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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, Metropolitan Theodosius, 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 Pendlshok, 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, 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], 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, 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, Amari Clark, Lorraine Gardner, 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.

The Slickville BREAKFAST CLUB will assemble after Divine Liturgy TODAY! PLEASE JOIN US for fellowship and good food. We understand there is a great demand for the SCRAMBLED EGGS! Please see Evelyn, Liz, John, or Pani Gina for more information!

**SKOPELOS, SAINT POLYCARP, MARTYR ANTHONY, VENERABLE ERASMUS & PAPHNUTIUS-MONKS,
MARTYRS ALEXANDER & HYPATIUS AT MARCIONOPOLIS**

FORGIVENESS SUNDAY VESPERS—STS. PETER & PAUL—LYNDORA—5:00 PM

Tone 8

Romans 13:11-14:4

Matthew 6:14-21

**BULLETIN INSERT FOR 24 FEBRUARY 2008
SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON—HIEROMARTYR BLAISE-
BISHOP OF SEBASTE, SAINT DEMETRIUS-MONK &
WONDERWORKER OF PRILUKI-VOLGDA, PRINCE VSEVOLOD-
WONDERWORKER OF PSKOV, RIGHTEOUS THEODORA-
EMPRESS OF CONSTANTINOPLE—ESTABLISHER OF THE
VENERATION OF THE HOLY ICONS**

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.

Crime Tip of the Week

February 8th, 2008

"Aggressive Drivers/Road Rage"

Aggressive drivers are high risk drivers that climb into the anonymity of an automobile and take out their frustrations on anybody at anytime. For them, frustration levels are high, and level of concern for their fellow motorists is low. A typical "aggressive driver" runs stop signs and red lights, speeds, tailgates and passes other vehicles in unsafe manner. They also make hand and facial gestures, scream, honk their horn and flash their lights displaying their frustration to other motorists.

Below are some tips when you are confronted by an "aggressive driver".

- 1) When confronted, make every attempt to get out of the way.
- 2) Do not challenge the "aggressive driver".
- 3) Avoid making eye contact with the "aggressive driver".
- 4) Report "aggressive drivers"/road rage incidents to police as soon as possible.

Several months ago, the Carnegie Police Department received information concerning an "aggressive driver". The person reporting the "aggressive driver" gave police a description of the vehicle and the location and time where the daily activity was occurring. Our police actively investigated this case and were able to identify the driver. The driver was warned about his behavior, and a routine follow-up with the person who reported the incidents revealed that there have been no further occurrences.

The best advice when you are confronted by an "aggressive driver" is to swallow your pride and do not respond to the challenge. Get as much information as you safely can, i.e. color, make and model of the vehicle, a license plate number, if possible, and the direction of travel of the vehicle. Contact the police as soon as you can do so in a safe manner, and let us handle the situation.

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Archpastoral Reflections, February 2008

We began this series of reflections on the topic of “renewal” with a reflection on the renewal of the heart. We now turn to examining the renewal of the spirit, which is the touchstone of our intellectual development as persons, of our fellowship with one another, and of our ability to be in genuine communion with God and His Truth. What precisely do we mean by “renewal” of the spirit?

This question is best answered by observing the characteristics which a person with a renewed spirit displays. We may first observe that a person who demonstrates a renewed spirit is one who exhibits clarity, purity, and piety in thinking. That is to say, a person who demonstrates a renewed spirit does not exhibit confused thinking. Rather, such a person’s thought is characterized by the disciplined and regimented manner of approaching abstract concepts and communicating them with elegant simplicity to others. A person who demonstrates a renewed spirit recognizes that his intellectual abilities are gifts from God, and, therefore, he is mindful of the dangers of being arrogant or prideful due to his intellectual abilities. Instead, he values humility and views a keen intellect as a gift that God provides to him not to advance himself, but to serve others.

Second, a person with a renewed spirit is someone who thinks and acts properly with others. He consciously remembers that relationships with others are to be treasured and valued. Such a person remembers that other human beings are never to be taken advantage of, abused, or neglected. For example, an employer with a renewed spirit does not treat his employees with indignity. A parent with a renewed spirit does not neglect his child. A team member with a renewed spirit does not take personal credit for work that he knows others are doing, but he rejoices for others in the collective results that emerge.

Third, a person with a renewed spirit functions properly in being with God. Such a person is able to balance the stress of work and life issues by knowing that God is a real and constant source of strength. He reaches out to God in prayer on a daily basis, and he is not afraid to raise the question of faith or to express his faith with others. He knows that God is active and omnipresent in all arenas of life, pouring forth his peace and serenity.

Finally, as we ponder these three attributes of a person with a renewed spirit, we also consider that the “renewal of the spirit,” unlike some activities such as the pursuit of an education or the building of one’s physical strength through exercise, is not the result of human-initiated activity alone. Rather, renewal of the spirit is only achievable through human effort combined with the action of the Holy Spirit. This is the significance of our baptism and chrismation, as affirmed by Saint Peter’s exhortation to the adults of Judea: *“be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit”* (Acts 2:38).

Through our continued commitment of our lives in faith, the Holy Spirit provides us with a constant source of rejuvenation, dwells within us, allows us to grow as persons, to discover new ideas for the betterment of all humanity, and to enhance our growth as persons in the likeness of God. Thus, unlike other aspects of renewal, “renewal of the spirit” is not a condition that, once obtained, ceases its activity. Rather, it is a state of being that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, imparts to us an ongoing renewal, continually repairing all our human deficiencies, and propelling us to ever-increasing heights and potentials as we grow in our communion with God and His saving truth.

+DEMETRIOS
Archbishop of America

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES COMING! You should have received a schedule of services in the mail recently. This list of Slickville Ecumenical, Lenten, and Post-Paschal Services should help you plan your schedules through June of 2008. Among the service are the opportunities to experience the consecration of an altar on March 1 at Father John Haluszczak’s parish on the South Side, the consecration of Bishop-Elect Daniel on May 9 & 10 in Parma, OH, and the consecration of the chapel at All Saints Camp on June 20. These services are rare and many of us have never seen them—please try to attend them as your schedule permits! Any questions—see Father Bob!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The Annual Parish Meeting and Election of Officers will be held after the Obedniza on Sunday, March 30!

Please join us downstairs for our BREAKFAST CLUB feast after Divine Liturgy TODAY, presented to you by our parish. Good food, good friends, and good conversation will be available, along with SCRAMBLED EGGS! Also, there will be pancakes and sausage, along with plenty of hot coffee! Come join us!

UPDATE ON MAXINE: Many of you have asked—Maxine Kitch is presently staying with her daughter Andrea in the eastern end of Pennsylvania. I’m sure she would appreciate a card or note from anyone in our parish. Also, please remember her in your prayers...

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