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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 Paul Stoll, Father Igor Soroka, Father Joseph Kopchak, 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 Paisius McGrath, 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, 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, Glenn & Lucas Burlack, Katie Elizabeth, Mileva, & Michael, Deirdré Straughan, Terri Paluh, Lori & Steve Lucier, Billy Sinclair, Evelyn Felouzis, and Mother Ana. ARNOLD: Stefania Lucci, Steve Sakal, and Homer Paul Kline. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our August babies:** John Brunermer on the 1<sup>st</sup>, Janet Brunermer on the 12<sup>th</sup>, Loretta Sheliga on the 18<sup>th</sup>, and Nick Behun on the 29<sup>th</sup>. May God grant them Many Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Blessed Years! M'nohaya Lita! God Bless!

**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, AUGUST 02 NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE**  
**9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY GLORIOUS PROPHET ELIAS;**  
**UNCOVERING OF THE RELICS OF SAINT ATHANASIUS-ABBOT OF BREST-**  
**LYTOVSK**

*Tone 8*

1 Corinthians 3:9-17; James 5:10-20  
Matthew 14:22-34; Luke 4:22-30

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 09 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM**  
**10<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY UNMERCENARY GREAT-MARTYR AND**  
**HEALER PANTELEIMON; VENERABLE ANTUSA-ABBESS & 90 SISTERS; SAINT**  
**CLEMENT OF OCHRID WITH SAINTS ANGELAR, GORAZD, NAHUM OF OCHRID, &**  
**SABBAS**

*Tone 1*

1 Corinthians 4:9-16; 2 Timothy 2:1-10  
Matthew 17:14-23; John 15:17-16:2

***Litany in Blessed Memory of Father Peter Natishan, Samuel Mrvos, David Yenni,***  
***Denise Lawrence, Rudy Obradovich, Mike Horvath, Anna Harte, Maxine Kitch,***  
***Agnes Rossi, Mike Cherepko, & Mary Vigani—Fr. Bob***  
***Parastas in Blessed Memory of Rae Ruth Batch—Harry Batch & daughters***  
***AND in Blessed Memory of Steve Kuzman—Debbie & John Paouncic***

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 14 DORMITION FAST BEGINS**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM  
11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; VENERABLE ISAAC, DALMATUS, & FAUSTUS;  
VENERABLE ANTHONY THE ROMAN; VENERABLE COSMAS-EUNUCH & HERMIT  
OF PALESTINE**

*Tone 2*

1 Corinthians 9:2-12

Matthew 18:23-35

## **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 02 AUGUST 2015**

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UNCOVERING OF THE RELICS OF SAINT ATHANASIUS-ABBOT OF  
BREST-LYTOVSK**

### **TROPARION—TONE 8**

Thou didst descent from on high, O Merciful One!  
Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings!  
Our Lord, our Life and Resurrection, 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.

### **KONTAKION—TONE 8**

By rising from the tomb,  
Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam.  
Eve exults in Thy Resurrection,  
And the world celebrates Thy Rising from the dead,  
O greatly Merciful One!

### **PROKEIMENON—TONE 8**

**READER:** Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

**PEOPLE:** Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

**READER:** In Judah, God is known; His name is great in Israel!

**PEOPLE:** Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

**READER:** Pray and make your vows.

**PEOPLE:** Before the Lord our God!

### **ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 8**

Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our  
Savior!

**+ + Patience and Faith: An Interpersonal Response + +**

When we try to enter a deeper and more profound relationship with God by becoming consciously aware that we need to seek Him, listen to Him, and follow Him more and more each day and even each hour, then He responds immediately as we invite Him deeply into our hearts and our minds. His response, however, can be misunderstood for often we are asking and praying that God gives us what we want and think we need, while He is always aware of what is truly in our best interest at every moment of our lives. There is a saying that when we ask God, He answers in one of three ways: yes, no, and wait. What is hardest for us to hear is the last answer—wait. For this we need true actual patience.

Patience isn't just putting up with inconveniences and adversities, or waiting while we are watching our watch and tapping our foot. It isn't resignation and loss of energy to do what is good. It isn't even hoping that troubles will pass, the rain will stop, and the sun will come out again. Patience is a practice that is necessary to make faith solid and practical from experience. It is the school of learning that God does know best, His timing is perfect, and we have to learn this by doing it, being thankful for it, and eventually rejoicing in it for Christ is teaching us to see, want, and feel that Heavenly sight is better than merely human sight, and He and His Kingdom is good, good, good, and everlasting, and we can even begin to know this here on earth. He has set this course to deepen our Faith through patience. The Prophet Elias (Elijah) and all of the Saints learned this holy patience, deepened their faith, and found His Kingdom, so let us follow their wonderful example and join their company. Amen.

