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### **MONDAY JUNE 01—SATURDAY JUNE 06—FAST FREE WEEK**

**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, Father George Livanos, Joshua Agosto and his family, 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, 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, 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, Donna Cacioppo [Evelyn's niece], Brandon, Anna Tranchine, Demetra, Blase Urban, Catherine Hogel & children, Jennifer & Dylan, Ron Schwartz, Lydia Wilson, Flora Tomlin, Stella Rossi, Howell Swarm, Jane Bielewicz Allred, Carol Mensing's Family, Manny "Lazarus" Lopez, Lucas Burlack, Katie Elizabeth, Mileva, & Michael, Deirdre Straughan, Terri Paluh, Lori & Steve Lucier, Billy Sinclair, and Evelyn Felouzis. 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!**

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, MAY 31 OBEDNITZA WITH COMMUNION—CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM  
8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA; PENTECOST-TRINITY SUNDAY-OUR PARISH NAME’S  
DAY; HOLY FATHERS OF THE 7 ECUMENICAL COUNCILS; MARTYR THEODOTUS  
OF ANCYRA & 7 VIRGIN-MARTYRS: ALEXANDRA, TECUSA, CLAUDIA, PHAINE,  
EUPHRAISA, MATRONA & JULIA; MARYTRS PETER, DIONYSISUS, ANDREW,  
PAUL, & CHRISTINA**

*Tone 7*

Acts 2:1-11

John 7:37-52-8:12

***Litany in Blessed Memory of Mary Haluszczak—40 days—Fr. Bob  
Parastas in Blessed Memory of John Batch—Harry Batch***

**MONDAY JUNE 01—SATURDAY JUNE 06—FAST FREE WEEK**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 7 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM  
1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS; THIRD FINDING OF  
THE PRECIOUS HEAD OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST; HIEROMARTYR THERAPON-  
BISHOP OF CYPRUS**

*Tone 8*

Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Matthew 10:32-22, 37-38-19:27-30

***Litany in Blessed Memory of Walter Burlack, Ann Roman, Millie Kerr, Mary  
Maoli, Dianne Waryanka, Joe Karas, & Maxine Kitch—Fr. Bob***

*Parastas in Blessed Memory of Joe & Mary Behun—John & Kay Vantorek, Anna Machuga, Mr. & Mrs. George Merichko, & Evelyn Zeleznak*

**MONDAY, JUNE 8      SAINTS PETER AND PAUL FAST BEGINS**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 14    DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM    10:30 AM  
2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; ALL SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA, ALL SAINTS  
OF UKRAINE, AND ALL SAINTS OF MOUNT ATHOS; MARTYR JUSTIN THE  
PHILOSOPHER AND THOSE WITH HIM AT ROME: MARTYRS JUSTIN, CHARITON  
& HIS WIFE CHARITA, EUELPISTUS, HIERAX, PEON, VALERIAN, & JUSTUS;  
MARTYR VICTORIA; SAINT AGAPITUS-UNMERCENARY PHYSICIAN OF  
PERCHEVSKY LAVRA**

*Tone 1*

Romans 2:10-16; Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Matthew 4:18-23; Matthew 4:5-12

*Litany in Blessed Memory of Nicholas & Catherine Behun—Behun Family*

## **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 31 MAY 2015**

**PENTECOST—TRINITY SUNDAY; DESCENT OF THE HOLY  
SPIRIT; OUR PARISH NAME'S DAY!**

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Please join us on Sunday, June 7, 2015 at 3:00 pm in the Frick Fine Arts Auditorium (Oakland Campus of the University of Pittsburgh) to celebrate the **25th Anniversary of the dedication of The Ukrainian Nationality Classroom**. This celebration will feature Ukrainian music, song and dance. We will have footage available for viewing from the June 17, 1990 dedication. Admission is **free** and everyone is welcomed. Light refreshments will be served after the performances. Event coordinated by the Ukrainian Nationality Room Committee.

