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## **SAINTS PETER & PAUL [APOSTLES'] FAST**

**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 Smolynech, 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 Strozh [child with cerebral palsy], Dr. Kirsten Ream, Patricia Corey, Michelle, Katie Swarm, Richard Dunst, Michelle, Patrick, Linda Morris, Howard Simpson, Chris, David Hiles, Jennifer, Jerry Quinn, Cher Mount, Frank & Janet Horrell, Jim Wandling, Gail, Sirena Sharp, Ron Paulovich, Sandi Anderson, Lina, 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, Ben Douglas, Dianne Donahue, Zachary, Natasha, Noah Willard, Jodi Hanczar, Gregory Cervo, Lisa Bruce, Martha Nezolyk, Kathy Cvetkovich, 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 Slaughaupt, Louis & Teresa Berceli, Tom Nolan, Noble Wilshaw, Silvia Martin, Sarah Dorning, Evelyn Burlack, Dena & George, Georgia, Lawanda [Evelyn's niece], Maureen Sams, John Kendall,

Judi Danser, Darcy, Denis Strittmatter, and Ian Brick. ARNOLD: Homer Paul Kline. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

**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, JUNE 24      OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL      10:30 AM**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY APOSTLES BARTHOLOMEW AND BARNABAS**

*Tone 3*

Romans 6:18-23; Acts 11:19-26,29-30

Matthew 8:5-13; Luke 10:16-21

**SUNDAY, JULY 01      OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL      10:30 AM**  
**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MARTYRS LEONTIUS, HYPATIUS, & THEODULUS AT TRIPOLI IN SYRIA; SAINT LEONTIUS-CANONARCH OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA**

*Tone 4*

Romans 10:1-10

Matthew 8:28-9:1

***Litany in Blessed Memory of Olga Stock, Anna Kitch, Sophie Carrera, Susan Justina Sredich, Stella E. Cherepko, Joseph Paouncic, Igumen George [Owen], and Claudia Horvath—Fr. Bob***

**SUNDAY, JULY 08      OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL      10:30 AM**  
**6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; VIRGIN-MARTYR FEBRONIA OF NISIBIS**

*Tone 5*

Romans 12:6-14

Matthew 9:1-8

## **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 24 JUNE 2018**

**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY APOSTLES BARTHOLOMEW  
AND BARNABAS**

### **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!

**Yianis Georgakopoulos:** The visit of Bishop Gerasimos to the Holy Mountain coincided with the feast day of the main church of the St. Anna Skete. As a bishop of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and a former monk of Mt. Athos, a few of the old monks who remembered him, particularly the monks of Fr. Chrysostomos Kartsonas, naturally, wanted him to celebrate the Divine Liturgy at the great festival of St. Anna. Bishop Gerasimos, however, because he had been living in America had a short, trimmed beard. This prompted some of the monks of the Skete to oppose his liturgizing because, they claimed, the people would be scandalized seeing him with a trimmed beard. When they clearly intimated their perplexity over this matter, Bishop Gerasimos dismissed it, giving it no thought at all. He simply went and stood in a back corner of the church as if nothing had happened, and he remained there from the beginning of the all-night vigil until late the next day when the Divine Liturgy was celebrated. There, alone, without any distinctive signs, a stranger among strangers, he recalled his old monastic experiences and prayed as much as he could. It is the custom during the vigil of the feast day of St. Anna for the hesychast ascetics and hermit monks, who live a very austere monasticism in poor, isolated kalyves, far from the Sketes and Monasteries, to gather silently in the central church. After the liturgy, one of these ascetic monks approached two leading monks of the Skete and asked them: "Who was that clergyman who stood in that corner stasidi?" They explained to him that he was Bishop Gerasimos of Abydos, who had not been permitted to liturgize because he had trimmed his beard. Then the ascetic monk crossed himself and told them: "What have you done? How could you? All night long I could see over his head a light like a dove, while over your heads there appeared something like little devils!"

