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NATIVITY FAST—SAINT PHILIP'S 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, Archimandrite Lev, Father Taras Naumenko, Father Nestor Kowal, Evelyn Burlack, Joshua Agosto and his family, Harley Katarina Rahuba, Mike Holupka, Eva Malesnick, 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, 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, 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, Michael Pawlyshyn, Dorothy Lednovich, Kristin Batch

Vaughn, Bob C., Allie—young girl with leukemia, Heather Kramer, Pete Dimperio, Jane Wartinbee, Steven Sheakley [Pani Gina's cousin], Carmen Talmonti, Matthew—20-year-old with cancer, Nicholas Orlando, Constantine Hanczar, Mary Ann Kuzniak, Michael Woloschak, Michael Pryhodzenko, Joseph Mollica, Sonia Luciow, Nellie Patsko, Theresa Ditto, Mary Ann Musial, Mary Pelino, Martin Kapusta, Donna Tickerhoof, David Buchholz, 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, 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!

<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 <u>CALL FATHER BOB</u> at [412] 279-5640.

Schedule of Services

Sunday, November 28 Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom 10:30 AM TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NATIVITY FAST—SAINT PHILIP'S FAST BEGINS HOLY MARTYRS & CONFESSORS GURIAS, SAMONAS, & ABIBUS OF EDESSA; MARTYR DEMETRIUS OF THRACE; MARTYRS ELPIDIUS, MARCELLUS, & EUSTOCHIUS—UNDER JULIAN THE APOSTATE; SAINT QUINCTIAN-BISHOP OF SELEUCIA; VENERABLE PHILIP-ABBOT OF RABANG/VOLOGDA; VENERABLE PAISIUS VELICHKOSKY OF MOLDOVA & MOUNT ATHOS

Tone 2
Ephesians 6:10-17
Luke 10:25-37

Sunday, December 05 Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom 10:30 AM TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—NATIVITY FAST AFTERFEAST OF THE ENTRY INTO THE TEMPLE; APOSTLES PHILEMON & ARCHPPUS OF THE 70, MARTYR APPHIA-WIFE OF PHILEMON, & SAINT ONESIMUS-DISCIPLE OF SAINT PAUL; MARTYRS CECELIA, VALERIAN, TIBURTIUS, & MAXIMUS AT ROME; MARTYR PROCOPIUS THE READER AT CAEASARAEA IN PALESTINE;

VENERABLE AGABBAS THE ISHMAELITE OF SYRIA; RIGHTEOUS MICHAEL THE SOLDIER OF BULGARIA; SAINT YAROPOLK-IN BAPTISM PETER-PRINCE OF VOLODYMYR IN VOLYN; BLESSED PRINCE MICHAEL OF TVER; MARTYR MENIGNUS AT PARIUM; MARTYRS STEPHEN, MARK, & MARK AT PISIDIA; MARTYR AGAPION OF GREECE; SAINT CALLISTUS II-PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE AT MOUNT ATHOS; SAINT CLEMENT OF OCHRID-BISHOP OF GREATER MACEDONIA

*Tone 3*Colossians: 1:12-18
Luke 12:16-21

Litany in Blessed Memory of Thomas Bryan, John Hanczar, Mary Blitzkan, Marjorie Yarmeak, Mary Sharon, Frank Barankovich, Mary Krevanich, Katherine Holowaty, Helen Pytlak, Robert Vetosky, and Rose Pyrch—Fr. Bob Parastas in Blessed Memory of Daniel Chicka—40 Days—Fr. Bob

Sunday, December 12 Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom 10:30 AM TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—NATIVITY FAST MARTYRS PARAMON & 370 MARTYRS IN BITHYNIA; MARTYR PHILUMENUS OF ANCYYRA & WITH HIM MARTYRS VALERIAN & PHAEDRUS; VENERABLE ACACIUS OF SINAI—MENTIONED IN THE LADDER; HIEROMARTYR ABIBUS-BISHOP OF NEKRESSI IN GEORGIA; VENERABLE NECTARIUS OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA; SAINT DIONYSIUS-BISHOP OF CORINTH; VENERABLE PITIRIM OF EGYPT-DISCIPLE OF VENERABLE ANTHONY THE GREAT

Tone 4
I Timothy 1:15-17
Luke 13:10-17

Parastas in Blessed Memory of Victor Burlack--Evelyn

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 28 NOVEMBER 2010

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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.

