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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., 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, Louis & Teresa Berceli, Tom Nolan, and Ian Brick. ARNOLD: Homer Paul Kline. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

ARCHBISHOP DEMETRIOS' STATEMENT ON THE MASS SHOOTING IN TEXAS

NEW YORK – His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America, on behalf of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, expressed the disbelief, outrage, pain and sorrow of the entirety of the faithful, at this latest manifestation of evil and violence at a small church in rural Sutherland Springs of Texas.

Archbishop Demetrios made the following statement:

"We are in total shock and disbelief in this unfathomable explosion of violence. We hurt and grieve for the loss of life of innocent people just at the time of prayer and Sunday worship. We, as a nation are in mourning; we stand in unity and solidarity and we embrace the people of Sutherland Springs, the survivors, the families and friends of those who unjustly and prematurely lost their lives. We, as a nation and we the Orthodox Christians in the United States are again in a constant state of fervent prayer and supplication to Almighty God for healing, solace and guidance to the living and for the repose of the souls of those who perished."

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, NOVEMBER 12 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
23RD 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

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SAINT PAUL THE CONFESSOR-ARCHBISHOP
OF CONSTANTINOPLE; VIRGIN-MARTYRS TECUSA, ALEXANDRA, CLAUDIA,
MATRONA, POLACTIA, EUPHROSYNE, & ATHANASIA OF ANCYRA; VENERABLE
LUKE-MONK OF SICILY; VENERABLE LUKE-STEWARD OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA**

Tone 7

Ephesians 2:14-22

Luke 8:41-56

Litany in Blessed Memory of Paul Popichak—Fr. Bob

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SAINT JOHN CHYRSOSTOM-ARCHBISHOP OF
CONSTANTINOPLE; MARTYRS ANTONINUS, NICEPHORUS, & GERMANUS OF
CAESAREA IN PALESTINE; MARTYR MANETHA OF CAESAREA IN PALESTINE**

Tone 8

Ephesians 4:1-6; Hebrews 7:26-8:2

Luke 10:25-37; John 10:9-16

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TROPARION—TONE 6

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body.
Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it.
Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.
O Lord who didst rise from the dead: 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 6

When Christ God, the Giver of Life,
Raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race.
He is the Savior of all,
The Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 6

READER: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

PEOPLE: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

READER: To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me.

PEOPLE: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

READER: O Lord, save Thy people.

PEOPLE: And bless Thine inheritance.

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 6

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

He will say to the Lord: My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in whom I trust.

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Feast of the Holy Unmercenarries Saints Cosmas and Damian

To the Most Reverend Hierarchs, the Reverend Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, the Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils of the Greek Orthodox Communities, the Distinguished Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Day, Afternoon, and Church Schools, the Philoptochos Sisterhoods, the Youth, the Hellenic Organizations, and the entire Greek Orthodox Family in America

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this blessed Feast of the Holy Unmercenarries, Saints Cosmas and Damian, we are guided by their examples of holiness and compassion to offer service to those in need. Influenced by the saintly life of their devout

mother, they chose to use their knowledge and skills for healing those with sickness. They did this freely, with a focus on the well-being of body and soul; and because of their love of God and neighbor, they were blessed with the wisdom to preach the Gospel and with the power to heal through prayer.

While their training in the medical arts equipped them to address physical maladies, Saints Cosmas and Damian knew through their faith in Christ that the power of faith and grace was much greater. This power could heal mind, body and soul. It is the power to make a person whole and to restore humankind to the potential of our creation in God's image. It is ultimately the power of salvation and eternal life.

These blessed Saints represent our calling to offer healing to all. This healing includes infirmities of mind and body as we have compassion for those who are suffering and afflicted. It also includes healing for the soul, healing that comes through faith and grace, bringing transformation, renewal, and hope. As our Lord *came that they may have life and have it abundantly* (John 10:10), we have a mission to bring wholeness of life to others. As Jesus Christ revealed divine grace by healing body and soul, we are the members of His Body, the Church, with a calling to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of all.

This witness continues to be offered through the philanthropic ministries of our beloved Ecumenical Patriarchate. These ministries include programs for orphans and the poor as well as the Baloukli Hospital and elder center. Each year in honor of the service of the Holy Unmercenaries and in support of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, our National Ladies Philoptochos Society and the local parish chapters lead us in collecting a special offering to support these ministries. On Sunday, November 5, I ask the parishes of our Holy Archdiocese to continue this tradition and give generously so that this work of compassion can continue and reach more in need. Our support for the ministry of healing and care offered by the Ecumenical Patriarchate and our commitment to serving those in need in our communities will bring renewal and hope to lives that will experience the healing power of God's love.

With paternal love in Christ,

†DEMETRIOS, Archbishop of America

An anecdote on today's Gospel lesson on the Rich Man & Lazarus:

There was a monastery in Greece. This monastery was in trouble.

The monks were aging. New monks were not coming in. And, most of some of the monks did not like each other. They were always bickering and fighting, complaining about, criticizing and just judging one another. The abbot got fed up and went to seek advice from a hermit that lived further up the mountain.

When he got there and told the hermit his story, the hermit said, "Please come back in a week and I will tell you what I think." The abbot left and came back in a week. On his return the hermit said, "I have been told that Christ has returned to earth and is living as a monk at your monastery!" The abbot was shocked. He went back and told the monks what he learned and from that day on the monastery started to revive. You see, since nobody knew which one was Christ, they all started to treat each other as if they were Christ and, all of a sudden, things got better and the monastery prospered.

We don't know much about the afterlife. About "bosoms of Abraham" and "lakes of fire" and "uncrossable chasms," but this much we know for certain: a change in perspective can turn an obstacle into a miracle. Sometimes all it takes is a movement towards love, compassion and understanding that will change things for the better. It can even turn hell into heaven. When people ask what makes for a healthy parish, this story sums it up. When we make a choice to love one another as the Lord has commanded us to do, then He takes care of the rest.

By: Father Anthony Hughes—via an e-mail from Lara Haluszczak

HE EATS & DRINKS WITH SINNERS (Saturday, October 7)

From Coffee with Sister Vassa

"After these things he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax office. And he said to him, 'Follow me.' So he left all, rose up, and followed him. Then Levi gave him a great feast in his own house. And there were a great number of tax collectors and others who sat down with them. And their scribes and the Pharisees complained against his disciples, saying, 'Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?' Jesus answered and said to them, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.'" (Lk 5: 27-32)

Is our Lord using the word "righteous" sarcastically, in that last sentence? Yes. And is He being sarcastic, when He characterizes those who have "no need of a physician," i.e., no need of Him, as those who are

“well”? Yes. The scribes and Pharisees believe themselves to be “well,” but are they? They don’t partake of the “feast” we read about here, refusing food and drink, like sick people. While “sinners” eat and drink with the Lord, the scribes and Pharisees stand around complaining.

As I prepare for Holy Communion this Sunday, I remind myself of this picture, of us “sinners” eating and drinking with the Lord, in happy “need” of Him. We do not join in the Lord’s “feast” because we are “righteous,” no. We join in it precisely because we are not. So let me not deprive myself of the Food and Drink our Lord offers me this Sunday, because He calls not the righteous, but the sinners to His table.

When we prostrate ourselves before the Holy Gifts (except on Sundays) we express our belief that the Holy Bread and the Holy Wine are truly the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. That is, we bow down before God Himself.

Below are listed the addresses I promised for Evelyn Burlack, Liz Obradovich, and Manny Lopez, should anyone wish to send them a card:

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