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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, 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 6-year-old girl with rheumatoid arthritis, Isabella Olivia Lindgren—a 2-year-old with a brain tumor, Dillon, Ethel Thomas, Donna, 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, Alverta, Margaret Mueller, Gary Zurasky, Michael Horvath, Patti Sinecki, David Genshi, Rita Very & family, Sue Segeleon, Mike Gallagher, Mildred Walters, Michael Miller, Mike Pelchar [Liz's brother], Jim Logue—throat cancer, Liz Stumpf, Ester Tylavsky, Ed Jamison, Theodore Nixon, Charles Johnson, Donna Kerr [stroke], Amy Forbeck, Michelle Corba Kapeluck, Gloria Prymak [Liz's niece], Robert Hippert & family, Margaret Vladimir, Luke Emmerling, John Sheliga, Sabrina, George & Mika Rocknage, Elizabeth Mitchell, 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 FEBRUARY BABIES: David Shirley on the 1st, Kyle James Weiser on the 12th, and Michael Horvath on the 14th. May God grant them all Many Happy, Healthy, Wealthy, and Prosperous Years!

Please remember James John Logue, recently assigned to Iraq, and 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, February 03 **OBEDNITZA-DOWNSTAIRS 10:30 AM**
36TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—VENERABLE MAXIMUS THE CONFESSOR, MARTYR NEOPHYTUS OF NICAEA, MARTYRS EUGENE, CANDIDUS, VALERIAN & AQUILA AT TREBIZOND, VIRGIN-MARTYR AGNES OF ROME, MARTYR ANASTASIUS-DISCIPLE OF SAINT MAXIMUS THE CONFESSOR

Tone 3
II Corinthians 6:16-7:1
Matthew 15:21-28

Litany in Blessed Memory of Milton G. Chicka, Daniel Pysh, & Sara Chicka—Fr. Bob

Sunday, February 10 **Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM**
37TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—ZACCHAEUS SUNDAY—VENERABLE EPHREM THE SYRIAN, VENERABLE PALLADIUS THE ASCETIC, VENERABLE ISAAD THE SYRIAN-BISHOP OF NINEVEH, VENERABLE EPHREM-BISHOP OF PEREYASLAV OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA, COMMEMORATION OF ALL DECEASED WHO DIED IN TIMES OF PERSECUTION FOR THEIR FAITH IN CHRIST

Tone 4
I Timothy 4:9-15
Luke 19:1-10

Litany in Blessed Memory of Claudia Gradicheck & George Horvath—Mike Horvath

Thursday, February 14 **Ecumenical Service 7:00 PM**
First Presbyterian Church—Pastor Carl Jones Speaking

Sunday, February 17 **Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM**
SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE—VENERABLE ISIDORE OF PELUSIUM-MONK, MARTYR JADORUS, HIEROMARTYR ABRAMIUS-BISHOP OF ARBELA IN ASSYRIA, VENERABLE NICHOLAS THE CONFESSOR-ABBOT OF THE STUDIO, SAINT GEORGE VSEVOLODOVYCH-GREAT-PRINCE OF VLADIMIR, SAINT JOHN-BISHOP OF HIRENOPOLIS, NEW-MARTYR JOSEPH OF ALEPPO

Tone 5
II Timothy 2:11-19
Luke 18:2-8

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 03 FEBRUARY 2008

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THE CONFESSOR**

TROPARION—TONE 3

Let the Heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad!
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm!
He has trampled down death by death!

He has delivered us from the depths of hell,
And has granted 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 3

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One!
Leading us from the gates of death.
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;
With the prophets and patriarchs
They unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 3

READER: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King,
sing praises!

**PEOPLE: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King,
sing praises!**

READER: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**PEOPLE: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King,
sing praises!**

READER: Sing praises to our God, sing praises!

PEOPLE: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 3

In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame!

Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge, in order to save me!

About the Washington Monument—*via e-mail from Very Rev. Father Paul Pynch*

One detail that is never mentioned is that in Washington, D.C. there can never be a building of greater height than the Washington Monument .

With all the uproar about removing the ten commandments, etc., this is worth a moment or two of your time. I was not aware of this amazing historical information.

On the aluminum cap, atop the Washington Monument in Washington , D.C. , are displayed two words: Laus Deo.

No one can see these words. In fact, most visitors to the monument are totally unaware they are even there and for that matter, probably couldn't care less.

Once you know Laus Deo's history , you will want to share this with everyone you know. These words have been there for many years; they are 555 feet, 5.125 inches high, perched atop the monument, facing skyward to the Father of our nation, overlooking the 69 square miles which comprise the District of Columbia, capital of the United States of America.

