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ON THE MEND: Please keep the following parishioners and others in your prayers for recovery from their illnesses and injuries: Archbishop Jovan, 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 George Yatsko, Father Paul Bigelow, Father Emilian Balan, Father John Nakonachny, Father Steve Repa, Deacon Dennis Lapushanski, Protopresbyter Peter Hotrovich, Protodeacon Joseph Hotrovich, Father Adam Yonitch, 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, Sam Wadrose, Isabella Olivia Lindgren, Ethel Thomas, Donna, Erin, Michael Miller, Grace & Owen Ostrasky, Patti Sinecki, David Genshi, Sue Segeleon, Mike Gallagher, Michael Miller, Liz Stumpf, Theodore Nixon, Michelle Corba Kapeluck, Linda 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, Nancy Barylak, Patrick Keenan, Khrystyna Chorniy, Anthony Cormier, Nathan Forbeck, Sarah Doyle, Samuel Peters, Jean Stutchell, Charles & Esther Holupka, Wanda Mefford, 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, 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, Bonnie & Eugene Blair [Pani Gina's parents], Mel & Charlotte Malik, David Hoenshell, Barbara Macino, Shelley Hill, Mikaela Kapeluck, Linda Cawley, Gerald Cogley, Helen Bozo, Corey Guich, Robert Vangrin, Susan "Billie" Mason, Pauline Witkowsky, Sera White, Donald Griffey, Deborah Smith, Nancy & Eric Dunik, Julian Stroz [child with cerebral palsy], 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, Jerry Quinn, Cher Mount, Frank & Janet Horrell, Jim Wandling, Susan Bertram, Rita McConnell, Gail, Pete Special, Sirena Sharp, Ron Paulovich, Patty Sinicki, Fred DeNorscia, Sandi Anderson, Donald Uebing, Sabrina, Shirley, 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 September babies: First Lady Debbie Paouncic on the 4th, Liz Obradovich on the 5th, Stella Peanoske on the 5th, Nicholas Andrew Davis on the 12th, Mark Brunermer on the 13th, and Troy Scott on the 22nd. May God grant them all Many Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Blessed Years! M'nohaya Lita!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: All Christians and the others in the Middle East who are suffering during this time of great tragedy and unrest. May God watch over and keep them safe! Lord have mercy!

Since the icon talk was so well received, Alex and Pani Gina suggested having Fr. Bob answer questions of interest to our parish family. Alex will be constructing an "Ask Your Priest" box for your questions that will be placed in the parish basement hall. If you have a question, please write it down and place it in the box. Father Bob will try to answer as many questions as he can at Coffee Hour after Liturgy...if he doesn't know the answer, he will research it and have an answer for the next Sunday! We are all learning every day, so we will continue to learn together! God Bless!
Fr. Bob

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, SEPTEMBER 01 Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom 10:30 AM
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; AFTERFEAST OF THE DORMITION; MARTYR ANDREW STRATELATES & 2593 SOLDIERS WITH HIM IN CILICIA; MARTYRS TIMOTHY, AGAPIUS, & THECLA OF PALESTINE

Tone 1

1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Matthew 17:14-23

Litany in Blessed Memory of Josephine Roman & Suzie Pelczar—Fr. Bob

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 08 Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom 10:30 AM
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MARTYRS ADRIAN, NATALIA, & 33 COMPANIONS OF NICOMEDIA

Tone 2

1 Corinthians 9:2-12

Matthew 18:23-35

Litany in Blessed Memory of the Victims of 09-11-2001—Fr. Bob

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom 10:30 AM
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MARTYR MAMAS & HIS PARENTS MARTYRS THEODOTUS & RUFINA OF CAESAREA IN CAPPADOCIA; SAINT JOHN THE FASTER-PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE; 3628 MARTRYS OF NICOMEDIA

Tone 3

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Matthew 19:16-26

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TROPARION—TONE 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews;
While the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure Body;
Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior,
Granting life to the world.
The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of life:
Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ!
Glory to Thy Kingdom!
Glory to Thy Dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind.

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

KONTAKION—TONE 1

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself.
Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished!
Adam exults, O Master!
Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee:
Thou are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 1

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: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

PEOPLE: **As we have set our hope on Thee.**

ALLELUIA VERSES

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!

Disciple/Saint Andrew and Saints Cyril and Methodius

Disciple Andrew traveled through the lands which later became Slavic lands (6th C.). Saints Cyril and Methodius were the apostles to the Slavs:

Apostles to the Slavs by Mike Oettle

As the Serbians made war against the Croatians and Bosnians a decade ago, it must have been especially sad for Saints Cyril and Methodius to see, for it was their mission work 11 centuries ago that made Christians of the Slavic tribes of the Danube. Somewhere the gospel message has got lost in the Balkan peninsula.