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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!

PERMANENT CONFERENCE OF UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX BISHOPS BEYOND THE BORDERS OF UKRAINE

REFLECTIONS ON PYLYPIVKA/ST. PHILIP'S FAST 2010

To the Venerable and Christ-loving Clergy, Monastics and Laity of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Love and peace be unto you from God our Father, Grace from His Son Jesus Christ and continual fellowship with the Holy Spirit!

We have come to the time of year made sacred because of our preparation for the solemn commemoration of the Nativity/Incarnation of the Only-Begotten Son of God, Jesus Christ. It is a time of pilgrimage, a spiritual journey which began on 15/28 November and lasts for 40 days and focuses attention on personal renewal based on not a minimal observance of the Orthodox Christian lifestyle, but on attention to quality and excellence in following the life-giving Gospel.

Pylypivka – Philip's Fast, which calls for renewal by reflecting on the Person of Jesus Christ and the miracle wrought by His Nativity/Incarnation, can very easily be overshadowed and even buried by concerns, which, if not bridled, can plague and distract many of us during the holy season.

For those of us who adhere to the Orthodox faith and Order embraced by the Blessed Ol'ha and the Venerable Prince Volodymyr of Kyiv and who appreciate the richness of the heritage, which binds us to Kyivan Rus' – Ukraine's venerable past and challenging present, Pylypivka 2010 is the time to stand up and he numbered among those who seek and proclaim Christ, as did our forefathers. We proclaim Christ the Only Begotten Son of the Father, born of Mary through the Holy Spirit, Christ the True Light shining brightly from the holy cave in Bethlehem and from the Holy Tables of our parish churches. For us, Pylypivka 2010 is the time to "let our light so shine before men, that they might see the good works and give glory to our Father Who is in Heaven" (Matthew 5:16). This is the Father, Whose Beloved Son "loves those who are just and shows mercy to those who are hardened in sin." (Prayer of the First Hours)

May He, who so loved the world that He sent His Only-Begotten Son to be our Lord and Savior, assist us in our resolve to mature and be nourished by the word of Truth and Life-giving mysteries.

May we grow and mature in faith as Ukrainian Orthodox Christians so that others, having witnessed the faith manifested in our personal lives and in our parish communities, will be drawn to Christ and, like the shepherds of Bethlehem, will glorify and praise God for all that they have seen and heard through us.

Assuring you of our prayers and love and requesting yours, we remain your servants in the Lord,

+ Constantine

Metropolitan - Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and the Diaspora

+ Yurij

Metropolitan - Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada

+ Antony

Archbishop - Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA

+ loan

Archbishop - Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the Diaspora

+ Jeremiah

Archbishop - Ukrainian Orthodox Eparchy of South America

+ Ilarion

Bishop - Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada

+ Andriy

Bishop - Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada

+ Daniel

Bishop - Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA



St. John, who since the sixth century has been called Chrysostom or golden mouthed, was born in Antioch of a noble Christian family between 344 and 354 AD. He was brought up by his widowed mother and received the best education which Antioch could offer. He studied philosophy under Andragathius, rhetoric under the celebrated Libanius, and theology under Diodore of Tarsus. He became a monk by 375 and lived in a mountain community not far from Antioch. He nearly ruined his health through austerities and the damp conditions of his cave hermitage. He returned to Antioch in 381, was ordained deacon by Bishop Meletius, and served the local church until his ordination as priest in 386 by Bishop Flavian, the successor of Meletius. He then became the bishop's special assistant, particularly

for the temporal care and spiritual instruction of the numerous Christian poor of the city.

