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CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN! CHRISTOS VOSKRES! VOISTINU VOSKRES! CHRISTOS ANESTI! ALITHOS ANESTI!

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, Father Bazyl Zawierucha, 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,

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 Luciow, 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 Strozh [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 Pyrch, 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 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, Cheryl Pomeroy, Ben Douglas, Dianne Donahue, Zachary, Natasha, Noah Willard, Jodi Hanczar, Gregory Cervo, Lisa Bruce, Martha Nezolyk, Kathy Cvetkovich, Lou Trombetta, Frances Gebet, 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 in August, 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 have questions. We have had several winners!

SECOND NOTICE: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 4th, downstairs in the church hall after our service. Please plan to attend and discuss some very important issues in the future of our parish and our parish family!

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 <u>ALWAYS</u> <u>FREE!</u>

<u>Communion Fasting</u>: 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, MAY 21 DIVINE LITURGY OF JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

10:30 AM

6TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN; HOLY APOSTLE & EVANGELIST JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN; VENERABLE ARSENIUS THE GREAT OF SCETIS; VENERABLE ARSENIUS THE LOVER OF LABOR & PIMEN THE ASCETIC OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA

Tone 5 Acts 16:16-34; 1 John 107 John 9:1-38; Luke 6:17-23

Litany in Blessed Memory of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Constantine—Fr. Bob

THURSDAY, MAY 25 ASCENSION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

SUNDAY, MAY 28 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM 7TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA; FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL; AFTERFEAST OF THE ASCENSION; VENERABLE PACHOMIUS THE GREAT, VENERABLE ACHILLES-BISHOP OF LARISSA; SAINT ISAIAH-BISHOP & WONDERWORKER OF ROSTOV; VENERABLE ISAIAH OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA; VENERABLE PACHOMIUS-ABBOT & SILVANUS OF NEREKHTA

> *Tone 6* Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 John 17:1-13

SUNDAY, JUNE 04 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM 8TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA; PENTECOST—TRINITY SUNDAY—DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT; HOLY FATHERS OF THE 7 ECUMENICAL COUNCILS; HIEROMARTYR BASILISCUS-BISHOP OF COMANA; COMMEMORATION OF THE 2ND ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

> Tone 7 Acts 2:1-11 John 7:37-52, 8:12 **PARISH ANNUAL MEETING AFTER SERVICE**

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 21 MAY 2017

Christ IS Risen! Indeed He IS Risen! Христос воскрес! Воістину воскрес! Хрιστός ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη! (Khristós Anésti! Alithós Anésti!) *Hristos a înviat! Adevărat a înviat!* (al-Masīḥ qām! Ḥaqqan qām!)

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ARSENIUS THE GREAT OF SCETIS; VENERABLE ARSENIUS THE LOVER OF LABOR & PIMEN THE ASCETIC OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA

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.

KONTAKION-TONE 4

I come to Thee, O Christ, Blind from birth in my spiritual eyes, And call to Thee in repentance: Thou art the most radiant Light of those in darkness!

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 8

READER: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God.

READER: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

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- **PEOPLE: Before the Lord our God.**

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 8

Look upon me and have mercy on me.

Lead my steps according to Thy word.

THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS (Replaces "It Is Truly Meet")

The angel cried unto Mary, who was full of Grace Hail, oh pure virgin, oh pure virgin once again I hail Thee Thy Son has risen from His three days in the grave, and He has raised the dead with Him, Oh rejoice, all ye people.

Oh shine with clear radiance, shine on new Jerusalem For the glory of the Lord is shining up on you. Rejoice! Rejoice! now and be joyful--oh Zion, and though oh pure one and adorable birthgiver of God, in the rising again of HIM who was born of Thee.

<u>COMMUNION HYMNS</u>

Receive ye the Body of Christ; taste ye the fountain of immortality.

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

CHRIST is Risen! Indeed HE has Risen!

Fr. George called [this morning] to inform us that Pani Lillian is back in the hospital in Indiana....he indicated that after they both had doctor visits yesterday, she was admitted for tests to determine why she is so weak. The doctor said that she might need more rehab to help her to be able to walk again. Fr George isn't feeling the best either. He has a rash that he has been treating for over a month, and his ankles are very swollen so he needs to keep an eye on that. Please remember both Fr George and Pani Lillian in your prayers.

GOD bless! George Cornman [Dixonville Parish]

From the sayings of St. John the Chrysostom (important):

There is nothing valueless like a Christian who doesn't care for the salvation of the others.

If you say, "I am poor " the two mites of the widow would put you to shame. St. Peter said, "I have neither gold nor silver " and St. Paul has been so poor to suffer sometimes from hunger! Do not make excuses of tough life circumstances, theirs has been also tough!

Do not make excuses of ignorance, they were illiterate.

If you claim you are sick, so was Timothy!

Each of us can help his brother, even with the good will, in case he is unable to do something more positive!

Do not say that you cannot affect others. As long as you are Christian, you cannot be but effective. This is the essence of being a Christian!

If you say that you are a Christian, yet you are unable to do something for others, you are contradicting yourself, as though you are saying that the sun is unable to give light.

Every member supports his brother in the Lord, for all to be strengthened as one bride. Every support you give to your brother is actually a support for yourself personally.

There is nothing that makes men quickly defeated and collapsed in temptations, like isolation. If you scatter forces in a war, the enemy will have no problem to captivate them individually.

God's solutions—From the teachings of Pope Shenouda:

We think of our problems, using our human mind, which is limited. As for God He is unlimited in His knowledge and His wisdom.

When matters become complicated, their complication is relative for us human beings. As for God nothing becomes complicated, everything is easy and the solutions are many. God interferes at the right time and in the suitable way .with God, everything is possible, nothing is hard.

God control everything, see everything and nothing is hidden from Him. Everything is uncovered before His eyes.

We are all in His hands. Nobody is independent of God or outside of His dominion. Therefore we are confident in God's work with us. we say with the Psalmist: "Wait for the Lord. Be strong and comfort your heart. Wait for the Lord ".

Our task is to hide our spirituality as much as possible.



UPDATE ON SLICKVILLE TICKET WINNERS:

We have had several winners 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: <u>http://slickville100.com</u>

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!

REMINDERS: <u>NO KNEELING</u> until the Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost Sunday. Instead of "Vechnaya Pam'yat" at the end of a Parastas or during a funeral service *until Ascension Thursday—May 25,* we sing "Christ is Risen!" Also, we do not say the prayer to the Holy Spirit "O Heavenly King" until Pentecost Sunday.

SAVE THE DATE! We will hold our Annual Parish Meeting on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>June 4th</u>, after the Obednitza. This is a very important meeting where we will discuss the future of our parish and other important issues. PLEASE plan to attend and offer your suggestions and opinions—it is YOUR parish! Please see Andy Torick or Father Bob if you have any questions.