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## **DORMITION FAST**

**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, Constantine Hanczar, Mary Ann Kuzniak, 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 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***

**Saturday, August 28 DORMITION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY**

**Sunday, August 29 Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom 10:30 AM  
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**AFTERFEAST OF THE DORMITION; TRANSLATION OF THE IMAGE “NOT MADE BY HANDS” FROM EDESSA TO CONSTANTINOPLE; MARTYR DIOMEDES THE PHYSICIAN OF TARSUS IN CILICIA; VENERABLE CHERIMON OF EGYPT; 33 MARTYRS OF PALESTINE; VENERABLE JOACHIM-MONK OF OSOGOV; VENERABLE GERASIMOS THE NEW-ASCETIC OF CEPHALONIA; NEW-MARTYR NICODEMUS OF METEORA; NEW-MARTYR STAMATOIS OF THESSALY  
BLESSING OF FLOWERS AFTER LITURGY**

*Tone 5*

II Corinthians 1:21-2:4

Matthew 22:1-14

*Litany in Blessed Memory of Aldo Ardisson & Emil Joseph Paouncic—40 days—Fr. Bob*

*Parastas in Blessed Memory of Stella E. Cherepko—40 days—Fr. Bob*

**Sunday, September 5 Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom 10:30 AM  
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**APODOSIS [FINAL DAY] OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS; MARTYR LUPUS-SLAVE OF SAINT DEMETRIUS OF THESSALONICA; HIEROMARTYR IRENAEUS-BISHOP OF LYONS; VENERABLE EUTYCHIUS & FLORENTIUS OF NURSIA; SAINT CALLINICUS-PATRAIRCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

*Tone 6*

II Corinthians 4:6-15

Matthew 22:35-46

*Litany in Blessed Memory of Josephine Roman & Susie Pelczar—Fr. Bob*

*Parastas in Blessed Memory of Maxine Kitch—Anna Trachine*

## **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 22 AUGUST 2010**

### **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**

#### **TROPARION—TONE 4**

When the women disciples of the Lord  
Learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection;  
They cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles:  
Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen,  
Granting 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 4**

My Savior and Redeemer,  
As God rose from the tomb  
And delivered the earthborn from their chains.  
He has shattered the gates of Hell,  
And as Master, He has risen on the third day!

**PROKEIMENON—TONE 4**

**READER:** O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

**PEOPLE: O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.**

**READER:** Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great!

**PEOPLE: O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.**

**READER:** O Lord, how manifold are thy works!

**PEOPLE: In wisdom hast Thou made them all.**

**ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 4**

Go forth and prosper and reign, because of truth and meekness and righteousness.

You love righteousness and hate iniquity.

Once I asked him, "Father Herman, how can you live on this island, alone in the forest? Do you not get lonely?"

He replied, "No, I am not alone, for God is there, just as He is everywhere, and the Holy Angels are there also. How can I be lonely? With whom is it better and more pleasant to speak—people or angels? Angels, of course!"

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Once Father Herman was invited to dine aboard the frigate which had arrived from St. Petersburg, with Captain G., who had been sent, on Imperial instructions, to inspect all the colonies. Captain G. was a very intelligent and educated man. At his table there were some 25 officers, chosen from the best in the fleet, all well educated and learned. And in such a company of educated men, together at table with them, sat a simple monk, a small man, wearing threadbare clothes, ill-educated. And he put to them questions which stumped them all, which they could not answer. Captain G. told me this himself: "We had no answers; we were like fools in front of him!" He put to them the question, "What do you love most and dearest of all? What would make you happy?"

Many wishes were expressed in answer to this: one wanted riches, another fame, another a beautiful wife, another a splendid ship to sail on, and many other things.

Father Herman said, "Is it not true that of all your answers and desires one thing may be concluded: each of you gentlemen requires that which he thinks best and loves most?"

They all answered that this was so. Then he said to them, "What could be better, higher, more worthy of love and more splendid than Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, Who created the firmament, and adorned everything, gave life to everything, Who keeps everything, feeds everything and loves everything -- Who is Himself love, more splendid than all men! Should you not love God above all things, wish for Him and seek Him?"

They all answered, "Of course we love God; how can one not love God?"

At this he sighed, let fall a tear, and said, "I, poor sinner, have been trying to learn how to love God for more than forty years, and I cannot say even now that I love Him properly." And he showed them how one should love God, "If we love someone, then we think of them always. We try to please them day and night, our heart and mind are full of the object of our love. So then, gentlemen, do you love God? Do you turn to Him often? Do you remember Him always, always pray and perform His will, His Holy Scriptures?"

They had to admit that they did not.

"For our good, for our happiness," he said, "let us make a vow: at least from this day, from this hour, from this very minute, we should try to love God above all else and carry out His teachings."

*Letter from Simeon Ianovskii (Yanovsky) to Igumen Damascene of Valaam, 22 November 1865 concerning St. Herman, Apostle to America glorification commemorated 9/22 August—icon and troparion at:*

<http://comeandseeicons.com/h/lkg40.htm>

### **Two sources on the martyrdom of St. Laurentius (Lawrence), commemorated 10/23 August**

(Lawrence, one of seven deacons of the church of Rome, was martyred in 258 during the persecution of the emperor Valerian. A Roman prefect had ordered him to assemble the church's reputed vast stores of wealth for confiscation. On the appointed day, Lawrence showed the prefect the church's treasure: the poor, the maimed, the widowed, the orphaned, the refugees. Enraged, the prefect ordered Lawrence to be bound to a gridiron and slowly burned.)

