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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 Michael Mihalick [MS], Father Paul Bigelow, 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, 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, Cameron [a boy in Matt's class], Faith—a 7-year-old girl with rheumatoid arthritis, Isabella Olivia Lindgren—a 3-year-old with a brain tumor, Dillon, Ethel Thomas, Donna, Nick Malec [Maxine's brother], Erin, Jim Markovich, Jeff Walewski [thyroid cancer], Carol [Lotinski] Rose, Michael Miller, Dave May, Grace & Owen Ostrasky, Alverta, 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, Robert McKivitz, Cliff Dow, Marjorie Pershing, Amy Kemerer, Tom Marriott, Joe Farkas, Liz Obradovich, Liz, Adam, Helen Pytlak, Halyna Zelinska [Bishop Daniel's mother], Mary Ann, Charlotte, and Daria Masur. **ARNOLD:** Stefania Lucci, Ann Ostaffy, Steve Sakal, Homer Paul Kline, and Steve Ostaffy. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

**Our sympathy and prayers go out to Jeannie Stutchell and her family on the falling asleep in the Lord of her aunt, Anna Harte, on Thursday,**



13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, INDICTION—BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH NEW YEAR, VENERABLE SIMEON STYLITES THE ELDER & MOTHER SAINT MARTHA, RIGHTEOUS JOSHUA-SON OF NUN, MARTYRS CALLISTA & BROTHER EVODUS & HERMOGENES AT NICOMEDIA, MARTYR AEITHALAS-DEACON OF PERSIA, HOLY 40 WOMEN MARTYRS & MARTYR AMMON—DEACON & TEACHER AT HERACLEA IN THRACE, COMMEMORATION OF THE GREAT FIRE AT CONSTANTINOPEL ~470 AD, SYNAXIS OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS IN MIASENA—IN MEMORY OF THE RETURN OF HER ICON

**Tone 4**

**I Corinthians 16:13-24**

**Matthew 21:33-42**

*Parastas in Blessed Memory of the Shumski Family: Mary, Charles, John, Stella, Clarence Smith, Wasył, & Tekla—Donna Karas*

## **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 31 AUGUST 2008**

### **ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**MARTYRS FLORUS & LAURUS OF ILLYRIA, MARTYRS HERMES, SERAPION, & POLYAENUS OF ROME, HIEROMARTYR EMILIAN-BISHOP & THOSE WITH HIM: MARTYRS HILARION, DIONYSIUS, HERMIPPUS, & ABOUT 1000 OTHERS OF ITALY, SAINTS JOHN & GEORGE-PATRIARCHS OF CONSTANTINOPLE, VENERABLE JOHN OF RILA MONASTERY**

**\*\*\*\*\*BLESSING OF FLOWERS AFTER THE PARASTAS**

**—IN HONOR OF THE DORMITION\*\*\*\*\***

### **TROPARION—TONE 2**

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal,  
Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead!  
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,  
All the powers of heaven cried out:  
O Giver of Life! Christ our God! 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 2**

Hell became afraid, O Almighty Savior,  
Seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb!  
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam,  
Beheld this and rejoiced with Thee!  
And the world, O my Savior, praises Thee forever!

### **PROKEIMENON—TONE 2**

**READER:** The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.

**PEOPLE: The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.**

**READER:** The Lord has chastened me sorely, but he has not given me over to death.

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## **ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 2**

The Lord answer you in the day of trouble! The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

Save the king, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

### **Don't Step On The Ducks!**

Posted by: "bob graham" shitzoo33@yahoo.com shitzoo33  
Mon Aug 18, 2008 9:16 pm (PDT)

Three women die together in an accident and go to heaven. When they get there, St. Peter says, "We only have one rule here in heaven: don't step on the ducks!"

So they enter heaven, and sure enough, there are ducks all over the place. It is almost impossible not to step on a duck, and although they try their best to avoid them, the first woman accidentally steps on one.

Along comes St. Peter with the ugliest man she ever saw. St. Peter chains them together and says, "Your punishment for stepping on a duck is to spend eternity chained to this ugly man!"

The next day, the second woman accidentally steps on a duck and along comes St. Peter, who doesn't miss a thing. With him is another extremely ugly man. He chains them together with the same admonishment as for the first woman.

The third woman has observed all this and, not wanting to be chained for all eternity to an ugly man, is very, VERY careful where she steps.

She manages to go months without stepping on any ducks, and one day St. Peter comes up to her with the most handsome man she has ever laid eyes on...very tall, long eyelashes, muscular, and thin. St. Peter chains them together without saying a word.

The happy woman says, "I wonder what I did to deserve being chained to you for all of eternity?"

The guy says, "I don't know about you, but I stepped on a duck!"

*Bob Graham, Crafton H. S. '59, Winter Springs, FL*

### Choices....

Posted by: "Joey" [jmljr2002@hotmail.com](mailto:jmljr2002@hotmail.com) Tue Aug 19, 2008 11:20 pm (PDT)

While walking down the street one day, a US senator is tragically hit by a truck and dies. His soul arrives in heaven and is met by St. Peter at the entrance.

"Welcome to heaven," says St. Pete. "Before you settle in, it seems there is a problem. We seldom see a high official around these parts, you see, so we're not sure what to do with you."

"No problem, just let me in," says the senator.

"Well, I'd like to, but I have orders from higher up. What we'll do is have you spend one day in hell and one day in heaven. Then you can choose where to spend eternity."

Really, I've made up my mind. I want to be in heaven," says the senator.

"I'm sorry, but we have our rules."

And with that, St. Pete escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell. The doors open and he finds himself in the middle of a green golf course. In the distance is a clubhouse and standing in front of it are all his friends and other politicians who had worked with him.

Everyone is very happy and in evening dress. They run to greet him, shake his hand and reminisce about the good times they had while getting rich at the expense of the common people.

They play a friendly game of golf and then dine on lobster, caviar and champagne.

Also present is the devil - really a very friendly guy who has a good time dancing and telling jokes. They are having such a good time that before he realizes it, it is time to go.

Everyone gives him a hearty farewell and waves while the elevator rises...

The elevator goes up, up, up and the door reopens on heaven where St. Pete is waiting for him.

"Now it's time to visit heaven."

So, 24 hours pass with the senator joining a group of contented souls floating from cloud to cloud, playing the harp and singing. They have a good time, and, before he realizes it, the 24 hour have gone by and St. Peter returns.

"Well, then, you've spent a day in hell and another in heaven. Now choose your eternity."

The senator reflects for a minute, then answers: "Well, I would never have said it before, I mean heaven has been delightful and all, but I think I would be happier in hell."

So St. Peter escorts him down to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell.

Now the doors of the elevator open and he's in the middle of a barren land covered with waste and garbage.

He sees all his friends dressed in rags picking up the trash and putting it in black bags as more trash falls from above...

The devil comes over to him and puts his arm around his shoulder.

"I don't understand," stammers the senator. "Yesterday I was here and there was a golf course and clubhouse, and we ate lobster and caviar, drank champagne and danced and had a great time. Now there's nothing but a wasteland full of garbage and all of my friends look miserable. What happened?"

The devil looks at him, smiles and says...

"Yesterday we were campaigning. Today you voted!!"

**There will be no Fall Fest at the Eastern Orthodox Foundation this year. At this point there are many things going there that are unsettled. As soon as things calm down, there will be more information forthcoming. Please continue to pray for Father George Hnatko,**

**Father Mark Phillips, and all the guests and staff at the Foundation during this very tumultuous and frantic time. May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ grant them all His Love, Grace, Patience, and Protection!**