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APOSTLES' FAST—SAINTS PETER & PAUL FAST

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 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, 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, Frances Gebet, Sheryl Smith Haraczy, Judy,

Will, Emma, Ginny, Ye-Jin, Maria, John & JoAnn, Jim & Kitty, Bill Baronie, Charles Smith, 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!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our July babies: Harry Batch on the 1st, Natasha Sudol on the 2nd, Zach Sudol on the 2nd, Andy Torick on the 13th, Matthew Brunermer on the 15th, Sabrina Sudol on the 19th, and Katrina Scott on the 25th. May God grant them all Many Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Blessed Years! M'nohaya Lita! God Bless them all!

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, JULY 09 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SAINT DAVID OF THESSALONICA; SAINT JOHN-BISHOP OF THE GOTHs IN CRIMEA

Tone 4

Romans 10:1-10

Matthew 8:28-9:1

Litany in Blessed Memory of Olga Stock, Anna Kitch, Sophie Carrera, Susan Justina Sredich, Stella E. Cherepko, Joseph Paouncic, Igumen George [Owen], & Claudia Horvath—Fr. Bob

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12 FEAST OF THE ALL-HOLY APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL

**SUNDAY, JULY 16 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MARTYR HYACINTH, MARTYRS DIOMEDES,
EULAMPIUS, ASCIEPIODOTUS, AND GOLINDUC OF CAESAREA IN CAPPADOCIA;
MARTYRS MOCIUS & MARK, VENERABLE ALEXANDER-FOUNDER OF THE
MONASTERY OF THE UNSLEEPING ONES; SAINT ANTATOLIUS-PATRIARCH OF
CONSTANTINOPLE; VENERABLE ANATOLIUS OF THE NEAR CAVES & VENERABLE
ANATOLIUS OF THE FAR CAVES IN PERCHEVSKY LAVRA**

Tone 5

Romans 12:6-14

Matthew 9:1-8

**SUNDAY, JULY 23 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY 45 MARTYRS AT NICOPOLIS IN
ARMENIA-INCLUDING LEONTIUS, MAURICE, DANIEL, ANTHONY, ALEXANDER,
ANICETUS, SISINIUS, MENEUS, & GELERAD; MARTYR APOLLONIUS OF SARDIS;
MARTYRS BIANOR & SILVANUS OF PISIDIA; VENERABLE ANTHONY OF
PERCHEVSKY LAVRA; VENERABLE SILOAN OF THE FAR CAVES IN PERCHEVSKY
LAVRA**

Tone 6

Romans 15:1-7; Galatians 5:22-6:2

Matthew 9:27-35; Matthew 4:25-5:12

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 09 JULY 2017

**5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SAINT DAVID OF THESSALONICA;
SAINT JOHN-BISHOP OF THE GOTHs IN CRIMEA**

TROPARION—TONE 4

When the women disciples of the Lord
Learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection;
They cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles:
Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen,
Granting the world great mercy.

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

My Savior and Redeemer,
As God rose from the tomb
And delivered the earthborn from their chains.
He has shattered the gates of Hell,
And as Master, He has risen on the third day!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 4

READER: O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

PEOPLE: O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

READER: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great!

PEOPLE: O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

READER: O Lord, how manifold are thy works!

PEOPLE: In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 4

Go forth and prosper and reign, because of truth and meekness and righteousness.

You love righteousness and hate iniquity.

Metropolitan Anthony (Bloom) of Sourozh was asked, "What shall we do with children in church? They interfere with our prayers." He replied, "When you begin to pray, they will stop bothering you".

Statement of the Council of Bishops of the UOC of the USA on the 241st Anniversary of US Independence

Reverend brothers in the Holy Priesthood, beloved brothers and sisters if Christ, spiritual children of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA:

Blessed Independence Day!

As citizens and residents of this great nation from coast to coast, we celebrate this Independence Day weekend with family, friends, food, and fireworks; however, let us not forget to celebrate our freedoms, as well, and how blessed we are to live in this great nation. Let's celebrate by reflecting upon the spirit of solidarity, understanding, togetherness and humanity of all people in the country.

Our country upholds the truth that 'all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.' There is no other land on earth that advances the virtues of liberty and freedom for all.

Our nation's Founding Fathers envisioned a country, which would possess its own uniqueness, governed by its people on the principles of fair and free democracy, with a future shaped by its own citizens, and laws that manifest the will of the people. We thank Almighty God for the many blessings He has showered upon our nation and for the relative peace and harmony we enjoy in this beloved country of ours. We are appreciative of the various developments that have been achieved for the progress of our nation.

We thank the brave men and women who have fought and died for the freedoms we enjoy, and we ask God to protect those who are protecting us today.

As Americans, we generally understand, caring and charitable, as noticed by compassionate responses of our citizens to various natural, economic and political disasters throughout the world.

However, our country is at a crossroads, and the Church is facing unprecedented challenges. We find ourselves in a position in which prayer and prayerful action are absolutely necessary to combat the rapid social, moral movements and policy changes currently underway in the modern world, our country and in our culture.

