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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, Gary & 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, 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, 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, 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 Zeliszcuk, Donna Davis, Jackie Crimbchin, Marta Charron, Mary [Corba], Stella McKeag, Margie Sekelsky, Gary Howell, Fran Fulton, Gina Catanese, Bill Vizza, Jamie Swarm, Kevin Allen (from Ancient Faith Radio), Kathy Flaherty, Michael Woloschak, Tori Reade-Henry's niece, Derick-Glen Burlack's neighbor, 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

What Holy Scripture is to the ear, icons are for the eyes. They are Scripture in color.

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, OCTOBER 30 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; PROPHET HOSEA; MONK-MARTYR ANDREW OF CRETE; HOY MARTYRS AND UNMERCENARIES COSMAS & DAMIAN IN CILICIA & BROTHERS LEONTIUS, ANTHIMUS, & EUTROPIUS; TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF SAINT LAZARUS "OF THE FOUR DAYS" IN THE TOMB-BISHOP OF KITION ON CYPRUS**

Tone 2

2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

Luke 8:5-15

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 06 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MARTYR ARETHAS OF OMIR & WITH HIM 4299 MARTYRS INCLUDING MARTYR SYNCLETICA & 2 DAUGHTERS; MARTYR VICTORIA; BLESSED ELESBAAN-KING OF ETHIOPIA; VENERABLES ARETHA, SISOIS, & THEOPHIL-HERMITS OF THE PERCHEVSKY LAVRA NEAR CAVES**

Tone 3

Galatians 1:11-19

Luke 16:19-31

Litany in Blessed Memory of John Lapushanski, Sam Kerr, Helen Likar, Harry Bunio, Mary Pekich, Constantine Hanczar, Anna Lotinsky, & Julia Golofski—Fr. Bob

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM

21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; APOSTLES STACHYS, AMPLIAS, URBAN, NARCISSUS, APELLES, & ARISTOBULUS OF THE 70; MARTYR EPIMACHUS OF PELUSIUM WHO SUFFERED IN ALEXANDRIA; VENERABLE MAURA OF CONSTANTINOPLE; VENERABLE SPYRIDON & NICODEMUS—PROSPHORA-BAKERS OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA

Tone 4

Galatians 2:16-20

Luke 8:26-39

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 30 OCTOBER 2016

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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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PEOPLE: **He has become my salvation.**

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!

Two gas company servicemen, a senior training supervisor and a young trainee, were out checking meters in a suburban neighborhood. They parked their truck the end of the alley and worked their way to the other end. At the last house a woman looking out her kitchen window watched the two men as they checked her gas meter. Finishing the meter check, the senior supervisor challenged his younger coworker to a foot race down the alley back to the truck to prove that an older guy could outrun a younger one. As they came running up to the truck, they realized the lady from that last house was huffing and puffing right behind them. They stopped and asked her what was wrong. Gasping for breath, she replied, "When I see two gas men running as hard as you two were, I figured I'd better run too!"

**Commemoration of the Miracle of the Icon of Our Lord Jesus Christ
in Beret** Commemorated on October 11/24

Commemoration of the Miracle of the Icon of Our Lord Jesus Christ in Beret: At the fourth session of the Seventh Ecumenical Council (in 787), St Peter, Bishop of Nicomedia, in defending the necessity of icon veneration, presented an account of St Athanasius about a miracle which occurred in the city of Beret, Phoenecia.

In this city, near the Jewish synagogue, lived a certain Christian. When he moved to another place, he left behind an icon of the Lord Jesus Christ. A Jew, who moved into the house, paid no attention to the icon. Once, his friend noticed of the image of Jesus Christ on the wall and said to the homeowner, "Why do you, a Jew, have an icon in your house?" He then went to the synagogue and reported this transgression of Jewish law.

The Jews expelled the owner of the house from the synagogue. They took the icon from the wall and began to scoff at it, "As once our fathers mocked Him, so we also mock Him." They spit at the face of the Lord.

Hurling abuses, they lashed at the icon, they placed thorns around the head, nailed it to a tree, and put a sponge with vinegar to the mouth. Finally, they took a spear, and one of the Jews thrust it into the side of the Savior. Suddenly, from the hole in the icon made by the spear, blood and water flowed. The Jewish rabbis, seeing the miracle, said, "The followers of Jesus Christ say that He could heal the sick. Let us take this blood and water into the synagogue and anoint those afflicted with infirmities. Then we shall see whether what is spoken of Him is true."

