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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, 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, Michael Woloschak, Michael Pryhodzenko, Joseph Mollica, Sonia Luciw, Nellie Patsko, 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.

Father Bob will be unavailable this coming weekend—September 24-26. If you need the services of an Orthodox priest during that time, please contact John Paouncic, Parish Council President!

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, September 26 NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS; COMMEMORATION OF THE
FOUNDING OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE; FOREFEAST OF THE
EXALTATION; HIEROMARTYR CORNELIUS THE CENTURION; MARTYRS CRONIDES,
LEONTIUS, & SERAPION OF ALEXANDRIA; MARTYRS SELEUCIUS & STRATON IN
SCYTHIA; MARTYRS ELAIS ZOTICUS, LUCIAN, VALERIAN, MACROBIUS, & GORDIAN
AT TOMI IN ROMANIA; HIEROMARTYR JULIAN-PRESBYTER OF GALATIA;**

**VENERABLE PETER OF ATROE; GREAT-MARTYR KETEVAN-QUEEN OF GEORGIA;
SAINT HIEROTHEUS OF IVERNON MONASTERY-MOUNT ATHOS; SAINT CORNELIUS
OF PADA-OLONETS-DISCIPLE OF SAINT ALEXANDER OF SVIR & WITH HIM SAINTS
DIONYSIUS & MISAIL**

Tone 1

II Corinthians 9:6-11

Matthew 17:14-23

Monday, September 27

EXALTATION OF THE MOST HOLY AND LIFE GIVING CROSS

Sunday, October 3

Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

10:30 AM

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS; GREAT-MARTYR EUSTATHIUS
PLACIDAS, WIFE MARTYR THEOPISTES, CHILDREN MARTYRS AGAPIUS &
THEOPISTUS OF ROME; HOLY MARTYR & CONFESSOR MICHAEL & HIS COUNCILOR
THEODOR-WONDERWORKERS OF CHERNIHIV; VENERABLE AND BLESSED PRINCE
OLEH OF BRIANSK; MARTYR JOHN THE CONFESSOR OF EGYPT-BEHEADED IN
PALESTINE & 40 MARTYRS WITH HIM; SAINTS THEODORE, EUPREPIUS, & TWO
NAMED ANASTASIUS-CONFESSORS & DISCIPLES OF SAINT MAXIMUS THE
CONFESSOR; NEW-MARTYR HILARION OF CRETE-ON MOUNT ATHOS**

Tone 2

II Corinthians 11:31-12:9

Matthew 18:23-35

*Litany in Blessed Memory of Kay Behun, Father Theodore Forosty, Johnathan
Dorning, & Mary Evaniuk—Fr. Bob*

Parastas in Blessed Memory of Hilda Holupka—Mike Holupka

Sunday, October 10

Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

10:30 AM

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**MARTYR CALLISTRATUS & 49 WITH HIM; APOSTLES MARK, ARISTARCHUS, &
ZENAS OF THE 70; MARTYR EPICHARIS OF ROME; VENERABLE IGNATIUS IN ASIA
MINOR; VENERABLE SABBATIUS-WONDERWORKER OF SOLOVSKI; NEW-MARTYR
AQUILINA OF THESSALONICA**

Tone 3

Galatians 1:11-19

Luke 5:1-11

Parastas in Blessed Memory of Catherine Behun—Behun Family

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 26 SEPTEMBER 2010

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TROPARION—TONE 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews;
While the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure Body;
Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior,
Granting life to the world.
The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of life:
Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ!
Glory to Thy Kingdom!
Glory to Thy Dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and
unto ages of ages. Amen.

KONTAKION—TONE 1

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself.
Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished!
Adam exults, O Master!
Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee:
Thou are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 1

READER: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on
Thee.

**PEOPLE: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on
Thee.**

READER: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!

**PEOPLE: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on
Thee.**

READER: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

PEOPLE: As we have set our hope on Thee.

ALLELUIA VERSES

God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me.

He magnifies the salvation of the king, and deals mercifully with His Christ,
with David and his seed forever!

ACTUAL CALLS RECEIVED AT A PUBLIC GOLF COURSE

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: What are your green fees?

Staff: \$38.

Caller: Does that include golf?

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Yes, I need to get some information from you.

First, is this your correct phone number?

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Yes, we have a tee time for two weeks from Friday.

What's the weather going to be like that day?

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Yes, I had a tee time for this afternoon but I'm running late. Can you still get me out early?

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Yes, do you have one of those areas where you can buy a bucket of golf balls and hit them for practice?

Staff: You mean a driving range?

Caller: No, that's not it.

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Yes, I'd like to get a tee time tomorrow between 12 o'clock and noon.

