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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, Father Lawrence & Matushka Sophia Daniels, Father John Harrold [Saint Sylvester], 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, 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], 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, 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, Phil Bouse, Ralph & Beverly Stoker, and Ian Brick. ARNOLD: Homer Paul Kline. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our September babies: Debbie Paouncic on the 4th, Liz Obradovich on the 5th, Stella Peanoske on the 5th, Nickolas Andrew Davis on the 12th, Mark Brunermer on the 13th, and Troy Scott on the 22nd. May God grant them all Many Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Blessed Years! M'nohaya Lita! God Bless them all!

He has filled the hungry with good things, And the rich He has sent away empty. (Lk 1:53)

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, SEPTEMBER 03 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; AFTERFEAST OF THE DORMITION; APOSTLE
THADDEUS OF THE 70; MARTYR BASSA OF EDESSA & HER SONS THEOGONIUS,
AGAPIUS, & PISTUS; VENERABLE ABRAMIUS-LOVER OF LABOR OF PERCHEVSKY**

LAVRA

Tone 4

1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Matthew 21:33-42

***Litany in Blessed Memory of Josephine Roman, Frank Gazella, Sr., & Suzie
Pelczar—Fr. Bob***

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; VENERABLE MOSES THE BLACK OF SCETE;
RIGHTEOUS ANNA THE PROPHETESS & DAUGHTER OF PHANUEL, WHO MET THE
LORD IN THE TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM; SYNAXIS OF THE SAINTS OF
PERCHEVSKY LAVRA WHO REPOSE IN THE FAR CAVE OF SAINT THEODOSIUS;
UNCOVERING OF THE RELICS OF SAINT JOB OF POCHAIV**

Tone 5

2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4; 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

Matthew 22:1-14; Luke 6:17-23

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HIEROMARTYR BABYLAS-BISHOP OF
ANTIOCH-WITH MARTYRS URBAN, PRILIDIAN, & EUPOLONIUS & THEIR
MOTHER CHRISTODULA; HOLY PROPHET & GOD-SEER MOSES; MARTYR
HERMIONE-DAUGHTER OF APOSTLE PHILIP THE DEACON; MARTYR BABYLAS OF
NICOMEDIA & WITH HIM 84 CHILDREN; MARTYRS THEODORE, MIANUS,
JULIAN, KION, & CENTURIONUS OF NICOMEDIA**

Tone 6

2 Corinthians 4:6-15

Matthew 22:35-46

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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.

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ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 4

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

You love righteousness and hate iniquity.

One woman studied the Book of the Prophet Malachi. When she reached the third chapter, she was puzzled by the 3rd verse.

"And he will sit down to refinish and purify the silver." Malachi 3: 3 She decided to visit the master's silverwork to observe his work. She did not inform the master about the reasons for her interest, dissuading herself with mere curiosity. When she came to the master, she found him at work. He heated a piece of silver over the fire. He explained to her that in this way they purify the silver: it is held over the fire in the hottest part of the flame, to burn out all the impurities.

The woman remembered the verse from the book of the prophet Malachi and thought that the Lord as a jeweler holds us in a cleansing fire. She asked: "Do you have to sit in front of the fire all the time while the silver purification process is going on?"

- Yes. And I do not just have to sit and keep the silver in the flame, I should not take my eyes off of him: if you hold the metal on fire, even for a moment, the damage will be irreparable.

The woman pondered for a moment and asked: - And how do you determine the moment when metal reached the necessary purity?

He smiled and replied: - Oh, it's easy. As soon as I see in it my reflection.

