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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 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, 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our January babies: Evelyn Burlack on the 1st; Lyndsey Weiser on the 4th; Mother Alexandra's friend Demetra on the 4th; Marcy Jones on the 8th; Brenna Scott on the 29th; Kristin Tkacik Scott on the 29th; and Kayla Weiser on the 29th. May God grant them all 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 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, JANUARY 01 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
30TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY; SAINT
SYLVESTER-POPE OF ROME

Tone 5

2 Timothy 4:5-8

Mark 1:1-8

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 01 JANUARY 2017

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 3

Let the Heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad!
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm!
He has trampled down death by death!
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,
And has granted the world great mercy!

TROPARION—TONE 2

Great are the achievements of faith!
In the fountain of flame, as in refreshing water, the Three Holy Children
rejoiced.
And the Prophet Daniel proved a shepherd of lions as of sheep.
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 1

O Bethlehem, rejoice! Make ready, Ephratha!
The ewe is hastening to give birth to the Great Shepherd Whom she carries
in her womb.
The God-bearing Fathers rejoice at seeing Him,

and the Shepherds praise the Virgin who suckles Him.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

KONTAKION—TONE 3

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One!

Leading us from the gates of death.

On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;

With the prophets and patriarchs

They unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 3

READER: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

PEOPLE: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

READER: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

PEOPLE: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

READER: Sing praises to our God, sing praises!

PEOPLE: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 3

In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame!

Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge, in order to save me!

**PERMANENT CONFERENCE OF UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX BISHOPS BEYOND
THE BORDERS OF UKRAINE**

**2017 Epistle to the Faithful Entrusted to our Spiritual Care
at the Holy Feast of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**

Dearly Beloved Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful Brothers and Sisters,

CHRIST IS BORN! LET US GLORIFY HIM!

“Behold a new and wondrous mystery. My ears resound to the Shepherd’s song, piping no soft melody, but chanting full forth a heavenly hymn. The Angels sing. The Archangels blend their voice in harmony. The Cherubim hymn their joyful praise. The Seraphim exalt His glory. All join to praise this holy feast, beholding the Godhead here on earth, and man in heaven. He Who is above, now for our redemption dwells here below; and he that was lowly is by divine mercy raised.” (St. John Chrysostom at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ)

St. John reminds us clearly about what the Feast of the Nativity is all about – the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God – becoming one of us so that we might

experience His Divinity – that we might comprehend that God is LOVE. As we celebrate this mystery of the Incarnation in our parish churches, we must humble ourselves enough to worship the Infant in the manger of a dark stable within a cave in Bethlehem and we must come to know him for Who He truly is, rather than what the world – and sometime we ourselves in our human imperfection – want Him to be.

It is all too easy for us to diminish our human dignity – a gift from God – when we attempt to make the “vices” of the world into something, or somehow, acceptable to God. We exhibit our inability to comprehend the Truth of the Incarnation, that God is LOVE and wants to lift us up to share in His divine Will, when we attempt to define that Love in simple human terms and in simple human behavior that in no way reflect our desire to be lifted up. Our prayer is that the joy of the Feast of the Nativity will elevate our behavior, lead us to one another in God’s Love and bring us to the sure knowledge that God’s Will prevails over any vice mankind can conjure up!

The Feast of the Nativity was the new beginning for mankind and God’s creation. It reminds anew each year that God’s LOVE consists of not only the Incarnation, but leads to His ultimate sacrifice for our salvation. We are the beneficiaries of that LOVE and we must share it at every moment of our lives for all mankind. We must proclaim with the angels, witnessed by the multitude of the Heavenly host, as they did to the shepherds in the field outside Bethlehem – as St. John Chrysostom describes above: “Glory to God on High on earth peace, good will toward men.” (Luke 2:14) St. Paul explains in his letter to the Ephesians, that Christ Himself, is our Peace, who has come to earth and in Him man is no longer estranged from God. We are enabled to truly live in Christ, Who is always among us!

Today Christ, as an Infant, allows us to initially experience God Incarnate with awe and joy. The Son of God enters into the history of mankind and allows us to participate in the timeless reality of the Holy Trinity – God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. May we love Him all the days of our life – always, at every moment with all our heart, our soul, our mind and our strength.

We pray for all of you who have been entrusted to our spiritual care that your only real and primary goal in life will always be to grow into unity with God, which can be accomplished only by conscious prayer, compassion and mercy for the other in our lives. We beseech your prayers especially for our unworthy selves – that God will give us the daily strength to live according to our own preaching in the Name of our Lord.

