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PENTECOST—DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
OUR PARISH NAME'S DAY!
Vechnaya Pam'yat, Metropolitan Constantine!
Memory Eternal!

ON THE MEND: Please keep the following parishioners and others in your prayers for recovery from their illnesses and injuries: Bishop Robert, Father Jakiw Norton, Father Dragan Filipović, Father Stevo Rocknage, Father Paul Stoll, Father Igor Soroka, Father Michael Mihalick [MS], Father Joseph Kopchak, Father Cuthbert Jack, Father Elias Warnke, Father Nestor Kowal, Father Paul Bigelow, Father Emilian Balan, Deacon Dennis Lapushanski, Pani-Dobrodijka Sonia Diakiw, Joshua Agosto and his family, Mike Holupka, Eva Malesnick, Stella Peanoske, Joe Nezolyk, Nick Behun, Grace Holupka, Virginia Bryan, Joseph Sliwinsky, Linda Mechtly, Mary Mochnick, Evelyn Misko, Jeanne Boehing, Alex Drobot, Rachelle, Jane Golofski, Doug Diller, Harry Krewsun, Mary Alice Babcock, Dorie Kunkle, Andrea, & Melissa [Betty O'Masta's relatives], Mary Evelyn King, Stella Cherepko, Sam Wadrose, Isabella Olivia Lindgren, Ethel Thomas, Donna, Erin, 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, Robert Hippert & family, Margaret Vladimir, Luke Emmerling, John Sheliga, George & Mika Rocknage, Robert McKivitz, Liz Obradovich, Liz, Halyna Zelinska [Bishop Daniel's mother], Charlotte, Andrew Mark Olynyk, Deborah Finley, Claire Senita, Eleanor Kelly, Bryan, Doris Artman, Nancy Barylak, Patrick Keenan, Khrystyna Chorniy, Anthony Cormier, 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, Bob C., Allie— young girl with leukemia, Heather Kramer, Jane Wartinbee, Matthew—21-

year-old with cancer, Nicholas Orlando, Mary Ann Kuznik, Michael Woloschak, Michael Pryhodzenko, Sonia Luciw, Nellie Patsko, Theresa Ditto, Mary Ann Musial, Mary Pelino, Yvonne Christy, Myron & Barbara Spak, Pete Niederberger, Julia Duda, Lisa Pandle, Kris & Julie Hanczar, John Kennedy, Lloyd Sheakley, Diane McDaniel, Loretta, Nancy, Carol, & Michael Sheliga, Gaelle Kelly, Irma McDivitt, Robin Young, Mckayla, Rachel, Tony Butecoff, Carl & Margaret Reed, Theodore Demopoulos, Jillian Bowman, Lydia Wilson, Robert Pointon, Walter Cecelia, John Persico, Karen & Peter Special, Jeff Miller, Mary Kernick, Glenn Miller, Jean Marie, Donna & Walter McCrackin, Doug Smith [Millie Kerr's son-in-law], Bonnie & Eugene Blair [Pani Gina's parents], Mel & Charlotte Malik, Paula Pasquinelli, David Hoenshell, Barbara Macino, Shelley Hill, Mikaela Kapeluck, Linda Cawley, Gerald Cogley, Helen Bozo, June Miller, Corey Guich, Monica Salvatore, Glenda Tickerhoof, Robert Vangrin, Juliana Leis, Susan "Billie" Mason, and Daria Masur. ARNOLD: Stefania Lucci, Steve Sakal, and Homer Paul Kline. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR JUNE BABIES: Andrea Weiser on the 2nd, Luke Brunermer on the 13th, and Allison Chicka on the 14th. May God grant them all Many Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Blessed years! M'Nohaya Lita!