We call upon the faithful and all people of goodwill to play their rightful role in their duty as citizens and residents of this country. The Christian community, guided by the teachings and direction of the Church, are called to uphold spiritual and moral values as we live out our obligation to enhance peace and harmony in our society. Lawmakers and those who implement the law are urged to exercise their civil duties, with fear of God and respect for the human person.

Setting aside the challenges that currently face our nation, today we encourage the faithful of our Holy Church to focus on the humble appreciation we should have as Americans. Remember that our vast and remarkable nation began 241 years ago as a noble idea; planted like a seed by a brave group who believed in a government of the people, by the people, for the people. Over generations, we have fostered the growth of

this idea and shaped its expansion. We have protected the concept of liberty, fought for it, and the loyal men and women of our Armed Forces have selflessly carried the torch of freedom to those whose lives have been darkened by tyranny.

The political issues that occasionally divide us are insignificant when held up to the unifying American spirit that binds us to each other, a shared past, and a promising future.

As you enjoy celebrating the holiday, take a moment to reflect on the fact that God has truly blessed this land. As we celebrate America's birthday, let us take the time to thank God Almighty for the blessings He has bestowed upon us.

As Ukrainian Americans and Orthodox Christians we celebrate this freedom. We recognize the blessings that freedom has provided to our families and ourselves as we live, work, and worship in this country. We also recognize the value of freedom in emphasizing our heritage and identity. We are free to share this cherished heritage in an environment that values freedom of expression and the open sharing of ideas and diversity.

We have much to offer from our historic heritage. As members of this society and as Orthodox Christians we know we are truly free when our pursuits and goals are not for ourselves but for the benefit and spiritual well-being of others and for the honor and glory of God.

Have a blessed, happy and safe Fourth of July weekend!

With prayers,

+Antony,

By the Grace of God Metropolitan of the UOC of the USA and Diaspora

+Daniel,

By the Grace of God Archbishop of the UOC of the USA

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Protocol No. 98/17 July 4, 2017—Independence Day

To the Most Reverend Hierarchs, the Reverend Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, the Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils of the Greek Orthodox Communities, the Distinguished Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Day, Afternoon, and Church Schools,

the Philoptochos Sisterhoods, the Youth, the Hellenic Organizations, and the entire Greek Orthodox Family in America

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our annual commemoration of the 4th of July, Independence Day in the United States of America, provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the blessings of liberty and to express our gratitude to our forbearers for the freedom that has been advanced and sustained throughout the history of this country. We have and experience a multitude of social, political and economic freedoms because many sacrificed courageously to protect the highest ideals, others engaged in challenging debate and decisions over the shape of governance and society, and countless more have cherished freedom by respecting the rights and liberties of others.

We are truly blessed to live in a country where our freedom to live, to move, and to seek unlimited opportunities represent the tremendous benefits and potential of a free society. As Orthodox Christians we are also blessed to understand this freedom through our relationship with God and the liberty we have through Christ. In his letter to the Galatians, the Apostle Paul affirms this connection: *For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another* (5:13).

As people called to liberty, we see our freedom in this country as an opportunity for service. Our freedom is an opportunity to offer a witness of true and abundant life in Christ. In a free society we are able to go and share the good news of grace, salvation, and healing offered by God to all. We are truly free to give our resources and time to meet the genuine needs of others, using our liberty as an opportunity to serve one another. This is the blessing of liberty, and from the service we offer to one another more blessings will come through seeing lives transformed by the power of God's grace.

In your commemoration and fellowship on July 4th with your families and communities, I ask each of you to reflect on your liberty and how your freedom is an opportunity to care for and serve others. Consider ways you can offer service in the grace of God to your family members, coworkers, neighbors and others in need in your community. As people called to liberty who live in a free society, our service will lead to great and marvelous works for the honor and glory of God.

With paternal love in Him,

†DEMETRIOS

Archbishop of America

A cassock: Work clothes, not a dress uniform

Dk. Michał Lubowicki - Poland | Jun 25, 2017



Oiluj Samall Zeid | CC

Wearing a cassock can and should be a form of prayer, but just putting it on isn't enough.

The first day he put on a cassock, a seminarian got a letter from a friend, a few years his senior. This is what he learned about his cassock:

A cassock. Today in your eyes it is more beautiful than a bride's dress. You are truly and rightfully happy wearing it; after all, you have been waiting for it since the time you entered the seminary.

I can only hope that you will be equally happy when it has come to be what its color implies, i.e. a deadly shroud and a dying uniform. Today it is a **bride's dress you enthuse over, along with your family and friends. Be as enthusiastic about it when it starts to be your solitary confinement, cage and furnace** where God will melt and purify you, an uncomfortable hermitage.

This bride's dress, when necessary, will be your armor, provided you care to remember and use it this way. **Wearing a cassock can and should be a form of prayer in itself**, but it does not become a prayer just by putting it on.

