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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, Julie Eiler, Dorothy Lednovich, Bob C., Allieyoung girl with leukemia, Heather Kramer, Jane Wartinbee, Matthew-21year-old with cancer, Nicholas Orlando, Mary Ann Kuznik, Michael Pryhodzenko, Sonia Luciow, 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 Pyrch, 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, Louis & Teresa Berceli, Tom Nolan, and Ian Brick. ARNOLD: Homer Paul Kline. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

# The most terrible enemy is doubt. Because of it, we lose what we could get, but did not even try.

In the year 106 A.D., the Roman Emperor Trajan had ordered Saint Ignatius, the Bishop of Antioch, to be thrown to the wild beasts as punishment for his refusal to honor the pagan gods. Here is one thing he wrote on his journey from Antioch to Rome:

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** <u>ALWAYS</u> <u>FREE!</u>

<u>Communion Fasting</u>: 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 <u>CALL FATHER BOB</u> at [412] 279-5640.

#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM 21<sup>ST</sup> 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

#### 22<sup>ND</sup> 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* 

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MARTYRS ZENOBIUS & SISTER ZENOBIA OF AEGAE-CILICIA; APOSTLES TERTIUS, MARK, JUSTUS, & ARTEMAS OF THE 70; HIEROMARTYR MARCIAN-BISHOP OF SYRACUSE; MARTYR EUTROPIA OF ALEXANDRIA; MARTYR ANASTASIA OF THESSALONICA

*Tone 6* Ephesians 2:4-10 Luke 8:26-39

# **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 29 OCTOBER 2017**

21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MARTYR LONGINUS THE CENTURION WHO STOOD AT THE CROSS OF OUR LORD; SAINT LONGINUS THE GATE-KEEPER OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA

#### TROPARION-TONE 4

When the women disciples of the Lord Learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection; They cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, Granting 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 4

My Savior and Redeemer, As God rose from the tomb And delivered the earthborn from their chains. He has shattered the gates of Hell, And as Master, He has risen on the third day!

### PROKEIMENON-TONE 4

**READER:** O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

**PEOPLE:** O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

**READER:** Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great! **PEOPLE: O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.** 

**READER:** O Lord, how manifold are thy works!

**PEOPLE:** In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

### ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 4

Go forth and prosper and reign, because of truth and meekness and righteousness.

You love righteousness and hate iniquity.

### ORTHODOX BISHOPS AND ORIENTAL ORTHODOX BISHOPS TO HOLD ANNUAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS NEW YORK

— The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States (Assembly of Bishops) and of the Standing Conference of Oriental Orthodox Churches (SCOOCH) will celebrate the 10th Annual Prayer Service for the United Nations on Wednesday, November 8, 2017. His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America, Chairman of the Assembly of Bishops, will preside over the service.

This year's prayer service will offer those in attendance the opportunity to pray for the millions of migrants and refuge-seekers around the world. Special messages from United Nations dignitaries will highlight the measures underway to help resolve this global humanitarian crisis. The prayer service will take place at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Cathedral, located at <u>337 East 74th Street, NYC</u>, and is open to the public. For more information or to RSVP, please contact us at: <u>UN@goarch.org</u> | <u>212-570-3593</u> | hhtp://bit.ly/2eZqROs.

## The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Luke 7:11-16

And it came to pass the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and much people. Now when He came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was

a widow: and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And He came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And He said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And He delivered him to his mother. And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited His people.(KJV)

Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council John 17:1-13 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given Him power over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given Him. And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have glorified Thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou Me with thine own self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was. I have manifested Thy name unto the men which thou gavest Me out of the world: Thine they were, and Thou gavest them Me; and they have kept Thy word. Now they have known that all things whatsoever Thou hast given Me are of Thee. For I have given unto them the words which Thou gavest Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from Thee, and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which Thou hast given Me; for they are Thine. And all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine; and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father, keep through Thine own name those whom Thou hast given me, that they may be one, as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Thy name: those that Thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. And now come I to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

St. Luke describes a tragic site. The only son of a widow had died. Not only did the mother have to bear the loss of her husband but now she had to bear the loss of her son.

The crowd in the funeral procession speaks to the degree of loss involved. This was an occasion for tears and for mourning. The Lord Jesus Christ encountered the funeral procession as He was preparing to enter the city.

The Lord Jesus Christ would come face to face with the dead son and his bereaved mother. Everyone faces earthly death. Earthly life as we know it is time limited.

When the Lord Jesus Christ entered into the presence of earthly death, reason existed for increased interest. The action Jesus chose to take would be observed by others.

This was a moment of decisive action. This was a moment of direct intervention. This was a meeting that would be recorded for history and serve as a basis for change for centuries to come.

This was a time when new life in Christ would become a reality in a very special way. The Lord Jesus Christ took action immediately. He spoke to the woman in mourning. He told her not to weep.

Being told not to weep is a very strong statement to make to a woman who was preparing to bury her only son. She had already experienced the burial of her husband. St. Luke said Jesus had compassion for the woman.

Jesus' words not to weep must have been conveyed in a convincing and caring manner for St. Luke to have written as he did. Jesus saw the woman. The woman saw Jesus. This was a very personal meeting.

Put in historical perspective, this widow of Nain was among the select women in history identified to have spoken face-to-face with the Lord Jesus Christ. St. Luke said Jesus acted compassionately.

St. Luke's words are of lasting importance in communicating the actions of Jesus and the demeanor of Jesus. We learn about Jesus through those words. The words of the Gospel help us in forming our faith and understanding Jesus.

Jesus touched the open coffin and brought the procession to a standstill. Jesus' actions are reminiscent of the woman who touched His garment in the crowd and Jesus said: "Who touched Me?" (Mk.5:25-34).

The funeral procession was brought to a standstill due to Jesus. Christ intervened in the funeral procession. This was a most solemn moment and Jesus dared to speak to the deceased man in life-giving words.

Jesus told the young man to arise. Jesus' words are the strongest of words given the circumstances in which they were spoken. With the funeral procession underway, there could be no doubt the man was dead.

Jesus' words and actions thoroughly contravened the existing and known condition of the man in the coffin. Two opposites were coming together...life and death.

The limits and strength of death were being challenged. Historically we know that Jesus rose from the tomb. This encounter with the young man in the coffin was a prelude of Jesus rising from the tomb.

Believers have to come to terms with the limits of death and the power of Christ in giving life. The Gospel teaches about the limits of death and the power of Christ. Jesus says to each person dead in sin to arise and be alive in Christ. Remaining in sin is the path to death and burial. Listening to Christ is the path to eternal life.(Jn.3:15) The joy of life replaces the sorrow of death when Jesus is embraced and welcomed.

St George Serbian Orthodox Church, Carmichaels, Pennsylvania. October 9/22, 2017 The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost-Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council. Holy Apostle James, Son of Alphaeus; St. Stephen, Despot of Serbia (The Blind). Father Rodney Torbic

Granddaughter once said to her grandmother: "I need your advice." I want to show one girl that she is lying and envious. How do I do it? "My dear, you condemn her, thinking thus to show what she really is, but you show what you really are..."

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of our parishioner, Betty O'Masta, who fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, October 20, and was buried from Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Bridgeville on Tuesday. May God grant her the Kingdom of Heaven and Life Everlasting! Vechnaya Pam'yat! Memory Eternal! God Bless her family...