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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 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, Sheryl Smith Haraczy, 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! THIRD 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 <u>CALL FATHER BOB</u> at [412] 279-5640.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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 DIVINE LITURGY OF JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 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 Litany in Blessed Memory of Ann Roman, Mary Maoli, Joe Karas, Walter Burlack, Dianne Waryanka, Maxine Kitch, and Millie Kerr—Fr. Bob

MONDAY, JUNE 5TH, THROUGH SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH, IS A FAST-FREE WEEK!

SUNDAY, JUNE 11 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM 1ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS; VIRGIN-MARTYR THEODOSIA OF TYRE; VIRGIN-MARTYR THEODOSIA

Tone 8 Hebrews 11:33-12:2 Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30

MONDAY, JUNE 12 BEGINNING OF THE APOSTLES' FAST/SAINTS PETER & PAUL FAST

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TROPARION-TONE 8

Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God! Thou hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth! Through them Thou hast guided us to the true faith! O greatly Compassionate One, glory to Thee!

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

KONTAKION-TONE 8

The apostles' preaching and the fathers' doctrines Have established one faith for the Church. Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology; Great is the mystery of piety which it defines and glorifies.

PROKIEMENON—TONE 4

Reader: Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name forever.

People: Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name forever.

Reader: for Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!

People: Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name forever.

Reader: Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers.

People: And praised and glorified is Thy name forever.

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 1—PSALM 50

The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Gather to me my venerable ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

<u>HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS—REPLACES "IT IS TRULY MEET..."</u> Magnify, O my soul, Christ the Giver of Life, who has ascended from earth to heaven!

We magnify you, the Mother of God, who beyond reason and understanding gave birth in time to the Timeless One!

COMMUNION HYMNS [PSALM 148 AND 32] Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest!

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just.



Christ with Saint Peter & Saint John - J85 + + Gathering Fruit Unto Life Eternal + +

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal..." (John 4: 35-36)

If we live a Christian life with hope and attention, then we may also hope that we will rejoice with Jesus Christ, the Sower in the field of this life. Then we can live with Him forever in His Blessed and Glorious Kingdom. Although we can't sow the seeds of Eternal Life, we can unite ourselves with Christ through self-denial, the dawning of true freedom. Thus we can tend the fields in our time here on earth. To gather this fruit of a blessed unselfish Life we must begin to live that way consciously and intently now, and so change our pattern of worldly thinking into Heavenly. So how do those who have attained Heaven think? How do they act? How can they help us learn to live such a blessed life? These Holy Ones had to learn this too as they had all of the same human limitations as we do. If we follow this path as they did, we may end up living with them, rejoicing with them, and loving with them forever. Then we may become Heavenly, and be conformed to live there the life we are already then living here.

First we must wake up from the worldly dream of self-importance, which seeks pleasure and our own self will. That has got to go, because it doesn't look like Christ's life as He lived it, and like all of His Saints' lives that followed Him in this same path. This is the true path to real Life. Without a conscious desire to live above a material and pleasurable life, we cannot seek that which is more: a Heavenly life. This first step is the most important. Otherwise we will just continue to sleep unto death. We can learn to be dependent on Christ step by step until, by practice, we will do God's Will, for He will then fill up all that we lack if we earnestly ask. Humble, obedient, serving others first, making constant efforts to seek, find, and do the Father's sweet Will, this is the life that Christ led. His Saints followed Him. This is the fruit unto Life Eternal. May we seek and follow Him and them too! "...that both he that seeketh and he that reapeth may rejoice together." (John 4:36)

> The Monastics at St. Isaac of Syria Skete and at the Convent of St. Silouan and the Faithful at St. Nicholas Church and the Staff at Orthodox Byzantine Icons

When we speak of the wife obeying the husband, we normally think of obedience in military or political terms: the husband giving orders, and the wife obeying them. But while this type of obedience may he appropriate in the army, it is ridiculous in the intimate relationship of marriage. The obedient wife does not wait for orders. Rather, she tries to discern her husband's needs and feelings, and responds in love. When she sees her husband is weary, she encourages him to rest; when she sees him agitated, she soothes him; when he is ill, she nurses and comforts him; when he is happy and elated, she shares his joy. Yet such obedience should not be confined to the wife; the husband should be obedient in the same way. When she is weary, he should relieve her of her work; when she is sad, he should cherish her, holding her gently in his arms; when she is filled with good cheer, he should also share her good cheer. Thus a good marriage is not a matter of one partner obeying the other, but of both partners obeying each other. —Saint John Chrysostom

The Lord sends people, He gives meetings, He points the way. There is nothing accidental in human relations, people are created for each other. Pray for those who love you and friends, pray for those who hate, pray for those who do not pray for themselves, who are weighed down and blinded. After all, everyone needs your prayer...

Archpriest Sergius Bulgakov. "Spiritual Diary"

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. We can now sing "Vechnaya Pam'yat" at the end of a Parastas or during a funeral service. However, 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 **Sunday, June 4th**, 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.