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By Whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope; And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." (Rom. 5:1-5)

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.

Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with psalms.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:**

*"Just as the Lord is solicitous about our salvation, so too the murder of men, the devil, strives to lead a man into despair."*

A lofty and sound soul does not despair over misfortunes, of whatever sort they may be. Our life is as it were a house of temptations and trials; but we will not renounce the Lord for as long as He allows the tempter to remain with us and for as long as we must wait to be revived through patience and secure passionless!" +St. Seraphim of Sarov (Commemorated August 1st)

**"Gone is the Glory of Constantinople... But Christ Remains"**

*A Russian Orthodox Church Website*

Jesus announced that the worship of God is not tied to a specific place as God is not contained by space and He cannot be bound in an exclusive place toward which those who want to be in His presence must pray or make pilgrimage. Thus when the Samaritan woman asked Him, "Our fathers worshiped on this mountain (Gerezim in Samaria), and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship," Jesus answered her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father... the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth" (John 4:20-23). God is present in every place and there is no place on the face of this earth from which God is absent. God is present where His people gathers in His name. The Apostle Paul affirms this when he says, "I shall dwell in them and walk among them. I shall be their God and they shall be My people" (2 Corinthians 6:16). God is a wanderer who does not settle in one place. He does not require people to come to Him in a specific place. He comes to them whenever they call upon Him and seek Him.

In this context, Saint Basil the Great (d. 379) comments on Jesus' words to the Samaritan woman and says that worship is no longer tied to a specific geographical location since the Holy Spirit has become the "place of worship". Christ also is the place of worship and the Gospel of Saint John clearly speaks of the end of worship in the temple of Jerusalem since Jesus Himself is the new "temple" and there is no need for a temple built in a city or on a mountain.

When the Jews asked Jesus for a sign, He answered them, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up... ` But He was speaking of the temple of His body. Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them” (John 2:18-22). Jesus came. He became man. He destroyed death. He fulfilled the prophecies. He abrogated Judaism. He ended exclusivity. He rejected being closed off. He fought racism. He established a new covenant. He made everything new. Therefore Christianity does not believe in holy lands as opposed to non-holy lands. All the earth is called to holiness through the effort of those living upon it to sanctify themselves. Holiness belongs to humans, not to land. Man, not dust, is holy. Man– not mountains, not lakes, not rivers, not plains– is called to eternal life. Man– and not any other created thing– is the image of God, called to be His likeness. Man is the highest value, for the sake of which God

However, Christianity is a religion that believes in the incarnation and thus in the connection between faith and bearing witness and the local church which exists in a specific geographic space. The Epistle to Diognetus affirms the connection between these two things. This epistle was composed in the late 2nd century by an unknown Christian author for a pagan named Diognetus who held an important position in the Roman Empire and had asked the writer for a letter to explain Christianity and Christians and especially to explain the God of the Christians, how they glorify Him, and why Christians do not fear dying for their faith. The style of the Epistle shows that its author was a cultured person skilled in the Greek language and rhetoric in addition to theology.

The Epistle says, “For Christians are not distinguished from the rest of mankind either in locality or in speech or in customs. For they dwell not somewhere in cities of their own, neither do they use some different language, nor practice an extraordinary kind of life... But while they dwell in cities of Greeks and barbarians as the lot of each is cast, and follow the native customs in dress and food and the other arrangements of life, yet the constitution of their own citizenship, which they set forth, is marvelous, and confessedly contradicts expectation. They dwell in their own countries, but only as sojourners; they bear their share in all things as citizens, and they endure all hardships as strangers. Every foreign country is a fatherland to them, and every fatherland is foreign.”

Gone is the glory of Antioch, where the disciples were first called Christians. Gone is the glory of Constantinople, the great capital of Orthodoxy. Gone is the glory of Cappadocia, Nicaea, Ephesus, Chalcedon, Smyrna, Rusafa and Palmyra... but the glory of the Christians shall not end so long as they hold fast to faith in Jesus Christ and carry Him with them wherever they wander, wherever they are taken, wherever they settle. Jesus alone is their glory.