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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 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, 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our September babies: Debbie Pauncic on the 4th, Liz Obradovich on the 5th, Stella Peanoske on the 5th, Nickolas Andrew Davis

on the 12th, Mark Brunermer on the 13th, and Troy Scott on the 22nd. May God grant them all Many Happy, Healthy, and Blessed Years!

Please remember especially in your prayers: Walter Burlack & Liz Obradovich.

Please remember David Weaver in Mosul, James John Logue 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 Sixth Grade and Matt’s Fourth Grade collections. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HELP! Love, 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, September 7 **Divine Liturgy** **10:30 AM**
12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, RETURN OF THE RELICS OF APOSTLE BARTHOLOMEW TO LIPARI, HOLY APOSTLE TITUS OF THE 70-BISHOP OF CRETE, SAINTS BARSSES & EULGIUS-BISHOPS OF EDESSA & SAINT PROTOGENES-BISHOP OF CARRHAE-CONFESSORS, SAINT MENAS-PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE, SAINT JOHN THE CAPPADOCIAN & SAINT EPIPHANIUS-PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE
Tone 3
I Corinthians 15:1-11
Matthew 19:16-26
Litany in Blessed Memory of Josephine Roman & Suzie Pelczar—Fr. Bob
Parastas in Blessed Memory of Rose Lopushanski & Susan Cherepko—Mary Petronchak

Sunday, September 14 **Divine Liturgy** **10:30 AM**
13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, INDICATION—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 CONSTANTINOPLE ~470 AD, SYNAXIS OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS IN MIASENSA—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, Wasyl, & Tekla—Donna Karas

Sunday, September 21 **Divine Liturgy** **10:30 AM**

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, THE NATIVITY OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY,
ICON OF SOPHIA THE WISDOM OF GOD IN KIEV

Tone 5

Galatians 6:11-18

Phillipians 2:5-11

John 3:13-17

Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Parastas in Blessed Memory of Tillie Kuzman—Debbie & John Paouncic

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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**RETURN OF THE RELICS OF APOSTLE BARTHOLOMEW TO LIPARI, HOLY
APOSTLE TITUS OF THE 70-BISHOP OF CRETE, SAINTS BARSESES &
EULOGIUS-BISHOPS OF EDESSA & SAINT PROTOGENES-BISHOP OF
CARRHAE-CONFESSORS, SAINT MENAS-PATRIARCH OF
CONSTANTINOPLE, SAINT JOHN THE CAPPADOCIAN & SAINT
EPIPHANIUS-PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

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!

NEVER BRING PLANTS INTO THE HOUSE!

Garden Grass Snakes also known as Garter Snakes (*Thamnophis sirtalis*) can be dangerous. Yes, grass snakes, not rattlesnakes.

Here's why.

A couple in Sweetwater, Texas, had a lot of potted plants. During a recent cold spell, the wife was bringing a lot of them indoors to protect them from a possible freeze.

It turned out that a little green garden grass snake was hidden in one of the plants and when it had warmed up, it slithered out and the wife saw it go under the sofa.

She let out a very loud scream.

The husband (who was taking a shower) ran naked into the living room to see what the problem was. She told him there was a snake under the sofa.

He got down on the floor on his hands and knees to look for it. About that time the family dog came and cold-nosed him on the behind.

He thought the snake had bitten him, so he screamed and fell over on the floor. His wife thought he had a heart attack, so she covered him up, told him to lie still and called an ambulance.

The attendants rushed in, wouldn't listen to his protests and loaded him on the stretcher and started carrying him out.

About that time the snake came out from under the sofa and the Emergency Medical Technician saw it and dropped his end of the stretcher.

That's when the man broke his leg and why he is still in the hospital.

The wife still had the problem of the snake in the house, so she called on a neighbor man.

He volunteered to capture the snake. He armed himself with a rolled-up newspaper and began poking under the couch. Soon he decided it was gone and told the woman, who sat down on the sofa in relief.

But while relaxing, she dangled her hand in between the cushions, where she felt the snake wriggling around. She screamed and fainted and the snake rushed back under the sofa.

The neighbor man, seeing her lying there passed out, tried to use CPR to revive her.

The neighbor's wife, who had just returned from shopping at the grocery store, saw her husband's mouth on the woman's mouth and slammed her husband in the back of the head with a bag of canned goods, knocking him out and cutting his scalp so that he needed stitches.

The noise woke the woman from her dead faint and she saw her neighbor lying on the floor with his wife bending over him, so she assumed that he had been bitten by the snake. She went to the kitchen and got a small bottle of whiskey, and began pouring it down the man's throat.