Staff: Between 12 o'clock and noon?

Caller: Yes.

Staff: We'll try to squeeze you in.

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Do you have any open tee times around 10 o'clock?

Staff: Yes, we have one at 10:15.

Caller: What's the next time after that?

Staff: We have one at 10:22.

Caller: We'll take that one. It will be a bit warmer.

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: How much to play golf today?

Staff: \$25 to walk, \$38 with a cart.

Caller: \$38 dollars?

Staff: No, \$38 yen.

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: What do you have for tee times tomorrow?

Staff: What time would you like?

Caller: What times do you have?

Staff: What time of the day?

Caller: Any time.

Staff: Morning or afternoon?

Caller: Whenever.

Staff: We have 16 times open in the morning and 20 open in the afternoon. Would you like me to read the whole list?

Caller: No, I don't think any of those times will work for me.

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Do you have a dress code?

Staff: Yes, we do. We require soft spikes.

Caller: How about clothes?

Staff: Yes, you have to wear clothes.

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Yes, do you have a driving range there?

Staff: Yes.

Caller: How much for a bucket of large balls?

Staff: Sorry, we're all out of large balls. But we can give you twice as many small balls for the same price.

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Can I get a tee time for tomorrow?

Staff: Sure, what time would you like?

Caller: Something between 9 o'clock and 10 o'clock. In the morning, if possible.

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Do you rent golf clubs there?

Staff: Yes, they're \$25.

Caller: How much to rent a bag?

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Yes, my husband just called me on his cell phone and told me he's on the 15th hole. How many more holes does he have to play before he gets to the 18th?

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Yes, do you have a driving range there?

Staff: Yes.

Caller: How much for a large bucket?

Staff: \$4.

Caller: Does that include the balls?

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Do you have a twilight rate?

Staff: Yes, it's \$15 after 2 o'clock.

Caller: And what time does that start?

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Yes, I'd like some info about your golf course.

Staff: OK, what would you like to know?

Caller: I don't know, that's why I called.

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: My kids just came home with pockets full of range balls and said they stole them from your driving range. Would you like to buy them back?

From the sayings of Gregory Thaumaturgus

"We acknowledge the passion of the Lord in the flesh, the resurrection in the power of His divinity, the ascension to heaven, and His glorious appearing when He comes for the judgment of the living and the dead, and for the eternal life of the saints."

"Young men, of course, don't want to be guided by old back numbers, but at the same time I know that in my own case I gained a lot by studying the characters of the chiefs under whom I served from time to time. Lord Wolseley, for instance, said: "Use your common sense rather than book instructions." Lord Robert Baden-Powell

Ground Zero mosque controversy misses bigger issue

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By BARNABAS POWELL | barnabaspowell@yahoo.com

As sympathetic as I am toward opponents of the proposed Ground Zero mosque, I don't think they realize how fortunate they are to be able to voice their opinions.

Eastern Christians have never had such luxury. The former cradle of Christianity is now filled with mosques. Many were originally our churches, and were taken as spoils of conquest.

Consider Hagia Sophia, the Church of Holy Wisdom. Built in the seventh century, this magnificent temple was later visited by emissaries of the Russian Prince Vladimir, a pagan seeking a new faith.

"We knew not whether we were in heaven or on earth," the delegates reported, adding, "we know only that God dwells there among men."

Hagia Sophia was the Patriarch of Constantinople's cathedral for a thousand years, until 1453. Then, after generations of effort, the Turks sacked the capital, extinguishing Eastern Christendom's temporal glory and throwing millions of Orthodox Christians into centuries of darkness.

When the Turkish Sultan Mehmet II battered down the doors of Hagia Sophia (where Orthodox clergy were celebrating a final Eucharist) and proclaimed the Islamic credo, "There is no God but Allah, and Muhammad is his messenger," Hagia Sophia was transformed into a mosque.

Icons that couldn't be destroyed were plastered over. Crosses were torn down, replaced with the crescent moon.

Appointing a new Patriarch, the Sultan consigned him to a ruined church out of sight. Over ensuing generations, the patriarchate was progressively dispossessed of its churches until today it huddles on the verge of extinction within a walled compound in Istanbul's red light district.

This is an abiding theme of Orthodoxy's encounter with Islam: defeat followed by dispossession, prominent churches becoming prominent mosques.

I've never been to Constantinople, but I've seen a similar story in Serbia.

On a tour of her spiritual treasures, I journeyed to Serbia's oldest temple—the seventh-century St. Peter's Church. It wasn't converted into a mosque, but a forest of minarets now surrounds it.

