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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, 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 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, 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, Neil Carter & family, James Paluh, Mickie Weikel, Evelyn Krempasky, Tammy Strunk, Loida Esbry, Darlene Chicka Deskins, Drew, Alice & Keith Philipa, Kateryna Kocelko, Nancy Heinbaugh, Mira Filipovic, Lynn, Jacqueline, Irma Opacic, Sharon, Zan Cheng, 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, Manny "Lazarus" Lopez, Glenn & Lucas Burlack, Katie Elizabeth, Mileva, & Michael, Deirdré Straughan, Terri Paluh, Lori & Steve Lucier, Evelyn Felouzis, Kyranna Cherpas, Pastor Bruce Nordeen, Millie Koss Good, Mary Haraczy, Heather Ried, Carla Perry, Linda Elliot, Dennis McDaniel, Mike Mangan, Luke Tinsley, and Jackie Crimbchin. 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 at some time in the future...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!

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, JANUARY 24 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
34TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY; AFTERFEAST OF
THEOPHANY; VENERABLE THEODOSIUS THE GREAT—THE CENOBIARCH**

Tone 1

Ephesians 4:7-13

Matthew 4:12-17

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
35TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SAINT ATHANASIUS THE GREAT & SAINT
CYRIL-ARCHBISHOPS OF ALEXANDRIA; VENERABLE MARCIAN OF CYRRHUS IN
SYRIA-MONK**

Tone 2

Colossians 3:12-16

Luke 18:18-27

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 07 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
36TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SAINT GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN-
ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE; MARTYRS FELICITAS OF ROME & 7 SONS:
JANUARIUS, FELIX, PHILIP, SILVANUS, ALEXANDER, VITALIS, & MARTIAL;
VENERABLE PUBLISU, ASCETIC OF SYRIA; VENERABLE MARES THE SINGER OF
SYRIA**

Tone 3

1 Timothy 1:15-17

Luke 18:35-43

Litany in Blessed Memory of Milton G. Chicka, Daniel Pysh, Sara Chicka, Nikolai Pivtoraiko, Mary Lokie, Anne Chrenko Mazok, & Roy Wyke—Fr. Bob

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 24 JANUARY 2016

**34TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY;
AFTERFEAST OF THEOPHANY; VENERABLE THEODOSIUS THE
GREAT—THE CENOBIARCH**

TROPARION—TONE 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews;
While the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure Body;
Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, Granting life to the world.
The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of life:
Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom!
Glory to Thy Dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind.

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

KONTAKION—TONE 1

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory,
Raising the world with Thyself.
Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished!
Adam exults, O Master!
Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee:
Thou are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 1

READER: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.

PEOPLE: **Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.**

READER: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!

PEOPLE: **Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.**

READER: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

PEOPLE: **As we have set our hope on Thee.**

ALLELUIA VERSES

God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me.

He magnifies the salvation of the king, and deals mercifully with His Christ, with David and his seed forever!

With the Feast of Theophany!

"If he was not flesh, whom did John baptize? And if he was not God, to whom did the Father from heaven say, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased"?" + *St. Ephrem the Syrian*

Susan Schneider January 18 at 8:15am

Here is a beautiful story by Pastor Richard Wurmbbrand who was in prison for 14 years for his faith and now does missionary work for persecuted Christians in communist countries:

"Pure Orthodoxy"

Now, to come back to this priest, Surioanu. He was always such a happy being. When we were taken out for walks, in a yard where there was never a flower, a piece of herb, or grass, he would put his hand on the shoulder of some Christian and ask, "Tell me your story."

Usually the men would talk about how bad the Communists were. "They've beaten me and they've tortured me and they've done terrible things."

He would listen attentively; then he would say, "You've said plenty about the Communists; now tell me about yourself. When did you confess last?"

"Well, some forty years ago."

"Let us sit down and forget the Communists and forget the Nazis. For you are also a sinner. And tell me your sins."

