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SAINT MARY OF EGYPT & SAINT ZOSIMUS

ON THE MEND: Please keep the following parishioners and others in your prayers for recovery from their illnesses and injuries: Archbishop Daniel, 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 Smolynec, Father Lawrence & Matushka Sophia Daniels, Father Joe Cervo, Father John Harrold [Saint Sylvester], Joshua Agosto and his family, Eva Malesnick, Stella Peanoske, Nick Behun, Grace Holupka, 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 [Archbishop 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—young man 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, Deborah Smith, Nancy & Eric Dunik, Julian Strozh [young lady 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, Noah Willard, Sandra Dillard, Danielle McCann, Barry [Father Jim Orr's cousin], Tim Joyce, Mike Pawlyshyn-Jeannie Stutchell's brother, Marianne Mulroy, Joe Samchuck—vocations, and Susan Pulcini—Father Ted Pulcini's mom. ARNOLD: Homer Paul Kline. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

It happens that the words we utter bring life to a person, his heart is made alive again by them, the mind lights up, the will moves towards the good, his whole being is made new—these are the words of life. God grant us to tell them to each other. *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, APRIL 14—OBEDNITZA-SAINT BASIL THE GREAT-DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM

5TH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT; VENERABLE MARY OF EGYPT; VENERABLE MARY THE EGYPTIAN; MARTYRS GERONCIUS & BASILIDES; RIGHTEOUS ACHAZ, VENERABLE MACARIUS-ABBOT OF PELECETE; VENERABLE GERONTIUS-YOUTH-CANONARCH OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA

Hebrews 9:11-14; Galatians 3:23-29

Mark 10:32-45; Luke 7:36-50

SUNDAY, APRIL 21—OBEDNITZA-SAINT BASIL THE GREAT-DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM

6TH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT; PALM SUNDAY; ENTRANCE OF THE LORD INTO JERUSALEM; HOLY APOSTLES OF THE 70: HERODION, AGABUS, ASYNCRITUS, RUFUS, PHLEGON, HERMES, & THOSE WITH THEM; MARTYR PAUSILIPPUS OF HERACLEA IN THRACE; SAINT CELESTINE-POPE OF ROME; VENERABLE RUFUS THE OBEDIENT OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA

Philippians 4:4-9

John 12:1-18

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 HOLY UNCTION 6:30 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 25 12 PASSION GOSPELS 6:30 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 26 PLASCHENYTSIA 6:30 PM

*****STRICT FAST DAY*****

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY—STRICT FAST DAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 PASCHAL DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 10:30 AM

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST; THE PASCHA OF THE LORD

*******Page 179 in the Black Divine Liturgy Books*******

Acts 1:1-8

John 1:1-17

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TROPARION—TONE 8

The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Mother,
For you took up the Cross and followed Christ.

By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh, for it passes away;
But to care instead for the soul, since it is immortal.

Therefore your spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels.

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

Having been a sinful woman, you became through repentance a Bride of Christ.

Having attained angelic life, you defeated demons with the weapon of the Cross!

Therefore, O most glorious Mary, you are a Bride of the Kingdom!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 4

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: God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel!

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

PEOPLE: As we have set our hope on Thee.

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 1

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!

You see how, when there is no rain, people do not say 'We will pray to God', but they will say 'We will drill wells for wells.' It is bad that not only unbelievers think this way, but even believers, and they slowly begin to forget about the power of God. - St. Paisios the Athonite

Since our Lord Jesus Christ was without sin (for He committed no sin, He Who took away the sin of the world, nor was there any deceit found in His mouth) He was not subject to death, since death came into the world through sin. He dies, therefore, because He took on Himself death on our behalf, and He makes Himself an offering to the Father for our sakes. For we had sinned against Him, and it was meet that He should receive the ransom for us, and that we should thus be delive

The Cross

Matthew 10:38-And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. (KJV)

Christ expects believers to take up their personal crosses and follow after Him. Personal responsibility is reflected in the way personal crosses are addressed. Believers' attitudes are influential in the way personal crosses are embraced. Christ's followers derive great joy from taking up their crosses and following Him. Irresponsible behavior fails to lead to desirable standing with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 10:21-Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. (KJV)

The Lord Jesus Christ expects total commitment from His faithful followers. The total person is committed to the Lord Jesus Christ at Holy Baptism. The whole person is placed under the Sign of the Cross at Holy Baptism. Taking up the cross and following Christ reveals complete dedication to Christ. Christ set the example for His followers when He willingly went to the Cross.

