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SAINTS PETER AND PAUL FAST—APOSTLES' FAST

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 John Harvey, 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, Protopresbyter William Diakiw, 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, Liz Stumpf, Theodore Nixon, Michelle Corba Kapeluck, Linda Hippert & family, Margaret Vladimir, Luke Emmerling, John Sheliga, George 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, Esther Holupka, Wanda Mefford, David Vallor, Henry Faraly, Betty O'Masta, Julie Eiler, Vince Ferro, 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, Patrick, Linda Morris, Howard Simpson, Chris, Pastor Ed Bowen, David Hiles, Karen Johnson, Jennifer, Jerry Quinn, Cher Mount, Frank & Janet Horrell, Jim Wandling, Susan Bertram, Gail, Sirena Sharp, Ron Paulovich, Fred DeNorscia, Sandi Anderson, Donald Uebing, Sabrina, Shirley, Denny Mader, Ella Campbell, Tom Hyatt, Bill Janiro, Jean Symanko-Andy's sister, William Lemonakis, Barbara McDougall, Alma Wyke, Lindsay Romanczak & family, Virginia Catherine Pynch, Susan Lucas, Manny Lopez, Neil Carter & family, James Paluh, Mickie Weikel, Evelyn Krempasky, Tammy Strunk, Loida Esbry, Darlene Chicka Deskins, Drew, Alice & Keith Philipa, Kateryna Kocelko, Nancy Heinbaugh, Judi Danser, Mira Filipovic, Lynn, Jacqueline, Irma Opacic, Sharon, Zan Cheng, Debby, Jeff Jones, Kristy, Elaine Ellenberger, 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 July Babies: Harry Batch on the 1st, Matthew Brunermer on the 15th, and Katrina Scott on the 25th. May God grant them Many Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Blessed Years! M'nohaya Lita! God Bless!

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!

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, JULY 06 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MARTYR AGRIPPINA OF ROME; MARTYRS
EUSTOCHIUS, GAIUS, PROBUS, LOLLIUS, & URBAN OF ANCYRA**

Tone 3

Romans 6:18-23

Matthew 8:5-13

***Litany in Blessed Memory of Olga Stock, Anna Kitch, Sophie Carrera, Susan
Justina Sredich, Stella E. Cherepko, Joseph Paouncic, Igumen George [Owen],
& Claudia Horvath—Fr. Bob***

Parastas in Blessed Memory of Michael Yarmeak—40 days—Fr. Bob

**SATURDAY, JULY 12 FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL—NO SERVICE IN
SLICKVILLE**

**SUNDAY, JULY 13 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY, GLORIOUS, AND ALL-
PRAISED TWELVE APOSTLES: PETER, ANDREW, JAMES & JOHN THE SONS OF
ZEBEDEE, PHILIP, BARTHOLOMEW, THOMAS, MATTHEW, JAMES THE SON OF
ALPHEUS, JUDE THE BROTHER OF JAMES; SIMON THE ZEALOT, AND
MATTHIAS; SAINT PETER-PRINCE OF THE TATAR HORDE-WONDERWORKER OF
ROSTOV**

Tone 4

Romans 10:1-10; 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Matthew 8:28-9:1; Mark 3:13-19

Litany in Blessed Memory of Helen Pytlak—Pytlak children

**SUNDAY, JULY 20 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; VENERABLE THOMAS OF MOUNT MALEON;
VENERABLE ACACIUS OF SINAI; MARTYRS PEREGRINUS, LUCIAN, POMPEIUS,**

**HESYCHIUS, PAPPIAS, SATURINUS, & GERMANUS OF DYRRACHIUM IN
MACEDONIA; MARTYRS EPICTETUS-PRESBYTER & ASTION IN SCYTHIA;
MARTYR EVANGELUS-BISHOP OF TOMI/CONSTANTUS IN ROMANIA; MARTYR
CYRIACA/DOMINICA/NEDILJA OF NICOMEDIA**

Tone 5

Romans 12:6-14

Matthew 9:1-8

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**4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MARTYR AGRIPPINA OF ROME;
MARTYRS EUSTOCHIUS, GAIUS, PROBUS, LOLLIUS, & URBAN OF
ANCYRA**

TROPARION—TONE 3

Let the Heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad!
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm!
He has trampled down death by death!
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,
And has granted the world great mercy!

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

KONTAKION—TONE 3

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One!
Leading us from the gates of death.
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;
With the prophets and patriarchs
They unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 3

READER: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King,
sing praises!

PEOPLE: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our
King, sing praises!

READER: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of
joy!

PEOPLE: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our
King, sing praises!

READER: Sing praises to our God, sing praises!

PEOPLE: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 3

In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame!

Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge, in order to save me!

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Independence Day

To the Most Reverend Hierarchs, the Reverend Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, the Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils of the Greek Orthodox Communities, the Distinguished Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Day, Afternoon, and Church Schools, the Philoptochos Sisterhoods, the Youth, the Hellenic Organizations, and the entire Greek Orthodox Family in America

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this Independence Day we offer thanksgiving and praise to God for the freedom we have as human beings created in His divine image and as citizens of a nation that values, protects and promotes freedom as essential to human life, well-being, and potential. As Orthodox Christians we know and affirm that God is the source of our freedom because He is the absolutely Free and the Creator of genuine freedom.