Everybody confessed to him—I confessed to him, too, and I remember that as I confessed to him, and the more I told him sins, the more beautiful and loving became his face. I feared in the beginning that when he heard about such things he would loathe me. But the more I said bad things about myself, the more he sat near to me. And in the end he said, "Son, you really have committed plenty of sins, but I can tell you one thing. Despite all of these sins, God still loves you and forgives you. Remember that He has given His Son to die for you, and try one day a little bit, and another day a little bit, just to improve your character so it should be pleasant to God."

My experiences with this priest were among the most beautiful encounters of my life. He is no longer on this earth. He was an example of what real Orthodoxy is all about. There exists such Orthodoxy. I don't see much point in

becoming an Orthodox from a Lutheran background or from a Baptist background or from any other background unless one desires that kind of Orthodoxy. His was an excellent Orthodoxy, a pure Orthodoxy. May God help us all to be truly Orthodox, after the example of so many saints who are depicted on the icons, and after the example of so many saints alive today.

Susan Schneider January 18 at 8:08am

Icon of "The Three Joys" with St. John the Baptist and St. David.

According to legend, a painter left the icon with his relative, a priest of the Trinity Church on Gryazekh. After the painter's death, the priest donated the icon to the church and placed it over the entrance. The icon got its name from the miracle that happened 40 years later. A certain noblewoman suffered three heavy losses: her husband was slandered for something and exiled, her estates were impounded by the Treasury, and her only son was captured by the enemy during the war. One day, praying to the Holy Mother of God, she heard a voice commanding her to find an icon of the Holy Family and pray before it. For a long time the woman sought this icon among the churches of Moscow, until she finally found it at the entrance into the Trinity Church on Pokrovka. After earnestly praying before this icon, she soon received three pieces of joyful news: her husband was vindicated and returned from exile, her son was liberated from captivity, and her estates were returned to her by the Treasury. For this reason the icon was named "The Three Joys Icon"



"As long as we live, we are like a pencil, sharpened by tribulations so that we can write better. This sharpening goes on until the pencil is finished and done. Thereafter, nothing remains other than what the pencil wrote so beautifully and creatively."-Pope Tawadros II

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**ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH CONVENES SYNAXIS AT CHAMBÉSY, GENEVA
NEW YORK** – His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew will convene under his chairmanship, Jan. 21-28, 2016, a Synaxis of the Primates of the local Orthodox Churches at the Orthodox Center of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Chambésy, Geneva.

The Synaxis will deal with matters related to preparation for the Holy and Great Council, which has been decided to convene this year.

His Eminence Geron Archbishop Demetrios of America will be a member of the Delegation of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

The official announcement of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, issued yesterday January 18, 2016, follows:

ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE

COMMUNIQUÉ

The Ecumenical Patriarchate announces that, following an invitation by His All-Holiness to Their Beatitudes the Primates of the local most holy Orthodox Churches, he will chair a Synaxis at the Orthodox Center of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Chambésy, Geneva, from January 21st to 28th, 2016.

All of the Primates have declared that they will attend the Synaxis in person, with the exception of Their Beatitudes Patriarch John X of Antioch and Metropolitan Sawa of Poland, who are prevented for health reasons, and Archbishop Ieronymos of Athens and All Greece, for personal reasons, while all three will be represented by officially authorized representatives.

The Synaxis will deal with matters related to preparation for the Holy and Great Council, which has been decided to convene this year. In the framework of the Synaxis, an Inter-Orthodox Divine Liturgy will be held in the Holy Stavropegic Church of St. Paul, with His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew presiding and Their Beatitudes the Primates participating.

At the deliberations of this Sacred Synaxis, the Delegation of the Ecumenical Patriarchate will comprise His Eminence Geron Archbishop Demetrios of America and His Excellency Archbishop Job of Telmessos,

while His All-Holiness will be accompanied by Their Eminences Geron
Metropolitan John of Pergamon and Emmanuel of France as his advisors.

At the Ecumenical Patriarchate, on January 18, 2016

From the Office of the Chief Secretary of the Holy and Sacred Synod