Prayers for Deliverance from Hurricanes



(photo: UPI/Newscom)

On August 26, 2017, His Grace Bishop Basil, Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America, wrote: *Prayers are requested for the people of Texas as it is expected that millions of them will continue to suffer the adverse effects of former-Hurricane now Tropical Storm Harvey for the next several days. International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) is preparing to send response teams to the area, and included among them will be Fr. Raphael Barberg (frraphaelbarberg@gmail.com), second priest at St Elijah in Oklahoma City, OK, who is a trained "IOCC Frontline Clergy."*

The clergy of our East Texas Deanery and of our Central Texas Deanery have been contacted and all report that they, their parishioners and church temples are safe and sound, only a few church facilities having sustained minimal roof leakage which, they say, is not unusual during heavy rains. Glory to God!

O LORD JESUS CHRIST HAVE MERCY ON US SINNERS!

As you saved your apostles from perishing in a storm by calming wind and waves on your command, so now keep us safe and sound in this hurricane season. Grant us favorable and benign weather. Protect us from the unpredictable elements of nature. Steer us from storm, flood, fire, illness, injury, disaster and sudden death. Preserve us from all evil and harm for we, though sinful, are nonetheless the work of Your hands. And You together with your Father who has no beginning and Your all holy good and life giving Spirit are our God in whom we live, move, and have being. Now and ever and unto ages and ages. Amen.

MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS SAVE US!

Seeing how your holy and powerful maternal intercessions and safe haven for the storm tossed, count us worthy of your prayers during this season of uncertain and threatening weather. Beg your divine human Son to grant us mercy, forgiveness, health, safety and salvation over the coming months. For He is sure to listen to you, His mother, the woman whom all generations call blessed. Amen.

ALL HOLY PROPHET ELIAS!

As the Lord gave you control over droughts and rainfall to prove His power to the wayward and unbelieving, plead with Him to keep stormy weather, heavy rains and destructive winds away from us. Help us with your heavenly intercessions for we know the prayer of a righteous man like you is powerful and effective as God is wondrous in His Saints. Amen.

HOLY FATHER HERMAN OF ALASKA!

While you were alive on Earth, your prayers kept your spiritual children safe from tidal surge and forest fire and after your death your heavenly intercessions calmed stormy seas saving Saintly Bishop Innocent from peril. Do no less for us in your fatherly love for your adopted land. Implore your Master to safeguard for us from such dangers too for we know God is wondrous in his Saints. Amen.

HOLY ST. JOHN OF SAN FRANCISCO!

During your earthly sojourn in the Philippines, your prayers kept typhoons at bay from your flock. Brace us living in the land where your wonder working relics rest with your heavenly intercessions as well. Appeal to the Ruler of All for our reprieve from such hazard and menace. For we know God is wondrous in his Saints. Amen.

From His Grace, Bishop THOMAS and Father Don Shadid.

Grace is Free

Making a start to teach, a thought occurred to me to ask for money (aspers) as I travelled about because I was avaricious and I loved dollars (grosia). Yes, and gold coins (florins) even more, not like your nobility who scorn money, or don't you?

But studying the holy and sacred Gospel, I found another teaching where our Christ says: "I give you my grace free of charge, you too must give it the same way to your brethren; teach without charge, counsel without charge, hear confessions without charge, and if you ask and receive any payment for teaching, great or small, or even a penny (asper), I shall put you to death and place you in hell."

St. Kosmas Aitolos (Life and teachings translated by Nomikos Michael Vaporis)

We hold, moreover, that Christ sits in the body at the right hand of God the Father, but we do not hold that the right hand of the Father is actual place. For how could He that is uncircumscribed have a right hand limited by place? Right hands and left hands belong to what is circumscribed. But we understand the right hand of the Father to be the glory and honour of the Godhead in which the Son of God, who existed as God before the ages, and is of like essence to the Father, and in the end became flesh, has a seat in

the body, His flesh sharing in the glory. For He along with His flesh is adored with one adoration by all creation. - *St. John Damascene*

If you believe in the priest, there are many reasons for disappointment, but if you believe in the Lord, - in Him you will never be disappointed!
Tragedies occur when people do not know how to distinguish these concepts. The gifts of God are not such that they depend on the priestly virtue. - St. John Chrysostom