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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, 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, Kyranna Cherpas, Lawrence Deuce Skurcenski, Pastor Bruce Nordeen, Millie Koss Good, Mary Haraczy, Heather Ried, and Mother Ana. 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, AUGUST 30 OBEDNITZA—DOWNSTAIRS IN CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; AFTERFEAST OF THE DORMITION; MARTYR MYRON OF CYZICUS; MARTYRS THYRUS, LAUCIUS, & CORONATUS WITH OTHERS AT CAESAREA IN BITHYNIA; MARTYRS PAUL & SISTER JULIANA OF SYRIA; MARTYR PATROCLUS OF TROYES; MARTYRS STRATON, PHILIP, EUTYCHIAN, & CYPRIAN OF NICOMEDIA; VENERABLE ALYPIUS THE ICONOGRAPHER OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA**

Tone 4

1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Matthew 21:33-42

Litany in Blessed Memory of Jacob and Kathryn Burlack—Evelyn & Family
Evelyn invites everyone to her house for coffee hour today after the Obednitza!!!

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HIEROMATYR ETYIUS-DISCIPLE OF SAINT JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN; MARTY TATION; VIRGIN-MARTYR CYRA OF PERSIA; VENERABLE GEORGE LIMNIOTES THE CONFESSOR OF MOUNT OLYMPUS**

Tone 5

2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

Matthew 22:1-14

Litany in Blessed Memory of Josephine Roman, Frank Gazella, Sr., & Susie Pelczar—Fr. Bob

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; THE PLACING OF THE CINCTURE (SASH OR BELT) OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS; HIEROMARTYR CYPRIAN-BISHOP OF CARTHAGE; SAINT GENNADIUS-PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

Tone 6

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 30 AUGUST 2015

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TROPARION—TONE 4

When the women disciples of the Lord
Learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection;
They cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles:
Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen,
Granting the world great mercy.

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

KONTAKION—TONE 4

My Savior and Redeemer,
As God rose from the tomb
And delivered the earthborn from their chains.
He has shattered the gates of Hell,
And as Master, He has risen on the third day!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 4

READER: O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

PEOPLE: **O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.**

READER: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great!

PEOPLE: **O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.**

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ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 4

Go forth and prosper and reign, because of truth and meekness and righteousness.

You love righteousness and hate iniquity.

Miraculous Icons of the Mother of God

Believers coming to the St. George Serbian Orthodox Church in Carmichaels, Pennsylvania on October 6, 2011 were blessed to venerate the Hawaiian Myrrh-Streaming Iveron Icon of the Mother of God.

Miraculous icons of the Mother of God appear in the Holy Orthodox Church. They exist in different parts of the world. Some are myrrh-streaming, some are weeping, and others are miraculous because of prayers before them.

Miracles are attributed to these icons. The myrrh-streaming and weeping icons are miracles in themselves. Individuals tell of healings or being different after having venerated the icons or being anointed.

Akathists have been written to icons of the Mother of God describing healings or the occurrence of other miracles. Miraculous icons strongly affect the mind and confirm belief among the faithful.

Believers are willing to travel long distances to venerate myrrh-flowing and weeping icons. Miraculous icons stir hopes among believers suffering from particular illnesses.

The fragrancy emanating from these icons is often distinct and identifiable. The soul hungers for healing. Miraculous icons address the hunger of the soul. Thanks to God for the presence of miraculous icons.

Thanks to the Mother of God for miraculous icons bearing her image.. When an icon of the Mother of God streams or tears begin to flow, wonderment takes place. The meaning is not always clear. The impact is profound and far-reaching.

Believers become different after personally experiencing a weeping or myrrh-flowing icon. The memory is imprinted and lasting. Believers sharing the experience verify with each other the impact that has taken place.

Parish churches are often eager to welcome a visit from a myrrh-streaming or weeping icon. Parishes are enriched by the hosting experience. The faith of parish believers is strengthened when a miraculous icon visits.

