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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 & Pani Mary Anne 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, Gaele 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, Ian Brick, Cecilia Barnhart, Logan Magorien, Pam Grant, and Susan Pulcini—Father Ted Pulcini’s mom. ARNOLD: Homer Paul Kline. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

When we see the sinfulness of others, we should look into our own heart and ask ourselves: ‘Am I without sin? Isn’t there the same passion inside me as I see in my brother or sister?’. If we follow the movements of our heart carefully, then we’ll recognize our own sinfulness and unworthiness and we won’t pay attention to what others are doing, nor will we condemn them for it. *St. Luke the Doctor*

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, SEPTEMBER 16 OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH 10:30 AM
16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HIEROMARTYR ANTHIMUS-BISHOP OF
NICOMEDIA; MARTYRS THEOPHILUS-DEACON, DOROTHEOS, MARDONIUS,
MIGDONIUS, PETER, INDES, GORGONIUS, ZENO, THE VIRGIN DOMNA, &
EUTHYMIUS; SAINT THEOCTISTUS-FELLOW-FASTER WITH SAINT EUTHYMIUS
THE GREAT; SAINT PHOEBE-DEACONESS AT CENCHREAE NEAR CORINTH;
MARTYR BASILISSA OF NICOMEDIA; HIEROMARTYR ARISION-BISHOP OF
ALEXANDRIA**

Tone 7
2 Corinthians 6:1-10
Matthew 25:14-30

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH 10:30 AM
17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION;
AFTERFEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS; MARTYRS MENODORA,
METRODORA, & NYMPHODORA; SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES APELLES,
LUCIUS, & CLEMENT OF THE 70; MARTYR BARYPSABAS IN DALMATIA; BLESSED
PULCHERIA THE EMPRESS OF GREECE; SAINTS PETER & PAUL-BISHOPS OF
NICAEA; VENERABLE PAUL THE OBEDIENT OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA

Tone 8
2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1; Galatians 6:11-18
Matthew 15:21-28; John 3:13-17

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 EXALTATION OF THE MOST HOLY AND LIFE-
GIVING CROSS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH 10:30 AM
18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION;
AFTERFEAST OF THE EXALTATION; MARTYRS SOPHIA & 3 DAUGHTERS-FAITH,
HOPE, & LOVE-AT ROME; MARTYR THEODOTA AT NICAEA & AGATHOKLEA; 156
MARTYRS OF PALESTINE INCLUDING BISHOPS PELEUS & NILUS, PRESBYTER
ZENO, & OTHERS

Tone 1
2 Corinthians 6-11; Galatians 2:16-20
Matthew 17:14-23; Mark 8:34-9:1

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 16 SEPTEMBER 2018

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TROPARION—TONE 7

By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death!
To the thief, Thou didst open Paradise!
For the Myrrhbearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy.
And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God,
To proclaim that Thou art 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 7

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive,
For Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers!
Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry:
The Savior has come to those in faith!
Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 7

READER: The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

PEOPLE: The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

READER: Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

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ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 7

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy name, O Most High!

To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night!

The Fifteen Sunday after Pentecost Matthew 22:35-46

Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked Him a question, tempting Him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The son of David. He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? If David then call him Lord, how is he his son? And no man was able to answer Him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask Him any more questions. (KJV)

Christians need to keep the first and great commandment of loving the Lord God with all the heart, soul, and mind in the forefront throughout life. Every thought and action is to be measured according to this commandment.

Self-assessment on a regular basis will keep the person attuned to any lessening of effort and commitment. The Lord does not want the believer to fail but rather to be renewed in Christ.

We do well to heed the example of the Holy Apostle Paul who said: "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief." (I Tim.1:15).

If the Holy Apostle Paul considered himself chief among sinners and was willing to admit this, we have reason to look carefully at our lives, repent and be renewed in Christ.

The first and great commandment is proclaimed year after year in God's Holy Church. Successive generations of believers benefit from Christ's teaching in the Gospel.

