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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 Joseph Kopchak, Father Cuthbert Jack, Father Elias Warnke, Father Nestor Kowal, Father Paul Bigelow, Father Emilian Balan, Father John Nakonachny, Deacon Dennis Lapushanski, Protopresbyter Peter Hotrovich, Protodeacon Joseph Hotrovich, 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, 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, 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, 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, Theresa Ditto, Mary Ann Musial, Mary Pelino, Yvonne Christy, Myron & Barbara Spak, Pete Niederberger, Julia Duda, Lisa Pandle, Kris & Julie Hanczar, John Kennedy, 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, 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, Corey Guich, Robert Vangrin, Juliana Leis, Susan "Billie" Mason, Pauline Witkowsky, Sera White, LuAnne [Mike Horvath's daughter], Donald Griffey, Deborah Smith, Nancy & Eric Dunik, Julian Stroz [child with cerebral palsy], Thomas Stutzman, Dr. Kirsten Ream, Patricia Corey, Michelle, Katie Swarm, Richard Dunst, Michelle, Jamie Gardner, Patrick, Linda Morris, Howard Simpson, Ronald Graham [Evelyn's nephew], Chris, Pastor Ed Bowen, David Hiles, Karen Johnson, Jennifer, and Daria Masur ARNOLD: Stefania Lucci, Steve Sakal, and Homer Paul Kline. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

A BELATED HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our Beloved Very Rev. Mitred Protopresbyter George Hnatko, who turned 80 years young on Saturday, January 26th. May God grant him Many Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Blessed Years working in His Vineyard! God Bless you, Father George!

Let us not render evil for evil, and we shall not receive our due for our sins. For we find the forgiveness of our trespasses in the forgiving of our brothers; and the mercy of God is hidden in mercifulness to our neighbor. Therefore the Lord said, "Forgive, and you shall be forgiven," and, "With what measure you mete, it shall be measured to you again." See how the Lord bestowed on us the method of salvation and has given us eternal power to become sons of God!

St. Maximus the Confessor (c. 580-662) commemorated 21 January

PRAYER LIST: Please help update our prayer list. If you or someone you know no longer needs to be on the prayer list or if there is someone who needs to be on the list please let Father Bob know. Remember—Prayers are ALWAYS FREE! Thank you!

Please remember 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 ask 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, FEBRUARY 03 Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom 10:30 AM
**THIRTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SAINT MAXIMUS THE CONFESSOR;
MARTYR NEOPHYTES; MARTYRS EUGENE, CANDIDUS, VALERIAN AND AQUILA;
VIRGIN MARTYRESS AGNES OF ROME; MARTYR ANASTASIAS-DISCIPLE OF
SAINT MAXIMUS THE CONFESSOR; MONK NEOPHYTES OF VATOPEDEIA; SAINT
MAXIMUS THE GREEK**

Tone 2

Colossians 3:12-16

Luke 18:35-43

Litany in Blessed Memory of Milton G. Chicka, Daniel Pysh, Sara Chicka, Nikolai Pivtoraiko, Anne Cherepko Mazock, & Mary Lokie—Fr. Bob

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10 Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom 10:30 AM
**THIRTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SAINT EPHRAIM THE SYRIAN;
SAINT PALLADIUS THE HERMIT OF ANTIOCH; SAINT ISAAC THE SYRIAN-
BISHOP OF NINEVEH; SAINT EPHRAIM-BISHOP OF PEREYASLAVL**

Tone 3

I Corinthians 6:16-7:1

Matthew 15:21-28

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17 Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom 10:30 AM
**THIRTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; AFTERFEAST OF THE MEETING
OF OUR LORD; SAINT ISIDORE OF PELUSIUM-MONK; MARTYR JADORIUS &
ISADORE UNDER DECIUS; HIEORMARTYR ABRAMIUS-BISHOP OF ARBELA IN
ASSYRIA; SAINT NICHOLAS THE CONFESSOR-ABBOT OF THE STUDIO**

Tone 4

I Timothy 4:9-15

Luke 19:1-10

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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.

**PEOPLE: The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my
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READER: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but he has not given me over
to death.

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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!

You may find yourself hampered by someone who sows tares of despondency. He tries to prevent you from climbing to such heights of holiness by discouraging you with various thoughts. For instance, he will tell you that it is impossible for you to be saved and to keep every single one of God's commandments while you live in this world. When this happens you should sit down in a solitary place by yourself, collect yourself, concentrate your thoughts and give good counsel to your soul, saying: "Why, my soul, are you dejected, and why do you trouble me? Put your hope in God, for I will give thanks to Him; for my salvation lies not in my actions but in God (cf. Ps. 42:5). Who will be vindicated by actions done according to the law (cf. Gal 2:16)? No living person will be vindicated before God (cf. Ps. 143:2). Yet by virtue of my faith in God I hope that in His ineffable mercy He will give me salvation. Get behind me, Satan (cf. Matt. 16:23). I worship the Lord my God (cf. Matt. 4:10) and serve Him from my youth; for He is able to save me simply through His mercy. Go away from me. The God who created me in His image and likeness will reduce you to impotence." *St. Symeon the New Theologian*

Some humor for grandparents

1. She was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter, as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye....
2. My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 80. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"
3. After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"
4. A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed,

taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

5. My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.

6. A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story.

"What's it about?" he asked.

