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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, Mary Linda Ley, 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—our dear 'Little Father' Emilian, who returned to undergo surgery for back pain. This particular procedure is not offered here in the United States. He asked for our prayers and expressed his thanks for the love and fellowship he has shared with the Holy Ghost Parish Family. He said he looks forward to returning to us pain-free in the springtime...may God watch over him and heal him...Fr. Bob

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, OCTOBER 12 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
18TH 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

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY AND GLORIOUS APOSTLE THOMAS**

Tone 2

2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

Luke 7:11-16

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF
THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL; MARTYR CARPUS-BISHOP OF
THYATEIRA, PAPLUS-DEACON, AGATHADORUS, & AGATHONICA AT PERGAMUS;
MARTYR FLORENTIUS OF THESSALONICA; MARTYR BENJAMIN-DEACON OF
PERSIA; SAINT NICETAS THE CONFESSOR OF PAPHLAGONIA; SAINT BENJAMIN
OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA**

Tone 3

Galatians 1:11-19; Hebrews 13:7-16

Luke 8:5-15; John 17:1-13

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 12 OCTOBER 2014

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HERMIT OF PALESTINE; MARTYRS DADA, GABDELAS, & CASDOE OF
PERSIA; VENERABLE THEOPHANES THE MERCIFUL OF GAZA**

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!

John 3:16 -I don't understand it.

A little boy was selling newspapers on the corner, the people were in and out of the cold.

The little boy was so cold that he wasn't trying to sell many papers.

He walked up to a policeman and said, "Mister, you wouldn't happen to know where a poor boy could find a warm place to sleep tonight would you?"

You see, I sleep in a box up around the corner there and down the alley and its awful cold in there for tonight.

"Sure would be nice to have a warm place to stay."

The policeman looked down at the little boy and said, "You go down the street to that big white house and you knock on the door. When they come out the door you just say John 3:16 and they will let you in."

So he did. He walked up the steps and knocked on the door, and a lady answered. He looked up and said, "John 3:16." The lady said, "Come on in, Son."

She took him in and she sat him down in a split bottom rocker in front of a great big old fireplace, and she went off. The boy sat there for a while and thought to himself: John 3:16... I don't understand it, but it sure makes a cold boy warm.

Later she came back and asked him "Are you hungry?" He said, "Well, just a little. I haven't eaten in a couple of days, and I guess I could stand a little bit of food,"

The lady took him in the kitchen and sat him down to a table full of wonderful food. He ate and ate until he couldn't eat any more. Then he thought to himself: John 3:16... Boy, I sure don't understand it but it sure makes a hungry boy full.

She took him upstairs to a bathroom to a huge bathtub filled with warm water, and he sat there and soaked for a while. As he soaked, he thought to himself: John 3:16 I sure don't understand it, but it sure makes a dirty boy clean. You know, I've not had a bath, a real bath, in my whole life. The only bath I ever had was when I stood in front of that big old fire hydrant as they flushed it out.

The lady came in and got him. She took him to a room, tucked him into a big old feather bed, pulled the covers up around his neck, kissed him

goodnight and turned out the lights. As he lay in the darkness and looked out the window at the snow coming down on that cold night, he thought to himself: John 3:16 ... I don't understand it but it sure makes a tired boy rest.

The next morning the lady came back up and took him down again to that same big table full of food. After he ate, she took him back to that same big old split bottom rocker in front of the fireplace and picked up a big old Bible.

She sat down in front of him and looked into his young face. "Do you understand John 3:16?" she asked gently. He replied, "No, Ma'am, I don't. The first time I ever heard it was last night when the policeman told me to use it." She opened the Bible to John 3:16 and began to explain to him about Jesus. Right there, in front of that big old fireplace, he gave his heart and life to Jesus. He sat there and thought: John 3:16 I don't understand it, but it sure makes a lost boy feel safe.

You know, I have to confess I don't understand it either, how God was willing to send His Son to die for me, and how Jesus would agree to do such a thing. I don't understand the agony of the Father and every angel in heaven as they watched Jesus suffer and die. I don't understand the intense love for ME that kept Jesus on the cross till the end.

I don't understand it, but it sure does make life worth living.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Via e-mail from Rebecca Danchenko

+ + On The Warmth of Thanksgiving + +

Each day we see life flowing all around us in the people we see and meet, in the work or play that we do, and in the things that we touch with our senses or our minds, and life is full indeed. But this fullness is of two different types: either the fullness of complaints and disappointments, or the fullness of thanksgiving and gladness. This fullness is not set by any outward circumstances, or by others, or by fate, or even by God. It is set truly by our own conscious or unconscious choices that we make as we move through each day—hour by hour and minute by minute. We have the freedom to live in a world of blessedness, hope, and love by choosing most wisely where to set our heart. We need to learn just how to see these

choices, fill our hearts with gladness, and feel the warmth of love from God Himself. This process is the discovery of how to live a life full with all the good things God has prepared for us. We can find this bright path with a sure compass, for He is reached and touched mostly by thankfulness.

The goodness of God is present in each moment that we live, but we can't see this because our focus is often on momentary pleasures or goals that seem good in our limited perspective. God, however, is not limited by selfish desires or by partial perspectives. He always has our very best interests in mind, and consciously chooses to bring these to us, but as young and inexperienced children, we often don't see clearly at all what are really in our best interests in the long run. Thus even though His goodness is absolute and unending, it is not always apparent to us. If we choose to stop and openly wonder why something is happening to us instead of just reacting, and then ask God to show us the good in it, even if it seems painful or unpleasant, then something more will happen, especially after we get used to doing this every day. Then beyond the wonder of why, slowly life will be seen as different, larger, and more meaningful. Slowly we will see that Goodness is reaching out to us, caring for us, and holding us closely with unselfish love. It is in this awareness, and then in giving thanks, that God's warmth can fill our hearts. May the Lord of Life open our hearts more fully today to touch and receive this sweet warmth, and gladly give thanks to Him, as King David said, "*O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth for ever.*" (Psalm 106:1 in Septuagint numbering; 107:1 in Hebrew numbering)

The Monks of St. Isaac of Syria Skete
and the Nuns of the Convent of St. Silouan
and the Faithful of St. Nicholas Church
and the Staff of Orthodox Byzantine Icons and St. Isaac's Bookstore.

The Icon of Saints Vladimir and Olga that we venerate today on the tetrapod was written by Cheryl Pituch, dear friend of Father George Hnatko, and was given to all the clergy who attended the clergy conference. It commemorates the founders of the Ukrainian and Russian Christianity—Saint Vladimir was baptized and accepted Orthodoxy as the true religion for all the

lands that he ruled. May Saints Vladimir and Olga watch over our parish and its families!