[https://orthodoxwiki.org/Gerasimos\\_\(Papadopoulos\)\\_of\\_Abydos](https://orthodoxwiki.org/Gerasimos_(Papadopoulos)_of_Abydos)

Do the saints, whom we call upon, pray for us? They certainly pray for us. If I, a sinful man, a cold-hearted, sometimes wicked and malevolently disposed man, praying for others who have instructed or have not instructed me to pray for them and do not doubt, do not weary of saying their names during prayer, although sometimes not heartily, then will not God's saints—those lamps and

torches, burning in God and before God, full of love to their earthly brethren—pray for me...

O Man-loving Lord, open our minds to understand the mystery of Your mercy and soften our hearts as wax, that as wax they burn and shine with the reflection of Your inexpressible mercy! *St. Nicolai Velimirovich*

### **The Third Sunday after Pentecost** Matthew 6:22-33

What images do we permit to be viewed by our eyes? Do we cast our eyes upon the Holy Gospel? Do we cast our eyes upon the holy icons? Do we look for the good in others?

Do we look for the image and likeness of God in others? (Gen.1:26) Do we look for ways we can lead a God-pleasing life? Do we search for ways to be less sinful and more virtuous?

Do we gaze at our surroundings and see God at work? Do we fix our eyes internally and examine our hearts and minds and souls? Are we happy with an honest evaluation of ourselves?

Do we keep the image of Christ upon the Cross firmly before our eyes? Do we keep the Empty Tomb firmly before our eyes? Do we look ahead to the glorious Second Coming of Christ?

Do we look at the condition of the world and only see darkness? Do we look at others that we meet in daily life and only see faults? Do we see violence and fail to see hope? Do we see aggression and fail to see acts of love?

Do we see hunger and neglect to see charitable distribution of food? Do we see Christ on the Cross and live as if He never rose from the Tomb? Do we live with our sinfulness and not put forth the effort to repent and confess?

Do we enjoy sin more than we desire the Kingdom of God? Do we see beggars and withhold alms? Do we remember the ills others have committed against us and never consider the plank that is in our own eyes. (Mt.7:3)

Do we always see gloom and not experience joy. Honesty with ourselves will tell us if we follow the path of Christ. Honesty with ourselves will tell us if Christ is the basis for our decision-making.

Self-assessment will give us the conclusion whether we are seeking the Kingdom of God. Self-examination will determine if we listen to Christ when making important decisions.

When we exit the Baptismal font, Christ is to be our foundation and our destination. We are expected to honor Christ in our hearts, our minds, and our souls. Our lives are to be lived for the glory of God.

God is due continuous expressions of appreciation for the life granted to us.

In the Joshua we read the definitive statement: "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15).

The way a person lives will ultimately reveal whether he or she is faithful in serving the Lord God. Current western society is very materialistic. Much waste occurs in America.

Many individuals concern themselves with accumulating financial wealth to the point of neglect of family and even personal health. Rather than pursuing peace in Christ, individuals may turn elsewhere in search of internal peace.

Worry can cause physical and mental problems. Worry can cause inefficiency and errors in the workplace. Worry can lead to depression and despair. Prayer can make a difference but individuals must be willing to make the effort.

Belief in the words of Christ as put forth in the Holy Gospel is a fundamental necessity for experiencing God's goodness. Circumstances in life can change dramatically during the course of a lifetime. Holding fast to the words of Christ in the Holy Gospel provides a rudder for daily living.

The wise person invests in reading the Holy Scriptures. The wise person continues to learn. St. Basil the Great said: "We cannot become like God unless we have knowledge of Him, and without lessons there will be no knowledge."

The Lord wants individuals to believe in their value. Jesus Christ taking on human flesh is a statement of the value of human beings. Individuals do well living in ways pleasing to God and following the path to the Kingdom of God.

Jesus asks a question about the benefit of worrying. Personal peace found in Christ is the alternative to worrying. The Holy Gospel is the essential guide for daily living. Wise individuals choose to heed the words of the Holy Gospel.

The Third Sunday after Pentecost. June 4/17, 2018. Sts. Martha and Mary; St. Metrophanes first Patriarch of Constantinople; Hieromartyr Joannicius; Holy Martyr George (Bogich) *Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania* Father Rodney Torbic  
St. Basil the Great On the Holy Spirit Translated 1980. St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, Crestwood, New York, 1980, p.16.