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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 Strozh [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 Novak, 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, Ron Schwartz, Greg Schwing, Lydia Wilson, Flora Tomlin, Stella Rossi, 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 Romania 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, NOVEMBER 09 NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE—FR. BOB OUT OF TOWN
22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MARTYR NESTOR OF THESSALONICA;
MARTYRS CAPITOLINA & EROTEIS OF CAPPADOCIA; MARTYR MARK OF THE
ISLE OF THASOS; SAINT NESTOR THE CHRONICLER OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA**

Tone 5

Galatians 6:11-18; Galatians 5:22-6:2

Luke 8:26-39; Luke 6:17-23

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MARTYRS ACEPSIMAS-BISHOP, JOSEPH-
PRESBYTER, & AEITHALAS-DEACON OF PERSIA; DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH
OF GREAT-MARTYR GEORGE IN LYDDA; MARTYRS ATTICUS, AGAPIUS,
EUDOXIUS, CARTERIUS, ISTUCARIUS, PACTOBIUS, & NICTOPOLION AT
SEBASTE; VENERABLE ACEPSIMAS-HERMIT OF CYRRHUS IN SYRIA; SAINT
SNANDULIA OF PERSIA**

Tone 6
Ephesians 2:4-10
Luke 8:41-56

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; APOSTLES ERASTUS, OLYMPAS, HERODION,
SOSIPATER, QUARTUS, & TERTIUS OF THE 70; COMMEMORATION OF THE
TORTURE OF THE GREAT-MARTYR GEORGE; MARTYR ORESTES OF CAPPADOCIA;
VENERABLE TEOCTERSTUS-ABBOT OF SYMBOLA ON MOUNT OLYMPUS**

Tone 7
Ephesians 2:14-22
Luke 10:25-37

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NESTOR THE CHRONICLER OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA**

TROPARION—TONE 5

Let the faithful praise and worship the Word,
Coeternal with the Father and the Spirit;
Born for our salvation from the Virgin;
For He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, To endure death,
And to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection!

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

KONTAKION—TONE 5

Thou didst descend into Hell, O my Savior,
Shattering its gates as almighty;
Resurrecting the dead as Creator,
And destroying the sting of death.
Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man,
And we all cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 5

READER: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this
generation forever.

PEOPLE: **Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this
generation forever.**

READER: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

PEOPLE: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

READER: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us...

PEOPLE: From this generation forever.

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 5

I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever, and my truth will be prepared in the heavens.

Greek Orthodox church in Canonsburg to celebrate consecration

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The Rev. George Livanos of All Saints Greek Orthodox Church, Canonsburg, points out the terra-cotta tiles on the roof of the structure, which opened in 1995 and will be consecrated Friday and Saturday. Robin Richards/Observer-Reporter



Livanos holds the Paten, a covered, elevated tray on which the box of relics will rest during the three processions around the perimeter of the church. Robin Richards/Observer-Reporter



Livanos explains the rituals of the consecration at the altar of the church in the sanctuary, which is separated from the nave by a hand-carved wall covered with hand-painted icons. Robin Richards/Observer-Reporter



The lighted dome of All Saints Church is visible to nighttime travelers along Interstate 79, and the interior of the dome is a showcase of iconography and gold leaf. The icons portray Christ and saints. Robin Richards/Observer-Reporter

CANONSBURG – With its gold dome, terra-cotta tile and iconography, All Saints Greek Orthodox Church in Canonsburg is an architectural delight, a Byzantine-style church reminiscent of the churches found in Greek villages.

On Friday and Saturday, the church will reach an elevated status when the highest ranking clergy in the Greek Orthodox church travel there to consecrate All Saints Church.

The service is a major sacrament in the Orthodox church.

“The consecration is the baptism of a church,” said the Rev. George Livanos of All Saints Church. “Consecrate means ‘to set apart.’ Already it’s a sacred place, but now we set aside the church and the grounds for God, unto the ages of ages.”

Like the rite of baptism, consecration is done once within the life of the church.

However, it will be the second consecration for All Saints Church.

In 1918, Canonsburg’s Greek Orthodox faithful began to meet for services at a rented hall. Seven years later, they purchased the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Community Church, a stone church with twin bell towers on Blaine Avenue. In 1954, the Blaine Avenue church was consecrated.

The congregation, which now includes 300 families, outgrew the former church, and a new church building was opened in 1995. The Blaine Avenue church was deconsecrated.

Well-known for its annual Greek Food Festival, a weeklong gastronomic affair that features handmade traditional Greek dishes, All Saints Church provides programs for spiritual growth and is involved in local and international outreach and mission work, including monetary donations to build a sister parish in a village in Tanzania and the construction of local senior citizens housing.

Archbishop Demetrios of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and Metropolitan Savas, bishop of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh, will lead the consecration service, which will be broadcast live on the parish website. More than 600 people are expected to attend.

All parts of the service throughout the weekend are symbolic, Livanos said. Here's a crash course on the worship service, which has not changed in centuries (and be prepared to stay a while – the service can last more than five hours):

The consecration services begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday with a prayer service and the receiving of relics, which are the bones of martyrs that will be sealed inside the altar on Saturday.

The relics are those of:

- St. George, a Christian Roman soldier who was tortured and beheaded in 303 after he refused to participate in the persecution of Christians that was initiated by the Emperor Diocletian;
- St. Kyrikos, a young child who was thrown down a stone staircase for trying to get to his mother, Juditta, a Christian woman of noble rank who was being tortured during the persecution;
- Holy fathers who were killed by nomadic tribes at monasteries in Sinai and Raitho at the end of the fourth century and the middle of the fifth century.

"In the early centuries, we celebrated liturgy on the tombs of martyrs, so it's very important that we remember the history of the church. The altar becomes a tomb," Livanos said.

The relics will remain on the bare altar table overnight with a vigil light.

On Saturday, the service will move outdoors when Archbishop Demetrios, carrying the relics, will lead the congregation around the perimeter of the church three times in honor of the Holy Trinity.

The relics will then be placed and sealed in a cavity of the altar, signifying the burial of Christ.

The bishop washes the altar, wearing a white garment called a "savanon," which symbolizes the baptism of the church. After he is finished, he cuts the savanon into strips and gives the remnants to those in attendance.

The altar table is anointed and a permanent white altar cloth – signifying the linen cloth Christ was wrapped in after he was taken from the cross – is tied to the altar. The holy table is anointed, and at the end of the ceremony, everyone is invited to put a drop of oil in the vigil lamp that burns at all times.

The sanctuary will have been baptized, sanctified and dedicated to God for use as a house of worship.

A celebratory banquet will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn at Southpointe.

"It's a special honor for me," said Livanos, who has served the church for 25 years – the longest tenure in the church's history – and has raised his seven children in the church.

"This service will be a tremendous event, and we want it to be accessible to as many people locally, nationally and internationally as possible," he said. "We welcome the local community, and we thank them for their constant support in every facet of our ministries, whether it's support of our outreach or our dinners.

There's a synergistic relationship between the church and the community, and we're especially appreciative of that."