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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 Jakiw Norton, 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, 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 Slaugenhaupt, 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, Debbie & Jerry Novosel, and Susan Pulcini—Father Ted Pulcini's mom. ARNOLD: Homer Paul Kline. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

Saint Paisios on spiritual gratitude: "Give thanks to God for everything. Try to be manly. Pull yourself together a bit. Do you know what Christians are suffering in other countries? There are such difficulties in Russia! But here many exhibit indifference. There's not enough disposition to kindness, love of devotion. You see, if we don't begin to make war against evil, to expose those who tempt believers, then the evil will grow larger. If we throw aside fear then the faithful will be emboldened a bit..."

Not by the way we keep the commandments will we be judged but by whether we have learned to Love...Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh

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 11 DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM
24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; VIRGIN-MARTYR ANASTASIA THE ROMAN;
VENERABLE ABRAMIUS THE RECLUSE & NIECE SAINT MARY-OF MESOPOTAMIA;**

**MARTYRS CLAUDIUS, ASTERIUS, NEON, & THEONILLA OF AEGAE IN CILICIA;
VENERABLE ANNA/EUPHEMIANUS OF CONSTANTINOPLE; VENERABLE
ABRAMIUS-ARCHIMANDRITE OF ROSTOV; REPOSE OF VENERABLE JOB OF
POCHAIV; SAINT DEMETRIUS-METROPOLITAN OF ROSTOV**

Tone 7

2 Corinthians 11:1-6; Galatians 5:22-6:2

Luke 8:16-21; Luke 6:17-23

Litany in Blessed Memory of All Deceased Veterans—Fr. Bob

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MARTYRS GALACTON & WIFE EPITEME AT
EMESA; APOSTLES PATROBUS, HERMAS, LINUS, GAIUS, & PHILOLOGUS OF THE
70; SAINT GREGORY-ARCHBISHOP OF ALEXANDRIA**

Tone 8

Ephesians 4:1-6

Luke 8:41-56

Litany in Blessed Memory of Paul Popichak—Fr. Bob

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25 OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH 10:30 AM
26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SAINT JOHN THE MERCIFUL-PATRIARCH OF
ALEXANDRIA; VENERABLE NILUS THE FASTER OF SINAI; PROPHET AHIJA**

Tone 1

Ephesians 5:8-19

Luke 10:25-37

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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!

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

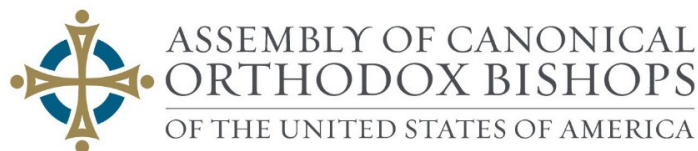
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ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 7

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!



Statement on the Recent Attack on the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA

Wednesday, October 31, 2018

The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America expresses its deep sympathies as we mourn the loss of innocent lives and pray for the speedy recovery of those wounded in the recent attack on the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Remembering the Message from our Assembly meeting just last month, we reiterate our "denunciation of all violence, whether caused by senseless acts related to weapons and shootings or instigated by abhorrent acts of discrimination and prejudice."

Indeed the heinous and murderous act of terror on October 27, 2018 sprang from a place of deep prejudice against people and religion. We

unequivocally condemn this rampage as a sin against the local community, religion, and humanity.

We call upon all Christians and all people of good will to stand in solidarity with the families of the victims and the survivors. We pray fervently to the Almighty God for the spiritual healing of the entire congregation and community, especially those in Pittsburgh. In this era of frequent and unprecedented attacks on basic freedoms, especially freedom of religion, it is through love and harmony that hearts might be softened and transformed. For only through love will evil be neutralized, violence cease, and peace prevail.

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ARCHBISHOP DEMETRIOS' STATEMENT ON THE PITTSBURGH MASSACRE

NEW YORK – His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America, on behalf of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, expresses the disbelief, outrage, pain, and sorrow of all Greek Orthodox people in America at the horrendous terrorist and racist attack against innocent people attending their religious services at the "Tree of Life" Synagogue in Pittsburgh, on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018.

Archbishop Demetrios stated:

"Eleven innocent people lost their lives and six others were injured, just because of their faith and as they were praying during their Sabbath services in Pittsburgh. We're in shock, and we mourn the senseless loss of life of our fellow human beings in this anti-Semitic horrendous manifestation of hate, evil and violence. We unequivocally condemn this and all acts of violence and terrorism against society, and especially against people for their religious beliefs, and express our justified indignation as citizens who value human life, freedom and justice.

We stand in unity and solidarity with the families of the victims and the survivors, including the four officers wounded as they were responding to the attack. We embrace the Jewish community of Pittsburgh, as they grieve for their loved ones. We, as a nation and we the Orthodox Christians in the United States, are in a constant state of fervent prayer, asking the

Almighty God for healing, solace, and guidance during these challenging times.”

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost—Luke 8:5-15

The Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council—John 17:1-13

God’s Holy Church provides the Holy Gospel for attentive listeners at each Divine Liturgy. Individuals attentive to the Gospel are greatly nourished. Changes occur within the attentive listener.

Individuals taking the Gospel to heart are different in their behavior and relationships. Becoming different in Christ requires consistently drawing near to the Lord Jesus Christ in heart and mind.

Unrelenting distractions and temptations in the world compete with the believer’s attention. Constant vigilance is necessary to focus on Christ. The possibility of sin is very real for every person.

Only by Christ’s nourishment and mercy can a believer remain fully united with Christ. Only by Christ’s love and forgiveness is it possible for believers to move away from sin and begin anew in Christ.

