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GREAT LENT—SAINT GREGORY PALAMAS

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, 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 Zeliszczyk, 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, Jodi Hanczar, and Ian Brick. ARNOLD: Homer Paul Kline. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

Take heed, then, often to come together to give thanks to God, and show forth His praise. For when you assemble frequently in the same place, the powers of Satan are destroyed, and the destruction at which he aims is prevented by the unity of your faith. *St. Ignatius, Epistle to the Ephesians*

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, MARCH 12 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT BASIL THE GREAT 10:30 AM
2ND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT; SAINT GREGORY PALAMAS-ARCHBISHOP OF
THESSALONICA; SYNAXIS OF ALL VENERABLE FATHERS OF PERCHEVSKY
LAVRA; SAINT PROCOPIUS THE CONFESSOR OF DECAPOLIS; SAINT
THALELAETUS-HERMIT OF SYRIA; SAINT TITUS THE SOLDIER-MONK & SAINT
TITUS THE PRESBYTER OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA**

Tone 5

Hebrews 1:10-2:3; Hebrews 7:25-8:2

Mark 2:1-12; John 10:9-16

Litany in Blessed Memory of Victor Zuccarelli—Fr. Bob

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT BASIL THE GREAT 10:30 AM
3RD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT; ADORATION OF THE MOST HOLY CROSS; 42
MARTYRS OF AMMONIA IN PHRYGIA INCLUDING CONSTANTINE, AETIUS,
CALLISTUS, BASOES, & OTHERS; MONK-MARTYRS CONON & HIS SON CONON;**

**UNCOVERING OF THE HOLY CROSS & NAILS BY EMPRESS SUNDAY HELEN;
SAINT ARCADIUS-MONK OF CYPRUS & DISCIPLES JULIAN & BULIUS**

Tone 6

Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Mark 8:34-9:1

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26 OBEDNITZA—DOWNSTAIRS IN CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
4TH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT; VENERABLE JOHN CLIMACUS—OF THE LADDER OF
DIVINE ASCENT; TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF SAINT NICEPHORUS THE
CONFESSOR-PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE; MARTYR SABINUS OF EGYPT;
MARTYRS AFRICANUS, PUBLIUS, & TRENCE OF CARTHAGE; MARTYR
ALEXANDER OF MACEDONIA; MARTYR CHRISTINA OF PERSIA; VENERABLE
ANANAS THE PRESBYTER OF EUPHRATES**

Tone 7

Hebrews 6:13-20; Ephesians 5:9-19

Mark 9:17-31; Matthew 4:25-5:12

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 12 MARCH 2017

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TROPARION—TONE 8

O Light of Orthodoxy! Teacher of the Church! Its confirmation!
O Ideal of Monks and invincible Champion of Theologians!
O wonder-working Gregory, glory of Thessalonica and Preacher of Grace!
Always intercede before the Lord that our souls may be saved!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever,
and unto ages of ages. Amen.

KONTAKION—TONE 4

Now is the time for action! Judgment is at the doors!
So let us rise and fast, offering alms with tears of compunction and crying:
Our sins are more in number than the sands of the sea;
But forgive us, O Master of All,
So that we may receive the incorruptible crowns.

PROKEIMENON—TONE 5

READER: Thou, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever!

PEOPLE: Thou, O Lord, shall 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, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever!

READER: Thou, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us.

PEOPLE: From this generation forever!

ALLELUIA VERSES

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest!

The righteous will be remembered forever; he is not afraid of evil things!

Sunday of Orthodoxy

John 1:43-51

The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me. Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see. Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile! Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel. Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these. And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man (KJV)

One week of Great Lent is complete. The Lenten journey is underway. Believers are expected to make a concerted effort to be renewed in Christ. Christian minds and hearts are to focus on repentance.

Examining the heart and expelling all that is not of Christ is proper throughout the year. Great Lent intensifies interest in repentance and renewal in Christ.

Serious and attentive believers heed the teachings of Christ. The Church teaches truths and the benefits of seriously investing in Great Lent. This is a special time in the Church.

Today is the Sunday of Orthodoxy. Christ taking on human flesh and being visible in earthly life has led to the presence of icons in God's Holy Church. Icons enrich the Christian experience.

Icons benefit believers in prayer. Believers learn from the presence of icons in homes, churches and holy places throughout the world. Countless miracles are associated with icons through the centuries.

Images of Christ, the Mother of God and the saints are always present in Orthodox Churches. The Orthodox Church has defined and defended the propriety of icons. Joy is associated with the presence of icons in God's Holy Church.

Standing in prayer before holy icons in the home, in church or in other locations dedicated to God offers hope, leads to personal peace and alleviates concerns.

Every home should have an icon of Christ, the Mother of God and of the family patronal feast or saint. Icons in the home improve the atmosphere of the home and direct the mind to thoughts of holiness.

Each home is a small church and an extension of the parish church. Daily life in the Christian home is better when conforming to and consistent with the ways and teachings of Christ.

Believers determine the way to live in the home and the community. Believers select the images permitted to enter and remain in the home. Profane images have no place in Christian homes.

Hearts and minds influence the way life unfolds. When the heart and mind are polluted, corresponding behavior follows. When Christ is the primary interest, following Christ occurs throughout the day.

Great Lent motivates believers to assess and review their relationship with Christ. Lenten services help believers learn more about personal sins. The Church is where personal change and transformation in Christ are most likely to occur..

Great hope and joy exist in Great Lent. Beginning anew in Christ is possible for every person. In the present Gospel, Christ told Philip to follow Him. Philip told Nathaniel to come and see.

Christ told Nathaniel of the experiences that were before him. Individuals following Christ in hope will experience immeasurable joy. Placing trust in Christ is necessary.

The faithful Holy Apostles that followed Christ were able to witness the Resurrected Christ.(Mt. 28:16-20) John.20:20-21,) The Apostles in their prior earthly lives would never have imagined being witness to the Resurrected Christ.

Believers today have opportunities for the richness of life in Christ. Believers today trusting completely in Christ and following Him are invigorated by the indomitable hope emanating from the Resurrected Christ.

Great Lent is underway. The Feast of Feasts, celebrating Christ's Resurrection lies ahead. Christians investing seriously in Great Lent and participating fully in Holy Week benefit exceedingly.

Jesus once said: "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal)(Mt.6:20)

Investing in Great Lent is a way to lay up treasures in heaven. Attending the Divine services is a personal investment in a better life in Christ. Increased prayer is a direct personal investment in the life in Christ.

Fasting and almsgiving bring life more into conformity with the ways of Christ. The nourishing, loving and forgiving Christ is present throughout Great Lent.

Individuals determine the nature of their Lenten journey.Let us learn from the faithful Holy Apostles and place complete trust in following Christ. Let this Great Lent be a new and serious beginning in following Christ.

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, Carmichaels, Pennsylvania. February 20/March 5, 2017. Sunday of Orthodoxy, St. Leo, Bishop of Catania. Father Rodney Torbic

A wise man is humble, quiet and meek. Often in moments of trial you must remain silent. The Holy Fathers say that in this silence man is likened to Christ who was silent in response to Pilate's question: 'Who He is.' The art of silence is necessary for all, this is a great wisdom that we must learn, because with it we get the necessary barriers and protection for the soul to keep garbage from penetrating it. - *Archpriest George Skhirtladze*

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!

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!