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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 John Harvey, Father Michael Mihalick [MS], 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, 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, 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—6-month-old with Cystic Fibrosis, Kathy Ciranni, Ester Tylavsky, Ed Jamison, Theodore Nixon, Charles Johnson, Donna Kerr [stroke], Amy Forbeck, Michelle Corba Kapeluck, 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.

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, September 16 **Divine Liturgy** **10:30 AM**
16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—HIEROMARTYR ANTHIMUS-BISHOP OF NICOMEDIA & MARTYRS DEACON THEOPHILUS, DOROTHEUS, MARDONIUS, MIGDONIUS, PETER, INDES, GORGONIUS, ZENOS, VIRGON DOMNA, & EUTHYMIUS, VENERABLE PHOEBE-DEACONESS OF CAENTHRAE, MARTYR BASILISSA OF NICOMEDIA, MARTYR ARISION-BISHOP OF ALEXANDRIA, SAINT IONINIUS-PATRIARCH OF SERBIA, SAINT THEOCTISTUS—FELLOW FASTER OF SAINT EUTHYMIUS THE GREAT, BLESSED JOHN “THE HAIRY”-FOOL-FOR-CHRIST-WONDERWORKER OF ROSTOV, NEW MARTYR POLYDORUS OF CYPRUS

Tone 7
II Corinthians 6:1-10
Matthew 25:14-30

Litany in Blessed Memory of Josephine Roman & Suzie Pelczar—Fr. Bob
Parastas in Blessed Memory of Michael Cherepko—Rosemary Pavlovich

Sunday, September 23 **Divine Liturgy** **10:30 AM**
17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—MARTYRS MANODORA, METRODORA & NYMPHADORA AT NICOMEDIA, SYNAXIS OF HOLY APOSTLES APPELES, LUCIUS, & CLEMENT OF THE 70, MARTYR BARYPSADAS IN DALMATIA, PLESSED PULCHERIA THE EMPRES, SAINTS PETER & PAUL-BISHOPS OF NICAEA, VENERABLE PAUL THE OBEDIENT OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA, VENERABLE PRINCE ANDREW-TONSURED JOASAPH-MONK OF KUBENSK, SAINT SALVIUS-BISHOP OF ALBI

Tone 8
II Corinthians 6:16-7:1
Matthew 15:21-28

Parastas in Blessed Memory of Tillie Kuzman—Debbie & John Pauncic

Sunday, September 30 **Divine Liturgy** **10:30 AM**
18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—MARTYRS SOPHIA & DAUGHTERS FAITH, HOPE, & LOVE AT ROME, MARTYRS THEODOTA & AGATHOCLEIA AT NICEA, 156 MARTYRS OF PALESTINE-INCLUDING BISHOPS PELEUS & NILUS OF EGYPT-PRESBYTER ZENO, PATERMUPHIUS, ELIAS, & OTHERS, MARTYRS LUCY & SON GEMINIAN OF ROME, HIEROMARTYRS HERACLIDES & MYRONOBISHOPS OF CYPRUS

Tone 1
Galatians 2:16-20
Mark 8:34-9:1

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TROPARION—TONE 7

By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death!
To the thief, Thou didst open Paradise!
For the Myrrhbearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy.
And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God,
To proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy!

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

KONTAKION—TONE 7

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive,
For Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers!
Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry:
The Savior has come to those in faith!
Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 7

READER: The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

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READER: Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

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ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 7

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy name, O Most High!

To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night!

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 2007: Matthew 22:35-46

The Synaxis of Serbian Saints: Matthew 5:14-19

Sunday has arrived. Each Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Each Sunday is a joyous day. The Divine Liturgy provides believers with the opportunity to partake of the Precious Body and Blood of Christ.

Each Friday is a time to remember the Cross of Christ. Jesus Christ went to the Cross voluntarily in an unequalled act of humility.

The Gospel for this Sunday reminds believers to love the Lord God with complete mind, heart and soul. The Lord Jesus Christ wants men, women and children clearly believing in Him and committed to Him.

Through the centuries many have been martyred for Christ. The loyalty and faith of the Holy Martyrs is unquestioned. Often in the past century and even now, individuals have loved God with completeness of heart, mind and soul. They have given of themselves in serving God's Holy Church.

The present Gospel speaks about love of neighbor. In this present society, people come and go in communities. In some areas, neighbors never see or greet each other.

Occasionally, a tragedy occurs which brings people together and love is manifested among strangers. Serious Christians are attentive to the Gospel. Serious Christians make efforts to love their neighbors.

