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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, Bishop Robert, 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 Anthony Dimitri, Father Cuthbert Jack, Father Elias Warnke, Father Robert Holet, Archimandrite Lev, Father Taras Naumenko, Father Nestor Kowal, Evelyn Burlack, Joshua Agosto and his family, Harley Katarina Rahuba, Mike 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—an 8-year-old girl with rheumatoid arthritis, Isabella Olivia Lindgren—a 4-year-old with a brain tumor, Dillon, Ethel Thomas, Donna, Erin, Jeff Walewski [thyroid cancer], 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, Theodore Nixon, Charles Johnson, Amy Forbeck, Michelle Corba Kapeluck, Gloria Prymak [Liz's niece], Robert Hippert & family, Margaret Vladimir, Luke Emmerling, John Sheliga, George & Mika Rocknage, Robert McKivitz, Tom Marriott, Joe Farkas, Liz Obradovich, Liz, Halyna Zelinska [Bishop Daniel's mother], Charlotte, Peter Natishan, Andrew Mark Olynyk, Deborah Finley, Claire Senita, Brandi Thomas, Eleanor Kelly, Bryan, Peter & Karen Special, Doris Artman, Maureen Sams, Nancy Barylak, Henry & Shirley Tkacik, Carol Kowalcheck, Martin Golofski, Anthony Yerace, Khrystyna Chorniy, Anthony Cormier [3-year-old with cancer], Nathan Forbeck, Andy Torick, Sarah Doyle, Samuel Peters, Jean Stutchell, Bonnie Blair [Pani Gina's mother], Charles & Esther Holupka, Wanda Mefford, Lynn (Bush) Gill, David Vallor, Henry Faraly, Betty O'Masta, Julie Eiler, Glenn Miller, Vince Ferro, Gregory Repa, Michael Pawlyshyn, Dorothy Lednovich, Wally Burlack, Kristin

Batch Vaughn, Bob C., Allie—young girl with leukemia, Heather Kramer, Pete Dimperio, Jane Wartinbee, Steven Sheakley [Pani Gina's cousin], Carmen Talmonti, Tom Fuller, Matthew—20-year-old with cancer, Nicholas Orlando, 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.

Please remember James John Logue George Senita, John Kirkowski, & Steve Brittain assigned to Iraq, Matthew Machak, Tonia Dec, Michael Repasky, Ed Litwin, and ALL American servicemen and women 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 Eighth Grade and Matt’s Sixth 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, August 8 **Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom** **10:30 AM**

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**HIEROMARTYR HERMOLAUS AND MARTYRS HERMIPPUS & HERMOCRATES-
PRESBYTERS AT NICOMEDIA; VENERABLE MOSES THE HUNGARIAN OF
PERCHEVSKY LAVRA; VENERABLE MOSES-WONDERWORKER OF PERCHEVSKY
LAVRA**

Tone 2

I Corinthians 9:2-12

Matthew 18:23-35

***Litany in Blessed Memory of Dianne Waryanka & Maxine Kitch—40 days—Fr. Bob
Parastas in Blessed Memory of Father Peter Natishan—Fr. Bob***

Saturday, August 14 **PROCESSION OF THE MOST HOLY CROSS/
BEGINNING OF THE DORMITION FAST**

Sunday, August 15 **Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom** **10:30 AM**
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF PROTOMARTYR & ARCHDEACON STEPHEN FROM
JERUSALEM TO CONSTANTINOPLE; UNCOVERING OF THE RELICS OF THE
RIGHTEOUS NICODEMUS, GAMALIEL, & SON ABIBUS; HIEROMARTYR STEPHEN-
POPE OF ROME AND COMPANIONS; BLESSED BASIL OF KUBENSK; SAINT FRIARDUS
OF VINDUMITTA IN GAUL**

Tone 3

I Corinthians 15:1-11

Matthew 19:16-26

Parastas in Blessed Memory of Rae Ruth Batch—Harry Batch & Family

**Thursday, August 19 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS
CHRIST**

Sunday, August 22 Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom 10:30 AM

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**AFTERFEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION; APOSTLE MATHIAS; MARTYR ANTHONY
OF ALEXANDRIA; VENERABLE PSOES OF EGYPT; MARTYRS JULIAN, MARCIAN,
JOHN, JAMES, ALEXIUS, DEMETRIUS, PHOTIUS, PETER, LEONTIUS, MARY, &
COMPANIONS OF CONSTANTINOPLE; VENERABLE MACARIUS-ABBOT OF OREDZH
BLESSING OF GRAPES AND FRUIT AFTER LITURGY**

Tone 4

I Corinthians 16:13-24

Matthew 21:33-42

Parastas in Blessed Memory of Hilda Holupka—Liz Obradovich

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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.

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

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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!

When Symeon (archbishop of Seleucia and Ctesiphon) was being conducted to prison, Usthazanes, an aged eunuch, the foster-father of Shapur (II, king of Sassanian Persia, 309-379) and superintendent of the palace, who happened to be sitting at the gates of the palace, arose to do him reverence. Symeon reproachfully forbade him in a loud and haughty voice, averted his countenance, and passed by; for the eunuch had been formerly a Christian, but had recently yielded to authority, and had worshiped the sun (became a Zoroastrian). This conduct so affected the eunuch that he wept aloud, laid aside the white garment with which he was robed, and clothed himself, as a mourner, in black. He then seated himself in front of the palace, crying and groaning, and saying, "Woe is me! What must not await me since I have denied God; and on this account Symeon, formerly my familiar friend, does not think me worthy of being spoken to, but turns away and hastens from me."

