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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, Father Michael Smolynec, 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, 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, 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, Marta Charron, and Ian Brick. ARNOLD: Homer Paul Kline. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our August babies: John Brunermer on the 1st, Janet Brunermer on the 12th, Loretta Sheliga on the 18th, and Nick Behun on the 29th. May God grant them all Many Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Blessed Years! M'nohaya Lita! God Bless!

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, AUGUST 07 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; DORMITION OF THE RIGHTEOUS ANNA-
MOTHER OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS; SAINT OLYMPIAS THE DEACONESS &
VIRGIN EUPRAXIA OF TABENNA; COMMEMORATION OF THE FIFTH
ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

Tone 6

Romans 15:1-7; Galatians 4:22-31

Matthew 9:27-35; Luke 8:16-21

***Litany in Blessed Memory of Father Peter Natishan, Samuel Mrvos, David Yenni,
M. Denise Lawrence, Rudy Obradovich, Mike Horvath, Anna Harte, Millie Kitch,
Agnes Rossi, Mary Milanovich, Michael Cherepko, & Mary Vigani—Fr. Bob***

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 14 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; PROCESSION OF THE PRECIOUS WOOD OF THE
LIFE-GIVING CROSS; HOLY 7 MACCABEES-MARTYRS ABIMUS, ANTONIUS,
GURIAS, ELEAZAR, EUSEBONUS, ALIMUS, & MARCELLUS, MOTHER SOLOMONIA,
& TEACHER ELEAZAR; CELEBRATION OF THE BAPTISM OF RUS-UKRAINE
BEGINNING OF THE DORMITION FAST**

Tone 7

1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Hebrews 11:33-12:2

John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35; Matthew 10:32-36, 11:1

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM

**9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; AFTERFEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION;
SAINT EMILIAN THE CONFESSOR-BISHOP OF CYZICUS; SAINT MYRON-BISHOP
OF CRETE; MARTYRS ELEUTHERIUS & LEONIDES OF CONSTANTINOPLE & MANY
INFANTS WITH THEM; VENERABLE GREGORY-ICONOGRAPHER OF PERCHEVSKY
LAVRA; VENERABLE GREGORY OF SINAI-MOUNT ATHOS**

Tone 8

1 Corinthians 3:9-17

Matthew `14:22-34

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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.

Arrogance is like a very tall tree but rotten. all of its branches are brittle and if someone climbs upon it, he immediately falls from the height he has attained. - St. Ephraim the Syrian

In matters of piety, freedom from oppression is the worst form of persecution. It is worse than any other persecution. No one understands or senses this danger because safety gives birth to carelessness. It weakens the soul and lulls to sleep, and the devil destroys sleeping men.

Orthodox Evangelism is different. It is God who brings people to the door of the Church and who convinces them that they should enter - however, we must keep the door to the Church open and visible. Hence, Orthodox evangelism must center on the Church - the beauty of the building, the beauty of the services, the frequency and availability of the services. Orthodox evangelism is served by beautiful icons, gold onion domes and crosses rising against the sky, the smell of incense, the pious and holy singing of the services. Orthodox evangelism is served by our visibility as Orthodox Christians in the world - the clothing of the clergy - the sign of the cross as we pray at each juncture of our lives - beginning and ending a task, eating and finishing a meal, starting and ending a trip, etc. Orthodox evangelism is the keeping of icons in our homes, in our offices, in our cars. Orthodox evangelism is keeping the fast without excuses or compromises. Orthodox evangelism is setting our priorities to forgo the allures of the world in order to be at divine services whenever they are held. Orthodox evangelism is denying ourselves and bearing our cross. Orthodox evangelism is keeping the door of the Church open and visible. While the Holy Spirit is the one who draws the world to Himself, it is you and I who keep the doors of the Church open and who welcome all who come.
(*orthodox.net*)



