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GREAT LENT

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, Father Gabriel Rochell, Father Bill & Pani-Matka Sonia Diakiw, Pani-Matka Linda Oryhon, Father Paul Bigelow, Father Tim Tomson, Protodeacon Mykola Dilendorf, 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, 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, Michael Horvath, Patti Sinecki, David Genshi, Sue Segeleon, Mike Gallagher, Michael Miller, 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, 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, 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, Jane Wartinbee, Carmen Talmonti, Matthew—20-year-old with cancer, Nicholas Orlando, Mary Ann Kuzniak, Michael Woloschak, Michael Pryhodzenko, Sonia Luciw, Nellie Patsko, Theresa Ditto, Mary Ann Musial, Mary Pelino, Donna Tickerhoof, David Buchholz, Yvonne Christy, Myron & Barbara Spak, Pete Niederberger, Jasmine Walker, Julia Duda, Lisa Pandle, Fred DeNorscia, Kris & Julie Hanczar, John Kennedy, Lloyd Sheakley [Pani Gina's uncle], Diane McDaniel, Loretta, Nancy, Carol, & Michael Sheliga and Daria Masur. ARNOLD: Stefania Lucci, Steve Sakal, and Homer Paul Kline. 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!

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, April 10 Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great 10:30 AM
FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT—SAINT MARY OF EGYPT
SAINT HILARION THE NEW-ABBOT OF PELECETE; SAINT STEPHEN THE
WONDERWORKER-ABBOT OF TRYGLIA; MARTYRS JONAH, BARACHISIUS, ZANITHAS,
LAZARUS, MARUTHAS, NARSES, ELIAS, MARINUS, ABIBUS, SEMBEETH, & SABBAS IN
PERSIA; MARTYR EUSTRATIUS OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA**

Tone 5

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 10:32-45

Parastas in Blessed Memory of Martha Batch—Harry Batch

Thursday, April 14

Slickville Ecumenical Service

7:00 PM

Holy Ghost Orthodox Church—Rev. Linda Steward Speaking

Saturday, April 16	Lazarus Saturday Obednitza	10:30 AM
Sunday, April 17	Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom	10:30 AM
PALM SUNDAY—ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM		
SAINT JOSEPH THE HYMNOGRAPHER OF SICILY; SAINT GEORGE-MONK OF MOUNT MALEON IN PELOPONNESUS; SAINT ZOSIMAS-MONK OF PALESTINE; VIRGIN-MARTYR PHERBUTHA OF PERSIA, HER SISTER, AND SERVANTS; SAINT JOSEPH THE MUCH-AILING OF THE PERCHEVSKY LAVRA		
<i>Tone 6</i>		
Philippians 4:4-9		
John 12:1-18		
Wednesday, April 20	Holy Unction	6:30 PM
Thursday, April 21	12 Passion Gospels	6:30 PM
Friday, April 22	Plaschenytsia	7:00 PM
Saturday, April 23	Anticipation Obednitza	10:30 AM
	Paschal Nocturnes & Matins	7:00 PM
Sunday, April 24	PASCHAL DIVINE LITURGY	10:30 AM
PASCHA—THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST		
Page 171 in the Black Divine Liturgy Books		
<i>Paschal Tone</i>		
Acts 1:1-8		
John 1:1-17		

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 10 APRIL 2011

FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

HOLY MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT

SAINT HILARION THE NEW-ABBOT OF PELECETE; SAINT STEPHEN THE WONDERWORKER-ABBOT OF TRYGLIA; MARTYRS JONAH, BARACHISIUS, ZANITHAS, LAZARUS, MARUTHAS, NARSES, ELIAS, MARINUS, ABIBUS, SEMBEETH, & SABBAS IN PERSIA; MARTYR EUSTRATIUS OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA

TROPARION—TONE 8

The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Mother,
For you took up the Cross and followed Christ.

By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh, for it passes away;
But to care instead for the soul, since it is immortal.