Each person has to struggle with making this commandment an integral part of daily life. Each person faces temptations, attractions, and diverse interests affecting the person's love of God and commitment to God.

A complete sense of purpose and unequivocal resoluteness are necessary for giving one's self to God. The giving of one's self to God is an expectation for all believers.

Saints and martyrs in God's Holy Church include individuals of all ages, backgrounds and vocations. The saints and martyrs verify that following the first and great commandment is possible and desirable.

While the first and great commandment is established as primary, it does not stand in isolation. We cannot separate our love for God from our love for our neighbor.

We read in the First Epistle of St. John: "If someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?" (I Jn.4:20)

We do well to take great care in our daily personal relationships. Our salvation depends upon our daily relationships. Our love for God is revealed in the way we relate to people in daily life.

Our family, friends, and the people in the community impact our salvation as we relate with them. Jesus said: "In as much as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me." (Mt.25:40)

Each person chooses the degree of seriousness he or she will apply to their Christian identity. Jesus expects a level of seriousness that includes love of God and love of neighbor.

The way we view our neighbor should be guided by the words of Christ. We do well to adjust our view of our neighbor to bring it into alignment with the Holy Gospel.

It is important that we cast away prejudices and any harshness that may have accumulated over time. Repentance, Holy Confession, and forgiveness go a long way in re-establishing relationships pleasing to God.

The Old Testament is rich in wisdom. Jesus connected the first and great commandment...the love of God and the companion commandment...the love of neighbor with the Law and the Prophets.

In the account about Lazarus and the rich man, Jesus speaking of the rich man's relatives said: "If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead." (Lk.16:19-31)

Contemporary believers have to sort through the challenges of modern life and make the best of them. The Holy Scriptures, Old and New Testaments, provide the road map to the Kingdom of God.

Believers do well to immerse themselves in the reading the Holy Scriptures on a regular basis. Moses, and Isaiah, Job and Elijah, Daniel and Micah provide nourishment for the mind, the heart and the soul.

The timeless wisdom of God found in the Psalms and Proverbs provide a framework for daily living. Problems at work, in the home or in the neighborhood are put into perspective through the reading of the Holy Scriptures.

Not everyone is like the lawyer in the present Gospel seeking to put Jesus to a test. Many individuals seek the Kingdom of God and earnestly come to Christ out of love, hunger of the soul and a desire to live in peace.

We find these enduring words in the Epistle of St. John: "Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God."(I Jn.4:7)

Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost. August 27/September 9, 2018. Venerable Father Poemen the Great, Synaxis of Serbian Saints. Father Rodney Torbic

This is the last official post from Pani-Matka Deborah Harvey (9.6.2018): Fr. John is off the ventilator this afternoon, restraints removed, is sitting up and talking. I haven't seen him, but nurse says he is fine. Will see him tomorrow morning. When he overcomes this, the cancer is still to be destroyed. Only God can do it, but I have seen Him do, it so I have the faith, even if it is only the size of a very tiny mustard seed.

("Nurse") Pauline Witkowsky and I [Marianne Carmack] visited him very briefly late Saturday afternoon. He is still in SICU at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, 1044 Belmont, Youngstown, OH, 44501. He retains his wonderful sense of humor, that twinkle in his eye, and wanted us to convey his deep appreciation to parishioners and all those who are praying and supporting him in this struggle. A message that was loud and clear was: "I may be down, but don't count me out, yet!!! He continues to grow in strength. He is still weak and although responsive and articulate, it is still tiring and takes a lot of effort for him to speak. In the coming days that surely will improve. He sends his blessing to all. I know that you will keep praying for him and your outpouring of love is extraordinarily comforting to Father, Pani Debbie & Irina (as well as the parish and the rest of us.)

**We have been invited to the Slickville Evangelical Presbyterian Church
PICNIC this afternoon at 2 PM—Firemen's Grounds and Pavilion.
Entertainment will be by GARY PRATT AND DAWN!
Hot Dogs and Hamburgers will be provided—please bring a side dish!**