Pockets. The deep ones are meant to store all the things you will share with others. Always have something to give away to the needy and children. Remember that they will appreciate **a little money, your smile, and a word of solace more than your impeccable hymn singing.** This is because people need first and foremost to hear that they are loved, and even more so to feel that this is true.

An inside breast pocket. It is not meant for holding an expensive pen. **Carry in it letters you do not know how to answer, notes with the names of those you have promised to pray for, other people's bills you have decided to pay,** addresses you know should be visited, as their occupants will never come to you on their own, pictures of dogs, cats, grandchildren, and people in love as well as tree leaves and drawings nursery students have offered you. Keep this pocket filled at all times.

May your cassock always be a nuisance and a stumbling block when you start putting on airs and strutting like a peacock, falling prey to your vaulting ambitions. **May you always stumble on it when you are led astray.** Do not worry – it will stick in your way.

Do not be afraid to tuck it up and run to help your neighbor, even if you will look like a clown.

Sleeves can be rolled up. The cuff reminds you that a cassock is no dress uniform, but **work clothes**. But roll up your sleeves only to do the work He wants you to do, never to further your own agenda.

I sincerely wish that your cassock would show **white salt marks: the ones on the back will be the signs of your sweat, the ones on the chest will be the marks of tears**, both yours and those who, hugged by you, will confide in you their hundreds of worries big and small, grave and frivolous. I wish that these white salt marks would appear sooner than the first streaks of grey in your hair.

Do not be afraid to crumple and soil your cassock, coming to the rescue of the needy and wounded. Do not hesitate to tear it up to make bandage and dressing for human wounds. Remember that, if need be, it can be converted into a cloak or a tent.

May it quickly show traces of wear and tear on the knees and shoulders, signs of your prayer and bearing other people's burdens. May it not show such signs on the behind and elbows, indicators that you have sat down a lot or elbowed your way through the crowd.

Love your cassock but do not love yourself in it.

First and foremost, love the Church who has given it to you. And love Jesus, who has offered you the Church and who has offered you to the Church, for which I am myself so grateful to Him.

Remember that passengers on a bus or on the metro believe they have more right to take a seat than a priest. Frankly speaking, it is immaterial whether they are right or not. What matters is that even when people hate you, they must not hate God.

More and more people will look at you; after all, your cassock gives you a lot of visibility. It also intimidates, and there will be fewer people brave enough to criticize you. This does not mean, however, that there will be no grounds for criticism.

Remember that your cassock is not the packaging of a completed product. The Lord has clothed you in it to mercifully hide your inadequacies and deficiencies. *Now that you know this, blessed are you if you behave accordingly* (John 13:17).

Reprinted from Aleteia's Polish edition.

The Kindly Priest—The priest and the American tourist

A protestant woman from Tacoma, WA. was on vacation with her husband in the Greek city of Athens. Each day she walked to a small sidewalk cafe near the hotel for her coffee and watched the locals pass by. One of these locals was an Orthodox priest who'd pass by the cafe on his way to his parish church. The woman would smile and the priest would nod, smile back, and continue on his way.

One day this Greek priest, who spoke English, noticed that the American woman had a sad look on her face and walked over to her table and asked if something was troubling her. She burst into tears and told the priest about her husband's medical problems, and that she feared for the worst. The priest sat with her and prayed for she and her husband. Each day he'd stop to sit at her table, praying for her husband's recovery.

A few weeks passed and the husband recovered from his illness and returned to the United States with his wife. The memory of this priest's compassion for a foreign woman has remained with her all these many years. She shared her memories with her doctor, who is a friend of mine, and I now share her memories with you.

What a true disciple and servant of the Lord, was this kindly priest. May we, like this priest, be attuned to those who are in need and of whom the Lord places before us. May we reach out with open hearts and bring healing to those who are suffering, letting them know that we care and that they have a friend during their time of sorrow, need and despair.

With love in Christ, Abbot Tryphon

Hieromonk Juvenaly Repass The primacy of the Orthodox Church is held by the patriarch of Constantinople. This follows from the decisions of the ecumenical councils, which recognized and then elevated Constantinople. The process was complete after Rome departed from the unity of the Orthodox Church (prior to that Rome had held the primacy). Since it was the ecumenical councils that gave Constantinople the primacy, only the ecumenical councils could modify that and transfer the primacy to another Orthodox see. In order to enhance the unity, effectiveness, and voice of Orthodox Christianity, the primacy of the Church needs to be enhanced, yet not so as to become like the papacy, for many reasons (one being that the patriarch of Constantinople is not elected by the entire Church). Two things are needed in order to facilitate the enhancement of the primacy: first, the

nature, prerogatives, and limitations of the primacy need to be better delineated, and also acknowledged and accepted by the Church at large, including - especially - the other patriarchates. And second, the Church of Constantinople needs to transcend ethnic and national limitations and be a pan-Orthodox entity that is representative of world Orthodoxy.

UPDATE ON SLICKVILLE TICKET WINNERS:

We have had several winners this year—you may be next! Our latest winners are Bob Pytlak and Harry Batch! Congratulations to both of them!

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!