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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, Gary Howell, Fran Fulton, Gina Catanese, Bill Vizza, and Ian Brick. ARNOLD: Homer Paul Kline. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

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 have a list of winning numbers in the bulletin insert! Fr. Bob

Short morning prayer to the Guardian Angel (from the Russian prayer book): **Angel of God, my holy protector, given to me from heaven by God for my protection, I fervently beseech you: enlighten me and preserve me from all evil, instruct me in good deeds and direct me on the path of salvation. Amen.**

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 25 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE
MOST HOLY CROSS; APODOSIS OF THE NATIVITY OF THE
THEOTOKOS; HIEROMARTYR AUTONOMUS-BISHOP IN ITALY; HIROMARTYR
THEODORE-ARCHBISHOP OF ALEXANDRIA; SAINT CORONATUS-BISHOP OF
ICONIUM; MARTYR JULIAN OF GALATIA & 40 MARTYRS WITH HIM**

Tone 5

2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4; Galatians 6:11-18
Matthew 22:1-14; John 3:13-17

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 02 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION;
AFTERFEAST OF THE EXALTATION; MARTYRS TROPHIMUS, SABBATIUS, &
DORYMEDON OF SYNNADE; MARTYR ZOSIMAS-HERMIT OF CILICIA; SAINT
THEODORE-PRINCE OF SMOLENSK & YAROSLAVL & HIS CHILDREN SAINTS
DAVID & CONSTANTINE; BLESSED IHOR-PRINCE OF CHERNIHIV**

Tone 6

2 Corinthians 4:6-18; Galatians 2:16-20
Matthew 22:35-46; Mark 8:34-9:1

***Litany in Blessed Memory of Father Theodore Forosty, Johnathan Dorning,
Katherine Behun, Mary Medich, Daniel Chicka, & Mary Evaniuk—Fr. Bob***

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 09 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM

**16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; REPOSE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE &
EVANGELIST JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN**

Tone 7

2 Corinthians 6:1-10; 1 John 4:12-19

Luke 5:1-11; John 19:25-27, 21:24-25

Litany in Blessed Memory of Anna Marie Siclare—Fr. Bob

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 25 SEPTEMBER 2016

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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.

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News Release

Protocol 160/16

September 14, 2016

The Universal Exaltation of The Precious and Life-Giving Cross

We rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, Through whom we have now received our reconciliation. (Romans 5:11)

To the Most Reverend Hierarchs, the Reverend Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, the Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils of the Greek Orthodox Communities, the Distinguished Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Day, Afternoon, and Church Schools, the Philoptochos Sisterhoods, the Youth, the Hellenic Organizations, and the entire Greek Orthodox Family in America

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the Precious and Life-Giving Cross is lifted up in our midst on this Feast of its Universal Exaltation, we are led to contemplate the great offering that was made by our Lord Jesus Christ for our salvation. On this Cross He died for all, so we might live for Him (II Corinthians 5:15).

Through faith in Him, we are a new creation, the old has passed away...as God, through Christ has reconciled us to Himself (II Corinthians 5:17-18).

We have been reconciled to God through Christ by His grace. From His great love for us, Christ entered our humanity, sharing in it unto death on the Cross. The magnitude of His love for us as His creation was revealed through this tremendous offering. In love He acted for our sake so that He might restore His image within us and renew our communion with Him. In love He revealed His great mercy and offered us forgiveness of our sins.

Our reconciliation to God through the Cross was an act of great sacrifice. In lifting up the Cross before us, we recognize that an instrument of grace was also an instrument of suffering and death. We acknowledge the unfathomable burden that was assumed by our Lord as He took our sin upon Himself as an unblemished offering.

Through His sacrifice we are reconciled to God because we come to the Precious Cross in faith. We look upon it, and we proclaim the power that was revealed. We believe in the mighty act of redemption that was accomplished by our Lord upon the Cross. In faith we repent of our sins, receiving God's grace and seeking to be reconciled with our Creator.

As we are reconciled to God through Christ and the Cross, we are given the ministry of reconciliation (II Corinthians 5:18-19). We are called by our Lord and emboldened by His Life-Giving Cross to share the grace of God. From lives that are being transformed and commitment to our commission to share the Gospel, we demonstrate the power of the Cross to restore life, to renew, to heal and to save.

Our ministry of reconciliation is also a witness of sacrifice just as He gave His life for us. We give in full measure. We offer our lives, our gifts and our resources so that others might come to the Cross. We stand in the face of persecution and suffering, proclaiming a message of reconciliation so that others may have abundant and eternal life. Through that message, we ask all to look to Christ, to believe in Him and to be reconciled to God.

