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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], Brandon, Anna Tranchine, Demetra, Blase Urban, Catherine Hogel & children, Jennifer & Dylan, 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, SEPTEMBER 28 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM  
16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; AFTERFEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE  
CROSS; GREAT-MARTYR NICETAS THE GOOTH, UNCOVERING RELICS OF SAINT  
ACACIUS THE CONFESSOR-BISHOP OF MELITENE; MARTYRS THEODOTUS,  
ASCIEPIODOTUS, & MAXIMUS OF ADRIANOPOLIS; UNCOVERING RELICS OF  
HOLY PROTOMARTYR & ARCHDEACON STEPHEN**

*Tone 7*

2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Galatians 2:16-20  
Matthew 15:14-30; Mark 8:34-9:1

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 05 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM  
17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; GREAT-MARTYR EUSTHATIUS PLACIDAS, HIS  
WIFE THOPISTES, & CHILDREN-MARTYRS AGAPIUS & THEOPISTUS OF ROME;  
HOLY MARTYR & CONFESSOR MICHAEL & HIS COUNSELOR THEODORE-  
WONDERWORKERS OF CHERNIHIV**

*Tone 8*

Ephesians 4:17-25  
Luke 4:22-30

***Litany in Blessed Memory of Father Theodore Forosty, Johnathan Dorning,  
Katherine Behun, Mary Medich, Daniel Chicka, & Mary Evaniuk—Fr. Bob***

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM  
18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; VENERABLE CYRIACUS THE HERMIT OF  
PALESTINE; MARTYRS DADA, GABDELAS, & CASDOE OF PERSIA; VENERABLE  
THEOPHANES THE MERCIFUL OF GAZA**

*Tone 1*

2 Corinthians 9:6-11  
Luke 6:31-36

***Parastas in Blessed Memory of Nicholas & Catherine Behun—the Behun Family***

## **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 28 SEPTEMBER 2014**

**16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; AFTERFEAST OF THE  
EXALTATION OF THE CROSS; GREAT-MARTYR NICETAS THE GOTH,  
UNCOVERING RELICS OF SAINT ACACIUS THE CONFESSOR-BISHOP  
OF MELITENE; MARTYRS THEODOTUS, ASCIEPIODOTUS, & MAXIMUS  
OF ADRIANOPOLIS; UNCOVERING RELICS OF HOLY PROTOMARTYR  
& ARCHDEACON STEPHEN**

**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, 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!

**GROUND BLESSING FOR SAINT NICHOLAS AT WTC. SET FOR OCT. 18**

**NEW YORK** –A Ground Blessing ceremony for the St. Nicholas National Shrine at the World Trade Center is set for **Saturday October 18, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.** The ceremony will include a combined prayer service of blessing of the site (*aghiasmos*), a doxology (a service of thanksgiving) and a memorial service for the victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

The small Greek Orthodox Church of Saint Nicholas, which was established in 1916, was completely obliterated on Sept. 11, 2001 when the South Tower fell. The new Saint Nicholas National Shrine will be rebuilt only a short distance away at 130 Liberty Street, overlooking the 9/11 Memorial. His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America will preside at the historic event with the participation of the hierarchs of the Holy Eparchial Synod of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. It will be attended by dignitaries and officials of the City of New York, officials of the States of New York and New Jersey, chaplains and interfaith representatives, family members of victims of 9/11, representatives of Archdiocese institutions and organizations and many faithful Orthodox Christians.

*Details of the event will be forthcoming.*



ASSEMBLY OF CANONICAL  
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### **STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST**

Blessed are the peacemakers (Matt. 5.9)

We, the members of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America, gathered in Dallas, Texas, on September 16-18, 2014, prayed “for the peace of the whole world” (from the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom) and decried the brutal and bloody violence in the Middle East.

The barbarity perpetrated against Christians, Muslims and vulnerable communities in the Middle East by the self-named Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) as well as other jihadist groups has claimed numerous innocent lives and driven countless people from their homes. It has also threatened the existence of Christian communities, which enjoy an uninterrupted presence there for over two thousand years. Recent hostility not only

against Christians and Yazidis, but also against Muslims, has shocked the entire civilized world.

Echoing the statement of His Beatitude Patriarch John X of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East as well as the other Patriarchs of the East (August 14, 2014), we lament and denounce the egregious and barbarous incidents in the area, including religious intolerance and fanaticism, that erode the social fabric and unity of the region, destroying churches, shrines and monuments, which are the common heritage of all Christians and, indeed, all humanity.

Along with His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, "we cannot remain indifferent or silent before such irrational persecution, cultural intolerance and appalling loss of life, especially when caused by religious hatred and racial hostility" (August 13, 2014). The recent horrific events in Iraq and Syria, Libya and Egypt, and especially in Palestine and Lebanon, demonstrate the dire consequences of remaining complacent in the face of evil.