CHRIST IS BORN! LET US GLORIFY HIM!

In His All-Encompassing Love,

+ *Yurij*

Metropolitan - Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada

+ *Antony*

Metropolitan - Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and the Diaspora

+ *Jeremiah*

Archbishop - Ukrainian Orthodox Eparchy of South America

+ *Daniel*

Archbishop-elect - Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA

+ *Ilarion*

Bishop - Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada

+ *Andriy*

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News Release

Prot. No. 1297

Patriarchal Encyclical for Christmas

X B A R T H O L O M E W

By God's Mercy Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch
to the Plenitude of the Church

Grace, Mercy and Peace from the Savior Christ Born in Bethlehem

"Christ's incarnation is my own recreation"[\[1\]](#)

Beloved brothers and sisters, dear children in the Lord,

We praise and glorify the God in Trinity, who deemed us worthy once again this year to reach the great feast of the Nativity in the flesh of the Son and Word of God the Father in "little Bethlehem."

The holy Church is celebrating with fullness of joy, for Christ "assumed flesh" through His incarnation[\[2\]](#) and rendered the Church "an adornment for the world."[\[3\]](#) Indeed, the entire human race, and even "all of creation," rejoices over this divine blessing. "All of creation is today filled with joy because Christ is born of a Virgin."[\[4\]](#)

In contrast to the "unmoved mover" of the ancient Greeks, our God is the communion of love and lovingly moves in time toward humankind and the world. "In this is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us." (1 John 4.10)

The pre-eternal Word of the Father, who granted "being" to humankind, now grants us "well being" through His incarnation. "This is the reason behind the feast; this is why we celebrate today: namely, God's descent to us so that we might ascend—or return—to God . . . in order that, by laying aside the old man, we may assume the new man; and in order that, by dying to Adam, we might therefore live in Christ; in order that we might be with Christ, be crucified with Him, be buried with Him, and arise with Him."[\[5\]](#) The way of deification through grace is henceforth open to everyone coming into the world. All of us are "capable of containing God." "There is neither Jew nor Greek, neither slave nor free man, neither male nor female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." (Gal. 3.28)

Unfortunately, the Gospel of Christmas is once again proclaimed to a world where the racket of weapons is heard, where unprovoked violence against individuals and peoples is enacted, and where inequality and social justice prevail. It is unbearable to witness the state of countless children, victims of military conflict, irregular situations, manifold exploitations, persecutions and discriminations, as well as hunger, poverty and painful dispossession.

Last April, we had the opportunity in Lesbos to witness with our own eyes—together with His Holiness Pope Francis of Rome and His Beatitude Archbishop Ieronymos of Athens and All Greece—the tragic circumstances of refugees and immigrants, and especially the acute problems of the suffering children, innocents and defenseless victims of military violence, as well as the racial and religious discrimination and injustice, all of which are constantly increasing.

The feast of God's Word, who became an infant—the child Jesus, whose disappearance is pursued by worldly authority, according to the Evangelist Matthew (Matt 2.13)—is a reminder and invitation for us to care for children, to protect these vulnerable victims and to respect the sacredness of childhood.

Of course, children and sensitive souls are also threatened in economically developed and politically stable countries of the world, whether by the immense crisis of marriage and family, or by diverse interventions as well as the use of physical or spiritual force. A child's soul is altered by the influential consumption of electronic media, especially television and the internet, and by the radical transformation of communication. Unbridled economics transfigures them from a young age into consumers, while the pursuit of pleasure rapidly vanishes their innocence.

In light of these dangers, the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church addressed children and young people "with particular love and affection" (Prov. 8) by including the following in its Encyclical:

Amid the medley of mutually contradictory definitions of childhood, our most holy Church presents the words of our Lord: "Unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matt 18.3) and "whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it (Luke 18.17), as well

as what our Savior says about those who "prevent" (Luke 18.16) children from approaching Him and about those who "scandalize" them (Matt 18.6).

The mystery of Christmas is crystallized in the words of the festive Kontakion: "For us, a new child was born, God before all ages." The divine Word as child and the child as God is revealed to the world with "the pure heart" and simplicity of a child. Children comprehend truths, which "wise and prudent" people are unable to approach. As Elytis observes in his poem *From one's neighbor*: "You can build Jerusalem out of children alone!"

