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ON THE MEND: Please keep the following parishioners and others in your prayers for recovery from their illnesses and injuries: Metropolitan Theodosius [OCA], 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, Gaele 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, 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, Brent, Tricia, and Jackie Crimbchin. ARNOLD: Stefania Lucci, Steve Sakal, and Homer Paul Kline. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: February 28th—Obednitza downstairs and a short parish meeting; March 4th—cleaning party at the church—wear your work clothes!; March 6th—Coffee Hour compliments of Martha Persico!

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, FEBRUARY 21 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & PHARISEE; GREAT-MARTYR THEODORE
STRATELATES; PROPHET ZACHARIAH FROM 12 MINOR PROPHETS; SAINT SAVA
II-ARCHBISHOP OF SERBIA**

Tone 5

2 Timothy 3:10-15

Luke 18:10-14

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON; APOSTLE ONESIMUS OF THE 70; VENERABLE
PAPHNUTIUS-MONK & DAUGHTER SAINT EUPHROSYNE-NUN OF ALEXANDRIA;
VENERABLE EUSEBIUS-HERMIT OF SYRIA; VENERABLE PAPHNUTIUS-RECLUSE
OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA**

*****SPECIAL MEETING AFTER SERVICE TO TALK ABOUT BISHOP DANIEL'S
VISIT TOPICS*****

Tone 6

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Luke 15:11-32

FRIDAY, MARCH 04 PARISH WORKDAY—CLEANING & POLISHING 1:00 PM

**SUNDAY, MARCH 6 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
MEATFARE SUNDAY—SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT; HIEROMONK
POLYCARP-BISHOP OF SMYRNA; JANTS JOHN, ANTIOCH, ANTONINUS, MOSES,
ZABINAS, POLYCHRONIUS, MOSES, & DAMIAN-AESCETICS OF THE SYRIAN
DESERT; SAINT ALEXANDER-FOUNDER OF THE ORDER OF THE UNSLEEPING
ONES**

*****COFFEE HOUR COMPLIMENTS OF MARTHA PERSICO*****

Tone 7

1 Corinthians 8:6-9:2

Matthew 25:31-46

Litany in Blessed Memory of Mary Smith, John Metrick, Andrew Hanczar, Anna Lawrence, Michael Cicio, Chuck Shumski, Terry Reinhart, Joseph Vangrin, Frank Riznow, & Mike Holupka—Fr. Bob

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 21 FEBRUARY 2016

**SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & PHARISEE; GREAT-MARTYR
THEODORE STRATELATES; PROPHET ZACHARIAH FROM 12 MINOR
PROPHETS; SAINT SAVA II-ARCHBISHOP OF SERBIA**

TROPARION—TONE 5

Let the faithful praise and worship the Word,
Coeternal with the Father and the Spirit;
Born for our salvation from the Virgin;
For He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
To endure death,
And to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection!

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

KONTAKION—TONE 5

Thou didst descend into Hell, O my Savior,
Shattering its gates as almighty;
Resurrecting the dead as Creator,
And destroying the sting of death.
Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse,
O Lover of Man,
And we all cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 5

READER: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this
generation forever.

PEOPLE: **Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this
generation forever.**

READER: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

PEOPLE: **Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this
generation forever.**

READER: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us...

PEOPLE: From this generation forever.

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 5

I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever, and my truth will be prepared in the heavens.

Being Attentive

Ecclesiastes 2:14-I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him(KJV)

The certainty of God deserves first place in the mind and heart. The actions of God exceed human comprehension. Gratefulness to God is due throughout the day and night.

God creates. Humans can only wonder and think about God's creations. Humans can be responsible in caring for God's creations. Humans benefit from the love of God through His creations.

The air to breathe, the water to drink and the sun keeping humans warm are God's creations. Life in each body is from God. The mind in each body comes from God.

Purpose in life originates with God. Attentive individuals learn from God.

In this time when man's creations exist very briefly, considering God through the ages gives perspective.

The hunger of the soul finds satisfaction in the permanency of God. Individual restlessness experiences calm in God's ever-existence. God is the anchor for each life in each century.