God’s goodness exceeds the imagination. God’s goodness and mercy are beyond the person’s ability to understand. (Ps. 106/107:1) Newness in Christ is possible at all stages of life if faculty of mind is present.

Strong desire for unity with Christ and willingness to move away from sin are necessary for continued growth in Christ. The desire for unity with Christ must exceed the interest in sin, temptations and distractions.

The heart and mind are the battlegrounds where the desire for Christ strikes against sin, temptations, and distractions. The will must be forcefully exerted reaching out to Christ for victory and unity. (Mt.11:12)

Christ knows the innermost desires and interests of the mind and heart. Christ knows if the person truly wants the joy, love, and peace possible in Christ. Every person is capable of decisions fatally harming the soul.

Every living person with faculty of mind has the opportunity for repentance.

Christ’s welcoming and healing love is unending. Christ’s readiness to welcome sinners in repentance is always present. (Mt.9:13)

Every moment of every day the person chooses whether to be united with Christ. Constant decisions are required throughout the day and night to follow Christ.

Prayer, fasting and desire for Christ make unity with Christ possible. Christ clears the paths for the serious believer. Christ removes the barriers to unity. Christ welcomes with love the repentant sinner. (Lk 15:11-32)

God's Holy Church provides the protective and nourishing environment for the serious believer. Christ's healing love is ever-present. Attentive eyes and ears are opened to Christ's love everywhere present.

Hearts and minds united filled with Christ are immune to harm by the turmoil in the world. The peace of God which passes all understanding is dominant in each serious follower of Christ. (Phil.4:7)

The Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost. The Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council. Venerable Pelagia the Penitent; Venerable Mother Taisia. October 8/21,2018. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic

Saint Porphyrios: Prayer Works Wonders!

A girl who loved someone and did not know if he wanted her, said to Elder Porphyrios: "Father, I want to marry him". And he said: "You'll pray and I'll pray this hour. We will both pray for him. And if it is the will of God, He will illuminate him."

And both her and Elder Porphyrios prayed a lot. And this man, during the prayer, felt something in his heart. He felt a warmth, a wave of love, a joy, something, something... So he went to Elder Porphyrios (because he knew him) and said: "Father, something is going on these days. On such and such a time every day, something happens and I feel something in my heart."

So the Elder replied: "What do you feel?"

- A numbness, a heat, a sweetness. Something happens. And I wanted to tell you something else, Father. Now that I came here I came to confess, I saw a girl sitting. Is this girl married Father? She made a very good impression on me.

- "We'll see", Elder Porphyrios replied. "You will get to know her and you'll see".

And finally, as you can understand, they got married. How did they managed this? She didn't talk to him, she didn't use her logic nor her intelligence... Well she used intelligence, but a spiritual type of intelligence. She didn't initiate like a human. She didn't initiate by the secular mastery, but through prayer. Practical things eh? A nice family started, with the girl's and the Elder Porphyrios' prayer.

Prayer indeed works wonders!

Source: <http://simplyorthodox.tumblr.com/page/99>

92-YEAR-OLD PREACHER

While watching a little TV on Sunday instead of going to church, I watched a church in Atlanta honoring one of its senior pastors who had been retired many years. He was 92 at that time and I wondered why the church even bothered to ask the old gentleman to preach at that age. After a warm welcome, introduction of this speaker, and as the applause quieted down, he rose from his high back chair and walked slowly, with great effort and a sliding gait to the

One person lived in the wild poor, alone, in cold and hunger. And every morning he enthusiastically pronounced a prayer in which he earnestly thanked God.

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Once I asked an American who visited me at the Kalyvi, "What has this great nation of yours accomplished?" "We went to the moon," he replied. "How far is that?" I continued. "Oh, perhaps half a million kilometres away," he replied. "How many millions of dollars did you spend to get there?" "Since 1950," he said, "we have spent rivers of dollars." "Did you get to God? How far is he?" "God," he said, "is very, very far." "Well," I replied, "it only takes us a dry piece of bread to get to Him!" —*Saint Paisios the Athonite, Spiritual Counsels Vol. I*

–We know that you have great respect for the Theotokos, Father Arsenie. Would you please tell us a few words about Her?

–Oh, the Mother of God! I'll tell you this: a young girl, who led a good Christian life and was very earnest in her faith, once addressed herself to the Holy Theotokos: "Holy Mother of God, please show your mother's love towards me."—and the Theotokos replied to her: "Show your daughter's love towards me". That was Her answer. So be the Mother of God's s

When you commemorate the names of the dead before the Lord, remember that they look at you with the hope that you will sincerely pray for their repose. *Saint John of Kronstadt*



RINGING OF THE BELLS! 100 years ago today, November 11, 1918, effective at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the Armistice to end The Great War, The War to End All Wars, World War I, was signed at 5 AM that day. We will ring our church bells 11 times to honor those who fought and died in that war, and the innocent civilians killed as well. Please take a moment to say a quick prayer that God grant them peace in His House and Bless their families. Thank you! Fr. Bob

Several of us who were leaving the church later last Sunday were pleasantly surprised by visitors—Liz Obradovich, Evelyn Burlack, and Susan Burlack Rahuba appeared to just say HI! I was in a rush as I had to be in Oakland at 2 PM, but they stuck around to visit with Sonia, Karen, Bill, Mary Ann, Andy, and Harry! Everyone looked well and were very happy to visit church. Hopefully, weather cooperating, they will be back to visit on November 18th, so we are planning for an Obednitza downstairs that day. Please remember them in your prayers, along with others who are unable to attend our services due to health reasons or distance! God Bless them all! Fr. Bob