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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, Grace & Owen Ostrasky, Claudia [Horvath] Gradicheck, Alverta, 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, 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, August 12 **Divine Liturgy** **10:30 AM**
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Tone 2
I Corinthians 9:2-12
Matthew 18:23-35

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

Tuesday, August 14 **DORMITION FAST BEGINS—PROCESSION OF THE CROSS**
BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH NEW YEAR

Sunday, August 19 **Divine Liturgy** **10:30 AM**
12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—THE HOLY TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST—THE SECOND “FEAST OF THE SAVIOR” IN AUGUST
BLESSING OF FRUIT AFTER PARASTAS

Tone 3
II Peter 1:10-19
Matthew 17:1-9

Parastas in Blessed Memory of Steve Kuzman & Victor Burlack—Debbie & John

Sunday, August 26 **Divine Liturgy** **10:30 AM**
13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—TRANSLATION OF RELICS OF VENERABLE MAXIMOS THE CONFESSOR, MARTYR HIPPOLYTUS OF ROME AND CONCORDIA, IRENAEUS, & ABUNDIUS, SAINT TIKHON-BISHOP OF VORONEZH & WONDERWORKER OF ZADONSK, UNCOVERING RELICS OF SAINT MAXIMOS OF MOSCOW-FOOL-FOR CHRIST, EMPRESS IRENE-TONSURED XENIA, SAINT EUDOCIA, VENERABLE SERID

Tone 4
I Corinthians 16:13-24
Matthew 21:33-42

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Don't delete this just because it looks weird. Believe it or not, you can read it. I cdnuolt blveiee taht I cluod aulacly uesdnatnrd waht I was rdanieg. The phaonmneal pweor of the hmuan mnid Aoccdrnig to rscheearch at Cmabrigde Uinervtisy, it deosn't mttar in waht oredr the ltteers in a wrod are, the olny iprmoatnt tihng is taht the frist and lsat ltteer be in the rghit pclae. The rset can be a taotl mses and you can sitll raed it wouthit a porbelm. Tihs is bcuseae the huamn mnid deos not raed ervey lteter by istlef, but the wrod as a wlohe. Amzanig huh?

Archbishop hits back at Pope

by Giorgios Hatzimanolis



THE leader of the Greek Orthodox Church in Australia, Archbishop Stylianos, has criticized the global leader of the Roman Catholic Church Pope Benedict.

In a statement sent exclusively to Neos Kosmos, Archbishop Stylianos hit back at statements made by the Pope earlier this month, when he asserted the spiritual primacy of the Roman Catholic Church.

He did so at the expense of Christian Orthodox churches, which he said are wounded.

The document said Christian Orthodox churches are true churches but have a "wound" because they do not recognize the power of the pope.

In response, Archbishop Stylianos called the Pope's statement "unexpected and highly offensive."

"I could never have imagined that my humble estimations of Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger and his overall work prior to his elevation as Pope would prove so soon to be justified and indicative," Archbishop Stylianos said.

"After his elevation we saw his sudden transformation into the most ardent herald of Medieval fables of the papacy," Archbishop Stylianos added.

He said that with the supposed resumption of the Official Theological Dialogue, he intends to return to the topic of these 'undermining rapid developments.'

"In an enormous hypocrisy, these statements tragically contradict the most promising endeavors of the Second Vatican Council in Ecclesiology and Ecumenism," Archbishop Stylianos said.

Having made a concerted effort to bridge the divide between the two churches, the Pope's comments came as a surprise to many.

In November last year the Pope visited Istanbul to meet with the leader of Orthodox faithful Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew where the two Church leaders renewed their commitment to work towards the restoration of Full Communion between the two Churches.

They called on the faithful of both Churches to strengthen their prayers and endeavors towards the unity of the Churches.

They also expressed their joy and satisfaction for the recommencement of the official Theological Dialogue between the two Churches.

In December, the Orthodox Church in Greece Archbishop Christodoulos visited the Vatican where he met with the Pope in what was an important step in overcoming the division between Orthodox and Catholics.

Ecumenical dialogues are official theological talks between two or more churches or families of churches aimed at overcoming the inherited divergences, often related to doctrine and church order that separate them.

The Orthodox and Catholic churches officially split in 1054 in what is known as the "great schism" between the two Churches, the result of a gradual estrangement over centuries for cultural, political and theological reasons.

The differences between the two churches are based upon certain traditions.

One of the key issues is that the Orthodox Church is composed of a family of churches, each in communion with each other, but unlike the Roman Catholic Papacy, there is no supreme head over all of them.

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In the 1400's a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have "the rule of thumb"

Many years ago in Scotland , a new game was invented. It was ruled "Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden"...and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV were Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the U.S. Treasury.

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska

The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28% (now get this...)

The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%

The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: \$ 16,400

The average number of people airborne over the U.S. in any given hour: 61,000

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer.

The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:

Spades - King David

Hearts - Charlemagne

Clubs - Alexander, the Great

Diamonds - Julius Caesar

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If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air the person died as a result of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.

Q. Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of what?

A. Their birthplace

Q. Most boat owners name their boats. What is the most popular boat name requested?

A. Obsession

Q. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter "A"?

A. One thousand

Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common?

A. All were invented by women.

Q. What is the only food that doesn't spoil?

A. Honey

Q. Which day are there more collect calls than any other day of the year?

A. Father's Day

In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase..... "goodnight, sleep tight."

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.

In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts... So in old England , when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them "Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down." It's where we get the phrase "mind your P's and Q's"