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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, Bishop Daniel, Father Gerald Olszewski, Father Jakiw Norton, Father Dragan Filipović, 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 Nestor Kowal, Father Gabriel Rochell, Father Bill & Pani-Matka Sonia Diakiw, Pani-Matka Linda Oryhon, Father Paul Bigelow, 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, 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, Gaelle Kelly Irma McDivitt, Sandy Gardner, Richard Trinclisti, Robin Young, Mckayla, Rachel, Tony Butecoff, Carl Reed, Georgia & Theodore Demopoulos, Jillian Bowman [10-year old with cancer], Renee' Richards, Lois, and Daria Masur. ARNOLD: Stefania Lucci, Steve Sakal, and Homer Paul Kline. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

From the sayings of Saint Isaac the Syrian: **"By speaking to God in prayer, we are raised to behold the kingdom of heaven—the place in which we are to worship in spirit and truth, the place that is confined by neither physical limit nor any of this world's bounds."**

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 Debbie Paouncic's class. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HELP!

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, June 12 Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom 10:30 AM
EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA—PENTECOST—TRINITY SUNDAY
SAINT ISAAC-FOUNDER OF THE DALMATIAN MONASTERY AT CONSTANTINOPLE
PARISH NAME'S DAY—KNEELING PRAYERS AFTER LITURGY
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Festal Tone
Acts 2:1-11

John 7:37-52, 8:12

JUNE 12-19 IS A FAST FREE WEEK!

Sunday, June 19 Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom 10:30 AM
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS
**SAINT BESSARION THE WONDERWORKER OF EGYPT; SAINT HILARION THE NEW-
ABBOT OF THE DALMATIAN MONASTERY; VIRGIN-MARTYRS ARCHELIAS, THECLA,
& SUSANNA-BEHEADED AT SALERNO**

Tone 8

Hebrews 11:3-12:2

Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30

Litany in Blessed Memory of All Deceased Fathers, Grandfathers, etc.—Fr. Bob

Monday, June 20 SAINTS PETER AND PAUL FAST BEGINS

Sunday, June 26 Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom 10:30 AM
**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—ALL VENERABLE AND HOLY FATHERS OF
MOUNT ATHOS**
ALL SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA, ALL SAINTS OF UKRAINE
**MARTYR AQUILINA OF BYBLOS IN LEBANON, SAINT TRIPHYLIUS-BISHOP OF
LEUCOSIA-NICOSIA IN CYPRUS; MARTYR ANTONINA OF NICAIA; SAINT ANNA & HER
SON SAINT JOHN OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Tone 1

Romans 2:10-16

Matthew 4:18-23

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TRINITY SUNDAY—DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
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When you (the emperor Antoninus Pius) hear that we look for a kingdom, you rashly suppose that we mean something merely human. But we speak of a kingdom with God, as is clear from our confessing Christ when you bring us to trial, though we know that death is the penalty for this confession.

For if we looked for a human kingdom we would deny it in order to save our lives, and would try to remain in hiding in order to obtain the things we look for. But since we do not place our hopes on the present order, we are not troubled by being put to death, since we will have to die somehow in any case. *St. Justin Martyr, 1st Apology 11*

St. Justin Martyr, 2nd century, commemorated 1/14 June
icon and troparion at: <http://www.comeandseeicons.com/j/inp63.htm>

After they had been brought before his tribunal, the prefect Rusticus said to Justin: "First of all, you must obey the gods and submit to the orders of the emperors."

Justin said: "There is no blame or condemnation in obeying the commands of our Savior Jesus Christ."

The prefect Rusticus said: "What are the doctrines that you practice?"

"I have tried to become acquainted," said Justin, "with all doctrines. But I have committed myself to the true doctrines of the Christians, even though they may not please those who hold false beliefs."

"You miserable fellow," said the prefect Rusticus, "are these then the doctrines that you prefer?"

"Yes," said Justin, "for I adhere to them on the basis of a correct belief."

The prefect Rusticus said: "What belief do you mean?"

Justin said: "The belief that we piously hold regarding the God of the Christians, whom alone we believe to have been the maker and creator of the entire world from the beginning, both visible and invisible; also regarding the Lord Jesus Christ, the child of God, who was also foretold by the prophets as the one who was to come down to mankind as a herald of salvation and a teacher of good doctrines. Now I, being but a man, realize that what I say is insignificant when measured against his infinite godhead; but I acknowledge the power of prophecy, for proclamation has been made about him who I have just now said to be the Son of God. For you know that in earlier times the prophets foretold his coming among men."

...the prefect Rusticus said: "If you do not obey, you will be punished without mercy."

Justin said: "We are confident that if we suffer the penalty for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, for this is the confidence and salvation we shall have at the terrible tribunal of our Savior and Master sitting in judgment over the whole world."

Similarly the other martyrs said, "Do what you will. We are Christians and we do not offer sacrifice to idols."

The prefect Rusticus passed judgment, saying: "Those who have refused to sacrifice to the gods and to yield to the emperor's edict are to be led away to be scourged and beheaded in accordance with the laws."

Martyrdom of Justin and His Companions, Recension B, secs 2, 5 St Justin Martyr, 2nd century, commemorated 1/14 June

(2 texts concerning the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea in 325)

The General Council having thus received authority from the king (Constantine I), the fathers directed that there should be gradations in the assembly and that each Bishop should sit in his place according to his rank.

