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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, Kristy, Elaine Ellenberger, Brandon, Anna Tranchine, Demetra, Blase Urban, Catherine Hogel & children, Jennifer & Dylan, Ron Schwartz, Lydia Wilson, Flora Tomlin, 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 Zeliszczyk, 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.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our July babies:** Harry Batch on the 1<sup>st</sup>, Natasha Sudol on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Zach Sudol on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Andrew Torick on the 14<sup>th</sup>, Matthew Brunermer on the 15<sup>th</sup>, Sabrina Sudol on the 19<sup>th</sup>, and Katrina Scott on the 25<sup>th</sup>. May God grant them all Many Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Blessed Years! M'nohaya Lita! God Bless!

**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, 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

**THURSDAY, JULY 12 SAINTS PETER AND PAUL [APOSTLES'] FEAST**

**SUNDAY, JULY 15      OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL      10:30 AM**  
**7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; PLACING OF THE HONORABLE ROBE OF THE**  
**MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS AT BLACHERNAE; SAINT JUVENAL-PATRIARCH OF**  
**JERUSALEM; SAINT PHOTIUS-METROPOLITAN OF KIEV**

*Tone 6*

Romans 15:1-7; Hebrews 9:1-7

Matthew 9:27-35; Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

## **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 01 JULY 2018**

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**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.

**STATEMENT ON THE SEPARATION OF CHILDREN FROM THEIR PARENTS AT THE USA-MEXICO BORDER**

Recently, in reference to the ongoing controversy of separating children from their parents who have illegally crossed the border into the United States of America, our government officials on several levels quoted from Holy Scripture the following: "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God." (Romans 13:1)

This quote has, as far as we have been able to determine, been utilized only twice before in the history of our United States of America—by the defenders of the British Crown during the Revolutionary War and then by the defenders of slavery during the Civil War. Neither in the present instance nor in the previous two instances will one hear other quotes from Scripture that declare that submission to civil authorities is mandatory only as long as those authorities promote good works rather than acting in opposition to God. When the civil authorities are in direct opposition to God, the believer must follow God. (Acts 4:19 and 5:29)

At the outset, we wish to declare that we believe it extremely important to protect the borders of our nation and to do everything possible to make entry into our great nation as peaceful, legal and beneficial to all. It is the history of our nation to be welcoming of immigrants who may wish to come to us for a great variety of reasons. We are, however, moved to tears when we witness what has been taking place at our southern border where over 2000 children, including infants, have been taken away from

their parents and housed in cold abandoned super store warehouses with only the minimum of comfort and none of the affection and love of their parents.

We can describe this situation in no other way than inhumane and sinful. Our Holy Orthodox Faith very clearly teaches the value and sanctity of human life—that each and EVERY human being is created in the Image of God—to image God in the world where they live. When we hear the words spoken that “if we have no zero-tolerance effort such as the separation of children from parents who are being charged with illegal entry into the USA, then we will have an ‘infestation’ of illegal immigrants”, we are confronted with the destruction of that image describing human beings in terms used for rodents or insects that must be made to disappear before they destroy us.

We are a better nation than this and this is seen in the reaction to the events described above. When “we the people” respond—including the media—to a wrong, our voice is heard. “We the people” are the foundation of our democracy and the guardians of our Faith. “We the people,” after hearing for a week now the crying children and the ridicule of them, have made it clear that that we will stand for it no more. We had already concluded our statement earlier with other thoughts, but it has now come to our attention that the government has reversed its policy of separating children from their parents. Our voice has been heard and we are thankful to God in the Holy Trinity that this policy is gone. We would like to rejoice in this change because of a change of heart—or a coming to one’s self (Prodigal Son)—had occurred. We see, however, simple political expedience, which implies no permanence of purpose.

We, as Ukrainians by heritage, are all too aware of such policies of family divisions, arrests and deportation for the slightest and mostly fabricated infractions, disappearance of loved ones, mass murders and death by forced starvation. We know the extremes to which unfettered power and authority can lead. We have maintained our faith through some of the worst examples of dehumanization. May we never lose sight of such wrongful history, but may we also never lose hope and faith in a better tomorrow where the LOVE of our Lord reigns forever.

