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**ON THE MEND:** Please keep the following parishioners and others in your pravers for recovery from their illnesses and injuries: Archbishop Joyan, 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 Luciow, 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 Pyrch, 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, Howell Swarm, 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** <u>ALWAYS</u> <u>FREE!</u>

<u>Communion Fasting:</u> 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 <u>CALL FATHER BOB</u> at [412] 279-5640.

#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM 23<sup>RD</sup> 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 24<sup>TH</sup> 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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SAINT GREGORY THE WONDERWORKER OF NEO-CAESAREA; VENERABLE LAZARUS THE ICONOGRAPHER OF CONSTANTINOPLE

# **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 16 NOVEMBER 2014**

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### TROPARION—TONE 6

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord who didst rise from the dead: glory to Thee!

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

# <u>KONTAKION-TONE 6</u>

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, Raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His might hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. He is the Savior of all, The Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all!

# PROKEIMENON-TONE 6

READER: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.
PEOPLE: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.
READER: To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me.
PEOPLE: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.
READER: O Lord, save Thy people.
PEOPLE: And bless Thine inheritance.

# ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 6

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

He will say to the Lord: My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in whom I trust.



#### + + Dry Bones and the Dew of Hermon + +

Each person is precious to the Lord of Life, Jesus Christ, and to each person of the Most Holy Trinity. This is because we were created in love in the Image and Likeness of God. We live our life here on earth in our body, and with our mind or psyche, and with our spirit, all given by God, yet we are not yet whole and complete, integrated and fulfilled, and each part living in harmony with the rest and with God and Heaven. Here on earth we are in the process, consciously or unconsciously, of working this out, yet there are days in all of our lives when we feel like the dry bones that the Prophet Ezekiel saw so long ago in a vision. When we are feeling dry, life seems hard, and we are needy but without much hope of help and this dryness can go on for some time, and we can even feel that it will continue forever. What the Prophet Ezekiel saw was that with God there is hope in even impossible situations beyond hope, like the dry bones lying in the valley of death. Here is what the Lord said to Ezekiel, "...Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, hear the word of the Lord. Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live." (Ezekiel 37:4-5)

We need to move beyond just the dry bone days and nights, however long they may last. We may feel inertia, and be restless, unmotivated, and uninterested—stuck in the hole. We need to find hope, and then enter into the condition of grateful and sympathetic love for God and for others made in His Image and Likeness, His People. We need to see that they too, like us, can grow in time into the fullness of the Heavenly condition even if today this seems far, far away. We need to believe that our and their dry bones can become alive. Another Prophet, King David, wrote encouraging

words about this condition in one of his Psalms. It is the promise of life in a loving community of souls, of the fullness of blessings poured out upon our heads and hearts, and the gentle dew of hope and love that accepts ourselves and others in sympathy even in our brokenness and pain, and covers us with the refreshment of a Heavenly mind. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that settled upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life forever more." (Psalm 132:1-3 in Septuagint numbering; 133:1-3 in Hebrew numbering) May we accept the dry bones when they come, but give them to Christ to make them alive and in that life, bring to us soothing dew from Heaven, cleansing us, refreshing us, and renewing us to live with Him forever. Amen. 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.



WHEN NAZI FORCES SURRENDERED to the Allies in May 1945, a small group of American airmen were free to make a closer investigation into the odd happenings at San Giovanni Rotondo in Italy.

Beginning in 1944, the airmen's squadron had repeatedly attempted the bomb the Italian city, where a large cache of German supplies were allegedly stockpiled. But on every bombing run something went wrong – their planes refused to release the bombs, or their targeting equipment malfunctioned and the bombs hit the nearby forest instead. The airmen blamed one person for these problems: **the flying monk**.

"The flying monk" was the name the airmen gave to the mysterious bearded figure who appeared in the sky every time they flew near San Giovanni Rotondo. Sometimes they just saw his face in the clouds. Other times the monk appeared as if he were standing in the sky. Usually his arms were raised, like he was issuing a warning or granting a blessing.

Dozens of airmen and at least one commanding officer had seen the monk, and as soon as the war ended they headed back to the scene of the events, wanting to know if the monk was who some believed him to be: the holy Capuchin friar of the city's Our Lady of Grace Monastery, **Padre Pio** (now Saint Pio).

Sure enough, when the men arrived they recognized the saint as their flying monk. As one witness present at the meeting recalled, Padre Pio greeted the airmen with a friendly, **"So you are the ones who wanted to kill us all!"** 

After his greeting the Americans knelt and received his blessing. When they returned to America the San Giovanni Rotondo they left behind was a city whole and intact...all thanks to the flying monk.

# Statement of the Council of Bishops of the UOC of the USA Veterans Day - 2014!

**Observing Veterans Day with Thanksgiving** 



Tuesday, November 11, 2014 is Veterans Day. On this day we remember all those who have served our great nation – the men and women who put themselves in harm's way to defend our way of life and the values we hold dear, along with the freedom which guarantees that life and those values. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to those killed in the line of duty, those suffering from the effects of their time of service during war and otherwise and, of course, all those who have retired from active duty. The extent of such gratitude cannot be measured. The sacrifices made by our veterans and their families are freedom's foundation. Without the efforts of all the soldiers, airmen, sailors, marines, coast guardsmen, and their families, we would have little comprehension of what that freedom means.

