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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 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, Margaret Thurston [Evelyn's sister], Donna Cacioppo [Evelyn's niece], and Daria Masur ARNOLD: Stefania Lucci, Steve Sakal, and Homer Paul Kline. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

**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, AUGUST 31 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM  
12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; AFTERFEAST OF THE DORMITION; MARTYRS  
FLORUS & LAURUS OF ILLYRIA; MARTYRS HERMES, SERAION, & POLYAENUS OF  
ROME; MARTYRS HILARION, DIONYSIUS, & HERMIPPUS, HIEROMARTYR  
EMILIAN & ABOUT 1000 OTHERS OF ITALY; SAINTS JOHN AND GEORGE;  
REPOSE OF SAINT JOHN-ABBOT OF RILA**

*Tone 3*

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Matthew 19:16-26

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 07 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM  
13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; RETURN OF THE RELICS OF SAINT  
BARTHOLOMEW FROM ANASTASIOPOLIS TO LIPARI; HOLY APOSTLE TITUS OF  
THE 70; SAINTS BARSE & EULOGIUS-BISHOPS OF EDESSA & SAINT  
PROTGENES-BISHOP OF CARRHAE, CONFESSORS; SAINT MENAS-PATRIARCH  
OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

*Tone 4*

1 Corinthians 15:13-24

Matthew 21:33-42

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

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM  
14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; CHURCH NEW YEAR; SAINT SYMEON  
STYLITIES THE ELDER & HIS MOTHER SAINT MARTHA; RIGHTEOUS JOSHUA  
THE SON OF NUN; MARTYRS CALLISTA & HER BROTHERS EVODUS &  
HERMOGENES AT NICOMEDIA; MARTYR AEITHALAS OF PERSIA**

*Tone 5*

1 Timothy 2:1-7; 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4; Colossians 3:12-16

Luke 4:16-22; Matthew 22:1-14; Matthew 11:27-30

## **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 31 AUGUST 2014**

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**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!

**The Holy Apostles II**

*Matthew 10:2-4-Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who  
is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his  
brother; Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of*

*Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.*

The Gospel of St. Matthew and the Gospel of St. Luke identify the Holy Apostles by name. They were chosen and empowered by the Lord Jesus Christ.(Mt.10:1) The Lord Jesus Christ made a distinct difference in their lives.

The Holy Apostles were chosen at a particular time in history. They were chosen from among all the men having lived from the beginning of the world. They have identities dramatically different from all men who have lived.

The identities of the Holy Apostles are carved permanently into history. Their lives and their history are inseparable from their relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Their relationship with Christ is paramount in their identities.

The Holy Apostles' time with Christ enabled them to personally know Christ and experience His divinity to the extent Christ's divinity can be known. The Holy Apostles felt the power of Christ on themselves.

The Holy Apostles saw and heard Christ in different settings and at different times during His adult life. The Holy Apostles witnessed the reactions and interests of others toward Christ.

The Holy Apostles carried the vivid memories of their experiences with Christ with them after His ascension. The Holy Apostles had opportunities to look back on their experiences and reflect on the meaning for the present and future.

The Holy Apostles faced the challenge of communicating to others their personal relationship with Christ. They had to learn to communicate the meaning Christ had for them, for other people and the world.

When Jesus asked the disciples who they said He was, Peter answered: "The Christ of God."(Lk.9:20) Believing in Jesus as they did would shine forth in the lives of the Holy Apostles as they went about their daily lives.

Christ's healings and teachings were woven into the lives of the Apostles. Christ's healings shaped the lives of the Holy Apostles and the lives of others affected by Christ directly and indirectly.

The Holy Apostles witnessed the power of Christ in the lives of others. They were able personally to observe healings. They were able to hear the words of Christ and know the effects of Christ's words. They saw the multitudes fed.(Mt.15:34-38)

Feeding the multitude with few resources was a lasting lesson for the Holy Apostles. When Jesus is involved great things happen. Early on when they were first called, Jesus taught He could make a difference in their efforts.(Lk.5:5-11)

*Matthew 28:19-20-Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

As the Holy Apostles responded to the commissioning by Christ and went forth into different parts of the world, one can only wonder about their prayers for resources in times of need.