May the Grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Love of God the Father and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

In our Lord’s All-Encompassing Love,

**+ ANTONY**

By the Grace of God Metropolitan

**+ DANIEL**

By the Grace of God Archbishop

## **Word For Today..(Deuteronomy 7-9-12)**

### ***Know therefore that the Lord your God is God,***

*He is the faithful God, keeping His covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who keep His commandments. Those who hate Him He will repay to their face by destruction, He will not be slow to repay to their face those who hate Him.*

*Therefore, take care to follow the commands, decrees and laws I give you today. If you pay attention to these laws and are careful to follow them, then the Lord your God will keep His covenant of love with you, as He swore to your ancestors. And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the very commandment you heard from the beginning, that you must walk in love. (2 John 1-6)*

Our Father commands us, to walk in love, not an easy thing to do in the world we live in, however if we trust in His Word, He will guide us in that walk. There are many people praying please Lord answer my Prayer, Lord hear me, but all those prayers fall on deaf ears, Why? One good reason is that we cannot keep asking God to hear us, if we don't hear Him. When we do our part then God shows up. Lord give strength to those who have difficulties. Give health to those who are sick. Give a smile to those who have bitterness and sadness and open their hearts.

If God is slow in answering your request, or if you ask but do not promptly receive anything, do not be upset, for you are not Wiser than God. (St. Isaac the Syrian 7th Century)

Have a Grateful Day. Lazarus 🙏🙏

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Date: June 18, 2018

### **ARCHDIOCESE STATEMENT IN DEFENSE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

**NEW YORK** (June 18, 2018) – In recent days, the words of St. Paul in the 13th chapter of his Epistle to the Romans have been circulating in the news. We are concerned and alarmed at the use of this biblical quote being used out of context to justify the strict application of a policy occurring at our southern border, which is detrimental to family life.

The numerous challenges of today's world weaken the already strained bonds of every modern family. Family—a divine institution (cf. Ephesians

3:14)—is something that we as Orthodox Christians cherish and hold as sacred. Furthermore, when our Lord came into this world as a human being, he entered it as a child and part of a family. As a special creation of God the Father, no family deserves to be separated. The institution of the family is found from the beginning of the Book of Genesis (chapter 2). In love and harmony, the family finds joy, each member in the other. Reflecting this joy, the Psalmist proclaims, *your children will be like olive trees around your table* (Psalm 127/128:3b). Let us bear in mind that the branch of an olive tree is a universal symbol of peace, not something to be torn apart and broken.

It is for peace and for a dignified and humane solution to this unfortunate situation that we, together with people of good faith across our great nation, urgently entreat. Children should not, under any circumstances, be punished for things that are beyond their control. Our hearts go out to those suffering under these terrible conditions. We pray for them, that their families soon be restored, and pray that the proper authorities find a swift and just solution to this unfortunate and very painful situation.

### **Very Rev. Father Seraphim Holland**

We are weak people because of our passions. It is a good thing to recognize our failings. One person gets jealous easily, another is lazy, another takes offense easily, another has depression, other struggles with SSA, or lust. None of these things defines a person. Our modern, benighted world does not understand this, and therefore, they rail against calling sin a sin. It should not be "painful" to recognize your limitations, passions, weaknesses, and sins. The only "pain" we...

The higher the person stands on the hierarchical ladder, the more difficult it is for him to be saved. It is much easier to save a simple Christian than a priest, a priest—than a bishop. Because the higher the position of a person, the heavier his cross, the more difficult it is to carry this cross, it is more difficult to live a life of integrity and sacredness. *Protopriest Vladimir Vorobyov*

"The internet must become for us a means of communion with God or else it will become the way of self-idolization." *Archimandrite Alexios Yannios*



"Email is not a substitute for interpersonal communion." *Elder Ephrem of Vatopedi*

In truth there is only one freedom—the holy freedom of Christ, whereby He freed us from sin, from evil, from the devil. It binds us to God. All other freedoms are illusory, false, that is to say, they are all, in fact, slavery. +  
*St. Justin Popovic*

### **The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Matthew 8:5-13**

And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour. (KJV)

The current Gospel comes to believers the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost each year. The Gospel is a lesson in strong faith. The Gospel demonstrates the concern of a centurion for his servant.

