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APOSTLES'/SAINTS PETER AND PAUL FAST

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 Michael Mihalick [MS], Father Joseph Kopchak, Father Charles Mezzomo, Father Anthony Dimitri, Father Cuthbert Jack, 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, Mildred Manolovich, Evelyn Misko, Jeanne Boehing, Alex Drobot, Rachelle, Jane Golofski, Doug Diller, Harry Krewsun, 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, Sue Segeleon, Mike Gallagher, Michael Miller, 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, Marjorie Pershing, Tom Marriott, Joe Farkas, Liz Obradovich, Liz, Halyna Zelinska [Bishop Daniel's mother], Mary Ann, Charlotte, Peter Natishan, Michael Spak, Andrew Mark Olynyk, Deborah Finley, Claire Senita, Brandi Thomas, Eleanor Kelly, Bryan, Peter Special, Amy Boe, Doris Artman, Maureen Sams, Nancy Barylak, Shirley Tkacik, Carol Kowalcheck, Martin Golofski, Joe Paouncic, Anthony Yerace, Joanne Brodrick, Khrystyna Chorniy, Anthony Cormier [2-year-old with cancer], Diane Waryanka, Nathan Forbeck, Joseph Baloga, Andy Torick, Sarah Doyle, Sophie

Carrera, Carmella Berardesca, Samuel Peters, Jean Stutchell, Pearl Hanczar, 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our July babies: Harry Batch on the 1st, Matthew Brunermer on the 15th, and Katrina Scott on the 25th. May God grant them all Many Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Blessed Years!

Please remember James John Logue George Senita, & John Kirkowski assigned to Iraq, Matthew Machak, Tonia Dec, Michael Repasky, 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 Seventh Grade and Matt's Fifth Grade collections.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HELP! Love, ALEX AND MATT

REMEMBER—PRAYERS ARE ALWAYS FREE!

<u>Communion Fasting:</u> 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, July 5

NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE

4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HIEROMARTYR EUSEBIUS-BISHOP OF SAMOSATA, MARTYRS ZENO & SERVANT ZENAS OF PHILADELPHIA, MARTYRS GALACTEON, JULIANA, & SATURNINUS OF CONSTANTINOPLE, SAINT ALBAN-PROTOMARTYR OF BRITAIN, SAINT ANASTASIA THE SERBIAN

Tone 3

Romans 6:18-23 Matthew 8:5-13

Sunday, July 12

Divine Liturgy

10:30 AM

5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FEAST OF THE HOLY, GLORIOUS, AND ALL-LAUDABLE APOSTLES—PETER AND PAUL SAINT PETER-PRINCE OF THE TARTAR HORDE-WONDERWORKER OF ROSTOV, UNCOVERING OF THE RELICS OF SAINT NICANDER-MONK OF PSKOV

Tone 4

Romans 10:1-10, 2 Corinthians 11:21-12:9

Matthew 8:28-9:1, Matthew 16:13-19

Litany in Blessed Memory of Anna Kitch, Olga Stock, Susan Justina Sredich, Igumen George [Owen], & Claudia Horvath—Fr. Bob

Parastas in Blessed Memory of Helen Pytlak—Darlene Santia

Sunday, July 19 Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

VENERABLE SISOES THE GREAT, VIRGIN-MARTYR LUCY & MARTYRS RIXIUS, ANTHONY, LUCIAN, ISIDORE, DION, DIODORUS, CUTONIUS, ARNOSUS, CAPICUS, SATYRUS, & OTHERS AT ROME, MARTYRS MARINUS & MARTHA & CHILDREN AUDIFAX & ABBACUM, CYRINUS, VALENTINUS-PRESBYTER, ASTERIUS, & THOSE WITH THEM AT ROME, MARTYR COINTUS OF PHRYGIA, MARTYRS ISAURUS THE DEACON, INNOCENT, FELIX, HERMIAS, BASIL, PEREGRINUS, RUFUS, & RUFINUS OF APOLLONIA IN MACEDONIA, UNCOVERING OF THE RELICS OF HOLY PRINCESS JULIANA OF OLSHANSK, VENERABLE SISOES OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA

*Tone 5*Romans 12:6-14
Matthew 9:1-8

Litany in Blessed Memory of Walter Burlack—40 days—Fr. Bob Parastas in Blessed Memory of Bernie O'Masta & Mary Johns—Betty O'Masta

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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,

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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!

