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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 Antony, Metropolitan Yuriy, Anastasia [Metropolitan Yuriy's mom], 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 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, 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, Phil Bouse, Ralph & Beverly Stoker, Noah Willard, Nikola, Natalie, Nikola, & Nevenka Jovonovich, Julia Collier, Amy Kemerer, Thomas Smith, Tracy Slaughaupt, Louis & Teresa Bercelli, Tom Nolan, Silvia Martin, Sarah Dorning, Evelyn Burlack, Dena & George, Georgia, Lawanda [Evelyn's niece], Maureen Sams, John Kendall, Judi Danser, Darcy, Denis

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our August babies: John Brunermer on the 1st, Janet Brunermer on the 12th, Loretta Sheliga on the 18th, and Nicholas Behun on the 29th. 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, AUGUST 05 OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH 10:30 AM
10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; "POCHAIV" ICON OF THE THEOTOKOS;
HIEROMARTYR APOLLINARIS-BISHOP OF RAVENNA; MARTYR TROPHIMUS,
THEOPHILUS, & 13 OTHERS IN LYCIA

Tone 1

1 Corinthians 4:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 17:14-23; Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Litany in Blessed Memory of Father Peter Natishan, Samuel Mrvos, David Yenni, M. Denise Lawrence, Rudy Obradovich, Mike Horvath, Anna Harte, Millie Kitch, Agnes Rossi, Mary Milanovich, Michael Cherepko, & Mary Vigani—Fr. Bob

TUESDAY, AUGUST 07 DORMITION OF THE RIGHTEOUS ANNA, MOTHER OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12 OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH 10:30 AM
11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; APOSTLES SILAS & SILVANUS OF THE 70 &
THOSE WITH THEM: CRESCENS, EOPENETUS, & ANDRONICUS; HIEROMARTYR
POLYCHRONIUS-BISHOP OF BABYLON & MARTYRS PARMENIUS, HELIMENAS, &
CHRYSOTELUS-PRESBYTERS, LUKE & MOCIUS-DEACONS, & ABDON, SENNEN,
MAXIMUS, & OLYMPIUS; HIEROMARTYR VALENTINE-BISHOP OF INTERAMNA
IN ITALY; MARTYR JOHN THE SOLDIER OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Tone 2

1 Corinthians 9:2-12

Matthew 18: 23-35

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14 DORMITION FAST BEGINS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19 OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH 10:30 AM
12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD,
GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Tone 3

2 Peter 1:10-19

Matthew 17:1-9

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 06 AUGUST 2018

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; "POCHAIV" ICON OF THE
THEOTOKOS; HIEROMARTYR APOLLINARIS-BISHOP OF RAVENNA;
MARTYR TROPHIMUS, THEOPHILUS, & 13 OTHERS IN LYCIA

TROPARION—TONE 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews;
While the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure Body;
Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, Granting life to the world.
The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of life:
Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom!
Glory to Thy Dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever,
and unto ages of ages. Amen.

KONTAKION—TONE 1

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with
Thyself.

Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished!

Adam exults, O Master!

Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee:

Thou are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 1

READER: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.

PEOPLE: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.

READER: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!

PEOPLE: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.

READER: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

PEOPLE: As we have set our hope on Thee.

ALLELUIA VERSES

God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me.

He magnifies the salvation of the king, and deals mercifully with His Christ, with David and his seed forever!