This can be a lesson in employer-employee relations. Each person hearing this Gospel reading does well to consider the strength of his or her personal faith. Steps to strengthen personal faith can be initiated as a result of the present Gospel.

Faith is strengthened by becoming more knowledgeable about God. Faith is strengthened by increasing familiarity with the documented healings in the Holy Scriptures.

Readers of Church history will find additional references to healings having taken place. Holy Confession heals the hearts, minds, and souls of believers. Holy Communion has a healing power for which there is no equal.

Holy Communion brings complete peace and joy to the believer. Holy Unction brings healing to the soul and to the body. The current Gospel will affect the minds of attentive listeners.

Attentive listeners will take direct action as a result of the present Gospel. The centurion's servant experienced not only physical afflictions but also mental torment.

How a person responds to physical afflictions depends on the person's faith and integrity of soul. Some individuals are at peace even when having horrific physical conditions.

Some individuals increase in faith and unity with Christ due to a serious medical condition. Individuals without faith and with no interest in faith may become despondent and negative about life when a physical affliction occurs.

Individuals strong in faith and at peace when having physical ailments are an inspiration and help to others. The actions a person takes when having a difficult physical condition will directly affect others.

In the present Gospel the centurion was moved to help his servant. The centurion reflects an attitude of concern. The centurion took the initiative to come to the Lord Jesus Christ for assistance.

He did not let the servant languish or suffer further without taking action. The centurion apparently had an element of hope and belief that the Lord Jesus Christ could heal his servant.

The Gospel does not mention what prior knowledge or understanding caused the centurion to approach Jesus. From his comment about authority, the centurion looked upon the Lord Jesus Christ as authoritative.

The centurion felt Jesus' word was sufficient to make a difference in the life of his servant. The Holy Gospel contains the known words of Jesus and has been making a difference in lives for centuries. Individuals taking the Gospel to heart have their lives changed and renewed beyond measure.

Jesus responded to the centurion's pleas. Jesus was direct and reassuring with the centurion. The centurion could have not expected a better response. The servant would be healed due to the pleading of the centurion and the mercy of God.

Individuals seeking healing do well to approach the Lord Jesus Christ in faith and in humility. An open and welcoming heart and a resoluteness of faith are beneficial when a believer draws closer to Christ seeking healing.

The Lord Jesus Christ has the power to heal whomever He chooses. Individuals seeking healing have a responsibility to bring their lives into line with the teachings, values, and standards of Christ.

Individuals seeking healing have a responsibility to be willing to live in ways pleasing to Christ. Christ is due continuous gratitude when healings occur and prayers are answered.

The healing power of the Lord Jesus Christ merits a continuous place in the heart and mind of the believer. Believers need healing of the proclivity to sin. Believers need healing of soul and body.

Believers need the presence of hope when despondency, depression or despair make their presence felt. Christ's demonstrated and documented healing power provides a basis for the expectation of a believer's renewal.

Christ's healing power establishes enduring hope. If the blind man can receive his sight (Jn.9:1-38), if the centurion's servant can be healed, if the deaf can begin to hear and lepers are cleansed (Lk.7:22) there is always reason to hope.

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. June 1124, 2018. Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; never be conceited. Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends upon you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Via Fr. George Livanos

"Labor a little in order to have God as your debtor, and in time He will send you much more than what you labored for or sought." (*Elder Joseph the Hesychast*)

May we never risk the life of our souls by being resentful or by bearing grudges." - *Gregory of Nyssa*

**Our prayers and deepest sympathy go out to the family of Stella Rossi, who fell asleep in the Lord last Saturday and was buried this past Tuesday. May God grant His Newly-Departed Handmaid Stella the Kingdom of Heaven and Life Everlasting! Vechnaya Pam'yat! Memory Eternal! God Bless her family...**