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ON THE MEND: Please keep the following parishioners and others in your prayers for recovery from their illnesses and injuries: Constantine, Patriarch Pavle, Archbishop Vsevolod, Bishop Robert, 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 Monronko, Father Michael Mihalick [MS], 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, 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, Mike Pelchar [Liz's brother], Jim Logue—throat cancer, 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, Gloria Prymak [Liz's niece], Robert Hippert & family, Marjorie Robison, John Sheliga, and Daria Masur. ARNOLD: Stefania Lucci, Kay Tomson, Ann Ostaffy, Steve Sakal, Homer Paul Kline, and Steve Ostaffy. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

We will begin an accessibility trial next week. Beginning on Sunday, November 4, the first Divine Liturgy of the month will be celebrated downstairs to make it available to those unable to climb the stairs at

church. We'll re-evaluate it after the first of the year to compare attendance. Please let your stair-challenged friends know about this change—see Fr. Bob with 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!

<u>Communion Fasting:</u> 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 <u>CALL FATHER BOB</u> at [412] 279-5640.

Schedule of Services

Sunday, October 28 Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM

22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—VENERABLE EUTHEMIUS THE NEW OF THESSALONICA-MONK OF
MOUNT ATHOS, MARTYR LUCIAN-PRESBYTER OF GREATER ANTIOCH, MARTYR SARBELIUS&BABAIA

OF EDESSA, SAINT SBINUS-BISHOP OF CATANIA, MARTYR LUCIAN-PRESBYTER OF THE
PERCHEVSKY LAVRA, SAINT DIONYSIUS-ARCHBISHOP OF SUZDAL, SAINT JOHN-BISHOP OF SUZDAL

Tone 5 Galatians 6:11-18 Luke 8:5-15

Sunday, November 4 Divine Liturgy—<u>DOWNSTAIRS!</u> 10:30 AM
23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—KAZAN ICON OF THE THEOTOKOS, HOLY EQUAL-TO-THEAPOSTLES ABERCIUS-BISHOP & WONDERWORKER OF HIERAPOLIS, THE HOLY SEVEN YOUTHS OF
EPHESUS, MARTYRS ALEXANDER-BISHOP, HERACLIUS, ANNA, ELIZABETH, THEODOTA, & GLYCERIA
AT ADRIANOPOLIS, SAINT LOT OF EGYPT, VENERABLE THEODORE & PAUL-ABBOT OF ROSTOF,
VENERABLE JAMES OF LUGA & OMUTCH—DISCIPLE OF VENERABLE THEOPHILIUS OF OMUTCH

*Tone 6*Ephesians 2:4-10
Luke 16:19-31

Litany in Blessed Memory of John Lopushanski, Harry Bunio, Anna Lotinski, & Julia Golofski—Fr.
Bob

Sunday, November 11 Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—VENERABLE MATYR ANASTASIA THE ROMAN, VENERABLE ABRAMIUS THE RECLUSE & HIS NIECE SAINT MARY OF MESOPOTAMIA, MARTYRS CLAUDIUS, ASTERIUS, NEON, & TEONILLA OF AEGAE, VENERABLE ANNA, VENERABLE ABRAMIUS-ARCHIMANDRITE OF ROSTOV, VENERABLE ABRAMIUS THE RECLUSE OF THE PERCHEVSKY LAVRA,

NEW-MARTYR ATHANASIUS OF SPARTA AT MUATANACH, MARTYR TIMOTHY OF ESPHIGMENOU MONASTERY OF MOUNT ATHOS

Tone 7 Ephesians 2:14-22 Luke 8:26-39

Litany in Blessed Memory of All Deceased Veterans-Fr. Bob

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 28 OCTOBER 2007

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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!

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

KONTAKION—TONE 5

Thou didst descent 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.

Transylvanian Doctor

Bob Hill and his new wife, Betty, are vacationing in Europe; as it happens, in Transylvania. They're driving a rental car along a rather deserted highway. It's late, and raining very hard. Bob can barely see 10 feet in front of the car. Suddenly the car skids out of control! Bob attempts to control the car, but to no avail. The car swerves and smashes into a tree. Moments later, Bob shakes his head to clear the fog. Dazed, he looks over at the passenger seat and sees his new wife unconscious, with her head bleeding.

