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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, Evelyn Felouzis, Kyranna Cherpas, Lawrence Deuce Skurcenski, Pastor Bruce Nordeen, Millie Koss Good, Mary Haraczy, Heather Ried, Carla Perry, 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, NOVEMBER 8 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY AND GREAT-MARTYR DEMETRIUS THE
MYRRH-GUSHER OF THESSALONICA; MARTYR LUPPOS; VENERABLE
ATHANASIOUS OF MEDIKON MONASTERY; VENERABLE THEOPHILUS OF
PERCHEVSKY LAVRA-BISHOP OF NOVHOROD**

Tone 6

2 Timothy 2:1-10; Ephesians 2:4-10

John 15:17-16:2; Luke 16:19-31

Litany in Blessed Memory of All Deceased Veterans—Fr. Bob

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MARTYRS ACINDYNUS, PEGASIOUS,
APHTHONIUS, ELPIDEPHORUS, & ANEMPODISTUS OF PERSIA; MARTYR
MARCIAN OF CYRRHUS**

Tone 7

Ephesians 2:14-22

Luke 8:26-39

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MARTYRS ONESIPHORUS & PORPHYRIUS OF
EPHESUS; VENERABLE MATRONA-ABBESS OF CONSTANTINOPLE; VENERABLE
THEOCTISTE OF THE ISLE OF LESBOS; MARTYR ALEXANDER OF THESSALONICA;
MARTYR ANTHONY OF APAMEA; VENERABLE JOHN THE SHORT OF EGYPT;
VENERABLE EUSTOLIA AND SOSIPATRA OF CONSTANTINOPLE; VENERABLE
ONESIPHORUS THE CONFESSOR OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA**

Tone 8

Ephesians 4:1-6

Luke 8:41-56

Litany in Blessed Memory of Paul Popichak—Fr. Bob

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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.

KONTAKION—TONE 6

When Christ God, the Giver of Life,
Raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty 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.

Actively Listening to God

James 1:19-Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

Value exists in listening carefully to the people in our lives. Value exists in listening to God. Too often, we focus on ourselves and fail to listen to God and to the people in our lives.

Some years ago a patient was in a hospital for an extended period of time. His doctor would come into the room briefly each day and asked the patient how he was doing. Before the patient could answer, the doctor would leave.

When the doctor over a period of time repeatedly failed to listen how the patient felt, the patient became angry. The patient grabbed the doctor by the hand before he could leave and told the doctor he was going to stay and listen.

God is not like the doctor that failed to listen to the patient. God hears our prayers and knows our inner most thoughts, feelings and needs. God listens regardless of the time of the day or night.

The constant attentiveness of God is clear in the countless writings on prayer. Jesus' documented responsiveness to the individuals appealing to Him as recorded in the Holy Gospel is proof of Divine attentiveness.

Active listening is verification of the value of the person speaking. God's willingness to listen to prayers is proof of the value of the person praying. Believers demonstrate they appreciate others in their lives when listening to them.

Parents demonstrate their love for their sons and daughters by listening carefully to them. Wives and husbands strengthen their marriages when taking time to listen well to each other.

Employers improve productivity among employees when the employees' thoughts are welcomed and freely received. Parish priests and parish leaders open to the thoughts and feelings of parishioners have a healthier parish.

Believers benefit by constantly listening to God. God speaks through the Holy Gospel. God speaks through the Divine services of the Church. God communicates through history in different revelations and manifestations.

God speaks through the lives of the saints and martyrs. Discipline is necessary to listen to God daily throughout life. When individuals focus on themselves exclusively, they deny themselves the benefit of wisdom from God.

Prayerfully listening to God each day reveals the paths to take in life. Listening to God enables a person to make decisions and take actions pleasing to God.

Obedience to the will of God comes through listening and following the teachings of God. Jesus said: "Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it." (Lk.11:28)

Psalm 45/46:10-Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

Contemporary believers often lead busy lives. Parents with young sons and daughters often shuttle their children from one activity to another. Parents have to balance work and family life.

Parents may have jobs that involve travel or the parents need to work two jobs to make ends meet. Finding time for God requires commitment and discipline.

In a busy schedule, time for God may be reduced or pushed out of the daily life.