Divine Liturgy cannot be celebrated when the sacred Antimension is not on the Holy Table. It is a sacred cloth that is folded and on top of which the priest with the Gospel book makes the sign of the Cross, as he says the words "Blessed is Kingdom of the Father..." The four Evangelists are depicted in each of the four corners. (The Lord's Gospel is the pillar and foundation of truth.) In the center of the Antimension the Passion is depicted (on the left the Unnailing, on the right the Resurrection, at the bottom the All-Holy Tomb of the Lord and at the top the Calvary with the three Crosses). There is also the presence of Angels-"the multitude of Angels were awed as they saw You.."-the post where the Lord was tied, the whip of cords, the rooster that crowed three times, the sponge, the reed, the spear and all the other things that were used during the Lord's Martyrdom. (*Experiences during the Divine Liturgy*)

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost—Matthew 9:1-8

Think of the magnificence of the Lord Jesus Christ. He has the power to forgive sins .He has the power to enable a sick person to walk. The current Gospel expresses a far reaching understanding of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The current Gospel gives hope to the physically afflicted. The current Gospel establishes hope for sinners. Sins can paralyze a person. Sins can limit a person's mobility and ability to think.

Sins affect bodily functioning. The forgiveness of sins empowers a person.

The forgiveness of sins gives a person new mobility. Weight is lifted from the mind, heart and soul when sins are forgiven.

People of strong faith have faced physical limitations with a new understanding by turning to the Lord Jesus Christ. The Church hears often of individuals being healed physically.

Faith in Christ changes personal lives. Strong faith was important in the current Gospel. Strong faith is always important in daily life. The Lord Jesus Christ healed the man in the Gospel physically and spiritually.

The physical and spiritual aspects of life deserve attention. Care of the body is a Christian responsibility. God is due gratitude for the bodies given to believers.

Care of the soul is important and has lasting implications.

The way a person looks at life and approaches life has long range effects. Persons of strong faith work to be attentive to Christ. Staying close to Christ requires continuous effort.

Temptations and distractions must always be confronted and repelled for a person to remain united with Christ. Christians have a responsibility to be united with Christ.

The responsibility to follow Christ was accepted at Holy Baptism. Honoring that responsibility requires daily attention. Just as the body needs nourishment, the soul needs nourishment.

The man healed in the current Gospel owed a great debt of gratitude to the Lord Jesus Christ. The man had his sins forgiven. He had the newfound ability to walk. What great joy he experienced.

Christ brings joy to individuals seeking Him in faith. Faithfully following Christ leads to great joy. In today's world it is necessary to look carefully for Christ.

Many paths are open for individuals to follow. Many different alternatives compete for an individual's attention. Many voices express opinions on how life should be lived.

In Jeremiah read these words: "Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.(Jeremiah 6:16)

God's Holy Church offers the sacred and protected path to the Kingdom of God. God's Holy Church provides the safe environment to learn about Christ and to experience Christ.

The present Gospel has been preserved, proclaimed and protected in God's Holy Church for centuries. Efforts to rebuff and repudiate the Gospel have not been successful.

Societal changes through the centuries have not stopped the spread of the Gospel. Individuals martyred for Christ inspire renewed commitment to the Gospel.

Churches and monasteries have arisen on sites where individuals have been martyred. Witnesses to the healing in the current Gospel certainly had a new understanding of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Witnesses to Christ's miracles in each century lead to a spreading of the Gospel. Persons personally healed by Christ verify the divinity of Christ. Persons healed by Christ are living proof Christ is the same today.

Today's Gospel is a Gospel of joy. Today's Gospel offers contrast to dominant societal news. Christ offers hope and healing. Christ always offers hope and healing.

Society benefits when more people heed the words of Christ. Society benefits when the Gospel is given greater attention. Love and appreciation for Christ increase when His miracles and healing powers become better known.

Thank God for the current Gospel reading. Thank God the Lord Jesus Christ continues to heal and bring joy. Thank God for the opportunity to read and listen to the Holy Gospel.

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, Carmichaels, Pennsylvania. July 18/31. 2016. The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost. St. Emilianus, Martyr. St. Hyacinthus, Martyr. Father Rodney Torbic