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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, 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 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, 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 family should celebrate Orthodox holidays and family memorable days. Participation in the first strengthens ties with the Church, creates a rhythm and a spirit of inner life, the second strengthens family relations and friendly ties. For children it is primarily an outward joy that they need to deliver. The holiday should be felt in everything: in the atmosphere and purity of the home, in a festive lunch or dinner, in clothes, in the content of prayers, and above all, and most importantly - in visiting the Church. There must be a consciousness and a feeling that a church feast is celebrated and joy comes from it, and not that the church feast is used as an excuse for a tasty table or, worse, wine libations. Before meals these days, one should not read the usual prayers, but the festive troparion and kontakion. For Christmas and Pascha, it would be good to sing the whole troparion and kontakion to the Holiday with the whole family.—*Archpriest Gleb Kaleda*

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 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

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 05 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY APOSTLE JAMES-BROTHER OF THE
LORD; SAINT IGNATIUS-PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE; VENERABLE
ELISHA OF LAVRYSHEVO**

Tone 5

Galatians 6:11-18

Luke 16:19-31

***Litany in Blessed Memory of John Lopushanski, Sam Kerr, Helen Likar, Harry
Bunio, Mary Pekich, Constantine Hanczar, Anna Lotinsky, & Julia Golofski—Fr.
Bob***

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TROPARION—TONE 3

Let the Heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad!
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm!
He has trampled down death by death!
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,
And has granted 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 3

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One!
Leading us from the gates of death.

On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;
With the prophets and patriarchs

They unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 3

READER: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King,
sing praises!

PEOPLE: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King,
sing praises!

READER: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of
joy!

PEOPLE: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King,
sing praises!

READER: Sing praises to our God, sing praises!

PEOPLE: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 3

In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame!

Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge, in order to save me!

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost—Luke 6:31-36

And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for He is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. (KJV)

The Lord Jesus Christ defines the standards for personal relationships. He sets forth directions for a God-pleasing life. He provides directions that will lead to increased peace and goodwill.

Jesus wants believers to treat others as the believers wanted treated themselves. Believers envisioning themselves in the place of the person with whom they are dealing will have a better perspective of how to relate to the person.

When believers act oblivious to the Gospel, relationships become strained. Jesus stated: "And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?"(Mt.7:3)

Personal relationships are to be in accord with the ways of Christ. Personal relationships that fail to meet Christ's standards manifest deficiencies.

Marital life is not fulfilling if husband and wife fail to live according to Christ.

Relationships between family members and friends do not reach their fullest potential if Christ is not the center, the foundation and the goal of the relationships. If the believer exhibits patience and love, interpersonal relationships improve.

In Proverbs we read: "When a man's ways please the Lord, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him." (Prov.16:7) The world would be a better place if world leaders heeded Biblical wisdom.

Christ strengthens the bond among believers. Christ said: "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." (Mt.18:20).

Parish relationships have their foundation in Christ and draw their existence from Christ. All that takes place within the parish is expected to be in accord with the reasons for consecrating the church.

Parishioners carry their identity into their homes, neighborhoods, and communities. Christians are to exhibit qualities of Christ in workplace relationships, in neighborhood relationships and in academic surroundings.

Christian employers and Christian elected officials are to live in accord with the Gospel. Christians at all levels of government and industry are to meet or exceed Christian standards.

Christians are to view the people they meet in life as if they were meeting Christ Himself. (Mt.25:31-46) The Christian life has rules to follow. Being a Christian involves more than following rules.

Unity with Christ is the goal of Christians. Experiencing the everlasting love of Christ is the goal of Christians. Entering the Kingdom of God is the goal of Christians.

Exhibiting the love of God in personal relationships is the expectation of Christians. The First Epistle of St. John states: "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God." (I Jn.4:7)

Everyone in the world is not a practicing Christian. A certain amount of evil exists. Dangers to the personal health and well-being of Christians become known daily.

The Gospel provides believers with a basis for considering personal relationships and for establishing them. Believers can turn to the Gospel with confidence to study relationships and to think more clearly about them.

Physical, mental, or emotional abuse have no place in a loving relationship. Close interpersonal relationships require care and nurturing if they are to develop in ways pleasing to God.

When experiencing difficulties in certain personal relationships, prayer and listening carefully to God brings improvements. Maintaining internal peace is important. Maintaining Christian standards is important.

Peace and Christian standards are not to be compromised in personal relationships. The Gospel has a way of shedding light on personal relationships and strengthening believers to face moments of difficulty with good resolve.

The Cross of Christ is evidence of evil being manifested against good but at the same time manifests good over evil. Men took evil action against Christ. Christ's goodness became apparent by His Resurrection.

