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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, 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, Theresa Ditto, Glen Burlack, Mary Ann Musial, Mary Pelino, 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.

We must learn to live the eternal life of God Himself. What does the deification of man mean? It means to live as the Lord lived, to make our own the thoughts and feelings of Christ, especially as we see Him in the last moments of His life on earth. *Archimandrite Sophrony, +1993*

Please remember James John Logue George Senita, John Kirkowski, Steve Brittain, Matthew Machak, Michael Repasky, and ALL American service men and women in your prayers. May God watch over them and all American service men 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, October 17 **Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom** **10:30 AM**
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HIEROMARTYR HIEROTHEUS-BISHOP OF ATHENS; MARTYRS GAIUS, FAUSTUS, EUSEBIUS, & CHAEREMON OF ALEXANDRIA; MARTYR PETER OF CAPETOLIS; MARTYRS DONMINA & DAUGHTERS BERENICE & PROSDOCE OF SYRIA; VENERABLE AMMON & PAUL-THE-SIMPLE OF EGYPT; MARTYR ADAUCTUS & DAUGHTER SAINT CALLISTHENE OF EPHESUS; BLESSED PRINCE VLADIMIR OF NOVHOROD-WONDERWORKER & HIS MOTHER ANNA; BLESSED PRINCE VOLODYMYR-SON OF

YAROSLAV THE WISE-WONDERWORKER; VENERABLE HELLADIUS & ONESIMUS OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA; VENERABLE AMMON-RECLUSE OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA; MARTYR STEPHEN SHCHILIANOVIC OF SERBIA; UNCOVERING OF THE RELICS OF SAINTS GURIAS-FIRST ARCHBISHOP OF KAZAN & BARSANUPIUS-BISHOP OF TVER

Tone 4

Galatians 2:16-20

Luke 6:31-36

Litany in Blessed Memory of George Luciow—Sonia

Parastas in Blessed Memory of Walter & Victor Burlack—Mary Bosky

Sunday, October 24 **Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom** **10:30 AM**

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL; HOLY APOSTLE PHILIP OF THE 70 & OF THE 7 DEACONS; SAINT THEOPHANES THE CONFESSOR & HYMNOGRAPHER-BISHOP OF NICAIA; MARTYR ZEDAIDA & PHILONILLA OF TARSUS IN CILICIA; VENERABLE THEOPHANES THE FASTER OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA; SAINTS NECTARIUS, ARCADIUS, & SINISIUS-PATRIARCHS OF CONSTANTINOPLE; ICON OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IN BERET OF PHOENICIA

Tone 5

Galatians 6:11-18

Luke 7:11-16

Litany in Blessed Memory of Archimandrite Anastasije—Fr. Bob

Parastas in Blessed Memory of George Luciow—Sonia

Sunday, October 31 **NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE—Fr. Bob at SOBOR**

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY APOSTLE & EVANGELIST LUKE; MARTYR MARINUS THE ELDER AT ANAZARBUS; VENERABLE JULIAN THE HERMIT OF MESOPOTAMIA; SAINT MNASON-BISHOP OF CYPRUS; VENERABLE DAVID-ABBOT OF SERPUKHOV; VENERABLE JOSEPH-ABBOT OF VOLOTSK & WONDERWORKER; NEW MARTYRS GABRIEL & CIRMIDOL OF EGYPT; GREAT-MARTYR ZLATA OF BULGARIA

Tone 6

Ephesians 2:4-10, Colossians 4:5-9, 14, 18

Luke 8:5-15, Luke 10:16-21

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**STEPHEN SHCHILIANOVIC OF SERBIA; UNCOVERING OF THE RELICS OF
SAINTS GURIAS-FIRST ARCHBISHOP OF KAZAN & BARSANUPHIUS-
BISHOP OF TVER**

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.

**A PENCIL MAKER TOLD THE PENCIL FIVE IMPORTANT LESSONS
JUST BEFORE PUTTING IT IN THE BOX:**

- 1 ~EVERYTHING YOU DO WILL ALWAYS LEAVE A MARK.
- 2 ~YOU CAN ALWAYS CORRECT THE MISTAKES YOU MAKE.

3~ WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS WHAT IS INSIDE OF YOU.

4 ~ IN LIFE, YOU WILL UNDERGO PAINFUL SHARPENINGS, WHICH WILL ONLY MAKE YOU BETTER.

5 ~TO BE THE BEST PENCIL, YOU MUST ALLOW YOURSELF TO BE HELD AND GUIDED BY THE HAND THAT HOLDS YOU.

We all need to be constantly sharpened. This parable may encourage you to know that you are a special person, with unique God-given talents and abilities. Only you can fulfill the purpose which you were born to accomplish. Never allow yourself to get discouraged and think that your life is insignificant and cannot be changed and, like the pencil, always remember that the most important part of who you are, is what's inside of you and then allow yourself to be guided by the hand of God.

e-mail from Shirley Torchia

Vatican synod mulls Middle East Christian exodus (2010-10-07)

(REUTERS)

By Tom Heneghan, Religion Editor

PARIS (Reuters)—With Christianity dwindling in its Middle Eastern birthplace, Pope Benedict has convened Catholic bishops from the region to debate how to save its minority communities and promote harmony with their Muslim neighbors.

