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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 Smoly nec, 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 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, Phil Bouse, Ralph & Beverly Stoker, Noah Willard, Nikola, Natalie, Nikola, & Nevenka Jovonovich, Julia Collier, and Ian Brick ARNOLD: Homer Paul Kline. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our October babies: Rachel Shirley on the 6th, Rich Previc on the 8th, Mother Alexandra on the 11th, Henry "Jack" Tkacik, Jr., on the 14th, Henry Tkacik, Sr., on the 20th, Harley Katarina Frances Rahuba on the 24th, Greg Luciw on the 27th, and Michael Sheliga on the 28th. May God grant them Many Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Blessed Years! M'nohaya Lita! God Bless them all!

When we think about ourselves in storms, we are drowning. When about Christ - we go on the water. - *Priest Konstantin Kamyshanov*

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, 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

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 08 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; VENERABLE EUPHROSYNE-NUN OF
ALEXANDRIA; MARTYR PAPHNUTIUS & 546 COMPANIONS IN EGYPT**

Tone 1

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Luke 5:1-11

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 PROTECTION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS—POKROVA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 READER SERVICE DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30AM
Father Bob—Clergy Conference until Thursday

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HIEROMARTYR CYPRIAN, VIRGIN-MARTYR JUSTINA, & MARTYR THEOCTIST OF NICOMEDIA; BLESSED ANDREW-FOOL FOR CHRIST

Tone 2

2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

Luke 6:31-36

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TROPARION—TONE 8

Thou didst descent from on high, O Merciful One!
Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings!
Our Lord, our Life and Resurrection, 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

By rising from the tomb,
Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam.
Eve exults in Thy Resurrection,
And the world celebrates Thy Rising from the dead,
O greatly Merciful One!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 8

READER: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

PEOPLE: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

READER: In Judah, God is known; His name is great in Israel!

PEOPLE: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

READER: Pray and make your vows.

PEOPLE: Before the Lord our God!

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 8

Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with psalms.

True story of a seventeen-year-old monk

"Doctor, tell me honestly, how much is left for my son?", asked the exhausted woman with tear-stained eyes the attending physician in a children's oncology.

There was a pause. Then an uncertain, evasive answer: "How do you say ... Do not get me wrong ... at most, a few days."

"But you said that the last tests were as clean as a healthy person..."
- You see, dear Tinatin, the disease sometimes runs atypically... You yourself asked to answer honestly...

Mother burst into tears and walked away from the doctor. It is necessary to catch every moment of these sand grains of time, since so little of her son remains.

While I reached the room, a whirl of thoughts flashed through my mind.

And how well it all began... Her boy was directly God's gift, like a reward for all the suffering. Nugzar Mestia was born when they, refugees from Sukhumi, walked to Tbilisi in 1992. He was a quiet boy to the delight of parents. Talented in everything: he sang, danced well, wrote serious works for years. It seemed that he was born the believer.

Once in the sixth grade, a class teacher called from school. Half-jokingly half-seriously said: "Tinatin, I asked the children to write an essay on what they want to be when they grow up. Some wrote that they wanted to become policemen, others - businessmen, someone wrote that they were bankers. And your Nugzar, guess what he wrote?"

"Singer, I guess."

"No, a monk."

"What a funny one. But it will pass with age."

It did not pass. Nugzar more often than peers, went to church, asked parents questions that they could not always answer.

At the age of sixteen, he told his mother: "The Guardian Angel warned me about the disease in me."

Naturally, the parents became worried and took their son to do tests. But the tests were good. Everything is like everyone else. No deviations.

Nugzar continued to walk with the class on excursions. The last time they went to Tao-Klarjeti: untouched nature, dilapidated ancient Georgian churches and silence. In such places, I even think differently. I remember that the guys climbed the mountain, Nugzar was the last, and it was evident that he was not easily lifted. But the boy did not complain. It seemed like he was trying to absorb everything he saw. Only already on the way back to the bus sighed: "This was the last time."

Soon the disease made itself felt, and the doctors diagnosed: oncology of soft tissues.

Here the son told his mother: "I want to die a monk."

His father was against it at first, he was tempted by hope that his only son will recover and marry. But then, seeing how fast the disease progressed, he agreed.

The wish of the patient was told to the Patriarch. In the ward, the monks from the Martkop monastery came to the boy to give him obedience - to weave rosaries. So he also wove them between injections and courses of chemotherapy. The injections were very painful, so much so that the novice sometimes cried into the pillow, but tolerated. Then he announced: "Tell the Patriarch that I am ready for monasticism. My time is running out."

On April 13, 2012, he was tonsured with the name of Andrii.

Here he is already four months as in an angelic image, with a new name. Tinatin opened the door to the room with the inscription "Lord, have mercy." Father Andry lay, as usual, on his bed without movement. At the head of the bed were several of his favorite icons. But something new appeared in his exhausted eyes.

"Mom, how I would like to embrace you, but I can not."

The slightest movement caused him great pain. Therefore, transporting him somewhere was unthinkable.

"Lie still, my golden one."

"Mom, I want to dictate something to you while I can." Soon I will not be here. I look forward to it with impatience."

Tinatin sat down to write down.

As a result, after the amendments and clarifications, such a letter appeared: *"I, the sinful Andrew, leave this world. To somehow mitigate the pain of people who love me, I leave this letter. Firstly, I ask all forgiveness if I offended someone. I also forgave everyone. If you fulfill my request, then my sinful soul, exhausted by bodily pain, will die.*

Dear ones, I ask you, think about the meaning of life, start living Orthodox, without pharisaism. Forgive everyone everything. Love one another, confess sincerely, Communicate often with the fulfillment of all the rules. Do not miss the Sunday service. Pray often and with all your heart. Bury me like a monk. Remember me in your prayers that my tormented soul will find peace.

Execute the commandments of our Lord Jesus Christ, and may the Protection of the Mother of God be ever upon you. Amen".

Then Father Andrey fell asleep for a while, and woke up in an excitedly joyful mood.

"Mom, Mom, what will I get, sinful! I will be buried next to the Saint Anthony of Martkop himself. Even the place was shown to me.

"Do not say that, son." Tinatin could not hold back tears.

"With tests, Mom." In three days I will not be. Promise me, please, that you will not leave the children who are here. Those who come to me. Then, then...

"I will not, my beloved." Just do not worry.

Someone knocked on the door, and a bald boy in blue pajamas appeared on the threshold. He went to the monk and sat next to him on a stool.

- How are you?

- Not good. It hurts very much.

"And it hurts me."

Father Andrey crossed him from afar with a wide cross, and the little visitor, after a little sitting, left.

Three days later, Father Andrew (Milorava) departed into eternity. Surprisingly, the fact is that he was buried next to St. Anthony of Martkop.

In memory of his son, his parents created a fund to help children with cancer.



To hear the heart, one has to calm the thoughts.