



## Holy Ghost Orthodox Church

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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 Gregory [Wolfenden], 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, Helen Pytlak, Halyna Zelinska [Bishop Daniel's mother], Mary Ann, Charlotte, Peter Natishan, Michael Spak, and Daria Masur. **ARNOLD:** Stefania Lucci, Steve Sakal, Homer Paul Kline, and Steve Ostaffy. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

A word from the desert:

**It is love that shows who is the true shepherd, for by reason of love the Great Shepherd was crucified.**

St. John Climacus, *ad Pastorem* 5

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

Please remember David Weaver in Mosul, James John Logue assigned to Iraq, Matthew Machak, 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, October 12**                      **Divine Liturgy**                      **10:30 AM**  
**17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, VENERABLE CYRIACUS THE HERMIT OF PALESTINE, MARTYRS DADA, GABELAS & CASDOE OF PERSIA, VENERABLE THEOPHANES THE MERCIFUL OF GAZA, MARTYR GUDELIA OF PERSIA, 8 HOLY MARTYRS OF BYZANTIUM, VENERABLE CYPRIAN-ABBOT OF USTIUG-VOLGDA**

*Tone 8*  
II Corinthians 6:16-7:1  
Luke 6:31-36

***Parastas in Blessed Memory of Catherine Behun—Behun Family***

**Sunday, October 19**                      **Divine Liturgy**                      **10:30 AM**  
**18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, HOLY AND GLORIOUS APOSTLE THOMAS, WOMAN-MARTYR EROTHEIS OF CAPPADOCIA, NEW MARTYR MACARIUS OF KION IN BITHYNIA-MOUNT ATHOS**

*Tone 1*  
II Corinthians 4:9-16  
Luke 17:11-16

***Litany in Blessed Memory of Archimandrite Anastasije—Fr. Bob***  
***Parastas in Blessed Memory of George Luciw—Sonia***

**Sunday, October 26**                      **Divine Liturgy**                      **10:30 AM**  
**19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, HOLY FATHERS OF THE SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS, MARTYRS CARPUS, POPYLAS, AGATHADORUS, & AGATHONICA AT PERGAMUM, MARTYR FLORENTIUS OF THESSALONICA, MARTYR BENJAMIN-DEACON OF PERSIA, VENERABLE NICETAS THE CONFESSOR OF PAPHLAGONIA, VENERABLE BENJAMIN OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA**

*Tone 2*  
II Corinthians 11:31-12:9  
Luke 8:5-15

**BULLETIN INSERT FOR 12 OCTOBER 2008**  
**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**VENERABLE CYRIACUS THE HERMIT OF PALESTINE, MARTYRS**  
**DADA, GABDELAS, & CASDOE OF PERSIA, VENERABLE**  
**THEOPHANES THE MERCIFUL OF GAZA, MARTYR GUDELIA OF**  
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**ABBOT OF USTIUG-VOLGDA**

TROPARION—TONE 8

Thou didst descent from on high, O Merciful One!  
Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings!  
Our Lord, our Life and Resurrection, 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 8**

By rising from the tomb,  
Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam.  
Eve exults in Thy Resurrection,  
And the world celebrates Thy Rising from the dead,  
O greatly Merciful One!

**PROKEIMENON—TONE 8**

**READER:** Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!  
**PEOPLE: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!**  
**READER:** In Judah, God is known; His name is great in Israel!  
**PEOPLE: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!**  
**READER:** Pray and make your vows.  
**PEOPLE: Before the Lord our God!**

**ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 8**

Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to  
Him with psalms.

## Ukrainian Tomato Garden

An old Ukrainian about 80 years old lived alone in Winnipeg. He wanted to plant his annual tomato garden, but it was very difficult work, as the ground was hard.

His only son, Walter, who used to help him, was in prison in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament:

Dear Walter,

I am feeling pretty sad, because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. I know if you were here my troubles would be over.

I know you would be happy to dig the plot for me, like in the old days.

Love,

Papa

A few days later he received a letter from his son.

Dear Papa,

Don't dig up that garden. That's where the bodies are buried.

Love,

Walter

At 4 a.m. the next morning, RCMP and local Winnipeg police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologized to the old man and left.

That same day the old man received another letter from his son.

Dear Papa,

Go ahead and plant the tomatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances.

Love you,

Walter

This meditation was written by an Orthodox Christian is an on-going struggler, yet has been touched by the peace of Christ, by His grace, as a sign of consolation. This person remains anonymous:

Peace, that which comes from above and is granted by God alone through Christ is not easy to define, but it definitely does NOT mean something like "all's well" or "peace and quiet" in the usual sense. Peace from God does not necessarily mean that there is no trouble anywhere in our life, nor that we are not faced with problems to which we cannot find a solution.

It's easier to talk about this peace that comes from God through Christ and is bestowed on us in prayer than it is to actually have it. *Why?* Because we usually talk about it when we are NOT in any great distress, emergency or need, but after we have been delivered from it. We look back in retrospect and thank God for the deliverance and find words of testimony to give about God's faithfulness.

***What is the best definition of and the most convincing testimony to the "peace from above"?***

When we are presently in distress, in danger, at risk, beset with problems we see no end of, when we are suffering persecutions, slander, unjust accusations, when no one believes us, when no one cares about us, and we are not sad, not unhappy, not anxious, not disturbed, not reproachful, uncomplaining, unmoved to anger or revenge, still hopeful, still forgiving, still loving our enemies, still seeking God's Kingdom first and His righteousness, never giving in to despair or abandonment. When we are in THIS place, and can define "the peace of God which passeth all understanding" not only by the word of our confession, but also by our passionlessness, then we have understood and accepted what that peace is. It's the same peace that Jesus knew when He was crucified and when He uttered with His last breath, "It is finished. Into your hands I commend my spirit (for You have redeemed me, God of Truth)." It is the same peace which Jesus gave to His disciples when He said, "My peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give."

This is the peace of Christ.

*via Very Rev. Father George Livanos*

### **Polish divorce—*via Mike Holupka***

A Polish man moved to the USA and married an American girl. Although his English was far from perfect; they got along very well. One day he rushed into a lawyer's office and asked him if he could arrange a divorce for him.

The lawyer said that getting a divorce would depend on the circumstances, and asked him the following questions:

Have you any grounds?

Yes, an acre and a half and a nice little home.

No, I mean what is the foundation of this case?

It made of concrete.

I don't think you understand. Does either of you have a real grudge?

No we have a carport, and not need one.

I mean, What are your relations like?

All my relations still in Poland.

Is there any infidelity in your marriage?  
We have hi-fidelity stereo and good DVD player.

Does your wife beat you up?

No, I always up before her.

Why do you want this divorce?  
She going to kill me.

What makes you think that?  
I got proof.

What kind of proof?  
She going to poison me. She buy a bottle at drugstore and put it on shelf in bathroom. I can read, and it say: Polish Remover.

a word from the desert

Two brothers went to market to sell the things they had made. The first fell into fornication as soon as he separated from his companion. He met his brother who said to him, "My brother, let us go to our cell," but he replied, "I am not going." The other persisted, saying, "My brother, why not?" He said, "Because when you had left me, I fell into fornication."

His brother, wishing to win him over, said to him, "The same thing happened to me, too, when you left me; come, let us go and do strict penance and God will forgive us." They went to tell the old men what had happened to them, and the old men gave them commandments for doing penance. And so, one of the brothers did penance for the other as though he had sinned himself. But God, seeing the affliction he was giving himself for love's sake, make known to one of the old men, after some days, that because of the great love of the brother who had not sinned, he had forgiven the one who had sinned. See what it is to give one's soul for one's brother.