The gospel had been preached before in at least some of the lands of the Danube before these two appeared on the scene - we know of St Martin's work in Pannonia (now Hungary) and Illyricum (until relatively recently the western parts of Yugoslavia) in the 4th century AD - but as in other parts of the Roman world (such as Britain), pagan tribes had invaded and eliminated the Church. A Slavic principality called Great Moravia had emerged in the lands we today call Czechia, Slovakia, Poland and Hungary (the Magyars had not yet arrived in Central Europe) and in 862 its ruler, Rostislav, found himself under pressure from both the German kingdom and the Roman Church in Germany, as well as from another Slavic state, the Bulgarian Empire.

Rostislav appealed to Constantinople for help and for missionaries. The Emperor, Michael III, and the Patriarch, Photius, agreed that Cyril^[1] and Methodius were the men to evangelise the Slavs. Cyril, born about 827, a former professor of philosophy and previously a missionary to the Arabs, and his brother, Abbot Methodius, born about 825, were engaged in a mission among the Khazars, north-east of the Black Sea, but were obedient to the call and in 862 began work among the Slavs.

Their first work was to translate the Scriptures and liturgy into Slavonic (the common language of the tribes from Bulgaria to Great Moravia), and to do this they had to devise (from the Greek) an alphabet that would reflect the sounds of the Slavonic tongue (today called Old Church Slavonic). It is believed that Methodius devised the alphabet, but credit is given to Cyril in the name Cyrillic. The Cyrillic alphabet is no longer used in its original form, but adapted versions of it are still used in Serbia,

Bulgaria, Ukraine and Russia and can be seen on the stamps issued by these countries, by Yugoslavia and by the former Soviet Union.

In 867 the brothers were invited to Rome by Pope St Nicholas I to explain their conflict with the German archbishop of Salzburg (now in Austria) and bishop of Passau (in Bavaria), who wanted to control the area where they were operating and enforce the Latin liturgy. By the time they arrived in Rome in 868, a new Pope, Adrian II, had been installed. He took their side and formally authorised the Slavonic liturgy. Cyril died in Rome, but Adrian made Methodius Archbishop of Sirmium (a city on the southern border of Pannonia) and papal legate.

After Rostislav's death his successor, Svatopluk, allowed the Germans more leeway and in 870 Methodius was tried by the German clergy, brutally treated and jailed until Pope John VIII intervened. In 880 Methodius was again summoned to Rome over the Slavic liturgy, but once more obtained papal approval, this time with difficulty. Further trouble, led by his suffragan, Wiching, forced Methodius to visit Constantinople in 882.

Wiching succeeded Methodius after his death in 884, and now Rome gained the upper hand. Pope Stephen V forbade the use of Slavic liturgy and Wiching exiled the disciples of Cyril and Methodius. These disciples continued their work among the Serbs, Croats, Poles and Bulgars and even took the gospel to Kiev, then capital of Russia. But the Latin-Slavonic divide caused irreparable damage to both the Church in the Danube lands and the Slavic peoples, especially when, in later years, the Roman Church enforced the Latin rite among the western section, known as Chrvata,[2] of the tribe called Srba.[3] The result is not only the use of the Roman alphabet among the Catholic Croats but hatred and distrust of the "heretic" Orthodox Serbians, and vice versa.

Cyril and Methodius were canonised by the Eastern Church soon after their death, and in 1880 they were finally recognised by Rome as well. Their feast day is on 7 July.

[1] In Greek, Kurillos (KurilloV), meaning "lordly", from kurios (kurioV), "lord" or "master". In Russian the name appears as Kiril.

[2] The Croats. Postage stamps issued by their state (nowadays and during the Second World War) bear the inscription Hrvatska.

[3] The Serbs. Postage stamps issued by the pre-1918 Principality of Serbia bear a Cyrillic inscription that resembles CPbNJA (the C stands for the sound S; the P is actually

an R; the "b" has an additional line at the top; the N is back to front and stands for a colourless vowel; and JA is for the sound YA.)hier

a.. This article was originally published in Western Light, monthly magazine of All Saints' Parish, Kabega Park, Port Elizabeth, in February 1993.

<http://www.oocities.org/saintsnseasons/KirilE.html>

How Polish People Became Christians and then Roman Catholic Christians

After Duke Mieczyslaw of Poland had been defeated in 963 by the Wends, he sought protection from them by submission to the German emperor. But in spite of the favorable opportunity thus afforded for the introduction of Christianity from Germany, no efforts were made in this direction. Christianity was introduced as a resultant of the Slavonic mission of the Greek Oriental Church; and, in particular, according to the oldest and most reliable reports from Bohemia, where it had obtained a permanent foothold under Duke Boleslaw I. the Pious. Duke Mieczyslaw married in 966 Dambrowka, the sister of Boleslaw II., duke of Bohemia, and in 967 accepted Christianity, followed immediately by the nobles and a part of the people. Further expansion was promoted by priests from Bohemia; and at the order of the duke all his subjects were baptized. All idols were to be broken, burned, or thrown into the water.