As we exalt the Cross of Christ each year on this Feast, we are also called to prayer for our beloved Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology and for the students, faculty and staff who serve there. This community of learning and spiritual development is dedicated to the ministry of reconciliation through training the future clergy and lay leaders of our Holy Archdiocese. In a beautiful environment of worship and academics, our students are equipped for this ministry by the grace of God. Many do this by making significant vocational and financial sacrifices to follow His calling. In faith they commit to His will, to a life of service to His people and to all in need of the life that has come to us through the Cross.

May we continue to offer our prayers and our support to Holy Cross and our seminarians. As we look upon the Cross this day, may we also praise God for our reconciliation to Him through Christ. May we commit our

work to the ministry of reconciliation so that others may find life and grace through the Cross of our Lord.

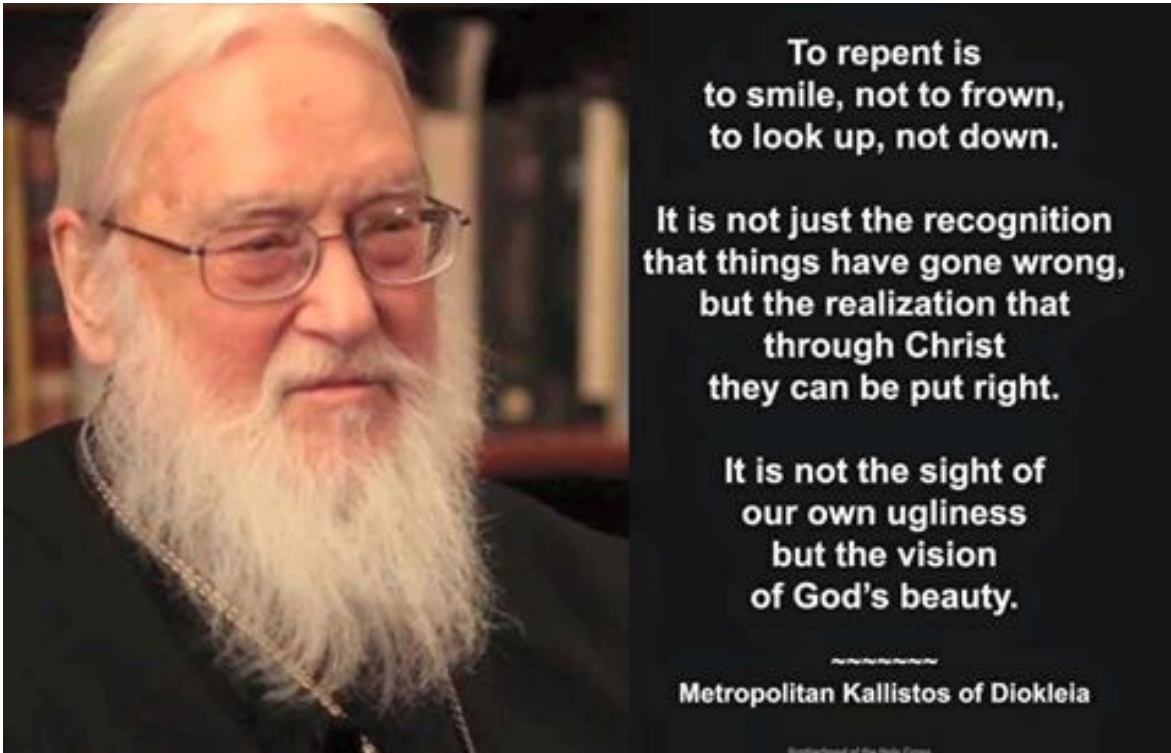
With paternal love in Him,

†DEMETRIOS, Archbishop of America

A good prayer before entering the church

I will come into Thy house in the multitude of Thy mercy, and in Thy fear I will worship toward Thy holy temple. Lead me, O Lord, in Thy righteousness because of mine enemies make Thy way straight before me; that with a clear mind I may glorify Thee forever, One Divine Power worshipped in three three persons Father, Son and Holy Spirit





A brother asked a hermit, "If I oversleep and miss the time for prayer, I hesitate to keep the rule of prayer. I am embarrassed and do not want the brothers to hear me praying."

The hermit gave him this advice: "If you sleep late, get up and shut your door and windows. Then pray your psalms. Both day and night belong to God. You will glorify God whatever time it is."

The best school

The grandparents were looking for a good school for their grandson and finally they chose a better teacher.

In the morning the grandfather took his grandson to a school. When grandfather and grandson entered the courtyard, they were surrounded by children.

"What a funny looking old man," laughed one boy.

"Hey little fat man," said another child.

Children were screaming and jumping around grandfather and grandson. Then the teacher rang the bell, announcing the beginning of the lesson and the children ran inside.

"I'm not going to school, grandpa?" asked the grandson.

"You will, but not this one," said the grandfather angrily.

The grandfather took his grandson to his house and asked grandmother to look after him while he goes out to look for a better teacher.