A vessel with the blood was put in the synagogue. The inhabitants of Beret, once they learned of the miracle, began to bring those suffering from various illnesses into the synagogue. They all were healed, after being anointed with the blood from the icon of the Savior. Then the Jewish people believed in Christ and exclaimed, "Glory to You, O Christ, Whom our fathers crucified, Whom we also crucified in the form of Your icon. Glory to You, O Son of God, for having worked such a miracle! We believe in You, therefore be merciful to us and receive us!"

The Jews went to the Bishop of Beret. After showing him the wonderworking icon and the blood and water that flowed from it, they told him of their misdeed. The bishop, seeing their sincere repentance, accepted them, catechized them for many days and then baptized them. Then he consecrated the synagogue into a church of our Savior Jesus Christ. At the request of the Jews, he also consecrated other synagogues into churches dedicated to the holy martyrs. There was great joy in that city, not only because many people were healed, but because many were baptized due to the miracles worked by the icon of the Savior. (oca)



New Martyr Chryse (Zlata) of Meglena, Bulgaria

Commemorated on Oct. 13/26

New Martyr Zlata (Chryse) This "golden vessel of virginity and undefiled bride of Christ," was born in the village of Slatena, Meglena

diocese, on the border of Bulgaria and Serbia, while Bulgaria was under the Turkish Yoke.

From her youth Zlata displayed an unusually strong character, a firm faith in Christ, and was both chaste and beautiful. A certain Turk was obsessed with her, and seized her one day as she was gathering wood. He carried her off to his house, and repeatedly tried to seduce the maiden and force her to accept Islam. Since persuasion did not work, he began to threaten her with grievous tortures.

The glorious martyr was not frightened by these threats, but said she would never deny Christ no matter what they did to her. For six months the impious Hagarenes tried to make Zlata accept their religion, but she remained steadfast. Then they ordered the saint's parents and sisters to convince her to become a Moslem. Otherwise, they said, they would kill Zlata and torture them.

The parents and sisters of the saint wept and urged her to deny Christ "just for the sake of appearances," so that they all might be spared torments and death. St Zlata was unmoved by their pleas, and replied, "You who incite me to deny Christ are no longer my parents and sisters. Instead, I have the Lord Jesus Christ as my father, the Theotokos as my mother, and the saints as my brothers and sisters!"

When the Moslems saw that they could not weaken the resolve of the saint, they tormented her for three months, beating her with clubs. Later, they peeled strips of skin from her body so that the earth was reddened by her blood. Then they heated a skewer and passed it through her ears.

Nearby was her spiritual Father, the hieromonk Timothy of Stavronikita Monastery on Mt. Athos. She sent word to him to pray that she would successfully complete the course of martyrdom. It was he who recorded her martyrdom.

Finally, the Moslems fell into a fury at having been conquered by a woman, so they tied her to a tree and cut her to pieces with their knives. Her pure soul was received by Christ, Who bestowed on her the double crowns of virginity and martyrdom. Certain Christians gathered her relics secretly and buried them with reverence. St Zlata suffered for Christ in the year 1795. (oca)

For more reading: <http://www.johnsanidopoulos.com/2010/10/saint-chryse-zlata-new-martyr.html>



A story: She gave her all.

A shopkeeper, standing behind the counter, was watching the street. A little girl came to his shop and looked through the window. Her eyes sparkled with delight when she saw what she was looking at. She went inside and asked the shopkeeper to show her the beautiful turquoise bead necklace.

- "These are for my sister. Could you please pack them nicely" the girl said.

- "Well do you have the money? asked the shopkeeper.

The girl immediately dropped a handful of coins on the counter.

- "Is this enough?" she inquired the old man.

When the shopkeeper started to count the few coins, the little girl said: "You know, I want to make a gift for my elder sister. Since our mom died our elder sister has been taking care of us, helping us. And I want to so much to give her something beautiful to see her smile. It's all I have."

The man gave a long silent look to the child. He then walked out from his counter, came up to the shop window and took the turquoise beads. He put the necklace into a red gift box and decorated it with a bow. When the gift was packed, the old man gave it to the little girl with the words, "But carry it carefully." He stretched out the box to the child. The girl's eyes flashed with happiness. She grabbed the precious box, ran out of the store and hurried home blissful.