Chairs were there made for all and the king entered and sat with them. He kissed the spots which were the marks of Christ in their bodies. Of the 318 fathers, only 11 were free from such marks, whose name were Absalom, Bishop of Edessa, and son of Mar Ephrem's sister, Jonah of Raikson, Mara of Dora, George of Shegar, Jacob of Nisibis, Marouta of Mepairkat, John of Goostia, Shimon of Diarbekir, Adai of Agal, Eusebius of Caesarea and Joseph of Nicomedia. But all the others were more or less maimed in their persecutions from heretics. Some had their eyes taken out; some had their ears cut off.

Some had their teeth dug out by the roots. Some had the nails of their fingers and toes torn out; some were otherwise mutilated; in a word there was no one without marks of violence; save the above-named persons. But Thomas, Bishop of Marash was an object almost frightful to look upon; he had been mutilated by the removal of his eyes, nose and lips; his teeth had been dug out and both his legs and arms had been cut off. He had been kept in prison 22 years by the Armanites [Armenians] who used to cut off a member of his body or mutilate him in some way every year, to induce him to consent to their blasphemy, but he conquered in this fearful contest to the glory of believers and to the manifestation of the unmercifulness of the heretics.

The fathers took him with them to the Council and when the king saw him, he fell down upon the ground and venerated him saying, "I venerate thee, O thou martyr of Christ, who art adorned with many crowns."

Marutha of Maiperqat, On the Council of Nicaea

When the zeal of the religious emperor (Constantine I) had brought together priests of God from all over the earth (to the council of Nicaea in 325), rumor of the event gathered as well philosophers and dialecticians of great renown and fame. One of them who was celebrated for his ability in dialectic used to hold ardent debates each day with our bishops, men likewise by no means unskilled in the art of disputation, and there resulted a magnificent display for the learned and educated men who gathered to

listen. Nor could the philosopher be cornered or trapped in any way by anyone, for he met the questions proposed with such rhetorical skill that whenever he seemed most firmly trapped, he escaped like a slippery snake.

But that God might show that the kingdom of God is based upon power rather than speech, one of the confessors (who had suffered tortures during the persecutions), a man of simplest character who knew only Christ Jesus and him crucified, was present with the other bishops in attendance. When he saw the philosopher insulting our people and proudly displaying his skills in dialectic, he asked everyone for a chance to exchange a few words with the philosopher. But our people, who knew only the man's simplicity and lack of skill in speech, feared that they might be put to shame in case his holy simplicity became a source of laughter to the clever.

But the elder insisted, and he began his discourse in this way: "In the name of Jesus Christ, O philosopher," he said, "listen to the truth! There is one God who made heaven and earth, who gave breath to man whom he had formed from the mud of the earth, and who created everything, what is seen and what is not seen, with the power of his word and established it with the sanctification of his Spirit. The word and wisdom, whom we call "Son," took pity on the errors of humankind, was born of a Virgin, by suffering death freed us from everlasting death, and by his resurrection conferred on us eternal life. Him we await as the judge to come of all that we do. Do you believe this is so, O philosopher?"

The philosopher, as though he had nothing whatever that he could say in opposition to this, so astonished was he at the power of what had been said, could only reply that he thought that it was so, and that what had been said was the only truth. Then the elder said, "If you believe that this is so, arise, follow me to the church, and receive the seal of this faith." The philosopher, turning to his disciples and to those who had gathered to listen, said, "Listen, O learned men: so long as it was words with which I had to deal, I set words against words and what was said I refuted with my rhetoric. But when power rather than words came out of the mouth of the speaker, words could not withstand power, nor could man oppose God. And therefore, if any one of you was able to feel in what was said what I feel, let him believe Christ and follow this old man in whom God has spoken." And thus the philosopher became a Christian and rejoiced at last to have been vanquished.

Rufinus, Church History 10.3—The Holy Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council, commemorated the 7th Sunday after Pascha

One day a man possessed with a devil came to Scetis, and they prayed over him, but the devil did not leave him, for it was obstinate. The priests said, "What can we do against this devil? No one can drive him away,

except Abba Bessarion, but if we call him, he will not come, even to the church. Therefore, let us do this: since he comes to church early, before anyone else, let us make the possessed one sleep here and when he comes, let us keep to our prayer, and say to him, "Abba, awaken the brother."

This is what they did. When the old man came early, they kept to their prayer and said to him, "Awaken the brother." The old man said to him, "Arise and go." Immediately the devil departed from him and from that hour he was healed.

A brother who had sinned was turned out of the church by the priest. Abba Bessarion got up and went with him, saying, "I, too, am a sinner."

Abba Bessarion, at the point of death, said, "The monk ought to be as the Cherubim and the Seraphim: all eye."

Abba Bessarion, commemorated 6 June

One of the disciples of Fr. Callinicus (on Mt. Athos) had received an order to bring manure to fertilize the trees; this meant a long trip and a great deal of hard work. Being tired and seeking a few hours of rest, he asked the Elder to lessen this task so that he could occupy himself more with study and prayer. The Elder, however, did not agree. "No," he said to him. "Do your obedience - that way you will gain more. When I shall have departed this life, you will have time to study, and you will note that in obedience you lived all this is written in the books." *Elder Callinicus the Hesychast, 1853-1930 from Contemporary Ascetics of Mount Athos*