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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 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, Amy Kemerer, Thomas Smith, and Ian

Brick ARNOLD: Homer Paul Kline. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

Be ready at every accusatory word you hear, say: "Forgive me," - because such humility upsets all the intrigues of the enemy. - St. Anthony the Great

**Keep praying
And you will see how God will turn
Chaos in your life to a miracle.**

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 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

***Litany in Blessed Memory of Nicholas & Catherine Behun—Behun Family
Parastas in Blessed Memory of John Sheliga—40 days—Fr. Bob***

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 READER SERVICE DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM

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

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL; HOLY APOSTLE JAMES-SON OF ALPHEUS; SAINT ANDRONICUS & WIFE ATHANASIA OF EGYPT; RIGHTEOUS FOREFATHER ABRAHAM & NEPHEW RIGHTEOUS LOT; MARTYRS JUVENTIUS & MAXIMUS AT ANTIOCH; SAINT PUBLIA THE CONFESSOR OF ANTIOCH; SAINT PETER OF GALATIA**

Tone 3

Hebrews 13:7-16; 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

John 17:1-13; Luke 10:16-21

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 08 OCTOBER 2017

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TROPARION—TONE 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews;
While the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure Body;
Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, Granting life to the world.
The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of life:
Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom!
Glory to Thy Dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever,
and unto ages of ages. Amen.

KONTAKION—TONE 1

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself.

Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished!

Adam exults, O Master!

Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee:

Thou are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 1

READER: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.

PEOPLE: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.

READER: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!

PEOPLE: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.

READER: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

PEOPLE: As we have set our hope on Thee.

ALLELUIA VERSES

God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me.

He magnifies the salvation of the king, and deals mercifully with His Christ, with David and his seed forever!

- Gerond, at the Liturgy, I felt that Christ was crucified for me and wondered: "And I, what have I done for Christ?" What can I do in gratitude for this?

"It's enough that you feel it." Christ was crucified, offered Himself for us and now gives us His Body and Blood. A person, when he thinks about it, should burn like a fire.

- Gerond, how to feel the great Sacrament of the divine Eucharist?

- Sacraments are usually experienced. In order to feel the Sacrament of the divine Eucharist, one must believe that Christ is present at this moment. And do not just believe, but experience it.

St. Paisios of Mt. Athos

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Matthew 15:21-28

Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto Him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and besought Him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. But He answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Then came she and worshipped Him, saying, Lord, help me. But He answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be

*it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.
(KJV)*

Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross Mk.8:34-9:1

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels. And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power.

The Church expects believers to benefit from hearing this Gospel each year. This particular Gospel mentions specific places associated with Jesus. Jesus physically existed in identifiable time and space.

This Gospel lesson focuses on Jesus and the woman of Canaan. This is a lesson of faith and persistence. The persistent mother demonstrates the value of coming to Jesus with personal problems and seeking His help.

Too often individuals having problems turn first to sources other than God. Each day and each work is better when beginning and ending with prayer. When personal problems arise, turning first to God for help is the best action.

The mother identified Jesus as Lord and Son of David. She described her daughter as vexed by the devil. Demon-possessed sons and daughters exist in each generation.

This mother took the initiative to approach Jesus. She wanted her daughter healed. The mother was determined to get help for her daughter. She had strong faith in Jesus for healing to take place.

Jesus' disciples were not overly welcoming of the mother. Current followers of Christ benefit by determining if they would be welcoming of a person coming forth seeking help with a son or daughter possessed by the devil.

Being vexed by the devil has a certain stigma in society. Possessed individuals are not always treated with the same level of acceptance as those with physical ailments.

When the mother first approached Jesus, Jesus was silent regarding her request. Priests and parishioners set the tone of acceptance and welcome for individuals coming to the parish church.

The present Gospel spurs reflection and provides instruction on responding to the needs of individuals vexed by the devil. Jesus' interest in lost sheep, **sinners** and the needy are well documented.

Jesus' actions in the current Gospel provide cause for careful thought. His words describe His purpose and focus. The interaction of Jesus, His disciples and the woman are recorded in this Gospel lesson.

This Gospel lesson has affected the formation of Christians for centuries. Attentive listeners will find a reason to hope for healing among individuals vexed by the devil.

The current Gospel lesson is a vivid example of Jesus responding to the woman's plea for mercy and help. The woman did not go away disappointed. Jesus heeded her request.

The mother was direct in her request. Men, women and children make requests to Jesus daily. The mother in the current Gospel lesson obviously came with firm confidence in Jesus.

The relationship between Jesus and the woman moved to a new depth. The woman did not get a simple "yes" or "no" when she made her request. More was required of her. The woman had to make a further investment with Jesus.

Jesus wanted to learn more from the woman before He would inform her of His final decision. A certain amount of suspense existed. The woman was held at a distance to mull whether she should respond to Jesus' statement.

Her patience was tested. Her faith was tested. Often in life believers come to Jesus with a sense of urgency and Jesus responds in a way that requires patience from the believer.

The woman pressed on with Jesus. Her concern for her daughter was of such a degree that she was determined to get the help. The woman's sincerity was revealed.

In the end, Jesus acknowledged the greatness of the woman's faith. This mother appeared before Jesus beseeching His help. She came out of concern for her daughter and the daughter finally was healed.

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, Carmichaels, Pennsylvania. September 18/October 1, 2017. The Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross. The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost. Venerable Father Eumenius, Bishop of Gortyna; Holy Martyr Ariadne.

Father Rodney Torbic

Do not turn away even the worst sinner! Because the Lord "gathers" to Himself the ones we turn away. We make a great mistake when we consider ourselves better than them.

I have often confessed to people before they die. In their confessions they never break through that they did not earn an extra million, did not build a luxurious house, they did not succeed in their affairs. But people in the last hours are distressed in the first place that they could not do some kindness, help, support relatives, friends, even casual acquaintances. And the second thing that torments almost everyone before death is that they paid little attention to children... *Bishop Tikhon (Shevkunov)*

Reminder: Father Bob will be attending the annual Clergy Conference in South Bound Brook from October 15 through the 18th. There will be a Reader's Service in our church on the 15th at 10:30 AM. If you need the services of an Orthodox priest, please contact our president, Andy Torick, or Bill Kuznik, who will have contact information for area clergy. Father Bob will be back on Thursday the 19th. God Bless!