The Psalmist described being still and knowing God. On the Feasts of the Nativity and Dormition of the Mother of God, believers learn of Martha being busy and Mary taking time to listen to Jesus. (Lk.10:38-42; 11:27-28)

Necessities in daily life have to be addressed. Individuals are gainfully employed to provide for the family members. Sons and daughters benefit from healthy school and community activities.

Time for God is essential for healthy daily life. Coming to God in prayer is limited when listening to God is not included. Prayer is more complete when listening to God occurs as well as expressing innermost thoughts to God.

Believers do well not to be blinded by personal interests that keep God out of mind and view. Believers are enriched when taking time to be still and seek the will of God for personal life.

God's love is manifested in the words of the Holy Gospel. God expresses His love for individuals taking time to listen. Daily life can be filled with distracting noise. Peace and quiet are necessary to hear God.

Individuals seeking the Kingdom of God learn the best paths to take by listening to God's directions. Persons desiring a God-pleasing life are disciplined in listening to God's teachings.

Filling the heart and mind with God's teachings is most nourishing. The ears must be receptive to the word of God for benefits to occur. The heart and mind closed to God rob the person of the fullness of life.

Daily life is a gift from God. The time of life is God's gift to each person.

Evaluating personal prayer life to ensure listening to God occurs has merit. The demands of daily life can be overwhelming.

Life is put in proper perspective when the believer is still and experiences the presence of God. God's presence is reassuring. God's presence has a healing effect on the hurried and hassled believer. Being still with God brings peace.

The Holy Gospel is proclaimed in the Divine Liturgy. The believer at peace in the church will hear the Holy Gospel and apply the Gospel to daily life. Coming to church entails the expectation of listening actively to God.

I Chronicles 17:20-O Lord, there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

Ears open to the word of God results in personal changes in believers. Growth in Christ from the time of Baptism to departure from this life occurs when the believer is open to and nourished by the word of God.

Too often too little time is devoted to hearing the word of God. Too often time given to the Divine services of God's Holy Church is very brief. How many hours per day do believers devote to listening to sounds far from the path to God?

How much time is spent each day in hearing frivolous conversation adding nothing to enrichment of the soul? How can a believer reconcile listening to disparaging talk and not listening to the Holy Gospel?

To hear the word of God and value the content, effort must be put forth.

Willingness to listen requires more than casual attention. Experiencing the presence and word of God heals hearts and minds that hurt and are confused.

Minds and hearts seeking a better life find direction in the word of God.

To find the direction from God, focusing on listening and learning from God is of primary importance.

When learning from God is primary, competing interests are set aside. Perilous attractions and frivolous interests are rejected. The mind steeled on heeding God's lessons draws strength from God.

The mind focused on God is rooted in God. God is the foundation, the goal and the way to learning. Jesus said: "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."(Jn.14:6)

Sustaining nourishment is found in the word of God. The Word satisfies the hunger of the soul. The Word is the remedy for hunger of the soul. Seekers of nourishment from other than God experience emptiness and insufficiency.

Many artificial and erroneous substitutes are put forth as nourishment for the soul. Many advertisements parade as remedies for anxiety, depression and lasting personal peace.

The Triune God professed in the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed is without equal. Countless individuals waste the time of life seeking peace of soul far from the God of the Holy Orthodox Church.

St. Sava set the example and many saints of similar mind before and after St Sava gave themselves to the Triune God of the Holy Orthodox Church. The joy experienced in the lives of the saints is available for those listening to God today.

*Adult Class St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, Carmichaels, Pennsylvania.
St.Longinus. October 16/29, 2015. Father Rodney Torbic*

The Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 16:19-31

There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the

beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.(KJV)

The Holy Gospel is a source of teaching and a basis for learning at each Divine Liturgy. Listeners are blessed to hear the Lord Jesus Christ through the Holy Gospel. God's Holy Church is the best place to learn.

To grow in Christ, believers must remain active. Seeking unity with Christ and consciously experiencing Christ is the constant expectation. Stagnancy has no place in the Christian life. Attentiveness and vigilance are necessary.

When a person desires to grow in Christ, all that is not of Christ in personal life is to be removed. Cleaning must take place within the heart and mind of all that is not pleasing to Christ. Holy Confession makes a decided difference.