When the Turks conquered this land, many Orthodox families became Muslim to avoid the "tribute in blood." This was the policy that each infidel family must surrender their eldest son to be converted to Islam and enrolled in the Janissaries—the Sultan's personal bodyguard.

To keep their children, the population of Serbia's ancient capital became overwhelmingly Muslim. Their ancestors worshipped Christ in St. Peter's Church, but they now heed the call of the muezzin, blasted from loudspeakers strapped around every minaret.

When I spoke with some young, nominally Orthodox Serbs about this jarring juxtaposition, and suggested an effort to re-evangelize these lost sheep, they thought I was nuts.

"You cannot convert a Muslim," they said, "They'll kill you. All we can do is stop them from building mosques. They should at least keep them out of sight."

Which brings us back to Ground Zero. Efforts to block this mosque will fail. Not only will they prove unconstitutional, they'll give Muslims an excuse to claim persecution, and our liberal intelligentsia more ammunition to shoot at our cultural heritage.

Counterintuitive though it seems, perhaps this mosque is precisely what's needed to make us examine our priorities.

In the wake of 9/11, we were told to "go shopping" to demonstrate our resilience, as if our future could be assured through better consumerism.

In another age, we might have taken refuge in churches rather than department stores. Perhaps what frightens us about Islam is that it inspires a level of devotion in its followers that we no longer want to be confronted with in our complacent age.

We subconsciously interpret this mosque as a symbol of our own spiritual anemia, and fear the challenge it presents.

The real question is not what we're against, but what, if anything, we're for.

The tragedy is not that Muslims want to worship their god, but that we've become a stranger to ours.

A crowded mosque is nowhere nearly as disturbing a symbol as is an empty church.

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Any circumstance in which a man finds himself unwillingly is like a prison for him. So be content with whatever circumstances you may now be in, lest by being ungrateful you punish yourself without realizing it.

St. Anthony the Great

Also in this very same city (Ancyra) we found a monk who preferred not to be ordained to the priesthood. He had spent some time in the army and had now spent twenty years as an ascetic. He lived with the bishop of the town. So great was his mercy and so kind was he that he went about at night and had mercy on the needy.

He neglected neither the prison nor the hospital, neither the poor nor the rich, but he helped all. To some he gave words of good cheer, being himself stout of heart. Some he encouraged, others he reconciled; to some he gave bodily necessities, to others, clothing. What is wont to happen in all great cities occurred here, too; for on the church porch there was gathered a crowd of people, some unmarried, others married, lying there for their gifts of daily food.

It happened one time in winter that a woman was lying in labor on the church porch at midnight. He heard her crying out in pain. Leaving his customary prayers, he went out and looked at her. He found no midwife, but instead took the midwife's place, not at all squeamish about the unpleasant aspects of childbirth, for the mercy which worked in him had rendered him insensible to such things.

Now his clothes are not worth an obol, and his food is about equally cheap. He cannot stand to bend over a writing table—his love of humanity drags him away from books. If someone gives him a book as a present, he sells it immediately, saying to the jeering bystanders: "How can I persuade my Teacher that I have mastered His lessons, unless I sell His own Word to practice perfection?" *Palladius, Historia Lausiaca, 68*

What Concern is it to us if Our Brethren do not Attend Church?

Saint John Chrysostom was asked the same question in the late 4th Century and offered the following reply:

"Now these remarks of mine are not so much directed to those who do not attend, as to you who do not bring them forward and do not rouse them from their idleness, and bring them to this table of salvation. I call to mind that on the festival days the multitudes assembled resemble the broad expanse of the sea, but now not even the smallest part of that multitude is gathered together here. Where are they now who oppress us with their presence on the feast days? It is clear that the absence of all the others is due not only to their own idleness, but also to your neglect. But what if they do not desire to come, you say. Make them desire it by your continual demand to attend, for if they see you insisting upon it they certainly will desire to come. For what profit is a lamp if it does not give light to him who sits in darkness and what profit is a Christian when he leads no one back to virtue? Do you not see doves which have been trained, how they hunt for others when they are let out? Let us also do this. For what kind of excuse shall we have, if irrational creatures are able to hunt for an animal of their own species, while we who have been honored with reason and so much wisdom, neglect this kind of pursuit? I exhort you with these words: Go each of you to the houses of your brethren, wait for them to come out, lay hold of them, and bring them here. Now reach out as never before, rouse yourselves up, and let each person enter the Church accompanied by a member of his family: let them incite and urge on another to the assembly here, the father his son, the son his father, the husbands their wives and the wives their husbands, brother his brother and friend his friend; or rather let us not summon friends only but also enemies to this common treasury of good things. If thy enemy sees you care for his welfare, he will undoubtedly relinquish his hatred."