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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, 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, Margaret Vladimir, 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR NOVEMEBER BABIES: Amy Zerebnick on the 4th, Father Bob on the 7th, and Betty O'Masta on the 28th. May God grant them all Many Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous Years!

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 04 NOVEMBER 2007
23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—KAZAN ICON OF THE
THEOTOKOS, HOLY EQUAL-TO-THE-APOSTLES 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 & OMTUCH—DISCIPLE OF
VENERABLE THEOPHILIUS OF OMTUCH

TROPARION—TONE 6

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Thy grave, Seeking Thy most pure body.
Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it.
Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.
O Lord who didst rise from the dead: 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 6

When Christ God, the Giver of Life,
Raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His might hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race.
He is the Savior of all,
The Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 6

READER: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.
PEOPLE: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.
READER: To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me.
PEOPLE: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.
READER: O Lord, save Thy people.
PEOPLE: And bless Thine inheritance.

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 6

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

He will say to the Lord: My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in whom I trust.

Orthodoxy came to North America when Russian whaling ships frequented the Arctic Ocean and Bering Sea in the mid-to-late 18th century. At some point, there was a request for a priest to serve the sailors and to bury those who died either en-route to Alaska, or in the whaling camps on the offshore islands. About 1788, it was decided by the Czar to send a priest to set up a permanent church to serve the camps. This was completely funded by the Czar personally, but the clergy came from the Russian Orthodox Church.

Over the years, the church expanded to the west and east coasts, where significant concentrations of Orthodox settled--both immigrant and business/government entities. As the local priests saw Orthodox and Greek Catholic people without clergy serving them, the request went back to Russia to support these folks as well. Greek, Serbian, Syrian, Lebanese, Bulgarian, Romanian, Lemko/Galician, and other ethnic settlements were able to bring over clergy from the "old country" who spoke their language and who knew their customs. The churches grew and expanded, but the source of the financial support was primarily from the Czar. If a church needed an iconostasis [icon screen], a request was made to the local bishop, who forwarded it to the archbishop. If this was approved, it went to the Czar, who returned the financing to build it. This is quite an oversimplification, but you get the idea.

This all went fairly smoothly until the Godless Bolshevik Revolution occurred in 1917. The money supply dried up with the demise of the Czar and his family. Each parish was now forced to fend for itself, creating quite a mess that continues in some form to this day. The Greeks contacted Greece, the Serbs Serbia, the Lebanese Damascus, the Syrians Antioch, etc., for aid and clergy. Each of these ethnic groups then grew to the point where they wanted their own bishops to be the ones making decisions for them, so bishops were either sent from overseas or candidates from the US sent overseas to be educated and consecrated. *[I should note that one of the early 20th century bishops, Raphael Hawaweeny, came from the Middle East and was a bishop in the Russian Orthodox Church here prior to the Revolution. He was fairly recently canonized by the Orthodox Church in America, the successor to the Metropolia of the Russian Orthodox Church in America, which evolved during the 1920's to fill the now Czar-less vacuum. Bishop Raphael is now Saint Raphael of Brooklyn and he is*

buried on the grounds of Antiochian Village Camp north of Ligonier in Westmoreland County!]

Anywho, the bottom line now is that each ethnic group has an episcopacy which functions independently of the others. This is a totally unique and unheard of situation in Orthodoxy—an *eigenvalue*, as it were. One church per country—the "national" Orthodox Church is the rule everywhere except here. There are many clergy who are very frustrated with the current structure here, but there needs to be a unification for all the right reasons, not one church hierarchy taking over because: they were here first, they have the most people, they have the most money, etc. These will destroy any hope for true Orthodox unity in this country.

At the local level, the laity is very good at interacting, many of the clergy are also very good, and some bishops are very good--but others resist the "loss of identity" that they see with unity. If they truly looked back to the history of Orthodoxy in North America, they would see that ethnic groups had their own clergy and even bishops, but all were in a single Orthodox jurisdiction.

This is where we stand in 2007. We pray for this unity at every service, but must remember that unity and a return to the Orthodox norm will be realized in God's time, not our own timeline!

6-year-olds

A first grade teacher had twenty-four students in her class and she presented each child the first half of a well-known proverb and asked them to come up with the remainder of the proverb. It's hard to believe these were actually done by first graders. Their insight may surprise you. While reading these keep in mind that these are first graders, 6-year-olds.

1. Don't change horses... ..until they stop running.
2. Strike while the... ..bug is close.
3. It's always darkest before... ..Daylight Saving Time.
4. Never underestimate the power of... ..termites.
5. You can lead a horse to water but... ..how?
6. Don't bite the hand that... ..looks dirty.
7. No news... ..impossible.
8. A miss is as good as a... ..Mr.
9. You can't teach an old dog new... ..math.
- 10.If you lie down with dogs, you'll... ..stink in the morning.
- 11.Love all, trust... ..me.
- 12.The pen is mightier than the... ..pigs.
- 13.An idle mind is... ..the best way to relax.
- 14.Where there's smoke there's... ..pollution.
- 15.Happy the bride who... ..gets all the presents.

16. A penny saved is... ..not much.
 17. Two's company, three's... ..the Musketeers.
 18. Don't put off till tomorrow what... ..you put on to go to bed.
 19. Laugh and the whole world laughs with you cry and... ..you have to blow your nose.
 20. There are none so blind as... ..Stevie Wonder.
 21. Children should be seen and not... ..spanked or grounded.
 22. If at first you don't succeed... ..get new batteries.
 23. When the blind lead the blind... ..get out of the way.
 24. Better late than... ..pregnant.
- ~Author Unknown~

There will be a memorial service in honor of the millions of Ukrainians who perished in the Artificial Famine of 1932-33 at the Heinz Chapel on Sunday, November 21, at 3:00 PM. Protopresbyter George Hnatko and Monsignor George Appleyard of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, along with other Orthodox and Catholic clergy, will serve a Panikhida followed by talks and choral arrangements. Admission is free!

A reminder that Father George Hnatko's 50th Anniversary Celebration will begin at 10:30 AM on Saturday, November 17th, at Saint John the Baptist church in Dixonville, PA. A banquet in honor of Father George will follow. Debbie Paouncic has arranged for car pooling for that day—everyone will meet at the church parking lot—see her for more details.

Alex has designed and created a card for Father George that we will present to him at the banquet in his honor. Please take a few minutes and sign the card—feel free to write a short note to him that will bring a smile to his face. He is always talking about his love for the people of our parish and asks about everyone here.

Today is the first in a series of “accessible” Divine Liturgies in our parish basement. In order to make it easier for our parishioners who have a problem navigating our steps—both inside and outside—we are having the first Sunday Divine Liturgy of each of the next three months downstairs. Hopefully this will allow those parishioners who have been unable to come to church to receive Holy Communion a chance to do so and to visit with all of their parish friends. Please pass on this information to anyone you think might be interested. Also, please see Father Bob with contact information for folks who may not have received the letter about this change earlier this week.