In view of this basic truth we can understand the importance of our cherished religious freedom in the United States of America and our support for religious freedom around the world. Religious freedom affirms the fundamental human characteristic of freedom and creates the proper conditions for worshipping God.

The emphasis on religious freedom as a gift from God also relates to the fact that we have been created for relationship – relationship with God and with each other. We are social beings, and it follows that we have been created by God to give social expression to our beliefs through our worship. As communities of faith we gather freely without fear of reprisal or persecution. We live and serve together, inviting others to hear the truth of the Gospel. In freedom we follow the tenets of our Orthodox faith, sharing

truth without prohibitions or restrictions so that others might receive the blessings of grace and an abundant life in Christ.

Finally, we know that freedom, religious freedom in particular, is founded on truth and is essential to our human and communal existence because God created us with a free will. We have the freedom to believe in Him or to reject this belief. We have the freedom to accept and live in His revealed truth or to deny it. Religious freedom provides the space to search, question and discuss. We are able to seek the truth without coercion. We are not threatened by force, burdened by the threat and pain of torture, or bound by intolerant and discriminatory laws. We are truly free as intended by God to ask, to seek, to find, and to choose.

On this day we join with many throughout this nation in celebration of freedom and in honor of those who have sacrificed their lives to protect it. As our faith guides us in understanding the vital significance of freedom, we affirm religious freedom as an essential value. We offer a witness of the blessings of this freedom. We continue our tireless efforts on behalf of our beloved Ecumenical Patriarchate for religious freedom. And we recognize that this freedom is an indispensable right for every human being on earth.

May we use our freedom responsibly and strengthen our witness of the source of freedom, offering to all the truth of the Gospel and the love of Christ.

With paternal love in Him,

†DEMETRIOS
Archbishop of America

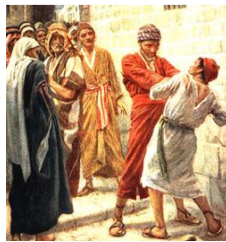
“Some say that there would be no evil in the created world unless there was some power outside this world dragging towards evil. But this so-called power is in fact our neglect of the natural energies of the intellect. For those who nurture these energies always do good, never evil. If this, this is what you wish to do, get rid of negligence and you will also drive out evil, which is the wrong use of our conceptual images of things, followed by the wrong use of the things themselves.

St. Maximos the Confessor, Second Century on Love

Do we forgive our neighbors their trespasses? God also forgives us in His mercy. Do we refuse to forgive? God, too, will refuse to forgive us. As

we treat our neighbors, so also does God treat us. The forgiveness, then, of your sins or un-forgiveness, and hence also your salvation or destruction, depend on you yourself, man. For without forgiveness of sins there is no salvation. You can see for yourself how terrible it is.

“Should I forgive him,” you say, “since he knows who I am and who he is?” Both he and you, poor man, the exalted and the lowly, are all equally sinners. But do you yourself know who you are, and Who God is against Whom you have sinned and yet sin still? All the world is as nothing before God (cf. Isaiah chapter 40), before Whom you have sinned and yet sin still. If all the world is as nothing before God what, then, are you alone, however great and high you may be before men? So great and infinite is God, against Whom you have sinned and yet sin still. What, then, are your sins, O man, before God? And what is the sin of your neighbor who offended you? It is as a farthing against many thousands of pieces of gold, it is as a penny against ten thousand talents. Or, even better, say, it is as nothing against your sins toward God.



Painting by Harold Copping

You do not wish to forgive a small, even a very small, thing. Do you yet hope to receive forgiveness for a great thing? You, a man, do not forgive a man, nor do you, a sinner, forgive a sinner. Will you be forgiven by God, Who is eternal justice and incomprehensible majesty? You, a like man, do not have mercy on a like man. Yet what mercy do you expect of God? See how dangerous it is not to forgive your neighbor his transgressions! “I am in no way at fault before him,” you say. “He offended me without cause.”

It genuinely happens that people offend us for no reason, but wherein is God at fault with us? God is just and there is no injustice in Him. To Thee belongeth truth, O Lord, but to us belongeth confusion of face, (cf. Daniel 9:8). Nevertheless we sin against Him irrationally and without shame, and so we offend Him, and we repent and beg mercy and receive mercy. Glory to His love for man! Glory to His immeasurable graciousness.

Then as you wish to obtain forgiveness of God, you yourself should also forgive him who has sinned against you. You are blameless before him of nothing, as you say; nevertheless perhaps you are also at fault; for it is difficult for those living in society not to offend each other somehow. We sin against one another; we should also forgive one another. "I did him good," you say, "but he returned me evil for good." (*to be continued*)

*St. Tikhon of Zadonsk, Journey to Heaven:
Counsels on the Particular Duties of Every Christian*