Christ does not fail those who follow Him in faith. The Gospel is special. Individuals taking the Gospel seriously will notice the difference in their lives. The Gospel has a physical effect upon the serious Christian.

The Gospel nourishes the soul of the serious Christian. The Gospel defines and gives direction to the actions of the serious Christian. Serious Christians are not without error or sin and are required to repent to be in unity with Christ.

Centuries ago the world was small for most individuals because of the limited ability to travel and communicate. Learning to get along with each other as Christ would have is a challenge for each generation.

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, Carmichaels, Pennsylvania. October 2/15, 2017,
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Hieromartyr Cyprian of Antioch, Blessed
Andrew, Fool for Christ. Father Rodney Torbic

The deacon says: "We will love each other, and be united with one mind..."Earlier, after these exclamations, the Christians kissed each other as a sign of faith, love, and unanimity. This custom is still preserved among the clergy. All of them kiss the Paten, Chalice, the Throne, and each other with the words: "Christ is in the midst of us"—and answer: "Also is and will be."

The deacon says: "Doors, doors, wisdom will prevail!". In the ancient Church, the exclamation "Doors, doors ..." referred to the gatekeepers standing at the door of the temple, and urged them to watch the entrance carefully and not let in those who were either public or penitent, that is, those who did not have the right to be present at the performance of the Sacrament of the Holy Communion. –*Archpriest Alexy Uminsky*

It is said that before communion it is necessary to read at least three canons, one akathist, and beyond that the following to the Holy Communion. I personally do not agree with these requirements. First, no church statute prescribes them: it is only a pious tradition, which is not prescribed in any church statute. And secondly, if a person wants to read the canons and akathists and he has time for this, then nothing can be done except for the benefit, but I think that it is profoundly wrong to put the reading of these canons and akathists as a condition for the sacrament. In this way, we only scare people away from the Holy Chalice, depriving them of what is the core and the foundation of the Christian life, the communion of the Holy Christ's Mysteries. –*Metropolitan Hilarion (Alfeyev)*

My God! Give to my hands your tenderness! To my word your kindness! Teach me to see. Simply – be near me... *Archimandrite Savva Mazhuko*

During trips to the Holy Mount Athos pilgrims have a unique opportunity to communicate with Orthodox pilgrims from all over the world. During the pilgrimage, you can learn about the interesting experience of churching, or about a meeting with Orthodoxy, as some were previously adherents of other religions.

The artist Anton Ovsyannikov wrote the following:

One day in the Holy Mountain he met a 72-year-old German. While waiting for the ship, the men began to talk.

A pilgrim from Germany turned out to be an Orthodox Christian. Then followed the usual question: is it the first time on Athos? As it turned out, this is his 34th trip. However, only 4 of them he carried out, having already been baptized in Orthodoxy. The man was baptized here, on Athos 2 years ago. The Sacrament of Baptism occurred in the sea.

He said that he had been a Protestant before, and traveled to the Holy Mountain for 40 years. All this time, as he himself said, he "thought,

looked closely," which is characteristic of the pragmatic German mentality, characterized by extreme deliberate actions.

Then there was another meeting, with the Orthodox American Andrew, who came to Orthodoxy also from Protestantism, about 7 years ago.

"I began to be interested in the history of Christianity, began to" go back in time—to the first centuries—and so I got to the Church proper!" On Athos he was the first time, before that he visited Romania and planned to tour the holy places of Greece, Cyprus, and the Holy Land.

Anton Ovsyannikov also said that a year ago he met another pilgrim from Germany, who on Mount Athos is already "either the 15th or the 17th time, but...still a Roman Catholic." I then thought—is that how it is? For what does he go then? Well, yes, Athos is interesting to visit and just like that—especially since they are accepted for free. For many it remains a tourism, an interesting pastime. And for someone who is ripening it is even bigger...Everything has its time!" (Source: ***Athos Ukraine***)

The more a person loves God, the more he loves people. He loves the image of God in them, treats with reverence, delicacy, and sanctification.

A person who loves spiritually, through prayer, feels that he is in God and in his brother. He is sad when a brother does not live well, and he prays for his prosperity. He who never has a Christian love will never change (in his good attitude). *Archimandrite Amphilochius (Makris)*

I must share this story about the Las Vegas shooting which has been circulating in Russia:

One of my friends, an Orthodox Christian woman who lives in Las Vegas, wrote to me that on the evening of October 1, when a crowd was being shot at from the hotel window, they were at the stadium with her husband: "We supported our new hockey team, and the stadium was almost directly opposite the festival where the shooting was. Our hockey ended at 9, and I wanted to take a walk, but my husband did not want to, and I decided to listen to my husband in everyday matters, as you advised, so we left.