In this regard, we affirm the Message of the Primates of the Orthodox Autocephalous Churches (March 9, 2014), which called "for the immediate cessation of military action, liberation of captives, and establishment of peace in the region through dialogue," stressing "that Christians in the Middle East are a leaven of peace" and emphasizing that "peace for all people also means peace for Christians."

Therefore:

1) We affirm our solidarity with and pray for the safety of Christians in the Middle East, committing ourselves to work for peace and justice in the region.

2) We support international efforts to resolve the Israel-Palestine issue, ensuring the security, freedom and human rights of their peoples, and bringing peace to the Holy Land.

3) We encourage all people of good will to support agencies, already hard at work throughout the region, in their efforts to assist the displaced populations in order that they may return to their homes.

4) We urge governments and authorities to insist upon the fundamental human rights and religious freedom of all, urgently establish the rule of law, and immediately desist from supporting extremist groups

and oppressive governments whether through financial means or military arms.

5) We urge the United Nations and the international community, and especially the government of our United States of America, to establish policies that promote peace and justice for all in the region, while refraining from all forms of violence.

6) We firmly reiterate our call for the immediate release of our brothers, the Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Paul Yazigi and the Syriac Orthodox Archbishop John Ibrahim, both of Aleppo in Syria, who were kidnapped on April 22, 2013, as well as the release of all innocent captives.

Finally, above and beyond our appeal and prayer for peace and justice, mindful that "what is impossible with men is possible with God" (Luke 18.27), we place our ultimate hope in "God, who is the source of peace" (Rom. 16.20).



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**MESSAGE**

To our beloved Orthodox Christian faithful throughout the United States of America:  
*[Let us] maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Eph. 4.3)*  
Beloved brothers and sisters in the Lord,

We, the members of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America, gathered in Dallas, Texas, for our fifth annual meeting on September 16-18, 2014, greet you with paternal love, as we offer glory and thanks to our Triune God.

Thirty-eight bishops convened in the unity of our holy Orthodox faith, mindful of our responsibility to each other and to the whole Church as the Body of Christ. We opened our Assembly with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and the sharing of the Holy Eucharist at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Dallas TX as guests of our host, Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver. Even as our Church honors the holy and precious Cross, we celebrate the universal and definitive victory of God over evil, sin and death.

We express our deep gratitude to all those who labored for this fifth annual Assembly Meeting. We recognize the new First Vice-Chairman of the Assembly, Metropolitan Joseph, Primate of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, recently elected to succeed Metropolitan Philip of blessed memory. May our Lord Jesus Christ grant eternal repose to our brother and concelebrant Metropolitan Philip. The Assembly also welcomes its Second Vice-Chairman, newly consecrated Bishop John of Naro-Fominsk, Administrator of the Patriarchate of Moscow's parishes in America, and expresses its thanks to Archbishop Justinian, who has returned to Russia. Finally, we greet the latest member of our Assembly, Bishop Saba, representing the parishes of the Patriarchate of Georgia in the USA.

In the opening session, our chairman Archbishop Demetrios underlined our responsibility as bishops in witnessing to the Gospel and manifesting God's love in our world. Therefore, in our conversations carried out in a spirit of mutual trust and fraternity, we focused on issues related to the role of our Church in society, such as the advancement of religious education and relations with other churches and religions. We heard reports from the directors of the Assembly's seven agencies, with an overview of their history and current activities. The agencies include the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC), Orthodox Christian Network (OCN), Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF), Orthodox Christian Education Commission (OCEC), Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM), and Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting (EOCS).

In particular, we recognized our responsibility to address primarily domestic but also, by extension, global issues as the Orthodox Christian community of a nation that plays a decisive role in our world. We are cognizant of this vocation and obligation, especially as we await the Holy and Great Synod of the Orthodox Autocephalous Churches scheduled for the Spring of 2016 in Istanbul. Over the next months, we shall have the opportunity to submit specific recommendations and proposals for consideration by the Synod, through its special Pan-Orthodox Preparatory Committee, with a view to overcoming existing canonical anomalies in the United States. We reaffirm our commitment to the decisions of the Primates of the Orthodox Autocephalous Churches and the Pan-Orthodox Preconciliar



Conferences. In this regard, we engaged in constructive deliberation on the vision of our Church in the United States in light of Orthodox ecclesiology and canon law, but also in view of recent immigration developments and trends.

In declaring our common faith and professing our pastoral witness, we pray for the families of our faithful, who face unprecedented and unfathomable challenges from diverse contemporary societal trends, especially as a result of the increasing eclipse of the Christian family and its traditional values. Therefore, we emphasize the primacy and priority of the family in Christian life, remembering that the first man and woman created in the image and likeness of God constituted a family, that the Incarnate Word was born into a family, and that the crucified Lord was concerned about His family on the precious and life-giving Cross.