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### **Pentecost: the Holy Spirit makes us capable of dedicating ourselves to works of justice and peace**

Vatican City, 24 May 2015 (VIS) – “Strengthened by the Spirit – who guides, who guides us into the truth, who renews us and the whole earth, and who gives us his fruits – strengthened in the Spirit and by these many gifts, may we be able to battle uncompromisingly against sin, to battle uncompromisingly against corruption, which continues to spread in the world day after day, by devoting ourselves with patient perseverance to the works of justice and peace”, said the Holy Father during Mass in St. Peter's Basilica on the solemnity of Pentecost.

Pope Francis repeated several times during his homily that the Holy Spirit, today as yesterday, guides, renews and bears fruit, acting through people and communities, and making them capable of receiving God, "capax Dei" the Holy Fathers have affirmed.

"On the evening of Easter, Jesus appeared to the Apostles and breathed on them his Spirit; on the morning of Pentecost the outpouring occurred in a resounding way, like a wind which shook the place the Apostles were in, filling their minds and hearts. They received a new strength so great that they were able to proclaim Christ's Resurrection in different languages. ... Together with them was Mary, the Mother of Jesus, the first disciple, there too as Mother of the nascent Church. With her peace, with her smile, with her maternity, she accompanied the joyful young Bride, the Church of Jesus".

In the Gospel, Jesus promises his disciples that, when he has returned to the Father, the Holy Spirit will come to "guide them into all the truth", and explains to them that its action will bring them to understand ever more clearly what he, the Messiah, has said and done, especially with regard to his death and resurrection. "To the Apostles, who could not bear the scandal of their Master's sufferings, the Spirit would give a new understanding of the truth and beauty of that saving event. At first they were paralysed with fear, shut in the Upper Room to avoid the aftermath of Good Friday. Now they would no longer be ashamed to be Christ's disciples; they would no longer tremble before the courts of men. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they would now understand 'all the truth': that the death of Jesus was not his defeat, but rather the ultimate expression of God's love, a love that, in the Resurrection, conquers death and exalts Jesus as the Living One, the Lord, the Redeemer of mankind, the Lord of history and of the world. This truth, to which the Apostles were witnesses, became Good News, to be proclaimed to all".

The Holy Spirit also renews the earth. "Respect for creation, then, is a requirement of our faith: the 'garden' in which we live is not entrusted to us to be exploited, but rather to be cultivated and tended with respect. Yet this is possible only if Adam – the man formed from the earth – allows himself in turn to be renewed by the Holy Spirit, only if he allows himself to be re-formed by the Father on the model of Christ, the new Adam. In this way, renewed by the Spirit of God, we will indeed be able to experience the freedom of the sons and daughters, in harmony with all creation. In every creature we will be able to see reflected the glory of the Creator".

"The world needs men and women who are not closed in on themselves, but filled with the Holy Spirit", exclaimed the Pope at the end of his homily. "Closing oneself off from the Holy Spirit means not only a lack of freedom; it is a sin. There are many ways one can close oneself off to the

Holy Spirit: by selfishness for one's own gain; by rigid legalism – seen in the attitude of the doctors of the law to whom Jesus referred as 'hypocrites'; by neglect of what Jesus taught; by living the Christian life not as service to others but in the pursuit of personal interests; and in so many other ways. However, the world needs the courage, hope, faith and perseverance of Christ's followers. The world needs the fruits, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, as Saint Paul lists them: 'love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control'. The gift of the Holy Spirit has been bestowed upon the Church and upon each one of us, so that we may live lives of genuine faith and active charity, that we may sow the seeds of reconciliation and peace”.

### **Regina Coeli: the Church is not born isolated**

Vatican City, 24 May 2015 (VIS) – As is usual on a Sunday, the Pope appeared at the window of his study at midday today to pray the Regina Coeli with the thousands of pilgrims and faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square.