\$10 Bibles

If this doesn't make you laugh just go ahead and close your casket!!!

A preacher concluded that his church was getting into very serious financial troubles. While checking the church storeroom, he discovered several cartons of new Bibles that had never been opened and distributed.

So, at his Sunday sermon, he asked for three volunteers from the congregation who would be willing to sell the Bibles door-to-door for \$10 each to raise the desperatelyneeded money for the church.

Jack, Paul and Louie all raised their hands to volunteer for the task.

The minister knew that Jack and Paul earned their living as salesmen and were likely capable of selling some Bibles, but he had serious doubts about Louie, a local farmer, who had always kept to himself because he was embarrassed by his speech impediment. Poor Louis stuttered badly. However, not wanting to discourage Louis, the minister decided to let him try anyway.

He sent the three of them away with the back seat of their cars stacked with Bibles. He asked them to meet with him and report the results of their door-to-door selling efforts the following Sunday.

Anxious to find out how successful they were, the minister immediately asked Jack, 'Well, Jack, how did you make out selling our Bibles last week?'

Proudly handing the minister an envelope, Jack replied, 'Using my sales prowess, I was able to sell 20 Bibles, and here's the \$200 I collected on behalf of the church.'

'Fine job, Jack!' The minister said, vigorously shaking h is hand. 'You are indeed a fine salesman and the Church is indebted to you.'

Turning to Paul, 'And Paul, how many Bibles did you sell for the church last week?'

Paul, smiling and sticking out his chest, confidently replied, 'I am a professional salesman. I sold 28 bibles on behalf of the church, and here's \$280 I collected.'

The minister responded, 'That's absolutely splendid, Paul. You are truly a professional salesman and the church is indebted to you.'

Apprehensively, the minister turned to Louie and said, 'And Louie, did you manage to sell any Bibles last week?'

Louie silently offered the minister a large envelope.

The minister opened it and counted the contents. 'What is this?' the minister exclaimed. 'Louie, there's \$3200 in here! Are you suggesting that you sold 320 Bibles for the church, door to door, in just one week?'

Louie just nodded. That's impossible!' both Jack and Paul said in unison. 'We are professional salesmen, yet you claim to have sold 10 times as many Bibles as we could.'

'Yes, this does seem unlikely,' the minister agreed. 'I think you'd better explain how you managed to accomplish this, Louie.'

Louie shrugged. 'I-I-I re-re-really do-do-don't kn-kn-know f-f-f-for sh-sh-sh-sure,' he stammered.

Impatiently, Peter interrupted. 'For crying out loud, Louie, just tell us what you said to them when they answered the door!'

'A-a-a-all I-I-I s-s-said wa-wa-was,' Louis replied, 'W-w-w-w-would y-y-y-you I-I-I-I-like t-t-to b-b-b-buy th-th-this b-b-b-b-bible F-f-for t-t-ten b-b-b-bucks ---o-o-or-wo-wo-would yo-you j-j-j-just I-like m-m-me t-t-to st-st-stand h-h-here and r-r-r-r-read it t-to y-y-you??'

Remember when the funniest jokes were the clean ones? They still are!