"I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."

7. I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these colors yourself!"

8. When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."

9. When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised "Mine says I'm 4 to 6."

10.. A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today." The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting," she said... "How do you make babies?"

"It's simple," replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'."

11. Children's Logic: "Give me a sentence about a public servant," said a teacher. The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked.

"Sure," said the young boy confidently. "It means carrying a child."

12. A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties.

"They use him to keep crowds back," said one child.

"No," said another. "He's just for good luck."

A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."

13. A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, and when we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."

14. Grandpa is the smartest man on earth! He teaches me good things, but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him!

15. My Grandparents are funny, when they bend over, you hear gas leaks and they blame their dog.

A Successful Life

A Message from Fr. Christopher Makiej

What does it mean to be "successful" in life? For many it means working hard, achieving the goals of our career and financial success, having a good family and network of friends.

All of the above are wonderful. But the problem with many contemporary Americans is that a relationship with God, faith, Church is not part of their success equation. It may be a small sidebar, but it is not the driving force in their effort to be successful in life.

This is a grave mistake. Remember the great King Solomon who attained success and wealth beyond measure...yet he summed up his life by saying "vanity, vanity—emptiness, it's a bubble that bursts" (Ecclesiastes 1:2).

Please understand, God is pleased to bless us with material things. After all, He *created* the material world. The crucial problem is when we forget the *Creator*! This is why so many people today who have attained so much - are still empty spiritually and wanting for more—searching for a deeper meaning of life—just like King Solomon.

What, then, defines "success?" Very simply, it's the process of "climbing" closer to God by confronting sinful vices and acquiring holy habits or virtues—THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A SUCCESS! It's not merely climbing the *corporate* ladder--its truly climbing the spiritual ladder.

As we climb to success, with the help of Jesus, and His grace, we are seeking to defeat sinful habits like gossip, lying, lust, anger, judging, insults, etc...and, at the same time, seeking to live a new way in Christ through practicing patience, forgiveness, kindness, and especially, LOVE!

This process makes us more "Christ-like," which is the goal, the *success* of life.

How do we climb to success? ...Come to Church and worship the *Creator*, not just His creation. Read the Bible and pray regularly. Believe and follow Jesus Christ and commit to a close and personal relationship with Him...a relationship that will lead you to Church—a family of believers who are like-minded and all seeking to humbly climb the ladder of success. Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10) *climbed* a tree to see Jesus passing by. He was willing to do *anything* to get to Jesus and to change his life. Are you?

Let me ask you a question: Are you searching for happiness? Has life become meaningless and have things turned out differently than you thought they would?

Jesus Christ can offer you a new life, a *successful* life. Jesus Christ is a life-altering experience.

Perhaps you've lost your job or suffered a death in the family. Perhaps you're addicted to something or some lifestyle in your search for happiness. Or maybe you have lost your ambition or even your faith in God or other people.

The world has become a very selfish, cold place to live in, and life at times can seem very difficult to deal with. Jesus Christ is your answer for new life - for a new future and for a purpose to live. Once you turn to Jesus you will not want to return to your old life.

Jesus Christ can offer you what you are looking for. He can offer you a brand new life, a successful life. Jesus Christ can completely change you and fill you with peace, joy and happiness. In Him, you will have hope for the future and hope for all eternity. Amen. ***GOD BLESS YOU!***

Fr Christopher Makiej serves the Parish of Saints Constantine and Helen in Andover, MA

What is Krsna Slava?

In reality a Serbian Slava is the Serbian family birthday and family name day in the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ and in the spirit of our Holy Orthodox Christian faith. For this reason, the words, "Krsno Ime" brings the meaning even closer. Slava is the name of the Patron Saint. Among the Serbian people, Slava is old as Christianity itself. No Christian nation has this type of celebration but the Orthodox Serbs. In its importance to a Serbian family, Slava stands next to Nativity and Pascha.

Orthodox Christian missionaries among the Serbs, when converting them to the Holy Orthodox Faith, Christianized their customs too. In becoming Orthodox Christians, Serbs accepted the Saint /Saints of the day they were baptized. The living example of the Patron Saint gave the celebrant assurance, persistence and the feeling of protection, support and

encouragement of doing good in ones life. To make it even more spiritually binding, the Holy Orthodox Church, because it is the communion of the Saints and the Body of Christ in which Christ abides through the Patron Saint, makes the family become part of that communion in a more direct and tangible way.

As far as the Orthodox Serbian culture is concerned, Slava becomes a unique element uninterrupted throughout the entire history of the Orthodox Serbian people. Being situated in the geographic region between the East and the West, between cultures alien to them (Islam and Roman Catholicism), and being subjugated for centuries by slavery, the Slava for Serbs became a spiritual holiday identified with their Orthodox name and existence. In the history of the Orthodox Serbian people, Slava withstood with success Roman Catholic religious proselytism with persecution from the West, and Islamic religious slavery and brutality for centuries.