In the evening just before the closing time another guest appeared on the doorstep of the jewelry shop. It was a young lady. She was holding the red gift box the shopkeeper had given to the little girl in the morning. "Hello," said the young lady approaching the counter. "Hello," the shopkeeper replied. "Were these beads bought from here?" the young lady asked giving the box and showing the necklace to the shopkeeper. "Yes," confirmed the old man. "How much did they cost?" she continued to question him. "Well, in this shop the cost of any item is an agreement

between my customer and me." the man explained to her. "But my sister had just a few coins and this necklace is of genuine turquoise beads. We cannot afford it," the young lady said with confidence and vigorously moved the box with the necklace to the shopkeeper intending to give it back. The man's answer surprised the young lady. He gave the box back to her and said, "Your little sister paid the highest price... Much more than any other adult customer could pay. She gave all she had." The man put the sign "closed" on the counter then added, "She wanted to see you smile." With these words he left.

When a priest visits people in the hospital or people who are sick he reads prayers over them and anoints them with oil. His is asking for healing and it shouldn't be confused with being cured. Christ can cure people through prayers but through our prayers, we are asking something much more. We are asking for complete healing which is salvation and union with Christ! - Fr Dustin Lyon



The round phosphora (greek meaning "that which is brought as an offering") is baked with prayers from pure wheat flour, water, salt and yeast. It is made of two round pieces of dough stuck together, one of lesser diameter than the other. This indicates that the perfect Lamb of God who was offered for us was one person of two natures, human and divine.

The top piece is stamped with a special stamp in the form of a cross with the Greek letters IC XC NI KA in the four quarters, which means "Jesus Christ has conquered."



The fisherman transported a person by boat.

The passenger hurried the fisherman:

- "Hurry, I am late for work." And he saw that on one oar is written "pray" and on the other "work."

- "Why is that?" he asked.

- "For memory" the fisherman answered. "Not to forget that it is necessary to pray and work."

- "Well, clearly it is necessary to work, but to pray - the person waved his hand - it isn't necessary. No, it isn't necessary at all. Why waste your time on prayer?"

- "Not necessary?" - the fisherman asked and pulled out the oar with the word "pray" on it, and began to row with one oar.

The boat spun in place.

- "You see what work without prayer is. We spin in one place without moving forward!"

So it is clear, in order to successfully sail through the stormy sea of life, we must firmly keep our hands on the two oars: pray and work.

Since marriage is a mystery, there is always a reason to work on, to believe and stay in your marriage even when marriage is awful. Your marriage is the ladder to heaven, the window to God. Your marriage is a temple of God. To walk away from it, is to walk away from God. If you walk away, you are stepping away from your journey to God. - Fr. John Mack



The bread and the wine that are in the Sanctuary and are to be carried to the Holy Altar with the Great Entrance, are called Precious Gifts, as they are intended for the great Mystery, however they are not sanctified. That is to say, they have not yet been changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. This great Miracle will take place later on. According to St. Basil, they are "replicas of the Body and the Blood of Jesus Christ." (Experiences during the Divine Liturgy)



A brother said to an old old man, "See Abba, I frequently ask the Fathers to give me an earnest reminder for the salvation of my soul, and I do not remember a thing of what they tell me." Now the old man had two empty vessels, and he said to the brother, "Go, bring one of the vessels and pour water in it; rinse it, pour it out, and put it back in its place, all shiny." The brother did this several times, and the old man said to him, "Bring both vessels at once." And when he had brought them, the old man said, "Of the two, which is cleaner?" The brother answered, "The one I put water in and cleaned." Then the old man said to him, "Son, thus, it is with the soul that frequently hears the Word of God; though the soul remembers nothing of what she asked, she is nonetheless cleansed more than the soul that did not inquire."



There is a THIN LINE between a LONG SERMON and a HOSTAGE SITUATION...an observation from the Clergy Conference!

UPDATE ON SLICKVILLE TICKET WINNERS:

There are still FOUR WINNING TICKETS that have not been claimed:

08/12/2016 #502

09/09/2016 #295

09/16/2016 #320

10/07/2016 #834

10/14/2016 #161

Check your tickets and contact Bill Kuznik if you have a winning ticket! Remember, the tickets are the main way to finance the fireworks display for the Slickville Centennial Celebration next August.

More details on the Centennial will be forthcoming—please check the Centennial website for more information: <http://slickville100.com>