By now the police had arrived.

They saw the unconscious man, smelled the whiskey, and assumed that a drunken fight had occurred. They were about to arrest them all, when the women tried to explain how it all happened over a little green snake.

The police called an ambulance, which took away the neighbor and his sobbing wife.

The little snake again crawled out from under the sofa.

One of the policemen drew his gun and fired at it.

He missed the snake and hit the leg of the end table. The table fell over and the lamp on it shattered and as the bulb broke it started a fire in the drapes.

The other policeman tried to beat out the flames, and fell through the window into the yard on top of the startled family dog who, jumped out and raced into the street where an oncoming car swerved to avoid the dog and smashed into the parked police car.

Meanwhile, the burning drapes were seen by the neighbors who called the fire department.

The firemen had started raising the fire truck ladder when they were halfway down the street.

The rising ladder tore out the overhead wires and put out the electricity and disconnected the telephones in a ten-square city block area. (But they did get the house fire out).

Time passed and both men were discharged from the hospital, the house was repaired, the dog came home, the police were issued a new car, and all was right with their world.

Several days later they were watching TV and the weatherman announced a cold snap for that night. The wife asked her husband if he thought they should bring in their plants for the night.

That's when he shot her.

Hymn Number 365—via e-mail from Mike Holupka

A minister was completing a temperance sermon. With great emphasis he said, 'If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.'

With even greater emphasis he said, 'And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.'

And then finally, shaking his fist in the air, he said, 'And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.'

Sermon complete, he sat down.

The song leader stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, nearly laughing, 'For our closing song, let us sing Hymn #365, 'Shall We Gather at the River.'



Irena Sendler

There recently was a death of a 98 year-old lady named Irena. During WWII, Irena, got permission to work in the Warsaw Ghetto as a Plumbing/Sewer specialist. She had an 'ulterior motive'... She KNEW what the Nazi's plans were for the Jews, (being German.) Irena smuggled infants out in the bottom of the toolbox she carried and she carried in the back of her truck a burlap sack, (for larger kids.) She also had a dog in the back that she trained to bark when the Nazi soldiers let her in and out of the ghetto. The soldiers of course wanted nothing to do with the dog and the barking covered the kids/infants noises. During her time of doing this, she managed to smuggle out and save 2500 kids/infants. She was caught, and the Nazi's broke both her legs, arms and beat her severely. Irena kept a record of the names of all the kids she smuggled out and kept them in a glass jar, buried under a tree in her back yard. After the war, she tried to locate any parents that may have survived it and reunited the family, most of course had been gassed. Those kids she helped got placed into foster family homes or adopted.

Last year Irena was up for the Nobel Peace Prize... She was not selected.

Al Gore won, for a slide show on Global Warming.

DYNAMIS, In, But Not of, the World, August 23, 2008, 10th Saturday A

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St. Matthew 17:24-18:4 (8/23) Gospel for Saturday of the Tenth Week after Pentecost

Being In, But Not Of, The World: St. Matthew 17:24-18:4, especially vs. 26: "...Then the sons are free." The world is not as it should be. Consider a few examples: we live in a culture devoted to the "bottom line." It promotes the love of things and the use of people rather than the love of people and the use of things. Vast public resources are poured into aid for dependent children, educating children, protecting children, yet all the while the right to slaughter children "in utero" continues, because conceptually these "hidden" children are treated as "things." In providing aid to other countries "to keep the world free," governments often assist repressive, genocidal, and dictatorial regimes. As the world "shrinks" through the power of communication and transportation, it breaks into smaller and smaller warring factions in support of clan, tribal, religious, and ethnic loyalties. The technical capacity to feed, clothe, and house has reached dazzling heights, yet more and more of the world's people starve in nakedness exposed to the elements. The world is standing on its head. Many cry, "What is the matter?"

The truth is the world is behaving as it always has. Seven centuries before Christ, the Prophet Isaiah exclaimed, "The earth mourns, and the world is ruined, the lofty ones of the earth are mourning. And she has sinned by reason of her inhabitants; because they have transgressed the law, and changed the ordinances, even the everlasting covenant" (Is. 24:4,5). In old age, St. John the Theologian, fifty or sixty years after the Lord's Ascension, described the Roman Empire that had condemned him to an island prison with these words: "Babylon the great is...a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird. For all the nations have drunk the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury" (Rev. 18:2,3). Technology has little changed world in heart and soul.

As we stand before God, the question Orthodox Christians must answer is this: what response we are making to this "upside down" world? Beloved, God sends us to proclaim the Good News that He is the Creator of the world and the God of love, "for God is Love" (1 Jn. 4:8). We are committed to the truth that there is "...neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free: but Christ is all, and in all" (Col. 3:11). However, Servants of Christ, do not despair. "He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He

came to His own and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God..." (Jn. 1:10-12).