When Shapur heard of what had occurred, he called the eunuch to him, and inquired into the cause of his grief, and asked him whether any calamity had befallen his family. Usthazanes replied and said, "O king, nothing has occurred to my family; but I would rather have suffered any other affliction whatsoever than that which has befallen me, and it would have been easy to bear. Now I mourn because I am alive, and ought to have been dead long ago; yet I still see the sun which, not voluntarily, but to please thee, I professed to

worship. Therefore, on both accounts, it is just that I should die, for I have been a betrayer of Christ, and a deceiver of thee." He then swore by the Maker of heaven and earth that he would never swerve from his convictions. Shapur astonished at the wonderful conversion of the eunuch, was still more enraged against the Christians, as if they had affected it by enchantments. Still, he spared the old man, and strove with all his strength, by alternate gentleness and harshness, to bring him over to his own sentiments. But finding that his efforts were useless, and that Usthazanes persisted in declaring that he would never be so foolish as to worship the creature instead of the creator, he became inflamed with passion, and commanded that the eunuch's head should be struck off with a sword.

When the executioners came forward to perform their office, Usthazanes requested them to wait a little, that he might communicate something to the king. He then called one of the most faithful eunuchs, and bade him say to Shapur, "From my youth until now I have been well affected, O king, to your house, and have ministered with fitting diligence to your father and yourself. I need no witnesses to corroborate my statements; these facts are well established. For all the matters wherein at divers times I have gladly served you, grant me this reward; let it not be imagined by those who are ignorant of the circumstances, that I have incurred this punishment by acts of unfaithfulness against the kingdom, or by the commission of any other crime; but let it be published and proclaimed abroad by a herald, that Usthazanes loses his head for no knavery that he has ever committed in the palaces, but for being a Christian, and for refusing to obey the king in denying his own God." The eunuch delivered this message, and Shapur, according to the request of Usthazanes, commanded a herald to make the desired proclamation; for the king imagined that others would be easily deterred from embracing Christianity, by reflecting that he who sacrificed his aged foster-father and esteemed household servant, would assuredly spare no other Christian. Usthazanes, however, believed that as by his timidity in consenting to worship the sun, he had caused many Christians to fear, so now, by the diligent proclamation of the cause of his sufferings, many might be edified by learning that he died for the sake of religion, and so became imitators of his fortitude. *Sozomen, Ecclesiastical History 2. 9*

Try to attain to the full measure of this Name (of Jesus), and you will find it in your mouth and on the mouths of your children. When you make high festival and when you rejoice, cry Jesus. When anxious and in pain, cry Jesus. When little boys and girls are laughing, let them cry Jesus. And to those who flee before barbarians, cry Jesus. And those who go down to the Nile, cry Jesus. And those who see wild beasts and sights of terror, cry Jesus. Those who are taken off to prison, cry Jesus. And those whose trial has been corrupted and who receive injustice, cry the Name of Jesus.

Certain monks, called "the Prayer People" because they wanted to dedicate themselves entirely to prayer, went to pay a visit to abba Lucius. The aged monk asked them, "What work do you do?" They said, "We don't do work, but we obey Paul's teaching to pray without ceasing." The old man asked them, "Do you eat?" and they replied, "Yes." The abba then demanded to know who prayed instead of them while they were eating. Then he asked them, "Do you sleep?" and they replied, "Yes." The abba then demanded a second time to know who prayed instead of them while they were sleeping. The monks were at a loss to answer either of the two questions.

Then the old man continued, "Forgive me, but you are not doing what you say you are. I, on the other hand, succeed in working with my hands and at the same time in praying without ceasing. I start by sitting down in the presence of God. Then I begin my task of making ropes and I say, "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions."

Then he asked them if that was prayer and they replied, "Yes." The old man went on, "At the end of the day passed in work and prayer, I have earned roughly sixteen coins. Two coins I deposit on the ground outside the door and the rest I spend on food. The person who picks up the two coins prays in my place when I am eating or sleeping. In this way, by the grace of God, I am obedient to the teaching to pray without ceasing."

The Lord never ceases calling us to Himself: "Come unto me, and I will give you rest." He nourishes us with His most precious Body and Blood. In His mercy He schools us by His Word and the Holy Spirit. He has revealed His mysteries to us. He lives in us and in the sacraments of the Church, and leads us to where we shall behold His glory. But this glory shall each man behold according to the measure of his love. The more a man loves, the ardently does he set his face towards God, yearning to be with the Beloved Lord, and therefore will he approach the nearer to Him; while the man who loves but little will have but little desire for the Lord, and man who does not love at all will neither wish nor aspire to see the Lord, and will spend his life in darkness. *St. Silouan the Athonite, 1866-1938*

From the Sayings of St Ambrose: "The people of Nineveh mourned and escaped the destruction of their city (cf. Jonah 3:5). Such is the remedial power of repentance, that God seems because of it to change His intention. To escape is, then, in your own power; the Lord wills to be entreated. He wills that men should hope in Him, He wills that supplication should be made to Him."

"I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." What does this last phrase from the Creed mean? We can only bear the idea of eternal life if this eternity has already entered into our life.
Archimandrite Sophrony +1993

We would like to start a rotating schedule for Coffee Hour. If we can get more than four people on the list, you would, **at most**, be responsible for goodies one week a month. Please think about it and see Pani Gina downstairs after Liturgy!

**Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Very Rev. Mitrat Father Peter Natishan, who fell asleep in the Lord early Monday morning. Father Pete was Pastor at Holy Ghost during the 1970's before he moved to Saint Mary's in McKees Rocks. May God grant His newly departed Priest Peter the Kingdom of Heaven and Life Everlasting!
Vechnaya Pam'yat, Father Pete!**