Science looks at God's creation. Scientists pursuing truth relentlessly come to terms with Truth. Jesus said: " I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me".(Jn.14:6)

God's grace is necessary for the mind to work. God's love enables individuals to feel worth. God's forgiveness gives each person the opportunity to begin anew.

Seekers of God experience God in the effort. Believers base their belief on experience. Hope draws a person toward God in faith. Desire for betterment comes in embracing God and rejecting paths far from God.

Ecclesiastes stirs the mind to think carefully about God. The personal relationship with God is best measured by God's standards and teachings. Being attentive to God enables the person to live according to God-pleasing ways.

Plumbing the depths of life, leads a person to God. God reveals the lasting paths to follow. Discernment given by God causes a person to follow the proven paths.

God's roads exist through the centuries. Perseverance is necessary to remain on God's roads. Difficulties arise from time to time revealing the depth of personal faith and commitment of the believer.

Drawing near to God in faith is always beneficial. God keeps the person close when the person draws near in faith with purity of purpose. God knows the content of each heart and the purpose of each effort.

Ecclesiastes 4:6-Better is an handful with quietness, than both the hands full with travail and vexation of spirit.(KJV)

How many individuals appreciate quietness with God? How many in quiet moments of life are tormented by conscience? Quietness affords opportunities to think. Quiet moments are times to reach out to God.

Are the noises cherished in society masks to cover societal illnesses? Does the desire for the continuous presence of external sound serve as a means to avoid getting closer to God?

The Holy Prophet Elijah heard God.(I Kings 19:12) Listening to God affords guidance and direction. Listening to God is a basis for daily decisions and actions.

Yearning to hear God has an important place in the Christian life.

Travail and vexations of the spirit are avoided by following God's teachings.

Personal problems are averted when cautions by God are heeded. God points the way to travel to depart from the quagmire of turmoil.

Willingness is necessary to bring a person into the conscious presence of God. Courage is necessary to expose the self to God's scrutiny. God knows the inner thoughts of each person.

Each person is responsible for the way he or she harbors thoughts and acts on them. Ecclesiastes puts forth thoughts lasting through the ages. The Church considers the Ecclesiastes' words instructive and beneficial.

Individuals devoting a portion of their lives to think about the words of Ecclesiastes will benefit. The words of Ecclesiastes aid a person to improve the relationship with God.

The Church has preserved the Holy Scriptures through the centuries. The Holy Scriptures continue to be preserved for multiple reasons including liturgical, historical and instructional reasons.

Reading Ecclesiastes is an investment. Ecclesiastes makes a person think about the personal use of time, relationships and use of personal resources. Ecclesiastes is a basis for assessing personal motivation.

The personal relationship with God affects all relationships. Motivation for daily life centered in God is healthy. Centering life in other than God puts the soul in peril.

The Holy Scriptures including Ecclesiastes give believers a basis for assessing motivation in life and direction of life. While a person has a functioning mind and life in the body, with God, life can be redirected and begun anew.

Adult Class. St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, Carmichaels, Pennsylvania. January 29/February 11, 2017. St. Ignatius Theophoros.. Father Rodney Torbic

Every person has his own life's cross. The most important matter is whether or not that person is willing to bear it. If a person who has been visited by hardships or illnesses falls into depression, starts grumbling and gets angry or sad, he will find himself in a spiritual dead end. But if he arms himself with another way of thinking and says, "I thank you, O Lord, for these sorrows, for these troubles, and sicknesses that you have willed to send me. for my sins, I deserve worse," then the sorrows, sicknesses and troubles that seemed unbearable become easier to bear, and soon disappear. This is the work of a humble condition of the soul. -Hieromonk Pavel Scherbachev

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Friday, March 4 will be a clean-up day for our parish prior to the beginning of Great Lent. We would like to clean and polish as much as possible so the more hands

available the quicker the work will be done. Wear work clothes and bring your cleaning supplies—we have some but it will go faster with more! We plan to start at 1 PM—Fr. Bob has some medical tests in the morning—and it should only take a couple of hours. Thank you for making our parish home even more beautiful!