Before the Marian prayer he again referred to the solemnity of Pentecost, which represents “the baptism of the Church, which thus begins her path through history, guided by the strength of the Holy Spirit”. He continued, “That event, which changes the heart and the life of the apostles and the other disciples, is immediately reflected outside the Cenacle. Indeed, the door that had been kept closed for fifty days is finally opened and the first Christian Community, no longer closed in on itself, begins to speak to the crowds of different origins of the great things that God has done. ... And every person present hears the disciples speak in his own language. The gift of the Spirit re-establishes the harmony of language lost in Babel, and prefigures the universal dimension of the apostles' mission”.

The Church “is not born isolated: she is born universal, one, Catholic, with a precise identity but open to all, not closed, an identity that embraces the whole world, without exception. The Mother Church does not close her door to anyone! Not even the greatest sinner! And this is due to the strength and the grace of the Holy Spirit. The Mother Church throws her doors wide open to all, because she is a mother”.

Pentecost is also “the beginning of a new season: the season of witness and fraternity. It is a season that comes from above, that comes from God, like the flames of fire that came to rest on the head of each disciple. It was the flame of love that burned away all bitterness; it was the language of the Gospel that crosses the boundaries set by man and touches the hearts of the multitude, without distinction of language, race or nationality. As on that day of Pentecost, today too the Holy Spirit is continually poured onto the Church and on each one of us, so that we leave

behind our mediocrity and narrow-mindedness, and communicate the merciful love of the Lord to all the world ... so that as we announce Jesus, resurrected, living and present in our midst, we warm our own heart and the heart of peoples, drawing them close to Him, the path, the truth, and life”.

### **The Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council**

John 17:1-13

*These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have*

### **Sts. Cyril and Methodius**

Matthew 5:14-19

*Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the*

*least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*

With the arrival of this Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council, thoughts arise as the use of councils in the Holy Orthodox Church through the centuries.

Ecumenical Councils have a defining place in the Holy Orthodox Church.

Ecumenical Councils serve to resolve differences and express the fundamentals of God's Holy Church.

The Holy Assembly of Bishops of the Serbian Orthodox Church gathers in regularly each year. The Holy Assembly of Bishops brings together current successors of the Holy Apostles to do the work of the Church.

The Episcopal Council of the Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America and the Central Church Council meet to do the work of God's Holy Church.

Diocesan Councils and Diocesan Administrative Boards serve in the councilor fashion to do God's work in their respective geographic areas. Parish Executive Boards do God's work locally.

Annual Parish Assemblies, Diocesan Assemblies and Sabors of the Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America are additional examples of the process of using councils to bring Christ into our lives in a group process.

The Holy Orthodox Church recognized centuries ago the importance of coming together in Ecumenical Councils to examine and express the fundamental beliefs of the Church.

The Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed is the primary example of the work of the Ecumenical Councils. The Church's expressed belief in icons is another example of the outcome of an Ecumenical Council.

The Church appeals to, trusts and follows God in the process of coming together in councils. Families benefit similarly when gathering together in appeal to God to define the direction of family life in conformity with the ways of Christ.

God's Holy Orthodox Church works through the process of councils. Individual believers benefit from knowing of the different councils. Councils allow for the exchange of views and inspire looking to God for direction and practice.

Jesus came together with His disciples and taught them. Jesus appeared before multitudes and taught. Communication of the teachings and understanding of God are important in strengthening personal faith and Christian practice.



Parish churches exist as part of the Diocese. The Dioceses exist as a part of the larger Serbian Orthodox Church. The Serbian Orthodox Church exists in unity with other canonical Orthodox jurisdictions.

Living the Orthodox Christian life involves continuous learning and growth in Christ. Understanding the organization, structure and process of the Church facilitates growth and learning.

Orthodox Christians are connected with each other in Christ. This unity is best exemplified in Holy Communion. Holy Communion is Christ alive in each believer and the believer alive in Christ.

Being alive in Christ and in full communion with others in God's Holy Church requires constant vigilance, desire for unity with Christ and repentance.