Observance of the Slava is performed also by cultural and social organizations, cities and even military units. In addition to relatives, kumovi and friends are assembled that day, the home is open to ALL who come. Emotions of the celebrants are charged with the noblest motives. They have a readiness and desire to welcome and offer the best in friendship, food, drink , and all is ready and prepared in prayer. The host does not sit that day. His duty is to welcome and serve, "Da sluzi Krsno Ime." There are many beautiful zdravica's" (toasts) pronounced and heard on that day by the host and the guests invoking blessings of God and the Orthodox Saints and exchanging the best wishes for each other. This is a day for great spiritual rejoicing.

In the home you find a candle, "slavski kolach" (bread) and "koljivo" (wheat) on the table with the icon of the Patron Saint on the east wall of one of the rooms with a votive light "kandilo". This is the family altar. The Slava candle "sveca" is lit and burns in honor and memory of the Patron Saint. The candle is never blown out, but extinguished with wine. The same wine glass is then handed around the family circle and each member takes a sip of it and thereby the continuity of the Slava is symbolized. The "kolac" (bread) symbolizes Christ and His presence (the Bread of Life), while the "koljivo" (wheat) is served in memory of the deceased members of the family who are mentioned during the service of cutting of the "slavski kolach" (bread). Thus the present generation is together with the preceding generation and those to come. The scent of incense fills the house, bringing to our senses the feeling of this festive and unique occasion. All present become one and the personality of everyone present , body, soul, and spirit is participating in full.

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Elder Paisius on the Body of Christ

Elder Paisius the Athonite



Spiritual work on ourselves is actually a silent work on our fellow human beings; it is work that instructs by example and causes others to imitate the good behavior they see and correct their faults. Everyone is useful in the Church. Everyone has something to offer; there's plenty of room for everybody, for those who have a mild character and for those who may be strict and demanding. The Body of the Church resembles the human body.

Just as we need both sweet and sour foods, even bitter herbs, because each food has something to contribute in substance and vitamins, so too the Body of the Church needs every one of us. Each person complements the character of the other, and we are all obliged to tolerate not only the spiritual temperament of others, but also their human weaknesses. Now unfortunately, there are those who have irrational expectations of others. They expect everyone to be like them, to have their spiritual temperament; and if the other person does not meet their standard, if they are a bit more lenient or more austere, they are eager to find [and pronounce] them non-spiritual. **Taken from With Pain and Love for Contemporary Man.*

THE BRICK—via Pani Gina

A young and successful executive was traveling down a neighborhood street, going a bit too fast in his new Jaguar. He was watching for kids darting out from between parked cars and slowed down when he thought he saw something.

As his car passed, no children appeared. Instead, a brick smashed into the Jag's side door! He slammed on the brakes and backed the Jag back to the spot where the brick had been thrown.

The angry driver then jumped out of the car, grabbed the nearest kid and pushed him up against a parked car shouting, 'What was that all about and who are you? Just what the heck are you doing? That's a new car and that brick you threw is going to cost a lot of money. Why did you do it?'

The young boy was apologetic. 'Please, mister...please, I'm sorry but I didn't know what else to do,' he pleaded. 'I threw the brick because no one else would stop...' With tears dripping down his face and off his chin, the youth pointed to a spot just around a parked car. 'It's my brother, 'he said 'He rolled off the curb and fell out of his wheelchair and I can't lift him up.'

Now sobbing, the boy asked the stunned executive, 'Would you please help me get him back into his wheelchair? He's hurt and he's too heavy for me.'

Moved beyond words, the driver tried to swallow the rapidly swelling lump in his throat... He hurriedly lifted the handicapped boy back into the wheelchair, then took out a linen handkerchief and dabbed at the fresh scrapes and cuts. A quick look told him everything was going to be okay. 'Thank you and may God Bless you,' the grateful child told the stranger.

Too shook up for words, the man simply watched the boy push his wheelchair-bound brother down the sidewalk toward their home.

It was a long, slow walk back to the Jaguar. The damage was very noticeable, but the driver never bothered to repair the dented side door. He kept the dent there to remind him of this message: 'Don't go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at you to get your attention!' God whispers in our souls and speaks to our hearts sometimes when we don't have time to listen, He has to throw a brick at us. It's OUR choice to listen or NOT!

It is no great thing not to judge and to be sympathetic to someone who is in trouble and falls down before you, but it is a great thing not to judge or to strike back when someone, on account of his own passions, speaks against you. Likewise, it is a great thing not to disagree when someone else is honored more than you are. *St. Dorotheos of Gaza*

Vice is so attractive and ready at hand, and nothing is so easy as to become evil—even without anyone to lead us on to it; while the attainment of virtue is rare and difficult, even where there is much to attract and encourage us. *St. Gregory the Theologian*