St. John soon distinguished himself a preacher and commentator on the Epistles of St. Paul and the Gospels of Matthew and John (386-397). He insisted in the Antiochene tradition on the literal meaning of Holy Scripture and its practical application to the problems of the time. Hence much of his work has relevance today also.

In 397, after the death of Archbishop Nectarius of Constantinople, Emperor Arcadius wished St. John to be chosen in his place. An envoy was sent to secretly detach John from Antioch, for fear of popular opposition. Theophilus, Archbishop of Alexandria consecrated him on February 398. John was the somewhat unwilling recipient of episcopal consecration at the hands of the at least equally unwilling Theophilus.

As Metropolitan of Constantinople, John immediately set about a much needed reform of the court, clergy and laity. He reduced the customary spending of his own household in favour of the poor and hospitals. He enacted severe discipline for the clergy and attacked the behaviour, the clothes, and the make-up of the women at court. He also criticised those Christians who had been to the races on Good Friday and to the games in the stadium on Holy Saturday.

In 401 AD, at a synod in Ephesius, he deposed six bishops, with the result that all forces opposed to him, at home and abroad, consolidated in a united effort to destroy him. The Empress Eudoxia regarded his drive for moral reform as a

personal attack on herself. Meanwhile Theophilus made common cause with the empress and organised a cabal of 36 bishops, which assembled at Chalcedon in 403, as the Synod of the Oak. The synod condemned St. John unheard. He was charged on a series of more or less false charges, was also accused of treason for calling Eudoxia 'Jezebel', was dropped from his see, and asked for his banishment. Arcadius exiled John to Bithynia, but an earthquake in Constantinople terrified him and he recalled John the next day. John resumed his plain speaking, which again enraged Eudoxia; Theophilus intrigued against him with appeals to an Arian council of Antioch, and John was again banished, this time for resuming the duties of a see from which he had been 'lawfully deposed'. This took place on June 9, 404 AD; although his own people and many bishops supported him, he was exiled, first to Curusus in Armenia, where he remained three years, and then to Pontus, where he was killed by enforced travel in bad weather, on foot and in spite of repeated pleas of exhaustion. He died on September 14, 407 AD. Thirty-one years later his body was taken back to Constantinople and reburied in the church of the Apostles.

Bishop Nikolai Velimirovich—The Prologue from Ohrid—November 13

Saint John Chrysostom, Patriarch of Constantinople

John was born in Antioch in the year 354. His father, Secundus, was an imperial commander and his mother's name was Anthusa. Studying Greek philosophy, John became disgusted with Hellenic paganism and adopted the Christian Faith as the one and all-embracing truth. Meletius, Patriarch of Antioch, baptized John, and his parents also subsequently received baptism. Following his parents' repose, John was tonsured a monk and lived a strict life of asceticism. He then wrote a book, On the Priesthood, after which the Holy Apostles John and Peter appeared to him, and prophesied that he would have a life of great service, great grace and great suffering. When he was to be ordained a priest, an angel of God appeared simultaneously to John and to Patriarch Flavian (Meletius's successor). While the patriarch was ordaining John, a shining white dove was seen hovering over John's head. Glorified for his wisdom, asceticism and power of words, John was chosen as Patriarch of Constantinople at the behest of Emperor Arcadius. As patriarch, he governed the Church for six years with unequalled zeal and wisdom. He sent missionaries to the pagan Celts and Scythians and eradicated simony in the Church, deposing many bishops guilty of this vice. He extended the charitable works of the Church and wrote a special order of the Divine Liturgy. He shamed the heretics, denounced Empress Eudoxia, interpreted Holy Scripture with his golden mind and tongue, and bequeathed the Church many precious books of his homilies. The people glorified him, the envious loathed him, and the Empress, on two occasions, sent him into exile. John spent three years in exile, and reposed as an exile on the Feast of the Elevation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross, September 14, 407, in the town of Comana in Georgia. Before his repose, the Holy Apostles John and Peter appeared to him again, as did the Holy Martyr Basiliscus (May 22) in whose church he received Communion for the last time. His last words were, "Glory be to God for

all things," and with that, the soul of the golden-mouthed patriarch was taken into Paradise. Chrysostom's head reposes in the Church of the Dormition in Moscow, and his body reposes in the Vatican in Rome.

