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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, 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 Filipović, 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, Mary [Corba], Stella McKeag, Margie Sekelsky, and Ian Brick. ARNOLD: Homer Paul Kline. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our September babies: Liz Obradovich on the 5th, Stella Peanoske on the 5th, Nicholas Andrew Davis on the 12th, Mark Brunermer on the 13th, and Troy Scott on the 22nd. May God grant them Many Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Blessed Years! M'nohaya Lita! God Bless them all!

In conjunction with Slickville's Centennial Celebration next year, the Centennial Committee is selling tear-off raffle tickets to help finance the celebration and fireworks. Bill Kuznik is the keeper of the tickets which cost \$2 and are sold every week. Please see Bill if you are interested or with any questions. We will have a list of winning numbers in the bulletin soon! 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, SEPTEMBER 04 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; AFTERFEAST OF THE DORMITION; MARTYRS
AGATHONICUS, ZOTICUS, THEOPREPLUS, ACINDYNUS, SEVERIAN, ZENO, &
OTHERS; HIEROMARTYR ATHASIVS-BISHOP OF TARSUS IN CILICIA; SAINT
ANTHUSA OF SYRIA AND MARTYRS CHARISIMUS & NEOPHYTUS; VIRGIN-
MARTYR EULALIA OF BARCELONA**

Tone 2

1 Corinthians 9:2-12

Matthew 18:23-35

***Litany in Blessed Memory of Josephine Roman, Frank Gazella, Sr., & Suzie
Pelczar—Fr. Bob***

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; BEHEADING OF THE GLORIOUS PROPHET,
FORERUNNER, AND BAPTIST JOHN**

*******STRICT FAST DAY*******

Tone 3

1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Acts 13:25-32

Matthew 19:16-26; Mark 6:4-30

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY PROPHET ZACHARIAS AND RIGHTEOUS
ELIZABETH-PARENTS OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST; MARTYRS THIPHAEL &**

SISTER THIVEA; VIRGIN-MARTYR RHIAS; MARTYRS URBAN, THEODORE, MEDIMNUS, & 77 COMPANIONS AT NICOMEDIA; MARTYR ABDAS; MARTYRDOM OF HOLY PASSION BEARER HLIB OF RUS-IN BAPTISM DAVID; MARTYRDOM OF SAINT ATHANASIUS-ABBOT OF BREST

Tone 4

1 Corinthians 16:13-24; Hebrews 6:13-20
Matthew 21:33-42; Matthew 23:29-39

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TROPARION—TONE 2

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal,
Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead!
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,
All the powers of heaven cried out:
O Giver of Life! Christ our God! 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 2

Hell became afraid, O Almighty Savior,
Seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb!
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam,
Beheld this and rejoiced with Thee!
And the world, O my Savior, praises Thee forever!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 2

READER: The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.

PEOPLE: **The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.**

READER: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but he has not given me over to death.

PEOPLE: **The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.**

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ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 2

The Lord answer you in the day of trouble! The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

Save the king, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

"Do not establish your previously committed sins in your soul by thinking about them, so that they not be repeated in you. Be assured that they were forgiven you from the time that you gave yourself to God and to repentance. In that, do not doubt." - St. Anthony the Great

There is a story of St. Herman of Alaska that some Russian sailors were in Kodiak or Spruce Island where he lived, and he was not a priest, but he had a chapel. He was praying all the time, and he invited the sailors to come, to go into the chapel and pray with him. One of the sailors said, "Oh Abba, monk, father, we can't go, we're sinners." And St. Herman said to the sailor, "That's good. That's a qualification. You can't come to church unless you're a sinner. Unless you're a sinner, you can't come. The church is not for saints, for righteous people. There aren't any, except those who are saved because of faith, because of grace and any person who is holy and righteous because of faith and grace would never consider himself a saint, but would confess himself as a sinner." So St. Herman told the sailor, " Being a sinner is what qualifies you to be a member of the Church. You can't be a member of the Church if you are not a sinner."

The Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

The Feast of the Dormition of the Mother is a reminder of earthly death and the unique and honored life of the Mother of God. The singularly chosen Mary's life and death deserve thorough consideration.

The Feast of the Dormition follows the Church's two week period of fasting with certain prescribed liturgical prayers. Jesus's words in the current Gospel of St. Matthew emphasize the value of prayer and fasting.

Each person faces earthly death. Each person benefits from learning of the model life of Mary the Mother of God. The Gospel for the Feast of the Dormition concludes with the value of hearing the word of God and keeping it.

Each person decides whether to listen to the word of God and to keep it. Each person determines whether he or she will live a life of purity and obedience as did Mary the Mother of God.

The Feast of the Dormition inspires careful self-examination and honesty. Each believer is challenged to search his or her heart. Each person benefits by assessing if a life of purity and obedience to God are honored.

Mary the Mother of God inspires a life of sanity and purity. She is a standard of love for God and obedience to God. Mary is an example of the greatest possibility of unity with God.

Each person answers the question whether Christ is held singularly and primarily within the heart, mind and soul. Each person's life will reveal if full obedience to the word of God is the singular guide for daily living.

The Church celebrates the Feast of Dormition each year. The Church values the Feast of the Dormition and prescribes the annual period of fasting. Each person decides whether to be an informed and obedient Christian.

Each person makes decisions daily whether to learn about Christ, His Mother and the Christian way of life. Being an Orthodox Christian is a completely voluntary decision.

Mary the Mother of God's relationship with Christ is like no other person's. She experienced unity with Christ more than any other person. She revealed the possibility of life in Christ for the obedient and attentive.

Living the Christian life fully entails being immersed in the Church's experience each day. Adherence to the daily Church calendar of liturgical life, fasts and feasts brings a person closer to God.

The Church serves as the premier guide and instructor for the individual person. The individual Christian benefits from the learning opportunities possible in the Church. The Church offers the greatest Christian education.

Within God's Holy Church one hears and learns of the ways to live, how best to face daily challenges and the greatest possibilities for life. Within God's Holy Church one learns of eternal life and the path to take.

The Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God is a reminder that each person's earthly life will ultimately come to an end. God's love was manifested throughout Mary's life and continues to be evident after her earthly death.

God's love and joy are present for each person choosing to love the ways of God and to be obedient to His teachings. God's love and joy are unending for those persons choosing the good part as did the Mary sitting at Jesus' feet and listening.

*St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, Carmichaels, Pennsylvania. August 15/28, 2016.
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God.
Father Rodney Torbic*

This icon of St. John the Baptist is an English or North American Icon painted in a style that arose in the 15th and 16th centuries in Greek-speaking countries. It is also found in some Balkan countries too (Bulgarian, Serbian, Macedonian), though this is probably due to the influence of the old Byzantine Empire upon these areas. St. John the Baptist is given wings to symbolize nothing more or less than John's status as a divine messenger.

The axe laying at the foot of a tree is an obvious reference to John's own prophetic warning recorded in Scripture: And even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

Over St. John's camel-skin clothing is invariably a green robe, which symbolizes "earthliness", and in this case it is because John grew up outside, in the wilderness. Later saints who also took up the Christian struggle in the wilderness can also be depicted in green for the same reason, and are sometimes known as "Green Martyrs". That is to say they are martyrs (literally meaning witness) to the Faith, not by the shedding of blood, but by their ascetic struggle. Of course, St John is a both a green martyr and a martyr who shed his blood, hence the presence of the green robe and the cross. (Iconreader)



Behold I approach the Divine Communion
O Creator, let me not be burnt by communicating
For Thou art Fire consuming the unworthy

But rather purify me of all my impurities

Of Thy mystical supper O Son of God receive me today as a communicant, for I will not speak of Thy Mystery to Thine enemies, nor give Thee a kiss as did Judas, but like the thief I confess Thee: Remember me O Lord in Thy Kingdom! (Prayer before Communion)