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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, Ann Quinn—knee surgery, Cher Mount, Frank & Janet Horrell, Jim Wandling, Susan Bertram, Rita McConnell, and Daria Masur ARNOLD: Stefania Lucci, Steve Sakal, and Homer Paul Kline. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

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, MARCH 10 **Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom** **10:30 AM**
MEATFARE SUNDAY; SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT; SAINT TARASIIUS-ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Tone 7

I Corinthians 8:8-9:2

Matthew 25:31-46

THURSDAY, MARCH 14 **Slickville Ecumenical Service** **7:00 PM**
Saint Sylvester Roman Catholic Church—Pastor Tom Holmes speaking

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 **Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom** **10:30 AM**
CHEESEFARE SUNDAY; FORGIVENESS SUNDAY; SAINT GERASIMUS OF THE JORDAN; SAINT JULIAN-PATRIARCH OF ALEXANDRIA; SAINT JAMES THE FASTER OF PHOENICIA; MARTYR WENCESLAUS-PRINCE OF THE CZECHS; BLESSED BASIL [BASILKO]-PRINCE OF ROSTOV

Tone 8

Romans 13:11-14:4

Matthew 6:14-21

Parastas in Blessed Memory of Joseph Vangrin—10 years—Ann Quinn

FORGIVENESS SUNDAY VESPERS—McKEES ROCKS—4:00 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 21 **Slickville Ecumenical Service** **7:00 PM**
Holy Ghost Hosting—Rev. Linda Steward Speaking

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 **Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great** **10:30 AM**
FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT—SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY; SAINT SOPHONIUS-PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM; HIEROMARTYR PIONIUS OF SMYRNA AND THOSE WITH HIM-ASCIEPIADES, MACEDONIA, LINUS, & SABINA; TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF MARTYR EPIMACHUS OF PELUSIUM TO CONSTANTINOPLE; SAINT SOPHONIUS-RECLUSE OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA

Tone 1

Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2

John 1:43-51

Parastas in Blessed Memory of Tillie Kuzman—John & Debbie Pauncic

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY VESPERS—ST. NICHOLAS, HOMESTEAD—4:00 PM
Slickville's Own Father Bob Buczak host pastor

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 10 MARCH 2013

**MEATFARE SUNDAY; SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT;
SAINT TARASIIUS-ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

TROPARION—TONE 7

By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death!

To the thief, Thou didst open Paradise!

For the Myrrhbearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy.
And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God,
To proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

KONTAKION—MEATFARE SUNDAY—TONE 1

When Thou, O God, shalt come to earth with glory
All things shall tremble and the river of fire shall flow before Thy Judgment
Seat;
The Books shall be opened and the hidden things disclosed;
Then deliver me from the unquenchable fire
And make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand
O Righteous Judge.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

KONTAKION—TONE 7

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive,
For Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers!
Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry:
The Savior has come to those in faith!
Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 7

READER: The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless
His people with peace!

**PEOPLE: The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall
bless His people with peace!**

READER: Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the
Lord!

**PEOPLE: The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall
bless His people with peace!**

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PEOPLE: The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 7

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy name, O Most
High!

To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night!

You, sinner, who have fallen into the depths of evil, when you represent to yourself the multitude of your sins and fall into despair and hardness of heart, remember that the heavenly Father sent His only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, into the world for your salvation from sins and from eternal condemnation for them. Turn, then, with faith to this Mediator before God for men, imploring Him from the depths of your soul to wash away by His all-cleansing Blood, shed for us on the Cross, your iniquities too; turn zealously to repentance, confessing your sins before His priest as before Himself, that you may be justified, after which, if the minister of the sacrament of penitence finds you prepared and fit, draw near to the holy cup and you shall be cleansed of your sins: peace shall flow into your soul like a river and you shall be the son of the heavenly Father, who was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found, Luke 15:32. *St. John of Kronstadt, My Life in Christ*

The Sunday of the Prodigal Son **Luke 15:11-32**

And he said, A certain man had two sons: And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry. Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant. And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound. And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and entreated him. And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends: But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf. And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine. It was meet that we

should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

The Lord God gives us the days of our lives. He gives us talents and treasures. At Holy Baptism, we commit ourselves fully and completely to Christ. We are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit at Chrismation. The Kingdom of God is the goal of those individuals baptized into Christ. Baptism is special and life-changing. Baptism is a life-defining experience. Baptism is a point of reference for the remaining days of life. With the passing of time, believers move away from the baptismal experience and into daily life. The firm and complete commitment to Christ becomes less intense. Interests other than Christ affect the heart, the mind and the soul. The vivid recollection of Baptism recedes as life progresses. Remaining fully committed to Christ throughout each day is a constant challenge.

Temptations to sin are strong. Believers too often yield to temptation. Individuals often realize they have departed far from the path to the Kingdom of God. Jesus said: "Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."(Mt.7:14) When individuals realize they have departed far from the path of Christ, some sink into despair and lose hope. They determine that God will not receive them back.

The present Gospel offers hope for each person willing to return. The father in the present Gospel showed no hesitancy in welcoming his returning son. The son was received with great joy and celebration. The father's love for the returning son was apparent. God's willingness to accept sinners is well documented.

Jesus said: "I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.(Lk15:7) Many people continue to stay away from attending church after a long absence. They are hesitant to return to church because they don't know how they will be welcomed. God welcomes returning believers with great love. Believers returning to church after a long absence will find joy and love from God. Believers returning to church will experience unity with God.

The returning prodigal son and the father were firmly reunited. St. Nickolai said: "If you commit a sin, and people see your sin and pass judgment, and cast you off like an unneeded ragamuffin in this world, your faith will protect your worth and say to you: "Christ died on the cross for sinners."

Draw courage from the present Gospel. Draw courage from the words of St. Nickolai Velimirovich when he said: "He(Christ) paid the price for your sin before God, and to God you are very valuable and precious." Every person is a sinner. Every person serious about drawing near to God will

benefit from entering God's Holy Church. Every person open to Christ will feel the warmth and love of Christ when resolutely returning to church.

The lesson of the Gospel of the Sunday of the Prodigal Son is a lesson of God's infinite and welcoming love for sinners returning to Him. Every person has the opportunity for a new beginning in Christ. Every person can return from a life which is far from God. The time of life is very precious. Individuals need not waste the time of their lives in suffering because of a life alienated from God. Now is the time to return to the God of love experienced and embraced at Holy Baptism.

*St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, Carmichaels, Pennsylvania.
February 18/March 3, 2013. Sunday of the Prodigal Son. St. Leo of Rome.
Father Rodney Torbic*

Just as the blessings promised by God are unutterably great, so their acquisition requires much hardship and toil undertaken with hope and faith. This is clear from Christ's words, He who does not hate father and mother, brothers and sisters, wife and children, and even his own soul, cannot be a disciple of Mine, Luke 14:26. Most people are so lacking in intelligence as to want to attain the great and inconceivable blessing of the Kingdom of God, and to inherit eternal life and reign with Christ forever, while living according to their own desires, or rather, according to him who sows within them clearly noxious vanities. *St. Makarios of Egypt, The Philokalia, Volume 3*

CLARIFICATION: *Father Bob made several errors in the birthday list last Sunday...here are the corrected dates:*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MARCH BABIES: John Paouncic on the 2nd, Sonia Luciw—who turns 90 years young on the 3rd, Walter Anthony Burlack on the 7th, Judy Previc on the 12th, Mary Shirley on the 12th, and Mike Holupka on the 25th. May God grant them all Many Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Blessed Years! M'nohaya Lita!