At this point Germany began missionary work in Poland. Under the protection of the emperor, Jordan, a German priest, worked with great zeal and under many difficulties, as missionary. The Poles had indeed accepted Christianity after the example of their duke, nominally; but in secret they were still attached to their old gods, and at a later time heathenism was yet strong enough to produce a reaction. The ecclesiastical organization of the country soon followed the acceptance of Christianity by the duke. This could not possibly have been accomplished by the efforts of the Slavonic-Greek mission; but the close political connection of Poland with Germany and the feudal relation of the duke to the emperor effected in the course of time close relations with the German-Occidental Church, and from these a firm foundation and organization of Polish Christianity proceeded. Mieczyslaw, in 977, after the death of his first wife, married Oda, the daughter of the Saxon Margrave Dietrich, under whose influence the Greek rite gave way to the Roman forms of church service. Otto the Great conceived comprehensive plans for a permanent Christianization of the Slavonic people who were compelled to submit to his power. At his instance and with his cooperation, the first Polish bishopric, Posen was founded in 968. At first included under the archbishopric of Mainz, it was later incorporated in the archbishopric of Magdeburg. Thus the connection of the Polish Church with the Roman Church was established, and under the influence of the political conditions the Roman Church

gained the ascendancy over the unwilling Greek element. As the Roman missionaries from Germany did not speak the Polish language, they could not gain that influence over the people to which the Slavonic missionaries owed most of their success. Conflicts arose, and it became very difficult to introduce the institutions of the Roman Church. The pope found it necessary to make temporary concessions; and preaching and liturgy were allowed in the vernacular. Until his death in 992 Mieczyslaw remained a faithful adherent of the imperial power. Under his son from his first marriage, Boleslaw Chrobry, " the Brave " (992 to 1025), one of the most powerful and valiant of the old Polish dukes, the tie of Poland with the Roman Church became still closer. Although Poland had not been fully Christianized even externally, it became under him a center for the further expansion of Christianity among the neighboring peoples, in that he made the mission serve his warlike undertakings. Boleslaw Chrobry had safeguarded St. Adalbert on his missionary tour to Prussia and afterward redeemed his remains; and over his grave in Gnesen he contracted an intimate friendship with Emperor Otto III. Gnesen became an archbishopric and the center of the Polish Church. Seven bishoprics were placed under its jurisdiction, among them Colberg, Cracow, and Breslau; and thus there was established the first comprehensive organization of the Polish Church. But with the foundation of the archbishopric of Gnesen Poland's connection with the archbishopric of Magdeburg and with the German Church and empire was loosened, and there gradually grew up a more immediate connection with Rome. As he had protected Adalbert on his missionary tour to Prussia, so Boleslaw aided powerfully the bold undertaking of Brun of Querfurt, the enthusiastic disciple of Adalbert, to bring the Gospel to the wild people of the far east. Boleslaw also sent to Sweden missionaries whose efforts were very successful.

Because of Love

A brother and sister had made their usual hurried, obligatory pre-Christmas visit to the little farm where dwelt their elderly parents with their small herd of horses. The farm was where they had grown up and had been named Lone Pine Farm because of the huge pine, which topped the hill behind the farm. Through the years the tree had become a talisman to the old man and his wife, and a landmark in the countryside. The young siblings had fond memories of their childhood here, but the city hustle and bustle added more excitement to their lives, and called them away to a different life.

The old folks no longer showed their horses, for the years had taken their toll, and getting out to the barn on those frosty mornings was getting harder, but it gave them a reason to get up in the mornings and a reason to live. They sold a

few foals each year, and the horses were their reason for joy in the morning and contentment at day's end.

Angry, as they prepared to leave, the young couple confronted the old folks "Why do you not at least dispose of 'The Old One'. She is no longer of use to you. It's been years since you've had foals from her. You should cut corners and save so you can have more for yourselves. How can this old worn out horse bring you anything but expense and work? Why do you keep her anyway?"

The old man looked down at his worn boots, holes in the toes, scuffed at the barn floor and replied, " Yes, I could use a pair of new boots".

His arm slid defensively about the Old One's neck as he drew her near with gentle caressing he rubbed her softly behind her ears. He replied softly, "We keep her because of love. Nothing else, just love."

Baffled and irritated, the young folks wished the old man and his wife a Merry Christmas and headed back toward the city as darkness stole through the valley.