Luke 9:33-And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. (KJV)

Believers are to deny themselves for the benefit of following the Lord Jesus. Denying the self for the benefit of following Jesus Christ is totally voluntary. The desire to be with Christ leads believers to voluntarily take up their crosses. Love of Christ comes from recognizing Jesus Christ's love for each person. Sacrificing for the benefit of following Christ is undertaken with joy and fervor. Following Christ is a daily expectation to be fulfilled at each moment of life.

I Corinthians 1:18-For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. (KJV)

The power of God revealed through the Cross continues to be manifested. The passing of centuries verifies and attests to God's power in the Cross. God's power is beyond known limits and adequate characterization in words. Believers perceive love, hope and joy in the Cross of the Lord Jesus Christ. Believers are continuously nourished from the message of the Lord's Cross.

Philippians 2:8-And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. (KJV)

Knowing that Christ took on human flesh is a basis for life-long learning. Christ's humility is the measuring rod for every person's daily behavior. Daily relationships improve when believers conform to Christ's example. Willing obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ leads to lasting joy in Christ. Christ's death on the cross was not an ending but a new glorious beginning.

Hidden Valley, Pa., St. James the Confessor, Bishop of Cantan. March 21/April 3, 2019.
Father. Rodney Torbic

The more we think of the Holy Cross, the deeper our thoughts are, the more will our heart fill with kindness, goodness and purity. St Luke (Voino-Yasenetsky) of Simferopol and Crimea

The following story was told by the cardiologist of Elder Porphyrios, Dr. George Papazahos, when he visited the Elder in his cell one Bright Tuesday following Pascha.

I went to see him as a doctor. After the cardiological examination and the usual cardiogram, he asked that I not leave.

I sat on the stool near his bed. His face was shining with joy. He asked me: "Do you know the hymn which says, 'Let us celebrate the death of death...?'"

"Yes Elder, I know it." "Say it."

I began to say it quickly. "Let us celebrate the death of death, the destruction of hades, the beginning of eternal life. And leaping for joy, we celebrate the Cause, the only blessed and most glorious God of our fathers."

"Did you understand it?"

"Of course I understood." I thought he was asking me about its interpretation.

He made a sudden movement with his hand and told me: "You understood nothing, George my man! You said it like a hurried chanter. Listen to what fearful things this hymn says: Christ by His Resurrection did not cross us over a lake, over a crack in the earth, over a canal, over a river like the Red Sea. He brought us over an abyss, of which it was impossible for man to cross alone. For centuries we awaited this Pascha, for this passage. Christ brought us from death to life. This is why today we 'celebrate the death of death, the destruction of hades'. Death is lost. Do you understand? Today we celebrate 'the beginning of eternal life', a life near Him."

He spoke with enthusiasm and conviction. He was moved. He paused for a moment then continued more loudly: "Now chaos, death, and hades do not exist. Now there is all joy, thanks to the Resurrection of our Christ. Together with Him

human nature was resurrected. Now we can be resurrected and live eternally near Him. What happiness is in the Resurrection! 'And leaping for joy, we celebrate the Cause.' Have you ever seen the little goats now in the Spring who jump on the grass? They eat a little from their mother and begin to jump again? This is what it means to leap—to jump. This is how we should also jump for unspeakable joy at the Resurrection of our Lord and our own."

He stopped speaking again. I breathed in a joyous atmosphere. He continued: "Can I give you some advice? In your every sorrow, in your every failure, concentrate for a moment within yourself and say this hymn slowly-slowly. You will see that the greatest thing in your life—and in the life of the whole world—happened. The Resurrection of Christ, our salvation. And you will realize that everything that is upside down which is occurring will seem to you very small to spoil your mood."

He squeezed my hand saying:

"I pray that you leap for joy, looking at the chaos behind you from which the Risen Christ crossed you over, 'the only blessed of our fathers'. Chant now 'Christ is Risen!'"

My postscript: Truly, He is Risen! +George Papazahos, Professor of Cardiology

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