At 10pm we had a peaceful dinner, and at the festival at about 10 pm the shooting started, and the police detained everyone for almost 12 hours, imposed a state of emergency in the whole city, closed the airport (!!!) and did not allow to disperse! In my church and in the Russian church, the parishioners were not harmed, but a friend from work was killed.

I'm just shocked now - I did not know that it was so close to everything, and if we stayed for a walk, I would have gone to the festival, I really like this music, it's with meaning and often about faith in God. It's scary to be aware of this!

"Red cross" (Red Cross) asked to donate blood, but at today's points there were almost 5-hour lines on the streets! I did not want to wait and I left, but other Americans were standing!!!

But you consider them unspiritual, proud, and arrogant. But in Orthodox Moscow you will probably not meet people willing to stand in line for 5 hours and wait to give their blood!!!"

Let's leave it on her conscience to think so badly about Muscovites, I'm interested in something else. Everyone wrote about the terrible act of terrorism, but I would not have known about people who were ready to stand in line for 5 hours to help strangers, wounded strangers, if it had not been for my friend's letter. News tapes create a terrible picture of the world of evil and violence. We will not believe in this and this is terrifying. There is in the world both sacrificial love and compassion. There are more good people than bad people. Even in America.

Your life as a Christian should cause unbelievers to doubt their disbelief in God.

Following are some selections from Coffee with Sister Vassa:

ENVY & RIVALRY AMONG CHRISTIANS (Wednesday, October 11)

"...and most of the brethren have been made confident in the Lord because of my imprisonment, and are much more bold to speak the word of God without fear. Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel; the former proclaim Christ out of partisanship, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and in that I rejoice." (Phil 1: 14-18)

So there's nothing new about the phenomena of "envy" and "rivalry" among those who "preach Christ." It's not surprising, because we do tend to feel "envy" and "rivalry" most strongly not toward outsiders, but toward our own. Already in the time of St. Paul these insidious phenomena reared their ugly heads in the Christian community at Rome, where he was

imprisoned. There, other preachers envied his popularity, and undermined it in their public sermons, while St. Paul was incarcerated. But the great Apostle to the Gentiles did not feel particularly bothered, or threatened, by the sinful ambitions of others who proclaimed Christ. No, he rejoiced in "every way" that the name of the Lord was spread. Because St. Paul focused on the glory of God, rather than his own.

And that's the answer to "envy" and "rivalry," if I am tempted to direct it toward others, or if it is directed toward me: Focus on the one-and-only glory of God. In practical terms, that means, re-connect with God and with your own "vocation," whatever that may be. God's unifying grace helps me not be distracted by harmful comparisons or preoccupations with others, whatever they may be doing, or how they may be doing it, whether sincerely or otherwise. Lord, let us do whatever we're doing "out of love" for You,—and in You, for one another. "A new commandment I give to you," He says to us, "that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (Jn 13: 34-35)

LIFE-BRINGING TEARS (Sunday, October 8)

"Soon afterward he went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, 'Do not weep.' And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, 'Young man, I say to you, arise.' And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother." (Lk 7: 11-15)

I don't know if this will make any sense to anyone, but here's what this passage brings to my mind: Life-bringing tears, as opposed to death-bringing, self-isolated tears, in which we tend to "drown." The widow of Nain weeps not in self-isolation, but in community, and before the Lord (I assume she is weeping, because He says, "Do not weep," as we do, when someone is already weeping), and He has "compassion on her," and raises her son from the dead.

My tears, shed before the Lord, do not bring my beloved deceased ones back to life, in this dramatic way. But I do find that they bring me back to life, from the dark hole that is self-isolated grief, when I step out and let myself grieve before Him and the rest of the living, in community. My living and life-giving Lord, together with others in my midst, are my

lifeline, if I let myself grieve among the living. "I shall not die, but live, and proclaim the works of the Lord!" (Ps 117/118: 7)

A young painter, at the request of his teacher, painted a drawing on a wall in a public place and wrote below it: "Whoever sees a flaw, put a red line on it."

He returned in the evening and found the drawing covered with red marks. With sadness, he returned to his teacher telling him how bad the drawing was and his failure as a painter.

The teacher told him to go back to his drawing but this time only change the phrase. So he returned to the drawing, but this time with colorful feathers and wrote underneath the drawing: "Whoever sees a flaw, place a feather on it."

He returned several days later and noticed no one had approached his drawing. The teacher told him: "Many see the imperfection in everything; but reformers and workers are rare."

"Let us therefore work on what is for peace, and what is to be built for one another" (1 Cor. 4: 5)

When we sin, God sometimes gets angry, and sometimes He waits a long time for our repentance. His wrath and righteous judgment shows us to be enlightened and reformed, and not to remain in sin.—*St. John Chrysostom*