Therefore your spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels.

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

KONTAKION—TONE 3

Having been a sinful woman, you became through repentance a Bride of Christ.

Having attained angelic life, you defeated demons with the weapon of the Cross! Therefore, O most glorious Mary, you are a Bride of the Kingdom!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 4

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: God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel!

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—TONE 1

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!

Ascend, brothers, ascend eagerly, and be resolved in your hearts to ascend and hear him who says: Come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of our God, who makes our feet like hind's feet, and sets us upon high places, that we might be victors with His song.

St. John Climacus, The Ladder of Divine Ascent, 30.36.

Pastoral Message from the Ukrainian Catholic and the Ukrainian Orthodox Hierarchs of United States of America and Canada

25th Anniversary of Chernobyl Tragedy

Twenty-five years ago, in the early morning hours of Saturday, April 26, 1986, the residents of Prypiat, a large town and administrative centre located on the river of the same

name, one of the many tributaries along the upper reaches of the mighty Dnipro north of the Ukrainian capital, Kyiv, were awakened from their sleep by an event that would change their lives forever. This event was of such immense proportions, that its devastating effects spread far beyond the limits of the city and even of Ukraine itself, and indeed, they are still being felt today.

At precisely 1:23 am local time a huge explosion rocked Reactor No. 4 of the nearby Chornobyl Nuclear Power Station, splitting its walls and sending a toxic plume of radioactive fallout, 400 times greater than that emitted by the atomic bomb in Hiroshima, high into the night sky. Although the Soviet authorities initially attempted to minimize the magnitude of the nuclear accident and even deny its occurrence, the immense scale of the disaster became quickly evident to the entire world as the toxic cloud passed from Ukraine into Russia, Belarus and eventually into Scandinavia and Western Europe.

The economic, environmental and human costs of the nuclear accident in Chornobyl that night have been truly staggering. Many people living in the immediate vicinity of the power plant were killed outright in the aftermath of the explosion. Many more suffered agonizing deaths due to radiation sickness. Others were sickened with cancers and other illnesses directly linked to excessive exposure to radiation. Children proved especially vulnerable. It is estimated that in the 25 years since the catastrophe, over 4,000 children in Ukraine, Belarus and Russia have become ill with thyroid cancer. Their numbers are still growing.

The explosion and ensuing radioactive contamination also forced the evacuation and eventual resettlement of 350,000 people living in Chornobyl and in 90 separate communities in the surrounding area. The Chornobyl Exclusion Zone – an area almost 40 miles in diameter surrounding the crippled power plant – is off limits to human habitation and will remain so for generations to come because of radioactive toxins that have poisoned the once rich and productive soil.

A quarter century on, the catastrophe in Chornobyl remains the largest and most devastating nuclear accident in history and has rightly been described as the technological disaster of the 20th century.

Recalling and reflecting upon these sobering and saddening facts on the 25th anniversary of the Chornobyl catastrophe, we can only lift up our hearts in prayer to the Almighty God and beg for His continued mercy and compassion as we remember those who suffered indescribable pain and loss.

We recall firstly, on this solemn anniversary, the many innocent men, women and children who perished in this tragedy and we pray for the repose of their souls. We remember in particular the brave and selfless firefighters, who, in the hours and days following the explosion, knowingly and willingly exposed themselves to mortal danger and almost certain death in order to extinguish the flames and construct and place the sarcophagus on the smouldering ruins of the reactor. Of such men Christ speaks eloquently when He declares: "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." (Jn. 15:13) We pray that God grant them eternal rest in a place of everlasting light where there is no pain, sorrow or mourning.

