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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.

**"There is a spiritual law that every Orthodox Christian should perform, and he consists in three simple words: humble, tolerate and do not despair." -
*Archpriest Sergei Filimonov***

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 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

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 NATIVITY OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS AND
EVER-VIRGIN MARY**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION;
AFTERFEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS; VENERABLE THEODORA OF
ALEXANDRIA; MARTYRS DEMETRIUS, HIS WIFE EUANTHIA, & SON
DEMETRIANT; MARTYRS DIODORUS, DIDYMUS, & DIOMEDES OF LAODICEA;
MARTYR IA OF PERSIA; VENERABLE EUPHROSYNUS**

Tone 7

Galatians 6:11-18; 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

John 3:13-17; Matthew 25:14-30

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 EXALTATION OF THE PRECIOUS AND LIFE-
GIVING CROSS**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 01 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION;
AFTERFEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS; VENERABLE EUMENES-
BISHOP OF GORTYNA; MARTYR ARIADNE OF PHRYGIA; MARTYRS SOPHIA &
IRENE OF EGYPT; MARTYR CASTOR OF ALEXANDRIA

Tone 8

Galatians 2:16-20; 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

Mark 8:34-9:1; Matthew 15:21-28

Litany in Blessed Memory of Protopresbyter Theodore Forosty, Johnathan Dorning, Katherine Behun, Mary Medich, Daniel Chicka, Mary Evaniuk, & Stancy Popichak—and John Sheliga—40 days—Fr. Bob

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 17 SEPTEMBER 2017

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OF ANTIOCH-WITH MARTYRS URBAN, PRILIDIAN, & EUPOLONIUS &
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MOSES; MARTYR HERMIONE-DAUGHTER OF APOSTLE PHILIP THE
DEACON; MARTYR BABYLAS OF NICOMEDIA & WITH HIM 84
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CENTURIONUS OF NICOMEDIA

TROPARION—TONE 6

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body.
Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it.
Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.
O Lord who didst rise from the dead: 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 6

When Christ God, the Giver of Life,
Raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race.
He is the Savior of all,
The Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 6

READER: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

PEOPLE: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

READER: To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me.

PEOPLE: **O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.**

READER: O Lord, save Thy people.

PEOPLE: **And bless Thine inheritance.**

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 6

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

He will say to the Lord: My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in whom I trust.

The Dormition of the Mother of God

The Holy Orthodox Church celebrates the Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God every year. Centuries have passed since Mary the Mother of God departed this life.

The Mother of God lives firmly and reverently in the hearts and minds of believers. She is actively celebrated in God's Holy Church. She is alive in the Divine services of the Church.

Believers pray fervently to the Mother of God. Prayers are offered to the Mother of God at times in great desperation. Believers pray to the Mother of God with belief, hope and confidence.

Miracles are attributed to the Mother of God. The passing of time since her departure from this life has not diminished the sense of her presence. Love for the Mother of God is clearly evident.

Love for the Mother of God is expressed in icons and frescoes. References to the Mother of God are everywhere in God's Holy Church. The Lord Jesus Christ did not forget His Mother when He was being crucified. (Jn 19:26-27)

The Church has not forgotten she who was chosen from among all women of all centuries to give birth to the Lord Jesus Christ. The feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God is filled with great joy.

Believers are ever grateful to the Mother of God. The Mother of God's singular place in history is firmly established. She is the example of the greatest unity with the Lord Jesus Christ.

In celebrating her departure from this life, the Church honors and remembers the Mother of God. The Church joyfully experiences her

presence. Believers gather from around the world to celebrate the feast of the Dormition.

Throughout the world, believers gather in God's holy churches and monasteries. Attentive believers learn from the Mother of God. Her life is a lasting lesson of purity and devotion.

From the earliest announcement of her place in Christ's birth(Lk.1:31) until His crucifixion (.Jn 19:26-27), the Mother of God is clearly remembered in the Holy Gospel.

Take time to reflect greatly on the Mother of God. Lives of believers through the centuries have been shaped and influenced by their love for her. Knowledge of the Mother of God increases with each passing moment of time.

Express abundant appreciation to the Mother of God. Lift up hearts and minds in prayer. Rejoice that the Mother of God remains an active part of our lives in God's Holy Church.

Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Mission, Fairmont, West Virginia. Afterfeast of the Dormition. Holy Prophet Samuel, Hieromartyr Philip, Bishop. August 20/September 2, 2017 *Father Rodney Torbic*

People often say to each other: I love you. But when the kisses end, love also often ends. Because love requires sacrifice, and it is hard to bring this sacrifice, I feel sorry for myself, do not want to do something for my lover, to suffer, to, accept, to forgive very little. And it turns out: just like they loved each other, and after ten minutes they swear.

Hence, there is no love, because love necessarily requires suffering for the beloved: for love's sake, for the sake of my love I will shut up, for the sake of my beloved I will suffer...

Only the love that does not run from the cross, is not afraid of suffering, ready for wounds and to death for the sake of a loved one, which does not disappear during temptations, but, on the contrary, it ignites even more, is even more pleased with the fact that it is possible to show this love.

Because love can only manifest itself in trials, only in temptations. For this, they are let down by God, so that a man can show his love...

Archpriest Dimitry Smirnov

SOME ANSWERS ARE LEFT TO US

From Coffee with Sister Vassa (Saturday, September 2)

"Then the Pharisees went and took counsel how to entangle him in his talk. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are true, and teach the way of God truthfully, and care for no man; for you do not regard the position of men. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the money for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, 'Whose likeness and inscription is this?' They said, 'Caesar's.' Then he said to them, 'Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard it, they marveled; and they left him and went away." (Mt 22: 15-22)

Our Lord's above-quoted, famous "response," concerning what is "Caesar's" vs. what is "God's," has led to more questions for us than answers, throughout Church History and even to the present day. Because it leaves much to our discernment, particularly the question of what, exactly, is "Caesar's," and what, exactly, is "God's." In worldly matters, Christ leaves much to our discernment, as He does at another moment, when someone from the crowd demanded from Him, "Teacher, bid my brother divide the inheritance with me," to which demand our Lord, (not One to be bullied by our irresponsible demands), responded, "Man, who made me a judge or divider over you?" (Lk 12: 13-14)

So God Himself, Who leaves to Caesar what is "Caesar's," also leaves to "us" the decisions that are "ours," in our daily responsibilities, whether personal or political or professional. Let me not shy away from discernment and decision-making, when I am called to it, in light of the grace-filled freedom of God's word.

Remember that the robber on the cross still hung for several hours and suffered heavily for his sins, although he was already pardoned. So we have a lot to endure. - *Hegumen Nikon Vorobyov*

Now that your children are young, you must help them understand what is good. And this is the deepest meaning of life. - *St. Paisius of Mt. Athos*

Your ways, O Lord, are sometimes wonderful
Sometimes strange, and sometimes puzzling
But always true.

THANK YOU! The past two “kissing the cross” collections at the end of our services have amounted to \$69 and \$59—a total of \$128 for the IOCC to use for Hurricane Relief! We will add this week to that total and send it off on behalf of our parish. May God reward you a thousand-fold for your kindness to those in need! God Bless you all! Fr. Bob