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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 George & Pani Lillian Hnatko, 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 Smoly nec, 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, 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, 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, Jamie Swarm, Kevin Allen (from Ancient Faith Radio), Kathy Flaherty, Michael Woloschak, Tori Reade-Henry's niece, Derick-Glen Burlack's neighbor, Michael, Nichole & Christopher, Sam Bonnell, Cheryl Pomeroy, Ben Douglas, and Ian Brick. ARNOLD: Homer Paul Kline. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

"There is an epidemic of biblical illiteracy. Orthodox Christians need to be people of the Book." from Bishop Mark's sermon at St. Tikhon's Monastery.

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

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, NOVEMBER 20 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY 33 MARTYRS OF MELITENE;
VENERABLE LAZARUS; MARTYR THEODOTUS OF ANCYRA; MARTYRS
MELASIPPUS, CASSINA, & THEIR SON ANTONINUS; MARTYRS AUTUS,
TAURION, & THESSALONICA**

Tone 5

Galatians 6:11-18

Luke 8:41-56

Litany in Blessed Memory of Paul Popichak—Fr. Bob

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY AND ALL-PRAISED APOSTLE PHILIP;
SAINT JUSTINIAN THE EMPEROR OF BYZANTIUM AND HIS WIFE THEODORA;
SAINT GREGORY PALAMAS-ARCHBISHOP OF THESSALONICA

Tone 6

Ephesians 2:4-10; 1 Corinthians 4:9-16
Luke 10:25-37; John 1:43-51

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28 NATIVITY [SAINT PHILIP'S] FAST BEGINS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 04 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; ENTRY OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS INTO
THE TEMPLE

Tone 7

Ephesians 2:14-22; Hebrews 9:1-7
Luke 12:16-21; Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

*Litany in Blessed Memory of Thomas Bryan, John Hanczar, Edward & Helen
Pytlak, Mary Blitzkan, Marjorie Yarmeak, Mary Sharon, Rose Pyrch, Frank
Barankovich, Mary Krevanich, Katherine Holowaty, & Robert Vetosky—Fr. Bob*

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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.

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost *Luke 8:5-15*

A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it. And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be? And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience. (KJV)

Let us consider the joy experienced when the seed of the Holy Gospel takes root in a person's heart. Consider the transformation of

individuals hearing the Holy Gospel and making it a permanent part of personal life.

When the Gospel is continuously welcomed with an open heart and attentive mind, the person is transformed. Attentive listeners and lovers of the Gospel change for the better.

Christ transforms lovers of the Gospel. Christ changes hearts and minds welcoming, cherishing and loving Christ and the Gospel. Noticeable changes occur in heeders of the Gospel.

Some people hear the Gospel and it does not take lasting root. The devil will negatively affect some hearing the Gospel. Some people listen to the Gospel, believe for a period of time and fall away due to worldly attractions.

Great joy is experienced among those believers hearing the Gospel and firmly adhering to it through the remaining time of their lives. Thank God for each person welcoming the Gospel.

Thank God for each person adhering to the Gospel. Thank God for the love manifested in lives filled with the Gospel. Thank God for the opportunity to hear the Gospel in peace and freedom.

Thank God for the monastics, clergy, and faithful through the centuries preserving, protecting and living by the Gospel. Thank God for the monasteries, seminaries and churches teaching and proclaiming the Gospel.

Thank God for the martyrs giving their lives in witness to and defense of the Holy Gospel. Too often enough credit is not given to the keepers and teachers of the Gospel through the centuries.

Appreciation is due to the Holy Apostles, their successors and faithful through the centuries. Gratitude is due to the monasteries and seminaries preserving and teaching about the Gospel.

Thank God for the life-giving nourishment of the Holy Gospel. Thank God for the opportunity to be united with Christ through the Gospel. Thank God for the churches where the Gospel is proclaimed with fervor.

Present day believers benefit by being grateful for the painstaking perseverance of the Gospel. The sacrifices and dedication of Christians from the time of the Holy Apostles to the present add to understanding the Gospel.