The Orthodox path of the Christian is the path of the Cross and of struggle. In other words, it is the path of patience, of the bearing of sorrows, persecutions for the name of Christ and dangers from the enemies of Christ, of despising the goods of the world for the sake of Christ of battling against one's passions and lusts. - *Fr. Michael Pomasansky*

The body can neither love nor hate. A body can not love a body. The ability to love belongs to the soul. When the soul loves the body, it is not love, but desire, passion. When the soul loves the soul not in God, it is either rapture or pity. When the soul in God loves the soul, regardless of appearance (beauty, ugliness), this is love. And in love there is life. - *St. Nicholas Velimirovich*

Please pray for the soul of Coptic Orthodox Bishop Epiphanius, Abbot of St Macarius Monastery in Wadi al-Natroun, who was found murdered (possibly martyred) in his monastery this morning [Monday, July 30]:

"The Coptic Orthodox Church has issued a statement concerning the murder at dawn today of Anba Epiphanius, Abbot of the Monastery of St Macarius in Wadi al-Natroun in Egypt's Western Desert. The Abbot had been discovered dead, lying in a pool of blood, having been hit on the head from behind...

Lay people must honor monasticism in heart and in deed, so as to be able at least in some measure to partake of the grace of monasticism through others. To this end Fr. Seraphim advised people to give alms to Monasteries or to work for them. And on the other hand, he taught that people who offended Monks and Nuns would be severely punished by the Lord. St. Seraphim of Sarov, *A Spiritual Biography* by Archimandrite Lazarus Moore

A young monk said to the great ascetic Abba Sisoës: "Abba, what should I do? I fell." The elder answered: "Get up!" The monk said: "I got up and I fell again!" The elder replied: "Get up again!" But the young monk asked: "For how long should I get up when I fall?" "Until your death," answered Abba Sisoës. —*Sayings of the Desert Fathers*

THAT ALL MAY BE ONE (Friday, September 22)

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace, which he made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, having made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he purposed in himself (προέθετο ἐν αὐτῷ), that for the dispensation (εἰς οἰκονομίαν) of the fullness of the times he might gather together in one all things in Christ (ἀνακεφαλαιώσασθαι τὰ πάντα ἐν τῷ Χριστῷ, that all things might be headed in Christ), both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in him." (Eph 1: 7-10)

What a complicated passage, even more complicated in English translation. But there is a profoundly simple message here, which even I can take away this morning.

Here St. Paul is telling me what the "whole point" is, of our Lord Jesus Christ becoming flesh; of sharing with us His word, of taking upon Himself all our visible and invisible darkness, even unto death on the Cross and descent into our hell, and of overcoming it in His life-creating Self,

“according to the riches of His grace.” The “whole point” of all that is unity, made possible in Him. We are fragmented, again and again, both visibly and invisibly, both between one another and within ourselves, because of our split loyalties and purposes, to both good and evil.

But Christ comes into our lives, again and again, to restore our oneness of loyalty and purpose, in and through communion with Him. In Himself, in His perfectly-divine and perfectly-human Person, Christ gives me 1.) The Source of Good, as God, and 2.) The Way of overcoming the bad, as cross-carrying Man. Today, once again, let me clear away any confusion, as to Who my true Employer is, and choose His way of approaching the small challenges and decisions at hand, replacing resentment with letting it go, fear with faith, and self-pity with self-acceptance and gratitude. “Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Your grace!”

BE MERCIFUL (Sunday, October 1)

“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged...” (Lk 6: 31-37)

Is Christ presuming here that we, to whom He addresses these words about “doing unto others,” aren’t “sinners,” or aren’t among “the ungrateful and the wicked”? I mean, when He says that “even sinners” do good only to those who do good to them; and that God is kind even to “the ungrateful and the wicked”?

No. He knows that all of us are “sinners,” and also, occasionally at least, “ungrateful and wicked.” That’s why He finds it necessary to give all of “us” this lesson in the first place. But He is being subtle, leaving open the question of who “the sinners” are, and calling us to do the same. That’s why He follows this lesson up with, “Do not judge...” Because “we,” who happen to be listening to this lesson and following Him at this point, are not called to judge who “the sinners” are, or who “the ungrateful and the wicked” are, even if we highly suspect certain somebodies, including ourselves. We are called to be “merciful” to everyone, including ourselves, just as our Father

is merciful to us, at all times. Lord, have mercy, and let me have mercy today, upon me and all others, as You do.