HYMN OF PRAISE Saint John Chrysostom

The Church glorifies St. John The "Golden-mouth," blessed by God, Christ's great soldier, Who is the adornment and boast of the Church: Profound of heart and mind, And a golden-stringed harp of words. He plumbed the depths of mysteries, And found the pearl that shines as the stars. Exalted in mind to heaven's height, He expounded divine truth; And his vision is true throughout history. He gave all to the Son of God. He revealed to us the horrors of sin, And the virtues that adorn a man; He showed us the most precious mysteries, And all the sweet richness of Paradise. Evangelist, interpreter of the Gospel And bearer of spiritual joy, Zealous for Christ like an apostle, He would accept no injustice. He was tormented like any martyr, And received his torment as a pledge of salvation. This servant of Christ showed himself true: Therefore, the Church glorifies Chrysostom.

<u>REFLECTION</u>

Punishment and reward! Both of these are in the hands of God. But, as this earthly life is only a shadow of the true life in the heavens, so punishment and reward here on earth are only a shadow of true punishment and reward in eternity. The principle persecutors of the saint of God Chrysostom were Patriarch Theophilus of Alexandria and Empress Eudoxia. After Chrysostom's martyric death, bitter punishment befell them both. Theophilus went mad, and Eudoxia was banished from the imperial court by Emperor Arcadius. Eudoxia soon became ill with an incurable disease-wounds opened up all over her body, and worms came out of her wounds. Such was the stench that she gave off, that it was not easy for a person on the street to pass by her house. Physicians used all the most powerful perfumes and incense if only to overcome the stench from the wicked empress, but had little success. The empress finally died in corruption and agony. Even after death, the hand of God lay heavy on her. The coffin containing her body shook day and night for a full thirty-four years until Emperor Theodosius translated the relics of St. John Chrysostom to

Constantinople. But what happened to Chrysostom after his repose? Reward-such reward as only God can give. Adeltius, the Arabian bishop who received the exiled Chrysostom into his home in Cucusus, prayed to God after Chrysostom's repose that He reveal to him where John's soul was to be found. Adeltius then had a vision while at prayer. It was as though he were out of himself, and was led through the heavens by a radiant youth who showed him the hierarchs, pastors and teachers of the Church in order, calling each of them by name-but he did not see John. Then that angel of God led him to the passage out of Paradise, and Adeltius was downcast. When the angel asked him why he was sad, Adeltius replied that he was sorry that he had not seen his beloved teacher, John Chrysostom. The angel replied: "No man who is still in the flesh can see him, for he is at God's throne with the Cherubim and Seraphim."

CONTEMPLATION

Contemplate the wondrous creation of the world (Genesis 1):

- 1. How, in the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth;
- 2. How the earth was without form and void;
- 3. How the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