Beloved brothers and sisters in the Lord, We appeal to all of you to respect the identity and sacredness of childhood. In light of the global refugee crisis that especially affects the rights of children; in light of the plague of child mortality, hunger and child labor, child abuse and psychological violence, as well as the dangers of altering children's souls through their uncontrolled exposure to the influence of contemporary electronic means of communication and their subjection to consumerism, we declare 2017 as the Year of Protection of the Sacredness of Childhood, inviting everyone to recognize and respect the rights and integrity of children.

As underlined in another significant document of the Holy and Great Council, the Church of Christ does not look to "judging and condemning the world" with its word (John 3.17; 12.47), "but rather to offer to the world the guidance of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, namely, the hope and assurance that evil, no matter its form, does not have the last word in history and must not be allowed to dictate its course."[\[6\]](#)

Therefore, we venerate our Savior with humility and compunction, for He has visited us from on high; we praise with divine song the immensity of the sacred Incarnation; we kneel down before the All-Holy Theotokos, who holds the child Jesus; and we address from the sleepless Phanar the festive greeting to all children of the Church of Constantinople, both near and afar: "Christ is born; glorify Him. Christ has come from heaven; come out to meet Him," together with our paternal wishes and patriarchal prayer.

"Be strong in the grace of Christ Jesus." (2 Tim. 2.1) Let us all strive together with faith and sincere love in the good struggle of new life in the Church, adhering to all that the Lord has commanded. For He is with us "all the days of our life, to the end of the ages." (Matt 28.20)

Christmas 2016

X BARTHOLOMEW of Constantinople
Fervent supplicant of all before God

[1] Gregory the Theologian, *Moral Poems* 34.

[2] John Chrysostom, *Homily before Exile* PG 52.429.

[3] Origen, *Commentary on the Gospel of John* 6.

[4] *Christmas Matins*.

[5] Gregory the Theologian, *Homily 38 on Epiphany, namely the Nativity of the Savior*.

[6] *The Mission of the Orthodox Church in the Contemporary World, introduction*.

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News Release

Protocol No. 250/16

December 25, 2016—The Nativity of Christ

As the Father has sent me, so I send you. (John 20:21)

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,

On this glorious Feast of the Nativity of our Lord, we hear from the Holy Scriptures and the beautiful hymns of our services that sacred story of how Christ was born of the Virgin Mary and as an infant was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. We contemplate the miraculous and joyous appearance of the angels proclaiming to the shepherds the good news: *For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord* (Luke 2:11). We marvel at the inspiration of the wise men as they traveled from distant lands to offer gifts and reverence to the newborn King.

We celebrate this Feast and event filled with grace, the Incarnation of Jesus Christ for our salvation. He was sent for us. He was sent to reveal the magnitude of God's love for us, to lead us in the path of righteousness, and to make possible our salvation and our full reconciliation with God. He came so that we could know Him, and in Him find truth and life.

Today, we know Him as the Christ child, the hope for all humanity, and the fulfillment of divine promises. He is the *dayspring from on high* (Luke 1:78), the Anointed One, who has come *to preach the gospel to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to give sight to the blind, and to set at liberty those who are oppressed* (Luke 4:18).

We know Him as truth and love. In the Vespers of the Feast we proclaim, "When the Lord Jesus was born of the holy Virgin, all the world was enlightened." He reveals truth, and the light of truth shines within our hearts and minds, dispelling the darkness of sin and death. He reveals that the foundation of truth is God's love for us, and with this love He *became flesh and dwelt among us*, so that we behold His glory, *full of grace and truth* (John 1:14).

Today, we know Him through His power to give life. We know Him because He knows our human condition, our struggles and limitations, and our temptations. Christ entered our life in a miraculous way, to sanctify our humanity and to restore us to the image and likeness of God. In so doing He became the way to heaven and eternal communion with God. Through His offering He defeated death and revealed His power to give abundant and eternal life.

With Christ in our midst we offer a beautiful witness of Him through our worship. We also affirm that the Feast of the Nativity is a feast of invitation. He assured us that as the Father sent Him, He sends us to invite others to come and know Him (John 20:21). He sends us as His voice into a challenging and changing world. As the shepherds responded to the proclamation of the angels, we glorify and praise God for all that we have seen and heard, and we are sent by Him to share the good news. As the wise men came and worshipped him, our hearts are filled with joy and thanksgiving. We are sent into a changing world as witnesses of His grace proclaiming, *For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: And His name is Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, the Prince of Peace* (Isaiah 9:6).

May the blessings of the incarnate God, our Lord Jesus Christ be with each of you and your families during this holy season of His Nativity, and together may we be the voice of Christ inviting all to come and see and glorify Him.

With paternal love in Him,

†DEMETRIOS--Archbishop of America

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>