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NATIVITY FAST—SAINT PHILIP'S FAST—PILIPKIVA

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 Smolynech, 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, 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, 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, Tori Reade-Henry's niece, Derick-Glen Burlack's neighbor, Michael, Nichole & Christopher, Sam Bonnell, Cheryl Pomeroy, Ben Douglas, Dianne Donahue, 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

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, DECEMBER 25 NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE—SAFE TRAVELS TO ALL!!!
27TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; THE SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FOREFATHERS;
SAINT SPYRIDON THE WONDERWORKER OF TREMITHON; HIEROMARTYR
ALEXANDER-BISHOP OF JERUSALEM; MARTYR SYNESIUS OF ROME**

Tone 2

Colossians 3:4-11

Luke 14:16-24

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 01 OBEDNITZA—DOWNSTAIRS IN CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
28TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY;
HIEROMARTYR BONIFACE**

Tone 3

Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40

Matthew 1:1-25

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 Steve Kuzman, Timothy Stuchell, Nicholas Vetosky, Robert Rohal, & Gary Atutes—Fr. Bob

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 07 OBEDNITZA 10:30 AM
NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 08 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
29TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY; SYNAXIS OF
THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS

Tone 4

Hebrews 2:11-18

Matthew 2:13-23

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 25 DECEMBER 2016

**27TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; THE SUNDAY OF THE HOLY
FOREFATHERS; SAINT SPYRIDON THE WONDERWORKER OF
TREMITHON; HIEROMARTYR ALEXANDER-BISHOP OF JERUSALEM;
MARTYR SYNESIUS OF ROME**

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!

TROPARION—TONE 2

Thou didst justify the Forefathers by faith,
When of old through them Thou didst betroth Thyself to the Church of the
nations.
The Saints rejoice in the glorious fruit of their seed,
Even in her who bore Thee seedlessly.
By their prayers, O Christ our God, save our souls.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

KONTAKION—TONE 2

An image made with hands you would not worship, O thrice blessed three;
But protected by the ineffable Essence you were glorified in your ordeal by
fire.

From the midst of the devouring flames you called upon God, crying:
Hasten, O compassionate One,
In Thy mercy come to our aid,
For if Thou wilt Thou canst.

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!

St. Nicholas Day

Today is St. Nicholas Day...Sveti Nikola! This day Orthodox Christians around the world celebrate St. Nicholas. St. Nicholas draws believers to Christ.

St. Nicholas sets an example of following Christ.

Churches around the world are dedicated to St. Nicholas. Churches around the world proclaim the virtues of St. Nicholas. Christians are drawn to St. Nicholas and seek his intercession.

Countless Serbian Orthodox Christians identify with St. Nicholas as their family patronal saint. Numerous Christians bear the name of Nicholas. Today is a special day in the Holy Orthodox Church.

Families are often present in the Divine Liturgy on St. Nicholas Day. Believers celebrating this day as their Slava will honor St. Nicholas in special ways. Living and departed family members will be prayerfully remembered.

Believers view St. Nicholas in his relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Countless believers trace their Christian identity in their family having put on Christ on St. Nicholas Day.

St. Nicholas Day is a day of joy. St. Nicholas Day is a message of Christian joy. Individuals seeking to nourish their souls will learn and draw strength from St. Nicholas.

Believers seeking to strengthen their Christian identity will regularly celebrate St. Nicholas Day. The world is a very busy place. Increasingly church attendance is being pushed aside in society.

Individuals taking time to come to the Divine Liturgy on St. Nicholas Day draw strength and nourishment from Christ. Coming to church on St. Nicholas Day is a way to honor the sacrifices of believers through the centuries.

Faithful believers through the centuries carried Christ in their hearts. They carried their love for St. Nicholas with them. Christians everywhere embrace St. Nicholas.

Centuries have passed. Remembering St. Nicholas has not diminished. In all parts of the world and on continents across the globe, churches are erected in honor of St. Nicholas.

St. Nicholas lived in Christ far away in space and time. He lives today in hearts, minds, and God's Holy Church. Let us give abundant thanks to God for the living and lasting example of St. Nicholas.

St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church, Carmichaels, Pennsylvania.

December 6/19, 2016. St. Nicholas the Miracle Worker. Father Rodney Torbic

St. Juliana the Princess of Vyazma Commemorated on Dec 21/Jan 3

Saint Juliana, Princess of Vyazma and Novy Torg, a daughter of the noble Maximus Danilov, was known for her virtues and her chastity. Her spouse, Prince Simeon of Vyazma, and also Prince Yuri of Smolensk, were compelled to flee their native lands, which the Lithuanian prince Vitovt had seized. Then Prince Basil of Moscow bestowed the Tver city of Torzhok upon the exiled princes.

Prince Yuri became captivated by Juliana's beauty and tried in every way to persuade her to commit adultery, but Juliana remained faithful to her husband. During a feast, Prince Yuri killed Juliana's husband, in the hope of taking her by force. Saint Juliana resisted the ravisher, wounding

him with a knife. The enraged Prince Yuri ordered that her hands and feet be cut off, and that her body be thrown into the Tvertsa River. The martyrdom of Saint Juliana occurred in the winter of 1406.

Troubled by his conscience and censured by everyone, Prince Yuri fled to the Tatars, but even there he did not find peace. He settled in the Ryazan wilderness (where he died in 1408). In the spring of 1407, they saw the body of Princess Juliana floating in the river. A certain peasant heard a voice from above, commanding that the body of Saint Juliana be buried in the Torzhok cathedral on the right side by the south doors.

A tomb for her body was afterwards built at the Savior-Transfiguration cathedral, where many received healing from her. In connection with the glorification of Saint Juliana on June 2, 1819 a chapel was built on the right-hand side, and dedicated to her. At the cathedral of the Transfiguration of the Lord, where earlier there had been a chapel over the grave of the saint, a church was built and also dedicated to Saint Juliana in 1906. (oca)



Reminder: We will have our January 01, 2017, service downstairs in the church hall! We hope you will be able to attend and enjoy our parish family's hospitality at our coffee hour after the Obednitza. God Bless you all! Fr. Bob

UPDATE ON SLICKVILLE TICKET WINNERS:

We have now had several winners—you may be next!

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. Any left over money will be divided among the three churches and the volunteer fire department!

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