



## Holy Ghost Orthodox Church

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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 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, 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 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, Tori Reade-Henry's niece, Derick-Glen Burlack's neighbor, Michael, Nichole & Christopher, Cheryl Pomeroy, Ben Douglas, Dianne Donahue, Zachary, Natasha, Noah Willard, and Ian Brick. ARNOLD: Homer Paul Kline. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery. 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, FEBRUARY 19 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM  
MEATFARE SUNDAY; SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT; VENERABLE BUCCOLUS-  
BISHOP OF SMYRNA; VIRGIN-MARTYR DOROTHEA & WITH HER MARTYRS  
CHRISTINA & CALLISTA-SISTERS & THEOPHILUS AT CAESAREA IN  
CAPPADOCIA; MARTYR JULIAN; VIRGIN-MARTYRS MARTHA & MARY & THEIR  
BROTHER MARTYR LYCARION IN EGYPT; VENERABLES BARSANUPHIUS THE  
GREAT & JOHN THE PROPHET-MONKS OF PALESTINE; SAINT PHOTIUS-  
PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

*Tone 2*

1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

Matthew 25:31-46

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM  
CHEESEFARE SUNDAY; FORGIVENESS SUNDAY; EXPULSION OF ADAM & EVE  
FROM EDEN; SAINT MARTINIAN; VENERABLES ZOE OF BETHLEHEM & VIRGIN  
PHOTINA; VENERABLE EULOGIUS-ARCHBISHOP OF ALEXANDRIA**

*Tone 3*

Romans 13:11-14-4

Matthew 6:14-21

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27 GREAT LENT BEGINS**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 05 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT BASIL THE GREAT 10:30 AM  
1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT; SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY; SAINT LEO-BISHOP OF  
CATANIA IN SICILY; HIEROMARTYR SADOC-BISHOP OF PERSIA & 128  
MARTYRS WITH HIM; SAINT AGATHO-POPE OF ROME; VENERABLE PRINCE**

**YAROSLAV THE WISE; SAINT AGATHO-WONDERWORKER OF PERCHEVSKY  
LAVRA**

*Tone 4*

Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2

John 1:43-51

*Litany in Blessed Memory of Mary Smith, John Metrick, Andrew Hanczar, Anna  
Lawrence, Michael Cicio, Chuck Shumski, Terry Reinhart, Joseph Vangrin, &  
Frank Riznow--Fr. Bob*

**TRIUMPH OF ORTHODOXY—ALL SAINTS G. O. CHURCH, CANONSBURG, PA  
4:30 PM**

## **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 19 FEBRUARY 2017**

**MEATFARE SUNDAY; SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT; VENERABLE  
BUCCOLUS-BISHOP OF SMYRNA; VIRGIN-MARTYR DOROTHEA &  
WITH HER MARTYRS CHRISTINA & CALLISTA-SISTERS &  
THEOPHILUS AT CAESAREA IN CAPPADOCIA; MARTYR JULIAN;  
VIRGIN-MARTYRS MARTHA & MARY & THEIR BROTHER MARTYR  
LYCARION IN EGYPT; VENERABLES BARSANUPIUS THE GREAT &  
JOHN THE PROPHET-MONKS OF PALESTINE; SAINT PHOTIUS-  
Patriarch of Constantinople**

### **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

### **KONTAKION—SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON—TONE 3**

I have recklessly forgotten Thy glory, O Father;  
And among sinners I have scattered the riches which Thou gavest me.  
And now I cry to Thee as the Prodigal:  
I have sinned before Thee, O merciful Father;  
Receive me a penitent and make me as one of Thy hired Servants.

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.**

**READER:** The Lord is my strength and my song.

**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!

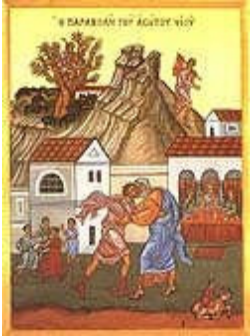


### **The Church Year--Pre-Lent**

The paschal season of the Church is preceded by the season of Great Lent, which is itself preceded by its own liturgical preparation. The first sign of the approach of Great Lent comes five Sundays before its beginning. On this Sunday the Gospel reading is about Zacchaeus the tax-collector. It tells how Christ brought salvation to the sinful man and how his life was greatly changed simply because he "sought to see who Jesus was" (Lk 19.3). The desire and effort to see Jesus begins the entire movement through lent towards Easter. It is the first movement of salvation.