Joy comes through following Christ. The Cross is a part of the path to this joy. The Epistle to the Hebrews states Jesus endured the Cross because of the joy that was sent before Him. (Heb. 12:2)

Every Sunday is a time to reflect on the arrival of the new week. Every Sunday is a time to partake of the Precious Body and Blood of Christ. Every Sunday is a time to listen carefully to the Holy Gospel.

The Holy Gospel and the Precious Body and Blood of Christ transform serious believers. Individuals seeking to begin anew find direction and strength in the Holy Gospel.

Hope is necessary for believers. Hope inspires in time of weakness and in the face of distress. Hope enables believers to push on toward the Kingdom. Hope is founded in the Resurrected Christ.

A new ecclesiastical year arrives at the end of this week. The time to renew Christian goals is at hand. The time to push on toward the Kingdom of God is at hand.

Every day is a day to prepare for the glorious return of the Lord Jesus Christ. Every day is a day to be reconciled with God, with family and friends. The Holy Apostle Paul counseled the Ephesians: "Do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil."(Eph.4:26-26)

Christians have a responsibility to be sensitive to the nature of relationships. Every relationship should reflect the love of Christ. Every relationship should reflect the honor of Christ.

The work of believers is to glorify God. The work of believers is to use talents from God in ways pleasing to God. The work of believers is to seek the Kingdom of God.

Through prayer, through fasting, through Holy Confession and Holy Communion, believers unite with Christ and find joy in Christ. The Holy Gospel is nourishment for the mind, the heart, and soul.

Believers do well to think carefully about the martyrs and saints through the centuries. They serve as examples for each generation. God needs saints and martyrs in every generation until the glorious Second Coming.

Faithful believers in each generation give completely of themselves for God's Holy Church and for the advancement of the Gospel. Faithful believers take the Gospel to heart and make it a part of their everyday lives.

Very Rev. Father Rodney Torbic, St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, Carmichael, Pennsylvania. Synaxis of Serbian Enlighteners and Teachers. August 27/September 9, 2007

V-Mail explained!

V, or Victory mail, was a valuable tool for the military during World War II. The process, which originated in England, was the microfilming of specially designed letter sheets. Instead of using valuable cargo space to ship whole letters overseas, microfilmed copies were sent in their stead and then "blown up" at an overseas destination before being delivered to military personnel.

V-mail ensured that thousands of tons of shipping space could be reserved for war

materials. The 37 mail bags required to carry 150,000 one-page letters could be replaced by a single mail sack. The weight of that same amount of mail was reduced dramatically from 2,575 pounds to a mere 45. The blue-striped cardboard containers held V-mail letter forms.

The system of microfilming letters was based on the use of special V-mail letter-sheets, which were a combination of letter and envelope. The letter-sheets were constructed and gummed so as to fold into a uniform and distinctively marked envelope. The user wrote the message in the limited space provided, added the name and address of the recipient, folded the form, affixed postage, if necessary, and mailed the letter. V-mail correspondence was then reduced to thumb-nail size on microfilm. The rolls of film were sent to prescribed destinations for developing at a receiving station near the addressee. Finally, individual facsimiles of the letter-sheets were reproduced about one-quarter the original size and the miniature mail was then delivered to the addressee.

The first large Army operated V-mail station overseas was opened on April 15, 1943 at Casablanca, North Africa. Hastily set up in a field following the Allied invasion of North Africa, this makeshift station continued to operate until September 15, 1943. Between June 15, 1942 and April 1, 1945, 556,513,795 pieces of V-mail were sent from the U.S. to military post offices and over 510 million pieces were received from military personnel abroad. In spite of the patriotic draw of V-mail, most people still sent regular first class mail. In 1944, for instance, Navy personnel received 38 million pieces of V-mail, but over 272 million pieces of regular first class mail.

PUBLICITY ANNOUNCEMENT:

Saint Sylvester Roman Catholic Church will sponsor a Fall Tea on Sunday, September 30 at 12:30 PM. There will be food, refreshments, and lots of door prizes. Adults--\$10.00, ages 6-12--\$7.00. *Hat and gloves are optional!* Advance Tickets ONLY! Please call Bridget at 724-468-4094 for tickets or if you have any questions. Let's help support our neighbors!

SCOBA

The Standing Conference of the Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas
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Educate your children in the way in which they should go, and when they are grown, they will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6)

College Student Sunday—September 16, 2007

The Hierarchs of the Standing Conference of the Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas

To the Most Reverend Clergy, Venerable Monastics and Devout Faithful of the Holy Orthodox Churches in the Americas.