One can only wonder about the depth of the firm and ingrained hope established in the lives of the Holy Apostles by Christ as they witnessed miracle after miracle. One can only wonder how that firm hope served them in times of adversity.

The power coming from Christ is beyond human comprehension. For Jesus to feed the multitudes, to heal the sick and to raise the dead challenges the finite mind. The Holy Apostles were in an incomparable atmosphere for learning.

The power of Jesus' word was expressed precisely by the centurion. . The centurion told Jesus:" I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed."(Mt.8:8)

The healing of the centurion's servant was but one of many healings by Christ taking place during His earthly life. The Holy Apostle John said the world could not contain the books that could be written about all that Jesus did.(Jn.21:25)

The Holy Apostles were blessed beyond measure to be with the Risen Christ. They felt the impact of the Crucifixion as no others would feel. They had a bond with Christ that was unique and lasting.

A person only needs to examine carefully the deaths of the Holy Apostles experienced to appreciate the depth of their complete commitment to Christ. Their violent deaths experienced by all but St. John command the greatest attention.

Christ's words to lay up treasures in heaven where moth and rust do not consume and where thieves do not break in and steal(Mt.6:20) take on new meaning when the violent ending of the lives of the Holy Apostles are carefully considered.

The Holy Apostles hold a lasting place in history not because they lived in luxury or acquired great material goods. They did not accomplish great athletic or academic achievements. They did not aspire to elected public office.

The Holy Apostles hold a lasting place in history because they advanced the Gospel of Christ. The work of the Holy Apostles continues to the present because of Apostolic Succession.

The laying on-of-hands for Bishops occurring in God's Holy Church are the means of continuity through the centuries back to the time the Apostles. The canonical laying-on-of hands occur at the Bishop's consecration.

Christ taught the Holy Apostles the intended primary characteristic of their service. Jesus showed the Holy Apostles His specific expectation for them when He washed their feet. He showed the Apostles the way of humility and service.

*John 6:67-71- Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that Thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.*

Christ set the example of service for the Apostles. Jesus said: "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you."(Jn.13:14-15)

The empowering of the Holy Apostles was divinely initiated and effected. The faithfulness of the Holy Apostles to Christ established their lasting identity. The results of their efforts bore results in succeeding centuries.

The Holy Apostles were able to articulate their personal experiences with Christ. Their personal experiences were a basis to speak truthfully. Individuals personally experiencing Christ today validate their experiences by the way they live.

The Holy Apostles did not need to speak in eloquent terms. They simply had to be truthful about Christ. Individuals seeking nourishment for the soul seek truth. Truth matters for people seeking nourishment for the soul and peace in their lives.

The Holy Apostle Paul said he came to preach the Gospel not with the wisdom of words. St. Paul said: "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."(I Cor.17-18)

Decisions are made daily by individuals hearing about the Lord Jesus Christ and the preaching of the Holy Apostles. Some individuals choose to embrace the message of the Gospel. Others choose to reject the message.

Choices are freely made regarding accepting or rejecting the Gospel. The Apostles began work in an environment characterized by the recent crucifixion of Christ. Today as centuries ago, resistance still exists to the Gospel message.

The culture existing at the time of the Holy Apostles was not sufficient to silence their message. Centuries following the time of the Holy Apostles did not silence message of the Gospel. The message of the Gospel is powered by God.

Attentive listeners experience God in the hearing of the message. The Holy Apostle Paul told the Romans: " So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."(Rom.10:17)

Individuals do well to focus on the word of God. Individuals do well to heed the work and the message of the Holy Apostles. The conviction of the Holy Apostles stands firmly and brightly through the centuries in witness to Christ.

Individuals change when they hear believable messages. Jesus told certain Jews that if they followed Him: "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."(Jn.8:31-32) The Holy Apostles carried forth the message of truth.

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