The mysteries of God are beyond full human comprehension. Believers experience God at work on a daily basis. Miraculous icons are an example of God at work in daily life. Miraculous icons lift the heart and mind to new levels.

Love for God and the Mother of God increases when miraculous icons make a difference in personal life. Testimonies of believers whose lives have changed by miraculous icons are convincing.

Miraculous icons are a source of joy. Healings and miraculous outcomes due to prayers to certain icons of the Mother of God change the course of personal lives. Skepticism is not sufficiently powerful to have believers think otherwise.

Adult Class. St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, Carmichaels, Pennsylvania. Venerable Dometius, Martyr Venerable Or. August 7/20, 2015. Father Rodney Torbic

Churches to pray for care of creation

Ecumenical Centre, Geneva. © WCC/ Nikos Kosmidis

20 August 2015

Joined in prayer, Christian churches around the world will again observe the ecumenical "Time for Creation" (1 September to 4 October), this year bolstered by Pope Francis's recent proclamation of 1 September as the "World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation."

The movement toward a yearly commemoration of the biblical mandate to exercise stewardship over God's creation (Genesis 1:26-28) first took shape following a 1 September 1989 encyclical from the late Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I of Constantinople in which he extended an invitation to "the entire Christian world to offer together with the Mother Church of Christ, the Ecumenical Patriarchate, every year on this date prayers and supplications to the Maker of all, both as thanksgiving for the great gift of creation and as petitions for its protection and salvation."

The pastoral letter from Dimitrios continued, "At the same time we paternally urge, on the one hand, the faithful in the world to admonish themselves and their children to respect and protect the natural environment and, on the other hand, those who are entrusted with the responsibility of governing the nations to act without delay, taking all necessary measures for the protection and preservation of natural creation."

The World Council of Churches (WCC) and related ecumenical bodies have adopted a "Time for Creation" as an emphasis in the church year, running from the beginning of the Eastern Orthodox liturgical year on 1 September to the

feast-day of Saint Francis of Assisi observed by the Roman Catholic Church on 4 October. This initiative arose directly from the Ecumenical Patriarch's 1989 encyclical.

In 2008, the WCC Central Committee affirmed the invitation "to observe through prayers and action a special time for creation, its care and stewardship."

"Pope Francis's ecumenical initiative reinforces the growing emphasis on prayer for the care of creation among all the churches," said Rev. Dr Olav Fykse Tveit, the WCC general secretary.

"We welcome the opportunity to join our efforts with those of the Ecumenical Patriarch and now the Catholic Church, and through prayer to sharpen our awareness and commitment to God's creation, 'our common home,' as Pope Francis has called it," Tveit added.

Declaring on 10 August the day of prayer and celebration, the pope said, "We live at a time when all Christians are faced with the same decisive challenges, to which we must respond together, in order to be more credible and effective," he said. "It is my hope that this Day will in some way also involve other Churches and ecclesial Communities, and be celebrated in union with similar initiatives of the World Council of Churches."

Focusing this year on the theme "pilgrimage for climate justice," prayers and musical resources appropriate for a day for prayer for God's creation are available online.

Among such materials are the one prepared by Eco-congregations Scotland, as well as by United Evangelical Mission, available on their website in several languages, including English. A multilingual brochure, "God's Creation: A House of Life for All" has been published by the Evangelical Church in Central Germany in cooperation with churches from Slovakia, Sweden, Tanzania and the United States. Such resources can be found on the WCC website.

The materials aim to equip congregations, churches and parishes to pray in anticipation of the upcoming United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 21) in Paris, December 2015.

Representatives of more than one hundred and ninety countries will meet in Paris to seek agreement on necessary measures to avoid damaging changes to the planet and its inhabitants, possibly including a 2°C rise in global temperatures.

REMINDER: Evelyn Burlack invites everyone to her house for light refreshments after the service today. Parking is available across the street in the American Legion parking lot. Thank you, Evelyn,

for your kindness and generosity...may God reward you a
thousand-fold! God Bless!