And let us not pass by St. Lawrence, who, seeing Xystus his bishop led to martyrdom, began to weep, not at his sufferings but at the fact that he himself was to remain behind. With these words he began to address him: "Whither, father, goest thou without thy son? Whither, holy priest, art thou hastening without thy deacon? Never wast thou wont to offer sacrifice without an attendant. What are thou displeased at in me, my father? Hast thou found me unworthy? Prove, then, whether thou hast chosen a fitting servant. To him to whom thou hast entrusted the consecration of the Saviour's blood, to whom thou hast

granted fellowship in partaking of the Sacraments, to him dost thou refuse a part in thy death? Beware lest thy good judgment be endangered, whilst thy fortitude receives its praise. The rejection of a pupil is the loss of the teacher; or how is it that noble and illustrious men gain the victory in the contests of their scholars rather than in their own? Abraham offered his son, Peter sent Stephen on before him! Do thou, father, show forth thy courage in thy son. Offer me whom thou hast trained, that thou, confident in thy choice of me, mayest reach the crown in worthy company."

Then Xystus said: "I leave thee not nor forsake thee. Greater struggles yet await thee. We as old men have to undergo an easier fight; a more glorious triumph over the tyrant awaits thee, a young man. Soon shalt thou come. Cease weeping; after three days thou shalt follow me. This interval must come between the priest and his levite. It was not for thee to conquer under the eye of thy master, as though thou neededst a helper. Why dost thou seek to share in my death? I leave to thee its full inheritance. Why dost thou need my presence? Let the weak disciples go before their master, let the brave follow him, that they may conquer without him. For they no longer need his guidance. So Elijah left Elisha. To thee I entrust the full succession to my own courage."

Such was their contention, and surely a worthy one, wherein priest and attendant strove as to who should be the first to suffer for the name of Christ.  
*St. Ambrose, de Officiis 1.214-216*

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And how gloriously strong in this most excellent manner of doctrine the blessed martyr Laurentius is, by whose sufferings to-day is marked, even his persecutors were able to feel, when they found that his wondrous courage, born principally of love for Christ, not only did not yield itself, but also strengthened others by the example of his endurance. For when the fury of the gentile potentates was raging against Christ's most chosen members, and attacked those especially who were of priestly rank, the wicked persecutor's wrath was vented on Laurentius the deacon, who was pre-eminent not only in the performance of the sacred rites, but also in the management of the church's property, promising himself double spoil from one man's capture: for if he forced him to surrender the sacred treasures, he would also drive him out of the pale of true religion. And so this man, so greedy of money and such a foe to the truth, arms himself with double weapon: with avarice to plunder the gold; with impiety to carry off Christ. He demands of the guileless guardian of the sanctuary that the church wealth on which his greedy mind was set should be brought to him. But the holy deacon showed him where he had them stored, by pointing to the many troops of poor saints, in the feeding and clothing of whom he had a store of riches which he could not lose, and which were the more entirely safe that the money had been spent on so holy a cause.

The baffled plunderer, therefore, frets, and blazing out into hatred of a religion, which had put riches to such a use, determines to pillage a still greater treasure by carrying off that sacred deposit, wherewith he was enriched, as he could find no solid hoard of money in his possession. He orders Laurentius to

renounce Christ, and prepares to ply the deacon's stout courage with frightful tortures: and, when the first elicit nothing, fiercer follow. His limbs, torn and mangled by many cutting blows, are commanded to be broiled upon the fire in an iron framework, which was of itself already hot enough to burn him, and on which his limbs were turned from time to time, to make the torment fiercer, and the death more lingering.

Thou gainest nothing, thou prevailest nothing, O savage cruelty. His mortal frame is released from thy devices, and, when Laurentius departs to heaven, thou art vanquished. The flame of Christ's love could not be overcome by thy flames, and the fire which burnt outside was less keen than that which blazed within. Thou didst but serve the martyr in thy rage, O persecutor: thou didst but swell the reward in adding to the pain. For what did thy cunning devise, which did not redound to the conqueror's glory, when even the instruments of torture were counted as part of the triumph? Let us rejoice, then, dearly-beloved, with spiritual joy, and make our boast over the happy end of this illustrious man in the Lord, Who is "wonderful in His saints," in whom He has given us a support and an example, and has so spread abroad his glory throughout the world, that, from the rising of the sun to its going down, the brightness of his deacon's light doth shine, and Rome is become as famous in Laurentius as Jerusalem was ennobled by Stephen. By his prayer and intercession we trust at all times to be assisted; that, because all, as the Apostle says, "who wish to live sanctified in Christ, suffer persecution," we may be strengthened with the spirit of love, and be fortified to overcome all temptations by the perseverance of steadfast faith.

*St. Leo the Great, sermon 85*

St. Laurentius, (Lawrence), commemorated 10 August troparion and icon at:

<http://comeandseeicons.com/l/phi10.htm>

Abba Isaiah said, "When someone wishes to render evil for evil, he can injure his brother's soul even by a single nod of the head."