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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, Archpriest Dionysi Vitali, Protodeacon Joseph Hotrovich, Father Adam Yonitch, Pani-Dobrodijka Sonia Diakiw, Father Paisius McGrath, Joshua Agosto and his family, Eva Malesnick, Stella Peanoske, 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 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, Kyranna Cherpas, Pastor Bruce Nordeen, Millie Koss Good, Heather Ried, Carla Perry, Linda Elliot, Dennis McDaniel, Mike Mangan, Luke Tinsley, Brent, Tricia, Katherine Gorman, Pamela Jaquette, Michael Pawlyshyn, Sherri Walewski, Marika Zeliszczuk, Donna Davis, and Jackie Crimbchin. ARNOLD: 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, JUNE 12 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
7TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA; FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL;
AFTERFEAST OF THE ASCENSION; VENERABLE ISAAC-FOUNDER OF THE
DALMATION MONASTERY**

Tone 6

Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

John 17:1-13

**SUNDAY, JUNE 19 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
PENTECOST; TRINITY SUNDAY; OUR PARISH'S NAME DAY; COMMEMORATION
OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE 7 ECUMENICAL COUNCILS; VENERABLE
BESSARION THE WONDERWORKER OF EGYPT; VENERABLE HILARION THE**

**NEW-ABBOT OF THE DALMATION MONASTERY; VIRGIN-MARTYRS ARCHELAIS,
THECLA, & SUSANNA-BEHEADED AT SALERNO**

Tone 7

Acts 2:1-11

John 7:37-52-8:12

Litany in Blessed Memory of All Deceased Fathers, Grandfathers, etc.—Fr. Bob

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS

10:30 AM

**1ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS; MARTYR AQUILINA
OF BYBLOS IN LEBANON; SAINT TRIPHYLLIUS-BISHOP OF LAUCOSIA
[NICOSIA] IN CYPRUS; MARTYR ANTONINA OF NICAEA; VENERABLE ANNA &
SON SAINT JOHN**

Tone 8

Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 12 JUNE 2016

**7TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA; FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL
COUNCIL; AFTERFEAST OF THE ASCENSION; VENERABLE ISAAC-
FOUNDER OF THE DALMATION MONASTERY**

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Христос воскрес! Воистину воскрес!

Χριστός ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη! (Khristós Anésti! Alithós Anésti!)

Hristos a înviat! Adevărat a înviat!

قام حقاً! قام المسيح! (al-Masīḥ qām! Ḥaqqan qām!)

TROPARION—TONE 8

Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God!

Thou hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth!

Through them Thou hast guided us to the true faith!

O greatly Compassionate One, 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

The apostles' preaching and the fathers' doctrines

Have established one faith for the Church.
Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology;
Great is the mystery of piety which it defines and glorifies.

PROKIEMENON—TONE 4

Reader: Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name forever.

People: Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name forever.

Reader: for Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!

People: Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name forever.

Reader: Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers.

People: And praised and glorified is Thy name forever.

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 1—PSALM 50

The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Gather to me my venerable ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS—REPLACES "IT IS TRULY MEET..."

Magnify, O my soul, Christ the Giver of Life, who has ascended from earth to heaven!

We magnify you, the Mother of God, who beyond reason and understanding gave birth in time to the Timeless One!

COMMUNION HYMNS [PSALM 148 AND 32]

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest!

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



The Good Shepherd - J75

+ + Simple Goodness + +

God is simple, but not in the way that we normally use this term. By this simple, as the Saints have seen, we mean that He is complete, whole, integrated, full of wisdom and truth, un-fragmented, and without the darkness of misconception. He shines Light into all who draw nigh to Him, as He is full of Light, and He is ready to enlighten us with that Light that is beyond all space and time. St. Isaac the Syrian says that spiritual knowledge is simple too, and is not limited or influenced by human conceptions. Most important of all for us, however, is that God is the source and fount of all goodness, and it is this overflowing goodness that is sent forth into this world as His mercy and love. We can feel it, we can touch it, and we can live in it when we leave the twisting of mere worldly thinking to gain the unity of Divine thinking. When will we learn to drop our confusion, our complex reasoning so short of real knowing, and our fear to see with a pure heart, and instead to yearn for the Light that can know no end? May we too choose to be simple like Him, and join Him forever.

Amen.

"The light of the body is the eye: therefore if thy eye be single, thy whole body shall be filled with light. But if thy eye be evil, then thy whole body shall be filled with darkness." (Mat. 6:22-23)

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.

Inside the Holy Church Temple whatever is being said or chanted, whatever we hear, see, smell, whatever illuminates, is not just a mere symbol, or simple words and sounds or even simple little flames that light up the candles and the vigil lamps. There is essence in everything for they express

overwhelming events whose depth is inconceivable, incomprehensible. We cannot feel it spiritually or touch it physically. (Experiences during the Divine Liturgy)

Considering the Great and Holy Council

The Great and Holy Council occurring this year is reason for reflection.
The Serbian Orthodox Church is participating in the Council.
Parish churches have reason to maintain interest in the work of the Council
Participants are united in canonical standing in the Holy Orthodox Church.
The history of the respective participants will affect the interaction.
The planning of the Council has spanned a number of years.
The Great and Holy Council will focus on a specific agenda.
The work of the Council will be examined as to intended impact.
The common bond of Orthodoxy Christianity spans the globe.
Individuals participating come from a wide range of countries.
The historical Ecumenical Councils serve as points of reference.
The work of the Council will be viewed within the Orthodox Church.
Non-Orthodox Christians and non-Christians have an interest in the Council.
Council participants represent millions and millions of Orthodox
Interest in the Council's work will vary in parishes across the globe.
A process was used to develop and narrow the Council's agenda.
The decision-making process at the Council will be subject to scrutiny.
The holding of the Council carries with it the element of hope.
Concerns exist in the addressing of the agenda items and eventual results.
Gathering in council offers the possibility of increased unity and strength.
Care is always necessary to maintain and improve existing healthy unity.
The Council is being held in the context of a world undergoing change.
Consider the steadiness and steadfastness of the Church through centuries.
Divine services of the Church serve as sources of strength for the Council.
Advance preparations by the participants will shape the proceedings.
Church history offers a vantage point for looking back to go forward.
Fundamental truths are invincible and do not change through the centuries.
Christ remains the best Teacher of all-time and guide for each Council.
The Council will turn to the Holy Spirit in conducting the deliberations.
Trusting God at work in the Council increases personal understanding.

*Adult Class-St.George Serbian Orthodox Church, Carmichaels, Pennsylvania. May
20/June 2, 2016. Venerable Stefan of Piper.
Father Rodney Torbic*

In traditional cultures, devout people and families made pilgrimages to monasteries and holy places as often as their lives allowed. They would go for spiritual rejuvenation and inspiration, or if they were troubled and needed help. The idea of a "vacation" was unknown. When they felt stressed or overworked, they recognized the problem as a spiritual need and sought a spiritual remedy. Monasteries are wonderful places to visit for all of the above reasons. (taken from The Abbot and I)

REMINDERS: NO KNEELING until the Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost Sunday, June 19th. Also, we do not say the prayer to the Holy Spirit "O Heavenly King" until Pentecost Sunday.