The following Sunday is that of the Publican and the Pharisee. The focus here is on the two men who went to the Temple to pray—one a pharisee who was a very decent and righteous man of religion, the other a publican who was a truly sinful tax-collector who was cheating the people. The first, although



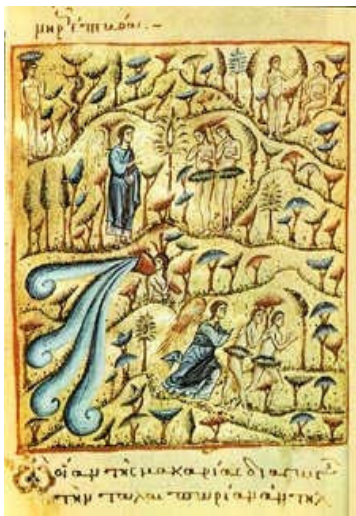
genuinely righteous, boasted before God and was condemned, according to Christ. The second, although genuinely sinful, begged for mercy, received it, and was justified by God (Lk 18.9). The meditation here is that we have neither the religious piety of the pharisee nor the repentance of the publican by which alone we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ's teaching, and to beg for mercy.

The next Sunday in the preparation for Great Lent is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son. Hearing the parable of Christ about God's loving forgiveness, we are called to "come to ourselves" as did the prodigal son, to see ourselves as being "in a far country" far from the Father's house, and to make the movement of return to God. We are given every assurance by the Master that the Father will receive us with joy and gladness. We must only "arise and go," confessing our self-inflicted and sinful separation from that "home" where we truly belong (Lk 15.11-24).



The next Sunday is called Meatfare Sunday since it is officially the last day before Easter for eating meat. It commemorates Christ's parable of the Last Judgment (Mt 25.31-46). We are reminded this day that it is not enough for us to see Jesus, to see ourselves as we are, and to come home to God as his prodigal sons. We must also be his sons by following Christ, his only-begotten divine Son, and by seeing Christ in every man and by serving Christ through them. Our salvation and final judgment will depend upon our deeds, not merely on our intentions or even on the mercies of God devoid of our own personal cooperation and obedience.

*... for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you took Me in, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and in prison and you visited Me. For truly I say to you, if you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to Me (Mt 25).*



We are saved not merely by prayer and fasting, not by "religious exercises" alone. We are saved by serving Christ through his people, the goal toward which all piety and prayer is ultimately directed.

Finally, on the eve of Great Lent, the day called Cheesefare Sunday and Forgiveness Sunday, we sing of Adam's exile from paradise. We identify ourselves



with Adam, lamenting our loss of the beauty, dignity and delight of our original creation, mourning our corruption in sin. We also hear on this day the Lord's teaching about fasting and forgiveness, and we enter the season of the fast forgiving one another so that God will forgive us. *If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your heavenly Father forgive you your trespasses* (Mt 6.14-18).

<https://oca.org/orthodoxy/the-orthodox-faith/worship/the-church-year/pre-lent>

**Peter Farier** February 10 at 1:29pm

Q: Why are there no longer spiritual fathers?

A: Because there are no longer good disciples... (St. Silouan the Athonite)  
Fr. Rafail, a disciple of Fr. Sophrony (Sakharov):

"The good apprentice, the good disciple, is the man whose mind leans toward God and who seeks a response from God, not from people and who may turn to man because we can't even reach God as Cain did...

Learn how to receive the FIRST word from spiritual fathers, from those over you, from priests and bishops. But before that, you are the ground on which this word is sown. Prepare the ground!

I have sometimes said that a spiritual father is like a telephone; you don't talk to the telephone but to someone on the other end..."

Holy Ghost wall calendars for 2017 are available downstairs for your use—take one home and put it on the refrigerator or wall to keep track of daily bible readings and Feasts and Fasts of our church!

Also, there are donation envelopes for your use—please help support our parish and its work in God's Vineyard! God Bless you!

All Saints Camp "Calendars" are available from Pani Gina. Please see her downstairs after services or let Fr. Bob know you'd like one...they are \$25.

**UPDATE ON SLICKVILLE TICKET WINNERS:**

We have had several winners last year—AND this year—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>

**Slickville Centennial hats and clothing are now available—see Bill for order forms for hats, t-shirts, polo shirts, and sweatshirts!!! Show your Slickville pride to everyone!**