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 3 **Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom 10:30 AM**
EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA, PENTECOST/TRINITY SUNDAY
HOLY EQUALS-TO-THE-APOSTLES CONSTANTINE AND HELEN-HIS MOTHER;
SAINT CASSIAN THE GREEK-MONK

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Acts 2:1-11

John 7:37-52-8:12

*Litany in Blessed Memory of Ann Roman, Mary Maoli, Joe Karas, Walter Burlack,
Dianne Waryanka, & Maxine Kitch-Fr. Bob*
Parastas in Blessed Memory of Walt Burlack—Evelyn

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Sunday, June 10 **Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom 10:30 AM**
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS
SAINT NICETAS-BISHOP OF CHALCEDON; SAINT EUTYCHIUS-BISHOP OF
MELITENE; MARTYR HELICONIS & DAPNI OF THESSALONICA; HIEROMARTYR
HELLADIUS-BISHOP IN THE EAST; SAINT IGNATIUS-BISHOP &
WONDERWORKER OF ROSTOV

Tone 8

Hebrews 11:33-12:2

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

Litany in Blessed Memory of Daniel J. Pysh, Jr.—40 days—Fr. Bob

Monday, June 11 **SAINTS PETER & PAUL FAST—THE APOSTLES'**
FAST—BEGINS

Sunday, June 17 **Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom 10:30 AM**
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS OF NORTH
AMERICA AND UKRAINE; THE VENERABLE AND HOLY FATHERS OF MOUNT
ATHOS; SAINT METROPHANES-FIRST PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE;
MARTYRS FRONTASIUS, SEVERINUS, SEVERIAN, & SILANUS OF GAUL; MARTYR
CONCORDIUS OF SPOLETO; HIEROMARTYR ASTIUS-BISHOP OF DYRRACHIUM
IN MACEDONIA; SAINT ZOSIMAS OF CILICIA-BISHOP OF NEW BABYLON

*******FATHERS' DAY*******

Tone 1

Romans 2:10-16; Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Matthew 4:18-23; Matthew 4:25-5:12

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

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 03 JUNE 2012
EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA
PENTECOST/TRINITY SUNDAY

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A Glimpse of Holy Russia...



The following is an account taken from Conversations with St. John of Kronstadt by Abbess Thaisia of Leushino Monastery. In it, we get a glimpse of 19th century Holy Russia as Abbess Thaisia fondly remembers visits by the the great saint of God, St. John of Kronstadt, to her monastery:

"Father John very much loved flowers and nature in general; people would perpetually bring him flowers. It would happen that he would take in his hand a rose or a peony, as they bloomed at the time he visited us, and would kiss the flowers, saying: 'I kiss the hand that created such beautiful and wondrous aromas. O Creator, Creator, how wondrous art thou even in the minutest blade of grass, in each little leaf!' He would hold the flower in his hand for a while, and then would give it to someone present. The possessor of that flower would feel boundless joy, while Father John would continue to praise the Creator for His benevolence towards men. If someone should offer him berries from the garden, which ripened at that time, he would say: 'How merciful is the Lord, how kind, abundant, and good! Look and see: He not only gives us necessary, essential food, but He even treats us, pleases us with berries and fruits. And what variation there is in taste - each better than the other. Notice that each kind of berry has its own specific taste, its own sweetness, its own aroma.

"Once a visitor replied to him that nowadays contemporary agriculture makes things more perfect and gives us a better variety of products. Father John, not looking at the one who said it, but continuing to look at the berries, answered: 'Culture is culture, and Creator is Creator. That's why

man is given intellect - so that he may work, till, improve, or, as people nowadays say, cultivate, first himself, and then God's creations, be it a tree, or fruits, or anything given by the Creator into his hands. It is easy to make a ready-made seed grow and to bring it to a higher quality; but to form a seed where there is none, or to create a drop of water where there is none - try to do that with your culture! From already-made water it is possible to create waterfalls. From ready-made matter - earth, sand, clay - it is possible to create huge constructions. But when these materials are absent, what can be done? O Most Good Creator, how long will Thy creation not know Thee and not fall down in humility before Thy grandeur?'

"Father John also loved to pick berries by himself in the garden and eat them straight from the branches. It would happen that he would crawl into the bushes or raspberries or into the strawberry patches, and, while eating, would call: 'Matushka! You have thieves in your garden! You don't guard your goods very well!' He loved our garden, and every time before leaving our monastery he would go there, and, as if sorry to go, would bid farewell to it, saying: 'Farewell, my little garden! Thank you for the consolation you always give me! How many holy minutes I have spent in your seclusion!...'"