HOMILY on the foundation and the cornerstone

And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone (Ephesians 2:20). Brethren, the foundation of the apostles and prophets is their life and work: the Old and the New Testaments. Who unites the apostles and the prophets? Christ the Lord. Without Him, the prophets would not understand the apostles, nor would the apostles understand the prophets. Therefore, He is the fulfillment of the prophets and witness of the apostles. Thus, He is the Cornerstone that ties the prophets and the apostles together, as a cornerstone holds the walls together. The Old and New Testaments are united in Him, have their meaning in Him, revolve around Him, were inspired by Him and are upheld by Him, the Lord Jesus Christ. Where would the pagans and Jews meet, and where would they understand one another, if not in Jesus Christ the Lord? Nowhere, except in Him. In Him and through Him they are united in one new man, in one immortal body, in One, Holy and Catholic Church. Only through the Lord Jesus Christ are the body and the soul united in a loftier and holier friendship. The bonds between the soul and body were at enmity until His coming in the flesh, and that enmity led to the destruction of the soul. He reconciled and sanctified them both. Thus, He became the Cornerstone of every immortal and God-pleasing edifice-be that edifice an individual man or family or nation or the entire race of man-either in the present, in the past, or in the future; of the Old Covenant or the New Covenant. He is the Chief Cornerstone in every building, as He is the Head of the Body, God's Church. O Lord Jesus Christ, our Cornerstone of salvation, have mercy on us and save us. To Thee be glory and praise forever. Amen.

Just as a basic concern is to be careful of anything that might be harmful to our physical health, so our spiritual concern should watch out for anything

that might harm our spiritual life and the work of faith and salvation. Therefore, carefully and attentively assess your inner impulses: are they from God or from the spirit of evil?

St. John Maximovitch of Shanghai and San Francisco, (1896-1966)

If you are praised, be silent. If you are scolded, be silent. If you incur losses, be silent. If you receive profit, be silent. If you are satiated, be silent. If you are hungry, also be silent. And do not be afraid that there will be no fruit when all dies down; there will be! St. Feofil, the Fool for Christ

Abba Macarius the Great said, "If we keep remembering the wrongs which men have done us, we destroy the power of the remembrance of God. But if we remind ourselves of the evil deeds of the demons, we shall be invulnerable.

A pilgrim to Mt. Athos once met Monk Dionysios the Kafsokalyvitan, a fool for Christ's sake, who was destitute and dressed in rags. He had no love of money at all. The pilgrim felt compassion for the poor old man and gave him a Turkish coin. This made Dionysios very upset. He looked around until he found the kindhearted pilgrim and said to him, "Why have you given me this? I'm wearing clothes. I have bread. What do I need money for?"

The other fathers were trying to persuade him to keep the money in order to buy his supply of oil for the church. For a moment he consented to keep it.

Then he hesitated, went into deep thought, and finally decided to rid himself of the burden. He threw the coin on the ground and ran away as fast as he could. *from An Athonite Gerontikon*

Hieromonk Methodios lived in the desolate kellion of St. Neilos. He was charitable to the utmost. No one ever left empty-handed after having visited him. He would have given alms of his very self if he could.

He went to sleep in the Lord like a little bird, ethereal. While his accompanying monks were reading the evening prayers and they were reading the prayer to the Guardian Angel, the very pious elder asked, "Read it again, Father Neilos: 'Holy Angel, the protector of my soul...'"

And as he was sitting down he gave up his spirit with three quiet breaths. The end of a righteous man! *from An Athonite Gerontikon*

The mystery which was hidden from everlasting and was unknown of the angels, O Theotokos, was revealed through thee to those who dwell upon earth, in that God, having become incarnate in unconfused union, of His own good will, accepted the Cross for our sake; whereby He raised again the first-created, and hath saved our souls from death.

Theotokion from the Oktoechos (Book of Eight Tones)

From the sayings of Abba Methodius: "Therefore the prophet brought the virgin from Nazareth, in order that she might give birth at Bethlehem to her salvation-bestowing child, and brought her back again to Nazareth, in order to make manifest to the world the hope of life."

"To get a hold on boys you must be their friend." Baden-Powell

THANK YOU to everyone who attended our Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service this past Monday. The generosity of the people of Slickville raised \$168 for the Westmoreland County Food Bank in Delmont. Thank you for sharing the blessings God has given each and every one of us. Please remember those less fortunate in your prayers—and remember to thank God for all the good things in your life! God Bless! Pastor Tom Holmes & Fr. Bob