For two weeks starting on Sunday, the bishops will discuss problems for the faithful ranging from the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and strife in Iraq to radical Islamism, economic crisis and the divisions among the region's many Christian churches.

They come from local churches affiliated with the Vatican, but the relentless exodus of all Christians -- Catholics, Orthodox and Protestants -- has prompted them to take a broad look at the challenges facing all followers of Jesus there.

While conditions for Christians vary from country to country, the overall picture is dramatic. Christians made up around 20 percent of the region's population a century ago, but now account for about five percent and falling.

"If this phenomenon continues, Christianity in the Middle East will disappear," said Rev. Samir Khalil Samir, a Beirut-based Egyptian Jesuit who helped draw up the working documents for the October 10-24 synod at the Vatican. "This is not an unreal hypothesis -- Turkey went from 20 percent Christian in the early 20th century to 0.2 percent now," he told journalists in Paris. The Christian exodus since the U.S.-led 2003 invasion "could bleed the Church in Iraq dry."

CALL FOR CHANGE

Instead of simply appealing for more aid to Catholics in the region, the experts who prepared the synod call for sweeping social changes to bring forth

democratic secular states, interfaith cooperation and a rollback of advancing Islamism.

"At issue is the renewal of Arab society," said Samir, who stressed most Christians and Muslims there are fellow Arabs.

Challenged by western-style modernity, many Middle Eastern societies have fused their Arab and Muslim identities, he said, narrowing religious freedom for non-Muslim minorities.

The working document stated: "Catholics, along with other Christian citizens and Muslim thinkers and reformers, ought to be able to support initiatives at examining thoroughly the concept of the 'positive laicity' of the state.

"This could help eliminate the theocratic character of government and allow for greater equality among citizens of different religions, thereby fostering the promotion of a sound democracy, positively secular in nature."

The document pins most of the blame for the Christian exodus on political tensions in the region: "Today, emigration is particularly prevalent because of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the resulting instability throughout the region."

It cited the "menacing social situation in Iraq," where about half the estimated 850,000 Christians there in 2003 have since fled sectarian violence and persecution, and "political instability of Lebanon" as further factors driving them out.

The rise of political Islam since the 1970s, especially its violent variations, menaces the whole region, it added, saying: "These extremist currents, clearly a threat to everyone, Christians and Muslims alike, require joint action."

CHRISTIAN COOPERATION

The region's Christians have also been weakened by age-old splits. The Catholics are divided into Latin Catholic, Coptic, Maronite, Chaldean, Armenian, Syrian and Greek Melkite churches—and they are outnumbered by various Orthodox churches.

Protestants are also present, in older communities founded by colonial missionaries or in newer evangelical groups whose aggressive proselytizing -- often backed by conservative U.S. churches -- has provoked a backlash from Muslim authorities.

The synod document urges the sometimes competing Catholic churches to work with each other and with other Christians to make their voice heard in Middle Eastern society.

Its advice to open up to other churches and faiths, simplify their ancient liturgies and introduce more Arabic into their services echoes the Second Vatican Council reforms that worldwide Roman Catholicism launched back in the 1960s.

Highlighting this openness, the synod has invited an Iranian ayatollah, a Lebanese Muslim and a rabbi from Jerusalem to attend the proceedings and address the 250 participants.

"I don't think people in the West appreciate to what extent the thematic of the synod are totally new to so much of the Church in the Middle East," said Rev. David Jaeger, a Franciscan and leading Roman Catholic expert on the Middle East.

"The whole discussion of the civic duty of the Christian ... is totally new for the region as a whole. For 13 centuries, Christians in the Middle East have been made to live in a kind of socio-economic ghetto," he told Reuters Television in Rome.

As Samir summed it up: "If we can do something with other Christians, it is better than doing it alone. If we Christians can do something with the Muslims, that is even better." © Copyright 2010, [Reuters](#)

A brother went to see Abba Silvanus on the mountain of Sinai. When he saw the brothers working hard he said to the old man, "Do not labor for the food which perishes (Jn. 6:27). Mary has chosen the better part (Lk. 10:42)."

The old man said to his disciple, "Zacharias, give the brother a book and put him in a cell without anything else." So when the ninth hour came the visitor watched the door expecting someone would be sent to call him to the meal. When no one called him, he got up, went to find the old man and said to him, "Have the brothers not eaten today?" The old man replied that they had. Then he said, "Why did you not call me?" The old man said to him, "Because you are a spiritual man and do not need that kind of food. We, being carnal, want to eat, and that is why we work. But you have chosen the good portion and read the whole day long and you do not want to eat carnal food." When he heard these words the brother made a prostration saying, "Forgive me, Abba." The old man said to him, "Mary needs Martha. It is really thanks to Martha that Mary is praised."