- *From Abbess Thaisia: An Autobiography, St. Herman of Alaska Brotherhood Press, 1989: pp. 278-9*

For to despise the present age, not to love transitory things, unreservedly to stretch out the mind in humility to God and our neighbor, to preserve patience against offered insults and, with patience guarded, to repel the pain of malice from the heart, to give one's property to the poor, not to covet that of others, to esteem the friend in God, on God's account to love even those who are hostile, to mourn at the affliction of a neighbor, not to exult in the death of one who is an enemy, this is the new creature whom the Master of the nations seeks with watchful eye amid the other disciples, saying, 'If, then, any be in Christ a new creature, the old things are passed away. Behold all things are made new,' (2 Cor. 5:17). *St. Gregory the Great*



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THE THEOTOKOS – THE MOTHER OF ALL

V. Rev. John Constantine

As the month of May comes around, the thoughts of many of us drift to a special day – the second Sunday of the month in which we honor very special women in our lives – our mothers. An old Jewish proverb states: "God couldn't be everywhere so He created mothers." It is our mothers who not only bore us and nourished us, embraced us with love, set our feet on the path of the knowledge of God, who nursed our illnesses and hurts, who encourage us to be all we can be, whose unceasing prayers bless our comings and goings, and whose soft counsel and deep faith assure us that all will be well. This past Holy Week and Pascha my mind was constantly turning to another mother whose maternal love significantly affected our incomprehensible salvation – our most Holy, Blessed and Glorious Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.

From the hymnology of the Church during the services of Holy Week we entered into her maternal anguish as her Son entered into His Passion, Crucifixion and Entombment. The joy of the First Annunciation when the Archangel Gabriel was sent to the city of Nazareth to declare that she had found favor with God and that she was to bear the Son of the Most High is all but forgotten as she beholds her Son crucified on the Cross. The maternal heart groans as her only Son commends her to the care of the Beloved Disciple, John. We can only but imagine her grief as she holds the lifeless body of her Son as He is taken down from the Cross and hastily buried. Any loving mother who has buried a child understands the magnitude of her maternal grief at the foot of the Holy Cross. The prophecy of Symeon at the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple has become reality, "a sword will pierce through your own soul also."

It is not impossible to imagine that the same Archangel was not commanded to proclaim the Second Annunciation to the Holy Virgin in Jerusalem: "The Angel cried aloud to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O pure Virgin; and again I say Rejoice, Your Son has resurrected from the grave on the third day."

As the Virgin Mary's life is intertwined with that of her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, so is she intertwined in the life of every Orthodox Christian. As we become children of God by adoption, so she becomes our mother through that same adoption. All we need to do is look at all aspects of our veneration of the Holy Virgin: icons, candles, Commemorative Liturgies, services of Paraklesis, countless intercessory prayers and prayers "that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed." (Luke 2:35)

In honoring our earthly mothers on Mother's Day, let us also honor the Virgin Mary, the model of motherhood. This honor should not be confined to one day, but continuously: "Her children shall rise up and call her blessed."

May the mother of us all, the Theotokos, always entreat her Son and our Lord for our care and protection! *(end of Fr. John's article)*

"But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." This commandment of the Lord, which conveys a complete and total trust in Divine Providence, is the ascetic's slogan and living practice.

Elder Cherubim from St. Basil (on Mt. Athos) was a carefree ascetic, filled with faith and hope. He was also a little hard of hearing, and one time he was isolated by snow in his impoverished hermitage for over a week without food. One day a stranger with a loaded mule knocked at his door. It was almost night. He asked whether he had time to reach St. Peter's Cave before dark and then to return to St. Paul's Monastery.

Ascetic Cherubim said to him, "My brother, there is so much snow that you won't be able to get to St. Peter's Hermitage even if you had ahead of you a whole day. Stay here tonight and you can go early tomorrow morning."

The stranger replied, "Geronda, I have brought some food supplies which I would like to sell and then return to my work tonight. If you like, keep them, and give me a little money."

"Since you are in a hurry, leave them here in this corner and I will give you the money which was given to me by a pilgrim." He went to his room while the stranger was unloading the goods, but when he returned he was not there. He had disappeared. Father Cherubim looked outside and called, but there were neither footprints nor animal tracks in the snow. Then he realized that it had all been the visible energies of the invisible Divine Providence, which looks after everything. He entered his little chapel and thanked the Lord. With gratitude he placed food supplies in his small storage space. They lasted him the whole winter. *from An Athonite Gerontikon*

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