The old couple shook their heads in sorrow that it had not been a happy visit. A tear fell upon their cheeks. How is it that these young folks do not understand the peace of the love that filled their hearts?

So it was, that because of the unhappy leave-taking, no one noticed the insulation smoldering on the frayed wires in the old barn. None saw the first spark fall. None but the "Old One".

In a matter of minutes, the whole barn was ablaze and the hungry flames were licking at the loft full of hay. With a cry of horror and despair, the old man shouted to his wife to call for help as he raced to the barn to save their beloved horses. But the flames were roaring now, and the blazing heat drove him back. He sank sobbing to the ground, helpless before the fire's fury. His wife back from calling for help cradled him in her arms, clinging to each other, they wept at their loss.

By the time the fire department arrived, only smoking, glowing ruins were left, and the old man and his wife, exhausted from their grief, huddled together before the barn. They were speechless as they rose from the cold snow covered ground. They nodded thanks to the firemen as there was nothing anyone could do now. The old man turned to his wife, resting her white head upon his shoulders as his shaking old hands clumsily dried her tears with a frayed red bandana. Brokenly he whispered, "We have lost much, but God has spared our home on this eve of Christmas. Let us gather strength and climb the hill to the old pine where we have sought comfort in times of despair. We will look down upon our home and give thanks to God that it has been spared and pray for our beloved most precious gifts that have been taken from us.

And so, he took her by the hand and slowly helped her up the snowy hill as he brushed aside his own tears with the back of his old and withered hand.

The journey up the hill was hard for their old bodies in the steep snow. As they stepped over the little knoll at the crest of the hill, they paused to rest, looking up to the top of the hill the old couple gasped and fell to their knees in amazement at the incredible beauty before them.

Seemingly, every glorious, brilliant star in the heavens was caught up in the glittering, snow-frosted branches of their beloved pine, and it was aglow with heavenly candles. And poised on its top most bough, a crystal crescent moon glistened like spun glass. Never had a mere mortal created a Christmas tree such as this. They were breathless as the old man held his wife tighter in his arms.

Suddenly, the old man gave a cry of wonder and incredible joy. Amazed and mystified, he took his wife by the hand and pulled her forward. There, beneath the tree, in resplendent glory, a mist hovering over and glowing in the darkness was their Christmas gift. Shadows glistening in the night light.

Bedded down about the "Old one" close to the trunk of the tree, was the entire herd, safe.

At the first hint of smoke, she had pushed the door ajar with her muzzle and had led the horses through it. Slowly and with great dignity, never looking back, she had led them up the hill, stepping cautiously through the snow. The foals were frightened and dashed about. The skittish yearlings looked back at the crackling, hungry flames, and tucked their tails under them as they licked their lips and hopped like rabbits. The mares that were in foal with a new years crop of babies, pressed uneasily against the "Old One" as she moved calmly up the hill and to safety beneath the pine. And now she lay among them and gazed at the faces of the old man and his wife.

Those she loved she had not disappointed. Her body was brittle with years, tired from the climb, but the golden eyes were filled with devotion as she offered her gift—Because of love. Only Because of love.

Tears flowed as the old couple shouted their praise and joy... And again the peace of love filled their hearts.

This is a true story.

Willy Eagle

Dear T.H.E.O.S. Families,

"And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." (Corinthians 13:13)

It is with deep sadness that we grieve the closing of T.H.E.O.S., but it is with abundant joy, that our hearts will remain forever open to the love of

Christ which was and has always been, the foundation of our school. We praise God for the countless blessings that have come from 15 years of "educating the whole child for a holy life". The educational, spiritual and personal rewards that have stemmed from being part of such an amazing ministry are immeasurable.

In the face of financial hardships, critically decreased enrollment and inadequate critical support, it became no longer feasible for T.H.E.O.S. to remain operational and fulfill its mission to provide high quality education in an Orthodox environment. We humbly thank you for your belief in T.H.E.O.S. over the past 15 years and hope and pray that God will continue to bless and guide all our former T.H.E.O.S. students, alumni, benefactors, clergy, friends and families as we work to understand and accept this reality.

"The Lord does not look so much at the magnitude of anything we do, as at the love with which we do it." We know that God has seen many great and small acts of love at T.H.E.O.S. We give thanks to each and every student, parent, teacher, clergyman, volunteer, staff member, administrator, hierarch and supporter for helping us to achieve our goal of nurturing the sacred innocence and dignity of each child who was blessed to pass through our hallways. The memories of the faith we shared, the fun we had and the fellowships we created at T.H.E.O.S. will never cease to exist.

With abiding faith, hope and love,

The T.H.E.O.S. Board of Directors

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