Present day hearers of the Gospel are blessed due to countless sacrifices of faithful through the centuries. Churches and monasteries exist

on this continent because hierarchs, clergy and faithful coming here had the Gospel in their hearts.

Too often the centuries from the time of the Holy Apostles to the present are forgotten and go unappreciated. Too often the centuries from the Creation of the world until the coming of Christ remain unacknowledged.

The Gospel becomes better understood when the centuries before Christ are considered. When the Church celebrates feasts, the Scriptural connection is often made with events in earlier centuries.

Present day happenings become better understood when believers reflect back on the experiences of the Church through the centuries. The love of God is ever present.

God's guidance and words of wisdom are always present. God is always present to hear prayer and to guide the way to the Kingdom. Christ's love is always within reach of each person.

Each attentive person will recognize Christ's presence and love. The Holy Gospel is a constant expression of Christ's love. The Holy Gospel is a permanent source of instruction for the path to God's Kingdom.

Effort is necessary to be attentive to Christ and to follow Christ. Christ reaches out to the attentive through the Gospel. Christ experienced the Cross out of love for each person.

Each person hearing the Gospel determines in which category he or she will live. Personal decisions determine whether a person yields to the devil, to worldly attractions, weakness of faith or holds on to the Lord Jesus Christ forever.

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, Carmichaels, Pennsylvania. Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost. St. Stachys, Amplias and Companions, Apostles. Father Rodney

Remember this next time you walk up to the ticket window of your local movie theater with \$10 in your hand.



Denzel Washington and Brooks Army Medical Center.

Don't know whether you heard about this but Denzel Washington and his family visited the troops at Brooks Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas,(BAMC) the other day. This is where soldiers who have been evacuated from Germany come to be hospitalized in the United States , especially burn victims.

There are some buildings there called Fisher Houses. The Fisher House is a hotel where soldiers' families can stay, for little or no charge, while their soldier is in the hospital. BAMC has quite a few of these houses on base, but as you can imagine, they are almost filled most of the time.

While Denzel Washington was visiting BAMC, they gave him a tour of one of the Fisher Houses. He asked how much one of them would cost to build. He took his checkbook out and wrote a check for the full amount right there on the spot.

The soldiers overseas were amazed to hear this story and want to get the word out to the American public, because it warmed their hearts to hear it.

The question is, 'Why doesn't Denzel Washington's Patriotism doesn't even make page 3 in the Metro section of any newspaper except the local newspaper in San Antonio ?'



A true American and friend to all in uniform!

In the Small Entrance the priest holds the Gospel at the height of their face so that it is covered by Jesus Christ, the coming Lord. The Small Entrance accompanied by the Gospel book symbolizes the coming and presence of the Lord to the world. It is a silent revelation; this is why the Holy Gospel book is presented closed. When Christ came to the world and was born, the heavens opened and a large number of hosts of angels were going up and down from heaven to earth, to the manger chanting "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace goodwill toward men." And so in the Small Entrance the priest says:

"O Master, Lord our God, who hast appointed in heaven orders and hosts of angels and archangels for the service of Thy glory: Cause that with our entrance there may be an entrance of holy angels serving with us and glorifyng Thy goodness." (Experiences during the Divine Liturgy)



True story of St. Porphyry

Once Fr. Porphyry, together with three of his spiritual children wanted to go to a monastery for the evening service. First he decided to go on foot.

But soon Fr. Porphyry became tired by walking, and the monastery was ways away. His disciples thought, "Wouldn't it be better to go by car?"

Soon they came to a road. The disciples said they will stop a cab and ask the driver if he could take them to the monastery. "Do not worry", said Fr. Porphyry. "The cab driver will stop on his own. But when we sit in the car, let none of you talk to him. Only I will speak" he continued. And so it happened. A ca driver pulled over. Sitting in the car, Fr Porphyry told him were to go. When the car drove off, the cab driver began judging priests, accusing them of thousands of sins. After each of his tirades, he approached the three disciples sitting in the back seat of the car and asked, "Isn't that right, so what do you say?... " But the passengers followed the request of their spiritual father and remained silent. Losing hope that someone will answer him, the driver turned to Fr. Porphyry, "Isn't that right, Father? How about this? Isn't that true? You know about it and it is written in the newspapers!"

