pointed that he would have never believed that courts in Turkey had become so well-versed in Orthodox ecclesiology, because after all the whole issue essentially revolves around Orthodox religious canons. (NT)

Source

Fr Constantin Alecse
Biserica.org

Monastery of the Holy Transfiguration annual pilgrimage August 5-6, 2007

ELLWOOD CITY, PA [OCA Communications] -- The Monastery of the Transfiguration here will be marking the 40th anniversary of its establishment and Mother Christophora's 20th year as abbess during its annual pilgrimage August 5-6, 2007.

"Having been blessed to live our monastic life for some years now in Ellwood City, we can see how the vision of our founders has begun to bear fruit," said Mother Christophora. "Knowing what a spiritual wealth can come from monasticism, they offered their lives and efforts to bring this dream to the American land. Monastics, clergy, and laity have labored side by side and the monastery is deeply appreciated by many: young families who come for spiritual retreats; parishes who make pilgrimages; college classes who come to inquire about this ancient faith and way of life; students who come to worship in song and activity; and our single friends who come to deepen their own lives of prayer."

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman and His Eminence, Archbishop Nathaniel of Detroit and the Romanian Episcopate, will preside at the pilgrimage services. Other visiting hierarchs and clergy will also be in attendance.

On Sunday, August 5, the Vigil of the Great Feast of the Transfiguration will be held in the monastery chapel at 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will follow.

On Monday, August 6, the greeting and vesting of Metropolitan Herman will begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by a hierarchical procession to the outdoor Saint Elizabeth the Grand Duchess chapel for the 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy. At noon, lunch will be served. Pilgrims are invited to enjoy the monastery grounds, and to shop in the store.

The Service of Holy Unction will be celebrated at 2:30 p.m., with anointing of pilgrims.

The nuns welcome everyone to join them in marking these important milestones.

New Dictionary Definitions

Posted by: "bob graham" Fri Jul 20, 2007 8:43 pm (PST)

ADULT: A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

BEAUTY PARLOR: A place where women curl up and dye.

CHICKENS: The only creatures you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

COMMITTEE: A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

DUST: Mud with the juice squeezed out.

EGOTIST: Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

GOSSIP: A person who will never tell a lie if the truth will do more damage.

HANDKERCHIEF: Cold Storage.

INFLATION: Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

MOSQUITO: An insect that makes you like flies better.

RAISIN: Grape with a sunburn.

SECRET: Something you tell to one person at a time.

TOOTHACHE: The pain that drives you to extraction.

TOMORROW: One of the greatest labor saving devices of today.

YAWN: An honest opinion openly expressed.

WRINKLES: Something other people have. You have character lines.

Bob Graham, '59
Winter Springs, FL

A brother visited Abba Victor the solitary at the lavra of Elousa (in the Desert of Beersheba) and said to him, "What shall I do, father, for I am in the grips of the spiritual disease of faint-heartedness?" The elder replied, "This is a disease of the soul. Just as those who suffer from ophthalmia have the impression of seeing more light when their disease is acute than do those whose eyes are healthy, so too do the faint-hearted quickly take offense at some small neglect and think that neglect to be something of great importance. It is just the opposite with those who are healthy in soul, for they rejoice in their trials."

John Moschus, Leimonarion (The Spiritual Meadow) 164