Laus Deo! Two seemingly insignificant, unnoticed words. Out of sight and, one might think, out of mind, but very meaningfully placed at the highest point over what is the most powerful city in the most successful nation in the world.

So, what do those two words, in Latin, composed of just four syllables and only seven letters, possibly mean? Very simply, they say 'Praise be to God!'

Though construction of this giant obelisk began in 1848, when James Polk was President of the United States , it was not until 1888 that the monument was inaugurated and opened to the public. It took twenty-five years to finally cap the memorial with a tribute to the Father of our nation, Laus Deo 'Praise be to God!'

From atop this magnificent granite and marble structure, visitors may take in the beautiful panoramic view of the city with its division into four major segments. >From that vantage point, one can also easily see the original plan of the designer, Pierre Charles l'Enfant ..a perfect cross imposed upon the landscape, with the White House to the north. The Jefferson Memorial is to the south, the Capitol to the east and the Lincoln Memorial to the west.

A cross you ask? Why a cross? What about separation of church and state? Yes, a cross; separation of church and state was not, is not, in the Constitution. So, read on. How interesting and, no doubt, intended to carry a profound meaning for those who bother to notice.

Praise be to God! Within the monument itself are 898 steps and 50 landings. As one climbs the steps and pauses at the landings the memorial stones share a message.

- a.. On the 12th Landing is a prayer offered by the City of Baltimore;
- b.. on the 20th is a memorial presented by some Chinese Christians;
- c.. on the 24th a presentation made by Sunday School children from New York and Philadelphia quoting Proverbs 10:7, Luke 18:16 and Proverbs 22:6. Praise be to God!

When the cornerstone of the Washington Monument was laid on July 4th, 1848 deposited within it were many items including the Holy Bible presented by the Bible Society. Praise be to God! Such was the discipline, the moral direction, and the spiritual mood given by the founder and first President of our unique democracy 'One Nation, Under God.'

I am awed by Washington's prayer for America Have you ever read it? Well, now is your unique opportunity, so read on!

'Almighty God; We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large. And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'

Laus Deo!

When one stops to observe the inscriptions found in public places all over our nation's capitol, he or she will easily find the signature of God, as it is unmistakably inscribed everywhere you look. You may forget the width and height of 'Laus Deo ', its location, or the architects but no one who reads this will be able to forget its meaning, or these words: 'Unless the Lord builds the house its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.' (Psalm 127: 1)

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CHAIRMAN OF SCOBA ISSUES STATEMENT ON PASSING OF ARCHBISHOP CHRISTODOULOS

January 28, 2008
New York, New York

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Chairman of the Standing Conference of the Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas, issued this statement on behalf of SCOBA on the falling asleep of the late Archbishop of Athens and All Greece, the ever-memorable Christodoulos.

“On behalf of the Standing Conference of the Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas, I convey to the blessed Orthodox people and to the Government of the Hellenic Republic, the condolences of their fellow Orthodox Christians throughout the Americas, as we mourn the passing of this great Churchman and Hierarch.”

“The passing of His Beatitude Archbishop Christodoulos of Athens and All Greece today Monday, January 28, 2008 in the early morning hours constitutes the consummation of his valiant struggle with illness, and an affirmation of his great faith in God. The late Archbishop faced the long and agonizing months of his sickness with courage, determination and a love for his flock that were truly remarkable.”

“Always seeking to continue to serve his faithful, Archbishop Christodoulos did not spare himself any sacrifice, even at the time of his difficult medical treatments, in order to continue his mission of love and service to the people of Greece. For those who regret that he died too soon, let them thank God that he was with them the way that he was. The legacy of Archbishop Christodoulos will surely exceed the years of his life. His dedicated and dynamic service to Christ and His Church will be permanently remembered as we pray for his eternal repose in the mansions of the saints a righteous of God.”

Note: The Church of Greece, which ranks seventh in the order of commemoration among the Autocephalous Orthodox Churches, was established by the missionary activities of the Holy Apostle Paul. In the 19th century, following the liberation of the Greek lands and the establishment of an indigenous State, the Church of Greece was granted the status of Autocephalous by the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. The Church of Greece is the official State Church of the Hellenic Republic.

REMINDERS: Father Bob will be in New Jersey for the Metropolitan Council Meeting from very early February 7 through midnight on February 9. If you need the services of an Orthodox priest, please contact John Paouncic or Pani Gina.

Sunday, February 24, will be our next Breakfast after Liturgy. Please see Liz, Sonia, Debbie, or Pani Gina to see what you can donate or can do to help out!