Finally, we agreed on the following resolutions:

1) We unanimously agreed on our fervent support for the convocation of the Holy and Great Council in 2016 and entreat all those responsible for its realization to work in a spirit of unity and harmony in order to bring this blessed occasion to fruition without any delay or hindrance.

2) We deplore the ongoing violence and extreme bloodshed throughout the world. In the Middle East, hostility and brutality are occurring among members of different religions, sometimes supposedly in the name of religion. We pray for peace and justice in this region, for protection of Christian and other minorities in the ancient lands of Syria, Iraq, and Palestine, as well as for the cessation of racial discrimination, partisan extremism, and religious fanaticism. We especially decry the violence of the so-called Islamic State, commending our brothers and sisters in the region to work as apostles of peace.

3) In Ukraine, we have watched for months with mounting dismay and grief the armed conflict and unjustifiable bloodshed among our own brothers and sisters. We appeal to a humanitarian response to the innocent victims of this conflict. We call upon all parties to deepen the present truce; may church and government leaders in the region be a force of restraint and reconciliation. We pray for dialogue and understanding in this land, whose Christian roots date to over one thousand years ago. May God bring unity and peace to the church and people in Ukraine.

4) We fervently appeal once again for the release of our brother bishops in Syria, the Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Paul Yazigi (brother of His Beatitude Patriarch John X of Antioch) and the Syriac Orthodox Archbishop John Ibrahim, as well as of all kidnapped persons.

5) Moreover, we regret that our brother Archbishop Jovan of Ohrid remains imprisoned in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and we implore the authorities in FYROM for a prompt and fair resolution to this issue.

6) We are deeply concerned about the reported dramatic rise of those who label themselves as religiously indifferent, agnostic or atheist. We commit ourselves to raising greater awareness and striving to more ardent preaching of the Christian gospel, while calling upon our faithful to increase their vigilance and continue growing in their understanding of our Church's teaching and tradition. In conclusion, we ask for the prayers of our precious and beloved Orthodox faithful, as we continue the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ, who went about all Galilee, teaching in the synagogues, proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people (Matt. 4.23). May the abundant blessings of our merciful God be with you all.

Archbishop Demetrios, Chairman  
Metropolitan Joseph, 1st Vice Chairman  
Bishop John, 2nd Vice Chairman  
Bishop Basil, Secretary  
Metropolitan Antony, Treasurer  
Metropolitan Iakovos  
Metropolitan Isaiah  
Metropolitan Alexios  
Metropolitan Nikitas  
Metropolitan Nicholas  
Metropolitan Savas  
Bishop Daniel  
Bishop Sevastianos  
Bishop Gregory  
Bishop Thomas  
Bishop John  
Bishop Anthony  
Bishop Nicholas  
Metropolitan Hilarion

Archbishop Kyrill  
Bishop Peter  
Bishop Theodosy  
Bishop Nicholas  
Bishop Longin  
Bishop Mitrophan  
Bishop Maxim  
Archbishop Nicolae  
Bishop Saba  
Bishop Daniil  
Metropolitan Tikhon  
Archbishop Nathaniel  
Archbishop Nikon  
Archbishop Benjamin  
Archbishop Melchisedek  
Bishop Mark  
Bishop Michael  
Bishop Alexander  
Bishop David

## **Let Us Remember—September 11th**

Let us remember the beheading of St. John the Baptist commemorated each year on September 11.

Let us remember the Divine Liturgy was being celebrated when the terrorist attacks were perpetrated on the United States in 2001.

Let us remember the men, women and children losing their lives in the terrorist attacks.

Let us remember St. John the Baptist as a source of strength and intercessor for healing.

Let us remember the men, women and children losing loved ones in the terrorist attacks and continuing to suffer today.

Let us remember the men, women and children suffering physical and emotional injuries due to the terrorist attacks and still requiring healing.

Let us remember the police, fire, medical and other emergency responders saving lives and helping the injured.

Let us remember the clergy being available to foster healing and provide reassurance of God's love.

Let us remember the citizens taking initiative to bring order and assistance wherever it was needed.

Let us remember the importance of love in the healing process and the peace-making process.

Let us remember the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church near the Twin Towers that was destroyed.

Let us remember the men and women that lost their jobs and sources of income due to the terrorist attacks.

Let us remember the Lord Jesus Christ as the source and way of healing and understanding.

Let us remember peace comes through the Lord Jesus Christ and turning to Him for direction is the wisest decision to make at all times.

Let us remember to repent and heed the words of St. John the Baptist(Mt.3:1-3) and the Lord Jesus Christ(Mt.4:17).

**Let us remember the Lord God at all times and in all circumstances, turning to Him in complete faith and confidence.**

*St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, Carmichaels, Pennsylvania.  
Beheading of St. John the Baptist, August 29/September 11, 2014.  
Father Rodney Torbic*