Visiting schools, my grandfather went into the yard and waited for the teacher to let the children out for recess. In some schools the children didn't pay any attention to the old man - in others he was teased. Grandfather quietly turned and left. Finally he went into the tiny courtyard of a small school and leaned against the fence. The bell rang and the children were out in the yard.

"Grandpa, do you feel bad, do you need water"? he heard a voice say.

"We have a bench in the yard, please come and sit," offered one boy.

"Do you want me to call the teacher?" asked another child.

Soon a very young teacher came into the courtyard. Grandfather said hello and said: "Finally I found the best school for my grandson.

"You are mistaken sir, our school is not the best. It's small and intimate.

Grandfather did not argue with her, but agreed and left.

In the evening, the boy's mother asked his grandfather:

"Father, you're illiterate. Why do you think you have found a better teacher?"

"Students learn from teachers" - said the grandfather.

A Parable

Long time ago, there lived a man. His sanctity was so great that even the angels were surprised and deliberately descended from Heaven to see how this man, while still living on earth, was like God.

The holy angels said to God: "O Lord, grant this holy person the gift of miracles."

- "I agree," the Lord replied. "Ask him what he would like."

And so the holy angels asked the man: "Would you like to receive the gift of healing people with your hands?"

- "No," replied the man "Better to let the Lord Himself do that."

- "Perhaps you want the gift of words to compel sinners to repentance?"

- "No, that is the work of the angels, but not for an unworthy person such as myself. I pray for the conversion of sinners, but not to convert."

- "Maybe you want to attract others with your virtues and therefore glorify God?"
- "No attracting. I will distract people from God."
- "What then do you want?" the holy angels asked the man.
- "What do I still want? That the Lord not deprive me of His mercies. And with this I have everything I need."

But the angels kept insisting.

- "Well", answered the saint "I want to do good and not know about it."

The angels hesitated at first but then decided that the shadow of this holy man, which he could not see, will heal the sick, alleviate the grief and sorrow on earth. And so it happened that wherever the shadow of the saint appeared, trodden roads were covered with grass, water returned to dried up streams, flowers blossomed and human tears dried up. The saint walked the earth spreading goodness all around him without realizing it.



ASSEMBLY OF CANONICAL
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OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Orthodox Christian Fellowship College Student Sunday is October 2

The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the USA has designated Sunday, October 2 as Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) College Student Sunday.

2016 College Student Sunday Encyclical

October 2, 2016

"Come and See"

Beloved Clergy, Godly Monastics, and Blessed Faithful,

We greet you with joy as we announce the date for **College Student Sunday**, benefiting **Orthodox Christian Fellowship**. To support the incredible efforts of our students, College Student Sunday will be the first Sunday of October, running in conjunction with OCF's Orthodox Awareness Month. This year, the date falls on **OCTOBER 2**.

Orthodox Christian Fellowship continues to provide students with opportunities to encounter Christ and grow in their Orthodox faith through

their growing network of on campus OCF chapters led by talented students, clergy, and lay advisors as well as through programs such as regional retreats, College Conference, Real Break, and the Summer Leadership Institute.

OCF continues to make every effort to connect new freshmen to campus chapters and local parishes through the **First Forty Days Initiative**, which involves extensive effort from our student leaders and spiritual advisors to contact every incoming freshman within their first forty days on campus. We wholeheartedly pray for and strongly encourage your support of these noble efforts by ensuring that the contact information for your parish's graduating high school seniors be sent each and every year to the OCF National Office for dissemination to our dedicated local chapters!

Additionally, with the greatest sincerity and earnestness, we encourage your committed financial support of this fundamental ministry which functions **completely on the contributions of caring Orthodox faithful like yourselves.**

We are asking that a special collection be taken on College Student Sunday in support of the good work of OCF, and we encourage the entire faithful--clergy, parents, grandparents, godparents, aunts, uncles, and friends of our treasured college students--to be generous in your offering of support to this ministry on their behalf. If for some reason October 2 is not a good date for your parish, please make the collection on the Sunday before or after.

Donations may be sent to the OCF National Office at 50 Goddard Ave., Brookline, MA 02445 or online at www.ocf.net/donate.

May our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ who calls all of us to contribute to the ministry of His Church guide and strengthen all of our cherished and blessed Orthodox college students.



+Bishop Gregory of Nyssa -bishopgregoryofnyssa@gmail.com

Liaison to OCF for the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States

Last week I received the following note:

"Dear Father Bob,

*I would love to attend the dedication for Mike, but I have to use a walker at times because of weakness and pain. **Tell everyone that I love and miss them.***

**Love,
Jeannie S''**

Slickville Centennial Raffle Ticket Update:

As of Thursday, September 15, 2016, two lotter ticket winners were still unclaimed:

08/12/16 #502

09/09/16 #295

The winning number for September 16 is #320.

Please contact Bill Kuznick if you have any of the winning tickets or if you have any questions on the drawing.