Dearly Beloved in Christ Jesus:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

We, the Hierarchs of the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas, greet you in this new ecclesiastical year with the love and faith of Jesus Christ. Fully understanding our great responsibility to care for and sustain our young college students, we have designated the first Sunday after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Most Precious Cross as College Student Sunday. On this day we ask all of you to join with us in prayer for these important members of our Church family as they progress in their Christian formation.

Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF), a ministry and official Agency of SCOBA is making a united and concerted effort to serve our Orthodox College Community. With chapters on 240 campuses across the United States and Canada, OCF serves as a spiritual lifeline for students. Through its national and local programs, OCF assists in personal formation and provides spiritual sustenance to young Christians on campus.

In addition to class work, our Orthodox College Students are in a constant state of developing their professional and personal identities. Career paths become clearer, and interpersonal relationships grow in dramatic ways. Sometimes, the attention spent on these aspects of life pushes spiritual growth and development to the side, even to the point of disconnecting from the life of the Church. Many of us hold to the false notion that our College Students will reconnect to the Church after graduation.

However, studies show that six out of ten young people who were active in their church communities in their teens do not return to their church in their twenties. Of equal concern is the condition of those who do return. College years present great challenges to belief that require a more intense effort to keep nourished in the pastures and watered by the well-springs of the Faith.

The clergy and lay campus coordinators of OCF are blessed with the spiritual gifts and the ability to share such gifts with college students. However, each of us, the faithful members of the Body of Christ, share a responsibility to care for our young people.

Through generosity of heart we can come together to provide adequate financial resources that can significantly benefit the young people of our Orthodox Church.

Consequently, with this letter we are asking our clergy to take up a collection from every parish to support this vital ministry. Additionally, we ask our clergy to provide

OCF members in their parishes the opportunity to speak about their experiences with the Orthodox Christian Fellowship. In this way all Orthodox Christian parishioners will better understand the work of the OCF and participate actively in its ministry.

With thanksgiving to God and to those who support the important OCF ministry, it is our prayer that our young college students may progress on the path that leads them to Christ-like lives, and ultimately to the Kingdom of God.

With paternal blessings and love in Christ,

+Archbishop DEMETRIOS, Chairman

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+Metropolitan PHILIP, Vice Chairman

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

+Metropolitan CHRISTOPHER, Secretary

Serbian Orthodox Church in the USA and Canada

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 4, 2007

Contact: Nikki Stephanopoulos

Archbishop Demetrios Returns from the Phanar and the 2007 Synaxis of Bishops in the Midst of Worldwide Ecumenical Bodies Asserting Rights of Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople

New York - His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America returned from Istanbul yesterday, after a four-day visit to the Mother Church of Constantinople. The Archbishop, together with all the Members of the Holy Eparchial Synod of the Archdiocese and all the Archbishops and Metropolitans of the Ecumenical Throne throughout the world had gathered at the Phanar at the invitation of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.

This Synaxis of the Hierarchs coincided with the Indiction, the Commencement of the Ecclesiastical year on September 1st. In the days before and during the Synaxis, members of the worldwide ecumenical family had been expressing support and solidarity to His All Holiness.

On August 27th the Conference of European Churches (CEC) expressed its "strong support" for the right of the Patriarch to use of the title "Ecumenical". Two days later, a letter addressed to His All Holiness by the World Council of Churches (WCC) General Secretary, the Rev. Dr Samuel Kobia, expressed the Council's "whole-hearted appreciation of the authenticity and importance of the Ecumenical Patriarchate as an institution and the Ecumenical Patriarch as an office within the wider church world." The letter conveyed the WCC's "firm support" and reaffirmed His All Holiness Bartholomew's "ecumenical standing" while cherishing his "leadership in the global ecumenical movement".

After his return to the United States, His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios commented on these events:

"At a time when our beloved and Holy Ecumenical Patriarchate is facing strenuous challenges, it is heartening to see the strong worldwide support of the ecumenical movement. Their unswerving commitment to the historical, human, and religious rights and freedoms of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople and the person of His All Holiness bear witness to the aspirations of all people for liberty and justice."

Wine Tasting and Dinner

To benefit

International Orthodox Christian Charities

Thursday, September 20, 2007

At

Khalil's II Restaurant

4757 Baum Blvd.

Pittsburgh, PA 15213 (In Oakland)

412-683-4757

Appetizers starting at 6 p.m.

Main Course Choice of:

Chicken Kabob

or

Lamb Shank

Tickets: \$60.00 per person

Due to limited seating tickets must be purchased in advance.

To Purchase Tickets go to www.iocc.org/pittsburgh

OR contact Danielle Opacic at

412-884-2466

By Sunday, September 15, 2007

Enjoy an evening of fellowship, food and fine wine!