Father Ilarion of the holy monastery of Simonopetra, whose obedience it was to nurse the sick, never went to sleep if any of the fathers were ill. He was entirely selfsacrificing in his care of his patients. Using his prayer rope, he prayed all night long, pacing up and down saying, "Lord, have mercy on your servant," and "Holy Unmercenary Physicians, intercede for this servant of God." He also went fishing for his patients, after which he would cook his catch for them in an attempt to help them become stronger and feel better. From An Athonite Gerontikon One day an angel of the Lord told our father Pachomius to teach a brother about his salvation. This brother was engaging in great practices and a harsh ascesis, but he was doing so not for God but for vainglory. Our father Pachomius took him aside and told him, "It is written, 'I have come down from heaven not to do my own will, but to do the will of the one who sent me.' Now obey me: when the signal is given at midday to call the brothers to eat, you shall go too and you shall eat a little. And whatever food they eat you shall take a little of it too, although without eating your fill. But at evening, when the signal is given again, let us go and eat properly. So obey me, for I see that the enemy envies you and wants to destroy all your labor."

The brother cheerfully obeyed the instructions our father addressed to him. Later, when the signal summoned the brothers for the midday meal, he got up too and went off to eat with the brothers. But once more he fell into his deception, saying to himself, "Where is it written, 'You shall not fast?'" And so again he followed his vain judgment and did not go in to eat with the brothers.

Our father Pachomius was sad about this brother, and he called Theodore and sent him to him, saying, "Go and see what that brother is doing. If you find him in prayer, hold him till I come, and vainglory will at once show itself forth in a lively manner in him." Theodore arose and did as our father Pachomius had ordered him. And when he arrived where the brother was, he found him busy praying, and he held him. At once, the brother grew angry like a devil. He seized a big stone to throw at Theodore's head and kill him, and said to him, "Impious Theodore! Is it you who will keep me from praying to the Lord God?" Theodore rebuked him, and at once the demon who was living in him kept still. And the demon said, "Do you know that I am the one who is at work in those who sing the office for sheer pleasure? If you do not believe me, listen to that brother who is singing. He is going to say that verse nine times." There was a brother in a cell who was singing the beginning of the Canticle of Moses with these words: Let us sing to the Lord, for He has been exalted gloriously. Theodore pricked up his ears, and what the demon had said happened. Reflecting on the devil's devices, he was awestruck, and wondered if the man would be able to escape a lot of trouble. While Theodore was seated near the brother and watched over him, our father Pachomius came. He stood, as did Theodore, and they prayed together over the brother. The Lord healed him. He opened the eyes of his heart so that he could

understand how he must behave, "not as a fool but as one wise." And he gave glory to God.

from the Bohairic Life of St. Pachomius, 64 St. Pachomius, commemorated 15 May

Please use the list below to find a neighboring Orthodox church and attend liturgy with our brothers and sisters in Christ. See you all July 12th!

NEIGHBORING ORTHODOX PARISHES & PRIESTS

| Saint Michael Antiochian Orthodox Church Ashland Avenue Extension Greensburg, PA 15601 office: 1-724-834-1311 | Very Rev. Father John Nosal 1-724-837-5113 frjno@comcast.net |
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| Holy Virgin [POKROVA] Ukrainian Orthodox Church 1701 Kenneth Avenue Arnold, PA 15068 office: 1-724-335-3965 | |
| Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church 1150 Leishman Avenue New Kensington, PA 15068-9988 office: 1-724-335-9988 | Rev. Father Joel Gilliam home: 1-724-377-0520 cell: 1-724-448-5302 |
| Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church [OCA] 150 Elmtree Road New Kensington, PA 15068-4636 rectory: 1-724-337-8162 | Very Rev. Father Paul Ziatyk |
| Saint Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church 2110 Haymaker Road Monroeville, PA 15146 hall: 1-412-372-9895 | Very Rev. Father Dragoljub Malich 1-412-372-4454 |
| Holy Ascension Serbian Orthodox Church 24 North Third Street Youngwood, PA 15697 office: 1-724-925-6353 | Rev. Father Miladin Blagojevic |
| Saint Stephen Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Church 1520 Susan Drive Latrobe, PA 15650 office: 1-724-539-1109 | Rev. Father Nicholas Ferencz 1-724-537-2651 |
| Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church [OCA] 31 Semore Street | Very Rev. Archimandrite Pitirim [Stehnach] |

Black Lick, PA 15716 office: 1-724-248-7140

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