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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 SNordeen, 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, Tracy

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

The main thing in Orthodoxy is the change of one's heart, not the appearance and way of life. We all quickly learned that it is necessary to fast, wear long skirts and beards, read the akathists and prayer rules ... But the heart remains the same. You know, there is such a wonderful proverb - if Christ lives in your heart, do not forget to tell your face about it. - *Priest Igor Fomin*

The best answer to insult is restraint and patience. - *Archimandrite Pavel (Gruzdev)*

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 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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MARTYR LONGINUS THE CENTURION WHO
STOOD AT THE CROSS OF OUR LORD; SAINT LONGINUS THE GATE-KEEPER OF
PERCHEVSKY LAVRA

Tone 4

Galatians 2:16-20

Luke 8:5-15

Litany in Blessed Memory of Stancy Popichak—Fr. Bob

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TROPARION—TONE 2

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal,
Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead!
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,
All the powers of heaven cried out:
O Giver of Life! Christ our God! 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 2

Hell became afraid, O Almighty Savior,
Seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb!
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam,

Beheld this and rejoiced with Thee!
And the world, O my Savior, praises Thee forever!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 2

READER: The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.

PEOPLE: The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.

READER: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but he has not given me over to death.

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ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 2

The Lord answer you in the day of trouble! The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

Save the king, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

On the island of Lipsi in Greece, in the church of St. John the Divine, there is the only icon in the world that depicts the Most-Holy Mother of God holding in hands not the Christ Child, but the Cross with the Savior crucified on it.

This miraculous icon of the Mother of God is called Panagia tou Harou, which in Greek means literally "The Virgin of Death." Every year, this image on the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin takes place the so-called "miracle with lilies."

In the 1940s, a woman prayed before this icon and was healed. In gratitude she left a simple bouquet of lilies on the icon. These lilies withered, but remained on the icon. A year later, these lilies blossomed again. Since then, this miracle occurs every year on the day of the feast.

Now this icon is also in the church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin on Vasilievsky Island in St. Petersburg.



“RIGHTEOUS” MEN & “SINFUL” WOMEN - Daily Reflection

Coffee with Sister Vassa (Monday, October 9)



LIFE-BRINGING TEARS

“One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee’s house, and took his place at table. And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was at table in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, ‘If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner.’” (Lk 7: 36-39)

This Pharisee is considered a “righteous” man by the standards of his world, although he isn’t called “righteous” in the Gospel-narrative. He considers it unacceptable, for this “sort of woman” to be in such close proximity to “a prophet”; to a man called by God. The Pharisee rather expected Jesus to recoil from her touch; to forbid her to be anywhere near Him, and to do so publicly.

But I'm thinking that a truly "righteous" man, according to the Gospel, would have a slightly different reaction to a "sinful" woman. And I'm thinking, specifically, of the reaction of the truly "righteous" Joseph, when he noticed that the "virgin" betrothed to him, Mary, was pregnant. "Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man," we read in Matthew 1: 19, "and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly." There is compassion and considerate discretion in the reaction of this truly "righteous" man, to what looked like a "sinful" woman. Yes, he had resolved to send her away, but he didn't want to "put her to shame," as the Pharisee expected Christ to do to the "sinful" woman.

I know, there is much more to be said about this passage. But I'm just saying to myself today, let me have compassion and discretion, when it comes to the "sins" of others. Because I appreciate that, when it comes to my own sins. Lord, thank You for Your compassion and discretion, as You let me approach You and touch You, regardless of "the sort of woman" I am.

What is the main problem of the modern Orthodox man?

Perhaps the main problem is that every Orthodox person believes that he is the most Orthodox person in the world. The feeling that you are doing everything right, it seems to me, is the most important problem in a person. Now it is rare to find humility, obedience, and, in general, love.

Archpriest Igor Fomin

Pray to the Mother of God. She will intercede for you in this life, and after death will help to pass through the ordeals and reach the Kingdom of Heaven. Real prayer is not pleasure, not "nirvana," it begins with pain. -

Monk Varsonofi of Optina

A person who really lives in Christ must be little visible to society. If the Lord deems it necessary, He will show him to all, and until then one does not have to show oneself. Working for the public and serving God are two different things. In public, they serve only as pride, but serve humility to God. - *Archpriest Paphnuti Zhukov*

Tribulation teaches us to remain silent—So that God may speak!

Blessed feast of St. Innocent of Alaska (Oct. 6/19)

One of the finest of St Innocent's works was the Indication of the Way into the Kingdom of Heaven (1833), translated into the various languages of the peoples of Siberia and appearing in more than 40 editions.

People were not created merely to live here on earth like animals that disappear after their death, but to live with God and in God, and to live not for a hundred or a thousand years, but to live eternally. But only Christians can live with God; that is to say, those who rightly believe in Jesus Christ."



In the circle of people far from the Church, one should not show his religiousness and start talking about Christianity himself - this can cause ridicule and blasphemy on their part ... St. Seraphim of Sarov bequeathed: "Speak spiritually with spiritual, with spiritual - about the soul." Unwillingness to open your soul for spitting is not cowardice at all, but circumspection. - Archimandrite Raphael (Karelin)