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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, 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 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, Gregory Cervo, Lisa Bruce, Martha Nezolyk, Kathy Cvetkovich, Lou Trombetta, Frances Gebet, Sheryl Smith Haraczy, Judy, Will, Emma, Ginny, Ye-Jin, 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!

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be 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 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, 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

**SUNDAY, JUNE 18 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; ALL SAINTS OF UKRAINE; ALL SAINTS OF HOLY MOUNT ATHOS; HIEROMARTYR DOROTHEOS-BISHOP OF TYRE; MARTYRS MARCIAN, NICANDER, HYPERECHIUS, APOLLNIUS, LEONIDES, ARIUS, GORGAS, SELENIAS, IRENE, & PAMBO; SAINT THEODORE THE WONDERWORKER; TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF THE BLESSED IHOR/GEORGE-GREAT PRINCE OF CHERNIHIV & KIEV; BLESSED CONSTANTINE-METROPOLITAN OF KIEV**

Tone 1

Romans 2:10-16; Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Matthew 4:18-23; Matthew 4:25-5:12

**BULLETIN INSERT FOR 04 JUNE 2017
PENTECOST—TRINITY SUNDAY; DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT; OUR PARISH NAME'S DAY! HOLY FATHERS OF THE 7 ECUMENICAL COUNCILS; HIEROMARTYR BASILISCUS-BISHOP OF COMANA; COMMEMORATION OF THE 2ND ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

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Divided and distributed is the Lamb of God: who is divided yet not disunited; who is ever eaten, yet never consumed, but sanctifying those who partake thereof. (from Divine Liturgy—division of the Lamb into four parts prior to placing them on the paten/diskos)

A woman came out of her house and saw 3 old men with long white beards sitting in her front yard. She did not recognize them. She said: "I don't think I know you, but you must be hungry. Please come in and have something to eat."

"Is the man of the house home?? they asked.

"No", she replied. "He's out."

"Then we cannot come in", they replied.

In the evening when her husband came home, she told him what had happened.

"Go tell them I am home and invite them in."

The woman went out and invited them in.

"We do not go into a house together," they replied.

"Why is that?" she asked.

One of the old men explained: "His name is Wealth," he said pointing to one of his friends, and said pointing to another one, "He is Success, and I am Love." Then he added, "Now go in and discuss with your husband which one of us you want in your home."

The woman went in and told her husband what was said. Her husband was overjoyed. "How nice", he said. "Since that is the case, let us invite Wealth. Let him come and fill our home with wealth!" His wife disagreed "My dear, why don't we invite Success?" Their daughter-in-law was listening from the other corner of the house. She jumped in with her own suggestion: "Would it not be better to invite Love? Our home will then be filled with love!"

"Let us heed our daughter-in-law's advice," said the husband to his wife. "Go out and invite Love to be our guest."

The woman went out and asked the 3 old men, "Which one of you is Love? Please come in and be our guest."

Love got up and started walking toward the house. The other 2 also got up and followed him. Surprised the lady asked Wealth and Success: "I only invited Love. Why are you coming in?"

The old men replied together: " If you had invited Wealth or Success, the other two of us would've stayed out, but since you invited Love, wherever He goes, we go with Him. Wherever there is Love, there is also Wealth and Success!!!!!"

The Orthodox Church surpasses all other Christian groups in the richness of her Tradition. The Protestants want only to adhere to Holy Scripture. But Holy Scripture cannot be interpreted outside of Tradition. The Apostle Paul himself commands: Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you have been taught, whether by word or our epistle (2 Thessalonians 2:15). The tradition of Prince Abgar, without doubt, is of Apostolic Tradition, even though the apostles do not mention him in their

writings. The Apostle Thaddaeus did not write anything at all (and according to Protestant thinking, that would mean he did not say anything and or teach the faithful). According to what, then, was he an apostle of Christ? St. John Damascene [Damaskin] cites the tradition of Prince Abgar in his defense of the veneration of icons. How wonderful and touching is the letter of Abgar to Christ! He wrote, first of all, that he had heard of His miraculous power--that Christ cured the sick. Then he implored Him to come and to heal him, and continued on to say: "I also hear that the Jews hate You, and that they are preparing some evil against You. I have a city, not large, but beautiful and bountiful in every good; come to me and live with me in my city, which is sufficient for the both of us for every need." Thus wrote a heathen prince, while the princes of Jerusalem were preparing death for the Lord, the Lover of Mankind.(Reflection from the Prologue)

"...you have to find ways in your city or town, in your immediate area to not only connect with people but to bring them to an encounter with Orthodoxy. That's a huge challenge for a mission priest, especially one in the middle of a Southern Baptist area."
(Fr Alexis Baldwin, Orthodox mission priest in South Carolina, interview)

As baptism is a Mystery of entry into the Church, the three opening prayers are done at the back of the church building, as part of a formal (and literal) entrance into the church.

The first prayers are "The Exorcism Prayers" where the priest calls upon the Holy Spirit to expel Satan and all his angels from the presence of the candidate for baptism. He prays that the spirits of evil may not lay hold of him/her by temptation or any other torment. The priest blows on the candidate cross-wise three times to symbolize the exorcising power of the Holy Spirit—the Hebrew and Greek words for "spirit" also mean "breath."

The second prayer is "The Renunciation of Satan." The candidate and sponsors turn to face the west, the entrance of the church. West is symbolic of darkness, since the sun sets the west. through this movement the devil, the "lord of darkness", is

confronted and rejected, along with "and all his works, all his worship, all his angels, and all his pomp."

The final prayer is "The Acceptance of Christ". Turning back to face the east, towards the Altar, symbolizing the Light of Christ, the candidate and sponsors accept Jesus "as King and as God." They affirm this acceptance by repeating the words of the Nicene Creed. (St. Nektaros)

In the Orthodox Church, Monday is remembered as the Day of the Angels. Scripture is filled with stories of angels. We are told that angels are "ministering servants" and are here to help us. Instead of dreading Monday, we ought to begin Monday with a remembrance that we are not alone - our prayers and praises are part of a vast chorus that fills the universe and beyond. Nor do we dwell alone. We are watched and guarded by the good God who created us, and by His angels that surround us.

"Holy Archangels and Angels, pray to God for us."

It is better to be friends with animals than with people of this world. If after God, you want to have a true friend, then make friends with the saints. If you do not have saints as friends, then be friends with wild animals. *Saint Paisios*

"Why should we pray," say my neighbors, "when God does not hear our prayers?" But I say to them: "Your prayer is not prayer, but peddling merchandise. You do not pray to God to give you God but Satan. Therefore, the Wisdom of heaven does not accept the prayers from your tongue."

"Why should we pray," grumble my neighbors, "when God knows what we need beforehand?" But I sadly answer them: "That is true, God knows--that you need nothing except Him alone. At the door of your soul He is waiting to come in.⁴ Through prayer the doors are opened for the entrance of the majestic King. Does not one of you say to the other at your door: 'Please enter'?"

(Prayers by the Lake)

For paradise doesn't need fasters ... do not need the business executives, do need the experienced and smart ... do not need skilled ... do not need priests, monks ... It only needs good men.
Monk Simeon the Athonite

CONGRATULATIONS TO Evelyn Burlack! Evelyn was the winner of the Slickville Centennial tear-off ticket for the drawing on May 26th! Please see Bill Kuznik if you would like to purchase a ticket or two—we have had 9 winning tickets since the sale began!