Then Fr. Porphyry replied: "My son, I'll tell you a little story. I'll tell you once. To repeat will not be necessary. One man," he began, "a native of (a town where the driver was born) had a neighbor who had a lot of land. One night this man killed his wealthy neighbor and buried his body. Then, using various false documents, he appropriated all the land of his neighbor and then sold it. And you know what he bought with the money from the sale of the land? A cab." The cab driver was shocked. He pulled over, got out of hte car and shouted, "Say nothing more father. For you and I know!" "God knows about it", said Fr. Porphyry, "and He has told me to tell you this. Do your best from this day to change your life."

Venerable Theoctiste of the Isle of Lesbos

Commemorated on Nov 9/Nov 22

Saint Theoctiste was born in the city of Methymna on the island of Lesbos. At an early age she was left a complete orphan, and relatives sent her to a monastery to be raised. The girl was happy to be removed from the world of sin, and she liked the monastic life, the long church services, monastic obedience, the strict fasting and unceasing prayer. She learned much of the singing, prayer and psalmody by heart.

In the year 846 when she was already eighteen years old, she set off with the blessing of the abbess, on the Feast of the Resurrection of Christ,

to a neighboring village to visit her sister and she remained there overnight. Arabs invaded the settlement, and they took captive all the inhabitants, loaded them on a ship, and by morning they were at sea.

The brigands took the captives to the desolate island of Paros so that they might examine them in order to assign a value to each when they were sold at the slave-market. The Lord helped the young maiden to flee, and the Arabs did not catch her. From that time St Theoctiste dwelt on the island for 35 years. An old church in the name of the Most Holy Theotokos served as her dwelling, and her food was sunflower seeds. All her time was spent in prayer.

Once, a group of hunters landed upon the island. One of them, pursuing his prey, went far off from the coast into the forest and suddenly he saw the church. He went into the church so as to offer up a prayer to the Lord. After the prayer the hunter saw what looked like a human form in a dim corner, not far from the holy altar table, through thick cobwebs. He went closer and heard a voice, "Stay there, fellow, and come no closer to shame me, since I am a naked woman." The hunter gave the woman his outer clothing and she came out from concealment. He beheld a grey-haired woman with worn face, calling herself Theoctiste. With a weak voice she told of her life fully devoted to God.

When she finished her story, the saint asked the hunter, if he happened to come to this island again, that he should bring her a particle of the Presanctified Gifts. During all her time of living in the wilderness she not once was granted to partake of the Holy Mysteries of Christ.

A year later, the hunter again arrived upon the island and brought a small vessel with a particle of the Holy Mysteries. St Theoctiste met the Holy Gifts in the church, fell down to the ground and prayed long with tears. Standing up, she took the vessel and with reverence and in the fear of God she received the Body and Blood of Christ.

On the following day the hunter saw the dead body of the nun Theoctiste in the church. After digging a shallow grave, the hunter placed the venerable body of the nun in it. As he did so, he impudently cut off her hand, so as to take with him part of the relics of the great saint of God. All night the ship sailed upon a tempestuous sea, and in the morning it found itself at the very place from which it began. The man then perceived that taking the relic was not pleasing to God.

He returned to the grave and placed the hand with the body of the saint. After this the ship sailed off unhindered. On the journey the hunter told his companions everything that had happened on the island. Listening to him, they all decided immediately to return to Paros, to venerate the relics of the great ascetic, but they could not find her holy body in the grave.(oca)



UPDATE ON SLICKVILLE TICKET WINNERS:

We have now had several winners—you may be next! Be sure to check your old tickets as well! There are still FOUR WINNING TICKETS that have not been claimed:

09/09/2016 #295

09/16/2016 #320

10/07/2016 #834

10/28/2016 #948

11/11/2016 #047

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>