The serious believer will measure personal thoughts and actions against the actions and teachings of Christ. The Holy Gospel holds the standards and goals for serious believers. The Holy Gospel is to be taken seriously each day of life.

The present Gospel describes poor Lazarus living very near the rich man. Lazarus sought the crumbs coming from the rich man's table. The Gospel reveals the rich man showed no sensitivity to poor Lazarus nearby.

The present Gospel is read each year in God's Holy Church. Love of neighbor was not exhibited in the present Gospel. The current Gospel reading is repeated each year as basis for renewed learning.

The Lord Jesus Christ said elsewhere in the Holy Gospel : "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.(Mt.22:39) Individuals in want and need benefit from the attention of Christians for their lives to be better.

Neighbors can hurt deeply. Neighbors can have great needs as did poor Lazarus. Christians are not to go blindly past the hurting people in their midst. Christians have a responsibility to share Christ's love.

The words of the Holy Apostle Paul are still timely. The Holy Apostle Paul said to the Galatians: "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."(Gal.6:9)

Christians improve their own lives by examining personal attitudes about helping the poor and needy in their midst. Personal Christian attitudes are to conform to the teachings and actions of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord Jesus Christ said: "Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it."(Lk.11:28) The Holy Gospel is proclaimed at each Divine Liturgy as a basis for teaching and learning. Each person listening is to take the Gospel to heart.

Coming to know our neighbors is a way to come to know their needs. Often people near to us hurt deeply. Noticing neighbors can make a difference. The rich man could have shown great compassion toward Lazarus. .

Being kind to the people we meet in daily life can help heal known and unknown hurts in their lives. In today's world we hear too often about people having lived in areas for years and not knowing their neighbors.

Many people struggle with depression and feel alone. A kind word, a note or a letter can make individuals feel wanted and loved. Christian outreach has a healing effect. Christ's love continues to enrich when shared with others.

Christian churches have the responsibility of sharing the healing love of Christ with the people in the neighborhoods in which they are located. Christ's love makes a difference when experienced by visitors to parish churches.

St. Peter of Damaskos said: "To heal a person is the greatest thing one can do and excels all other virtue, because among the virtues there is nothing higher or more perfect than love for one's neighbor."¹

Each person has a certain degree of wealth from God. Each Christian heeding the present Gospel will take steps to ensure personal blessings and wealth from God are not used selfishly but are shared with others

Everyone benefits from God's goodness and love. God is good and loves all individuals. Followers of Christ willingly and freely share goodness and love in ways pleasing to God.

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, Carmichaels, Pennsylvania. October 19/November 1, 2015. Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost. St. Joel the Prophet. Ven. Prohor of Pcinja, Ven Jovan of Rila. Father Rodney Torbic

+ + When God Calls Us, What Will We Do? + +

The Holy Apostles were people just like other people in their time and culture, and even like us today, with the entire range of human faults, personal weaknesses, and individual imperfections. They were not remarkable in a human sense so that God would choose them out from the crowd. They were, however, very remarkable in one thing, very remarkable indeed. It was how they chose to hear God calling, to listen to what He had to say, and then to do what He asked them to do-- although at the time it seemed incredible, irrational, and impossible to do this. They were untrained for this work, and there wasn't even a previous pattern to follow, but they stepped forward and said yes, yes, yes, even when their minds staggered and their hearts were overwhelmed. They learned the great secret of spiritual life: if God asks us to do more than we are able, then He can make up for whatever we are lacking. The Holy Apostles were people just like us, just like us. So, what will we do when God calls us? Let us pray that we can hear Him, listen to Him, and do even the small things that He knows we can do with His help and love. God is calling. Let us say quickly with our Fathers and Mothers in Christ, yes, yes, yes. Amen.

The Monastics at St. Isaac of Syria Skete and at the Convent of St. Silouan and the Faithful at St. Nicholas Church and the Staff at Orthodox Byzantine Icons and St. Isaac's Bookstore.

There will be a memorial service for Billy Sinclair on Saturday, November 14, 2015, at 11:00 AM at:

Indiana Church of the Brethren

905 McKnight Road

Indiana, PA 15701

(across from Rustic Lodge Restaurant on Route 286)

Rev. Kirt Anderson Officiating [Joe Nezolyk's nephew]

If you would like to send a sympathy card:

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