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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 Luciow, 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 Pyrch, 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, Jackie Crimbchin, and Ian Brick. 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** <u>ALWAYS</u> <u>FREE!</u>

<u>Communion Fasting</u>: 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 <u>CALL FATHER BOB</u> at [412] 279-5640.

#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY, JUNE 26 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM 1<sup>st</sup> 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

MONDAY, JUNE 27 SAINTS PETER AND PAUL FAST BEGINS

SUNDAY, JULY 03 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; ALL SAINTS OF HOLY MOUNT ATHOS; ALL SAINTS OF UKRAINE; HIEROMARTYR METHODIUS-BISHOP OF PATARA; MARTYRS INNA, PINNA, & RIMMA-DISCIPLES OF APOSTLE ANDREW IN SCYTHIA; MARTYRS ARISTOCLEUS-PRESBYTER, DEMETRIAN-DEACON, & ATHANASIUS-READER OF CYPRUS; SAINT LAUCIUS THE CONFESSOR-BISHOP OF BRINDISI; SAINT MINAS-BISHOP OF POLOTSK

Tone 2

Romans 2:10-16; Hebrews 11:33-12:2 Matthew 4:18023; Matthew 4:25-5:12

Litany in Blessed Memory of Olga Stock, Anna Kitch, Sophie Carrera, Susan Justina Sredich, Stella E. Cherepko, Joseph Paouncic, Igumen George [Owen], & Claudia Horvath—Fr. Bob

SUNDAY, JULY 10 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SYNAXIS OF HALYCH/GALICIAN SAINTS; SYNAXIS OF ODESSA SAINTS; VENERABLE SAMPSON THE HOSPITABLE; SAINT

#### JOANNA THE MYRRH-BEARER; VENERABLE SEVERUS-PRESBYTER OF INTEROCREA IN ITALY

*Tone 2* Romans 5:1-10 Matthew 6:22-33

# **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 26 JUNE 2016** 1<sup>st</sup> 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

### **TROPARION-TONE 4**

As with fine porphyry and royal purple, Thy Church has been adorned with Thy Martyrs blood Shed throughout the world She cries to Thee, O Christ God: send down Thy bounties on Thy people, Grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

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 universe offers Thee the God-bearing martyrs As the first fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator. Through the Theotokos and their prayers establish Thy Church in peace.

### **PROKEIMENON-TONE 4**

READER: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!
PEOPLE: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!
READER: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel!
PEOPLE: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!
READER: God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel.
PEOPLE: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!
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READER: Pray and make your vows...
PEOPLE: Before the Lord our God!

## **ALLELUIA VERSES-TONE 4**

The righteous called, and the Lord heard them.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivers them out of them all.

#### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

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

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

Has the devil filled you with sorrow on account of some harm he has brought upon you? Make him sad as well by thanking God. The best thing, of course, is for you not to become sad at all. In this manner, you will give the devil a fatal blow. When he sees you ignoring him and his evil ways, he will depart in shame. (from St John Chrysostom Homily on Patience and Gratitude)

Albert Einstein responded as follows in an interview when asked if he believed in God:

"Your question [about God] is the most difficult in the world. It is not a question I can answer simply with yes or no. I AM NOT AN ATHEIST... The problem involved is too vast for our limited minds. May I not reply with a parable? The human mind, no matter how highly trained, cannot grasp the universe. We are in the position of a little child, entering a huge library whose walls are covered to the ceiling with books in many different tongues. The child knows that SOMEONE MUST HAVE written those books. It does not know WHO OR HOW. It does not understand the languages in which they are written. The child notes A DEFINITE PLAN IN THE ARRANGEMENT of the books, a mysterious order, which it does not comprehend, but only dimly suspects. That, it seems to me, is the attitude of the human mind, even the greatest and most cultured, TOWARD GOD. We see a universe MARVELOUSLY ARRANGED, obeying certain laws, but we understand the laws only dimly. Our limited minds cannot grasp the MYSTERIOUS FORCE that sways the constellations." (Interview recorded in G. S Viereck, Glimpses of the Great)

Elder Ephraim of Saint Anthony Monastery in Arizona (Elder Ephraim Arizonite)

#### **On Illness**

When you are in pain, gather the powers of your soul and try to understand what heaven is trying to tell you in this trial of yours. If perhaps you cry from the pain, the tears will cleanse your vision, as it did to Job the much-suffering, and then you, too, will be able to say along with him, "now mine eye hath seen Thee" (Job 42:5).

Don't forget that God sees you and watches you when you are in pain; He perceives even the beating of your heart. Consequently, He will not leave you without consolation and His fatherly protection. Naturally, the saints rejoiced in their afflictions; as for us, let us at least manage to accept affliction or pain patiently.

My child, pray within your heart, and the name of Jesus will become for you a comforting balm so that you can bear this trial of yours in a way which benefits you. You will greatly benefit from this trial if you submit yourself to it patiently. So again I say to you, with the almighty armor of prayer continually approach the omnipotent Lord more often, and you will come to know how He wondrously lifts the burden of pain and marvelously gives rest to sufferers.

God saves a person, not a religion. And people are saving a religion, but not the person. - St. Silouan the Athonite

From Abba Philemon (The Philokalia Vol. 2; Faber and Faber pg. 351): "When you are in church, and are going to partake of the divine mysteries of Christ, do not go out until you have attained complete peace. Stand in one place, and do not leave it until the dismissal. Think that you are standing in heaven, and that in the company of the holy angels you are meeting God and receiving Him in your heart. Prepare yourself with great awe and trembling, lest you mingle with the holy powers unworthily."

"Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, as the most senior Hierarch in the Orthodox Church, presided over the Divine Liturgy, and was joined by Patriarchs Theodore of Alexandria, Theophilos of Jerusalem, Irinej of Serbia, Daniel of Romania, and Archbishops Chrysostomos of Cyprus and Ieronymos of Athens and all Greece, Metropolitan Sawa of Warsaw and all

Poland, Archbishops Anastasios of Albania and Rastislav of Czech Lands and Slovakia. Addressing the Primates and an overflow crowd of bishops, clergy and laity both inside and outside the church, the Ecumenical Patriarch spoke of the unity and catholicity of the Church as a single Body of Christ symbolized by the feast of Pentecost, which Orthodox Christians celebrate as the day when the Holy Spirit came down and entered the original disciples of Christ.... Speaking specifically of the Holy and Great Council as a visible expression of unity, despite four Churches' absence, the Patriarch [Bartholomew of Constantinople] noted that the road to unity 'demands a living sacrifice, much work, and is achieved after great struggle.' He added that 'this Council of ours will contribute towards this direction by creating a climate of mutual trust and understanding.' The Patriarch closed his homily with a prayer to the Holy Spirit: 'Setting aside the problems that arise from our different ethnic backgrounds, we beseech the descent of the [Comforter] upon us all of us so that, illumined by Him, we may issue a message of truth, genuineness, and hope all across today's world....'" ~ Shared by Father Stephen Scott

The Apostle's Fast—Saints Peter and Paul Fast—begins tomorrow, Monday June 27<sup>th</sup>, and lasts until their Feast Day on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Please do your best to follow the fast, remembering that fasting not only involves watching what we eat, but also acts of charity and love—alms-giving, but primarily prayer. Please take a minute each morning and evening to remember those in the world and in our neighborhoods who are much less fortunate than we are—May God watch over them as well! Prayers are always FREE and God hears EVERY ONE OF THEM!!! God Bless!



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