We also remember and pray for those whose health was irrevocably damaged by the radiation that was released that day, those who were taken ill and are living with sickness to this day, and for their families, and for those whose lives were cut short by premature death. We especially remember the children, most of whom who were born after the catastrophe itself, who suffer physical and psychological disabilities today because of Chornobyl. We also remember and pray for the many thousands of people who were forced, by the noxious cloud of radiation, to flee their homes and leave behind forever, everything that was familiar and loved by them: the villages, houses, fields and farms where they and

generations before them were born, lived, laboured and died. May God grant all who suffer His peace, hope and consolation.

And, in a special way, we also remember and pray for our beloved homeland of Ukraine: so rich, generous and abundant, yet so often neglected, plundered, and abused over the centuries by the men who ruled over her.

We read in the opening verses of Holy Scripture in the Book of Genesis that, after creating Adam and Eve, God the Father blessed them and entrusted the earth and everything that He had created on it to them and their posterity saying: “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion... over every living thing that moves on the earth.” (Gen. 1:28) “Then God saw everything He had made, and indeed it was very good.” (Gen. 1:31)

As the summit of God’s creation, made in His image and likeness, mankind was thus given the great privilege of being stewards of God’s creation, entrusted by Him with the awesome responsibility of caring for, preserving and nurturing the earth and all that God had deemed ‘very good’ for all generations. Sadly however, we know that through his sinfulness, mankind time and time again throughout history has neglected the sacred duty of responsible stewardship over the earth and has abused his privileged position in exchange for prestige, profit and personal gain, often desecrating and destroying God’s creation in the process.

And so it was in Chernobyl. The world now knows that the nuclear accident in Chernobyl, according to the findings of the Nuclear Safety Advisory Group, was entirely avoidable and can be attributed to “...a deficient safety culture, not only at the Chernobyl plant, but throughout the Soviet design, operating and regulatory organizations...” It was the morally bankrupt and dehumanizing Communist ideology of the Soviet Union, and those that were unfortunate slaves to it, the system that placed the fulfillment of 5-year plans before the good of the people, that are the true causes of the nuclear catastrophe in Chernobyl.

From the distance of a quarter century we can see, despite the incalculable death and destruction caused by Chernobyl, that some good has come from it as well. For one, the catastrophe in Chernobyl proved to be, in some ways, the death knell of the Soviet Union. The explosion shook not only the nuclear power station, but the foundation of the godless system that built it as well. The world came to realize, perhaps as never before, with what utter duplicity and callous disregard the Soviet leadership treated its citizens. It is no surprise that within a few years of Chernobyl the entire Soviet Empire had collapsed in ruins.

In addition, over the years many people, Ukrainians and non-Ukrainians alike, as well as organizations from nations the world over have been united in their efforts to aid the victims of Chernobyl in whatever way they can, especially the innocent children. They are people who live the reality that we all form one Body of Christ, and that, as St. Paul says: “If one member suffers, all the members suffer with him...” (1Cor. 12:26) We remember and pray for them as well, that God reward them for their good hearts and kind deeds.

In conclusion, on the solemn 25th anniversary of the nuclear catastrophe in Chernobyl, let us invoke the loving protection of the most holy Theotokos, Queen of Ukraine. May she shelter us with her Omophor and, through Her powerful intercession, may those who perished find eternal repose, may those who suffer find spiritual and physical healing, and may the land of Ukraine be renewed and blessed.

Given April, 2011.

+Constantine

Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA

+Yurij

Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Canada

+Archbishop Antony

+Bishop Ilarion

+Bishop Andriy

+Bishop Daniel

+Stefan

Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the USA

+Lawrence

Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada

+Bishop Richard

+Bishop Stephen

+Bishop Paul

+Bishop David

+Bishop Kenneth

+Bishop Bryan

+Bishop John

REMINDER: Holy Ghost will be the host parish for our final Ecumenical Lenten Service of this year, Thursday, April 14, at 7 PM. We hope you can join with us as we conclude our journey with the other churches in Slickville with prayers and light Lenten refreshments afterwards. Please see Liz or Debbie if you can contribute a plate of cookies or other light fare. See Father Bob if you have any other questions.