The observance of Veterans Day, November 11, began almost a century ago. In the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, the Allied Nations and Germany declared an armistice—a temporary cessation of hostilities—in World War I. Commemorated as Armistice Day the next year, November 11 became a legal federal holiday in the United States in 1938. After World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became Veterans Day, a holiday dedicated to U.S. veterans of all wars. As we mark this year's Veterans Day and prepare for the observance of Thanksgiving Day, is the perfect time for our parish communities to engage in ministry with active troops and the families left behind. Here are some ideas:

# **Reach out to soldiers**

• Honor deploying troops, praying for safety and for peace. Include deployed soldiers on the weekly prayer list. Municipal offices of our cities and towns maintain the list of deployed soldiers and veterans of the community.

- Send birthday cards and personal letters of encouragement.
- Invite children to write thank-you notes and draw pictures for troops, especially at special times such as Veterans Day. This is a good class project.
- Assemble and send care or special treat packages.
- Do something special for troops during the holidays. As an example: Send a Cup of Joe for a Joe. Since 2009, the Green Beans Coffee Company has delivered a cup of coffee and a personal note to troops serving far from home (<u>www.greenbeanscoffee.com/coj/</u>). The company has cafés on military bases in Afghanistan, Djibouti, Iraq, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Qatar, Southwest Asia and United Arab Emirates.
- Go to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (<u>www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/</u>) website for planning ideas and images.

# Reach out to families of veterans and active duty soldiers

• Identify the military families in your community.

Are there any wounded veterans? Offer their families assistance with yard work, errands, childcare, respite care and transportation to appointments.
Start a "veterans only" fellowship. Reservists and veterans, especially in areas remote from military bases, often find it difficult to find others with whom to speak about their military experiences. Those who have experienced combat are especially in need of fellowship with other combat vets. Begin with the veterans of any war who are in your community.
Holidays can be especially difficult for military families who move often and usually live far from extended family. Invite them to share an activity or meal with your family. Give them good community info like where to get the freshest real Nativity/Christmas tree or the best deal on decorations; what parades, concerts and festivals are held annually; and especially inform about religious services and memorials being offered in the community. Ask what additional support they need through the holidays while their loved one is deployed.

• Invite military family members to participate in community-outreach projects with other members of the parish family.

### Always pray for military members and their extended families.

On this Veterans Day 2014, the Council of Bishops, clergy and laity of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, express profound gratitude to Ukrainian-American veterans and all those veterans whose service in the armed forces preserved the foundation of freedom, justice and equality, upon which this country was built and remains anchored.

Finally, on this Veterans Day weekend and beyond, let us actually say: "Thank you for your service!" to all the veterans we know and do the same with any uniformed active-duty members of the Armed Forces, wherever we may meet them – like in an airport. Today's active-duty personnel will be the veterans of the future and our kind gestures may be the one memory that warms their hearts during difficult times.

> +Antony, Metropolitan +Daniel, Bishop

Dedication of the Tomb of the Unknowns: November 11, 1921 November 1, 2014 by <u>Trevor</u> | <u>61 Comments</u>



On November 11, 1921, <u>President Harding</u> presided over the dedication of the Tomb of the Unknowns, also commonly called the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, which originally honored fallen American servicemen from <u>World War I</u> whose remains had not been identified.

Congress approved the creation of the memorial in March 1921. To ensure that the identity of the American really was unknown, the bodies of four unidentified WWI servicemen were disinterred from various French cemeteries. They were placed in identical caskets and brought to Chalonssur-Marne, France, where Sgt. Edward F. Younger, a war hero, selected one of the four caskets at random during a ceremony at the city hall on October 24.



The selected casket was placed on board the <u>USS Olympia</u> during another ceremony and sent to the United States, where it <u>arrived</u> on

November 9. The casket was brought with <u>much dignity</u> to the Capitol, where the casket was put on public display on the 10th. An <u>estimated</u> <u>90,000 people</u> came to pay their respects to the Unknown Soldier—so many that the rotunda was kept open until midnight to accommodate them all.

On the morning of November 11, the newly declared <u>Armistice Day</u> <u>holiday</u>, the enormous <u>funeral procession</u> for the Unknown Solider proceeded from the Capitol to Arlington National Cemetery. During <u>the</u> <u>funeral</u> at Arlington's Memorial Amphitheater, President Harding gave a speech and <u>bestowed</u> the <u>Medal of Honor</u> and <u>Distinguished Service Cross</u> on the Unknown Soldier; <u>other nations</u> also bestowed their highest honors.



The casket was then moved to the tomb, where a funeral service was read, and then officials and dignitaries laid wreaths and other tributes. The funeral ended with the playing of Taps and a 21-gun salute.

At the time of the burial, the tomb <u>had yet to be completed</u>. The marble structure that now stands was installed in 1932 and bears the inscription "Here Rests in Honored Glory an American Soldier Known but to God." Unknown soldiers representing the fallen of <u>World War II and the</u> <u>Korean War</u> were laid to rest at the monument in 1958. A soldier from the Vietnam War was interred at the monument in 1984, but through DNA testing the body was <u>positively identified</u> in 1998 and returned to his family.

# **Wisdom of the Fathers**

For in a contest there is much labor needed--and after the contest victory falls to some, to others disgrace. Is the palm ever given or the crown granted before the course is finished? ... Therefore no one can receive a reward, unless he has striven lawfully; nor is the victory a glorious one, unless the contest also has been toilsome.

# St. Ambrose of Milan

Chapter 15, Three Books on the Duties of the Clergy, 4th century At the same time both signifying that it is easy for Him to raise the dead ... and also teaching us not to fear death; for that it is not death, but is henceforth become a sleep.

St. John Chrysostom, Homily 31 on Matthew 9, 4th Century