>From this simple "but" St. John brings us straight to the way in which the Faithful are to strive to live in this world - on heaven's terms. We are children of God. Let us live God's truth and not lend our hearts and our souls to the upside down world. Love and stand up straight as Christ our God intended. "...Lift up your hands unto the holies..." (Ps. 133:3).

Observe our Lord and Savior: He paid the taxes required of Him in this world (Mt. 17:27). Let us likewise take our place in its hallways, offices, shops, factories, board rooms, and playgrounds. At the same time, be sure to retain a fierce hold on your citizenship in heaven, for we are "fellow citizens with the saints, and members of the household of God" (Eph. 2:19). In having Peter pay the tax, the Lord teaches us "to fulfill all righteousness" (Mt. 3:15) and never to destroy the Law and the Prophets, as the upside down world does. Fulfill the ways of heaven on the earth (Mt. 5:17). In Christ we are free to be in the world, but need not be of the world.

We have seen the true light, we have received the heavenly Spirit; we have found the true faith, worshiping the undivided Trinity; for He hath saved us! Be Thou exalted, O God!

St. Hubertus (656 - 727)

Saint Hubertus, sometimes called the "Apostle of the Ardennes," is the German patron saint of hunters and those involved in conservation and game management. His story is fascinating. Like many noblemen of his era, he was captive to a thrill seeking life, especially the adventure of the hunt. Then tragedy struck. His beloved wife Floribanne died in childbirth. Despondent, Hubertus abandoned courtly life and lost himself in the forests of the Ardennes (Belgium), trying to shake the pain that filled his life.

On Great Friday morning, as the faithful were filling the churches, Hubertus rode off for a day of hunting. As he was pursuing a great stag through the forest, the animal turned and he was astounded at perceiving a bright crucifix shining between the deer's antlers. A voice spoke to him from the cross, saying, "Hubertus, unless thou turn to the Lord and lead a holy life, thou shalt go down into the pit." In awe Hubertus dismounted from his horse, prostrated himself and said, "Lord, what would Thou have me do?" He received the answer, "Go and seek Lambert [the local bishop], and he will instruct you."

This experience indelibly changed Hubertus and led him to enter religious life. He was soon ordained priest and eventually bishop. In addition to preaching about the

spiritual life, he taught that a right attitude toward the animals was part of what Christ taught him in his forest encounter. He was particularly fond of telling hunters the story of his meeting with Christ in the forest and he encouraged respect toward the deer and all the creatures. As his message spread, hunters changed their attitudes and a uniquely Christian ethic of hunting emerged that continues to this day. Because of his teaching, deer herds still flourish throughout the forested regions of central Europe.

Saint Hubertus' teaching that animals are living creatures about which Christ is also concerned – rather than mere sporting targets for hunters – is still reflected in Germany. Throughout his life, if food seemed scarce in winter, Hubertus would go out to the forest to provide for the animals. Through honoring the forest's creatures, he said that he honored their Lord and Creator. He felt a responsibility to all animals and could not let an animal suffer needlessly. At his death, Hubertus' last words were, "Stretch the 'pallium' (a clerical vestment) over my mouth, for I am going to give back to God the soul which I received from Him." +Bishop Hubertus was elevated to sainthood on November 3rd (his feast day) in the year 744, less than two decades after his passing.

Today, hunters throughout Central Europe still place a branch of an oak or evergreen in the mouth of the fallen game. That is an offering of the "last bite," signifying respect for the animal and symbolically giving back to God the life which it received from Him. The message of Saint Hubertus in recent times has become the basis for forest reserves and land conservation programs throughout Germany and much of Europe. Now over thirteen hundred years later, the memory of Saint Hubertus is still commemorated across Germany, Holland, Belgium, Austria, Italy, Scandinavia, and neighboring areas.

Four Worms and a Lesson—via e-mail from Mike Holupka

A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon. Four worms were placed into four separate jars. The first worm was put into a container of alcohol. The second worm was put into a container of cigarette smoke. The third worm was put into a container of chocolate syrup. The fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil. At the conclusion of the sermon, the Minister reported the following results: The first worm in alcohol-Dead. The second worm in cigarette smoke-Dead. Third worm in chocolate syrup-Dead. Fourth worm in good clean soil-Alive. So the Minister asked the congregation-What can you learn from this demonstration? Millie was sitting in the back, quickly raised her hand and said, 'As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms!' That pretty much ended the service