Christ's words in the Holy Gospel nourish the believer.

Councils point the way for believers through the centuries. Councils are an integral part and action of God's Holy Church. Councils facilitate learning about Christ and living in Christ throughout life.

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*St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, Carmichaels, Pennsylvania. Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. Sts. Cyril and Methodius. St. Nikodemus of Pec, Archbishop of Serbia. May 11/24, 2015. Father Rodney Torbic*

### **The Sunday of the Blind Man**

The current Gospel verifies Christ's healing power. The present Gospel is a powerful lesson for putting sickness into perspective. The Gospel reveals God at work in the life of the blind man.

Spiritual blindness is common among humans. Becoming familiar with Christ in the Holy Gospel results in clarity of vision for personal life. The blind man in the present Gospel saw clearly when Christ entered his life.

Human beings benefit immeasurably when Christ is the basis for their daily vision. Christ's teachings and life serve as the optimum framework to see and understand life.

When a person lives in unity with Christ, personal vision is shaped by Christ's teachings. Individuals in unity with Christ move forward with vision directed toward the Kingdom of God.

When eternal life and the salvation of the soul are ultimate desires, Christ is the believer's guide and basis for perception. Believers do well by viewing alternatives in daily life with Christ as the basis for decision-making.

The blind man was blessed to be healed by Christ, to hear Christ's voice and to see Christ. Christ's healing power is accessible to each faithful believer. Christ's words are visible for each person in the Holy Gospel.

Christ's words are proclaimed regularly in God's Holy Church. Christ's teachings become understandable in the Divine services of the Church. Christ is experienced personally in prayer and in the Divine services.

Sick people often ask what they have done to deserve an illness or affliction.

The present Gospel reveals the blind man nor his parents caused the blindness. God chose to work through the life of the blind man.

When a person has an affliction or illness, God has the power to work in the person's life. God can make a decided difference in the lives of the ill, the injured and the afflicted.

Illness, injuries and afflictions can become the most meaningful times in personal life. Christ can be experienced to the greatest degree in times of illness, affliction and injury.

Meaningless use of time and insignificant goals become apparent when illness, affliction and injury occur. Careful use of the precious time of life rises to the fore when God is necessary to address crises in personal health.

The blind man and his parents had reason to be immeasurably grateful to Christ. Every person has reason to be immeasurably grateful to Christ. Christ gives each believer the perfect vision for life and for seeing the Savior of the world.

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, Carmichaels, Pennsylvania. May 4/17, 2015  
Sunday of the Blind Man. St. Pelegia of Tarsus, Martyr Father Rodney Torbic



WHEN A TORPEDO from a German submarine struck the USAT Dorchester shortly after midnight on February 3, 1943, panic ensued. At that moment, four chaplains emerged from the chaos: the Methodist preacher George Fox, the Jewish rabbi Alexander Goode, the Presbyterian minister Clarke Poling, and the Catholic priest John Washington.

The four had met at Chaplain School at Harvard University and became good friends. Together they boarded the Dorchester in January 1943. They had been at sea for less than ten days when the torpedo struck. In the aftermath of the attack, the four chaplains calmed the men, organized an evacuation, and distributed life jackets. When the life jackets ran out, they gave up their own.

Life jackets, however, weren't the only thing in short supply. The Dorchester had only enough lifeboat space to accommodate one quarter of its men. The officers offered spots to the chaplains, but they refused to go.

As the survivors rowed away from the ship, they could see the four chaplains – linked arm in arm, praying for the souls and safety of their

men. Before the sun rose, the Dorchester was gone. So were her four chaplains and nearly 700 others. Only 230 men survived.

Posthumously the four chaplains received the Distinguished Service Cross and the Purple Heart. In 1988 Congress declared February 3rd "**Four Chaplains Day,**" and the Episcopalian Church honor all four men on that day with a liturgical feast.



**"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."** (John 15:13)