Despite the rain and unfamiliar countryside, Bob knows he has to carry her to the nearest phone. Bob carefully picks his wife up and begins trudging down the road. After a short while, he sees a light. He heads towards the light, which is coming from an old, large house. He approaches the door and knocks.

A minute passes. A small, hunched man opens the door. Bob immediately blurts, "Hello, my name is Bob Hill, and this is my wife, Betty. We've been in a terrible accident, and my wife has been seriously hurt. Can I please use your phone??"

"I'm sorry," replies the hunchback, "but we don't have a phone. My master is a doctor. Come in and I will get him."

Bob brings his wife in. An elegant man comes down the stairs. "I'm afraid my assistant may have misled you. I am not a medical doctor. I am a scientist. However, it is many miles to the nearest clinic, and I have had basic medical training. I will see what I can do. Igor, bring them down to the laboratory."

With that, Igor picks up Betty and carries her downstairs, with Bob following closely. Igor places Betty on a table in the lab. Bob collapses from exhaustion and his own injuries; so Igor places Bob on an adjoining table.

After a brief examination, Igor's master looks worried. "Things are serious, Igor. Prepare a transfusion." Igor and his master work feverishly, but to no avail. Bob and Betty Hill are no more.

The Hills' deaths upset Igor's master greatly. Wearily, he climbs the steps to his conservatory, which houses his pipe organ. For it is here that he has always found solace. He begins to play, and a stirring, almost haunting melody fills the house.

Meanwhile, Igor is still in the lab tidying up. As the music fills the lab, his eyes catch movement. He notices the fingers on Betty Hill's hand twitch. Stunned, he watches as Bob's arm begins to rise! He is further amazed as Betty sits straight up!

Unable to contain himself, he dashes up the stairs to the conservatory. He bursts in and shouts to his master: "Master! Master!...The Hills are alive with the sound of music!"

The Funeral Service...

This funeral service was just a little different.

As a young minister, I was asked by a funeral director to hold a graveside service for a homeless man, with no family or friends, who had died while traveling through the area.

The funeral was to be held at a cemetery way back in the country, and this man would be the first to be laid to rest there.

As I was not familiar with the backwoods area, I became lost; and being a typical man I did not stop for directions. I finally arrived an hour late.

I saw the crew, eating lunch, but the hearse was nowhere in sight.

I apologized to the workers for my tardiness, and stepped to the side of the open grave, where I saw the vault lid already in place. I assured the workers I would not hold them long but this was the proper thing to do. Of course, there were no relatives or friends there, since he was homeless.

The workers gathered around, still eating their lunch. I poured out my heart and soul As I preached, the workers began to say "Amen," "Praise the Lord," and "Glory," I reached, and I preached, like I'd never preached before:

I closed the lengthy service with a prayer and walked to my car. I felt I had done my duty for the homeless man and that the crew would leave with a renewed sense of purpose and dedication, in spite of my tardiness.

As I was opening the door and taking off my coat, I overheard one of the workers saying to another, "I ain't never seen anything like this before

. . and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."

Donation

Father O'Malley answers the phone. "Hello, is this Father O'Malley?" "It is!"

"This is the IRS. Can you help us?"

"I can!"

"Do you know a Ted Houlihan?"

"I do!"

"Is he a member of your congregation?"

"He is!"

"Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?"

"He will!"

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, Saint Sylvester Roman Catholic Church will hold their fall Roast Beef Dinner from 11:30 AM till 3:00 PM. The meal will include roast beef, vegetable, potatoes, salad, and dessert. Adults \$8.00 and Children \$4.00. Crafts, Basket Raffle, and Bake Sale Items will also be available—ALL ARE WELCOME!

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, we will begin our first-Sunday-of-the-month Downstairs Divine Liturgy in an attempt to make the service more available to those who have problems negotiating our steps. This is a trial to see if this will encourage others to join us in prayer—if it works, we will probably make it a regular part of our worship. Please see Father Bob if you have any questions or other suggestions to help.

REMINDER: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11 we will serve breakfast after Divine Liturgy in the church hall. See Pani Gina or Liz if you would like to volunteer to help with cooking before Liturgy, serving after, or cleanup!

VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER: TODAY is the last day to sign up with Pani Gina for Father George Hnatko's 50th Anniversary Celebration at Saint John the Baptist in Dixonville on Saturday, November 17th. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will begin at 10:30 AM, followed by the banquet in their church hall. See Father Bob with any questions.