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DORMITION FAST

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, 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, Albert Heckman, Brianna Stumpf, Stanley Porembka, David & Terry Coyne

Hartnett, Mike C., Jennifer Scheirer [Nick Behun's daughter], Catherine Beecham [Father Bob's cousin], JoAnne & Dave Andrews, Rev. Peg Bowman, Pat Jennings, Jennifer K., and Susan Pulcini—Father Ted Pulcini's mom. ARNOLD: Homer Paul Kline and Walter Sakol. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

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 18 READER SERVICE DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; FOREFEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF
OUR LORD; MARTYR EUSIGNIUS OF ANTIOCH; HIEROMARTYRS FABIAN &
ANTHERUS-POPES OF ROME; MARTYRS CANTIDIUS, CANTIDIAN & SIBELIUS OF
EGYPT

Tone 8

1 Corinthians 3:9-17

Matthew 14:22-34

MONDAY, AUGUST 19 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; AFTERFEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION;
MARTYRS ANICETUS & PHOTIUS OF NICOMEDIA; HIEROMARTYR ALEXANDER-
BISHOP OF COMANA; MARTYRS PAMPHILUS & CAPITO

Tone 1
1 Corinthians 4:9-16
Matthew 17:14-23

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28 DORMITION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 01 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM
11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; AFTERFEAST OF THE DORMITION; MARTYR
ANDREW STRATELATES & 2593 SOLDIERS WITH HIM IN CILICIA; MARTYRS
TIMOTHY, AGAPIUS, & THECLA OF PALESTINE**

Tone 2
1 Corinthians 9:2-12
Matthew 18:23-35

***Litany in Blessed Memory of Josephine Roman, Father John Harvey, Father
Dragan Filipovic, Frank Gazella, Sr., and Suzie Pelczar—Fr. Bob***

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TROPARION—TONE 8

Thou didst descent from on high, O Merciful One!
Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings!
Our Lord, our Life and Resurrection, Glory to Thee!

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

KONTAKION—TONE 8

By rising from the tomb,
Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam.
Eve exults in Thy Resurrection,
And the world celebrates Thy Rising from the dead,
O greatly Merciful One!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 8

READER: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

PEOPLE: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

READER: In Judah, God is known; His name is great in Israel!

PEOPLE: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

READER: Pray and make your vows.

PEOPLE: Before the Lord our God!

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 8

Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with psalms.

From Father Seraphim Holland

Will we be Christians also, and pray and live as those in these beautiful stories sent recently by Monk Alexei?

"Those of us who were fortunate enough to celebrate Divine Liturgy with him cannot express in words the piety, the prayerful mood, the feeling of grace that we felt during the service. Despite the fact that Vladyka had celebrated thousands of Liturgies during his long years of service to the Holy Church of Christ, there was nothing automatic or formal in the performance of his services. This was especially palpable when he performed the Holy Eucharist. He uttered every word with profound faith, with fear and trembling. We could barely breathe when he read the prayers of the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist, for we saw in his eyes that the very Lord God Himself was upon His altar table.

It was during just such a service when Vladyka, suddenly expressed the depth of his understanding of Christ's love and how his soul was infused with this Divine love. I don't recall what holiday it was; Vladyka Anthony was celebrating Liturgy while I served as a Subdeacon. Vladyka had a rule that while the Royal Doors were open, altar boys could not cross from one side of the altar to the other behind the altar table (the cathedral had a hidden passageway behind the sanctuary. "Unnecessary movement disturbs the prayers of the people," Vladyka would say. Serving as an acolyte that day was the senior, universally-respected Peter Petrovich Gubin, who, momentarily forgetting this rule, walked behind the altar table to the other side while the Royal Doors were open. Vladyka uttered a stern rebuke, and Gubin realized what he had done, uttered an apology and

returned to his place. Liturgy continued calmly. Then came the time when the clergymen partook of the Holy Gifts. Vladyka Anthony as usual partook of the Piece of the Holy Body into his hands with trepidation and read the prayer before receiving the Eucharist. Suddenly he falls silent, carefully returns the Body onto the diskos and leaves the altar. I immediately followed him, thinking that, God forbid, he fell ill or something. Vladyka hurried through the back passageway, reaches the ponomarka, where Subdeacon Peter was sitting. I will never forget this—even now it brings tears to my eyes—the Ruling Bishop of the Western American Diocese, regular member of the Synod of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, fell on his knees before the old Subdeacon and asked for his forgiveness. Peter sprang to his feet and returned the prostration, and only after kissing each other's cheeks, Vladyka Anthony permitted himself to return to the altar and partake of the Holy Gifts of Christ.

By Divine mercy, I was a witness of many such moments, and feeling unworthy of praising my spiritual father myself, thank God that He sent us such an example of Christian piety and pastoral love. May the All-merciful Lord preserve in peace the bright soul of our dear Schema-Archbishop Anthony, and through his prayers grant us the strength to emulate the late archpastor even in the feeblest way we can."

-Protopriest Alexander Krassovsky, on Archbishop Anthony (Medvedev)

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News Release

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**ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE CANONIZED
SAINT LUKE OF SIMFEROPOL**



NEW YORK – The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America announces to the devout faithful in America that it has received today a venerable Patriarchal Letter of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew which informs the Orthodox people in America that the Holy and Sacred Synod of our Ecumenical Patriarchate accepted the request of His Beatitude Metropolitan Epiphanius of Kiev and All Ukraine and listed (canonized) among the Saints of the Orthodox Church Archbishop Luke of Simferopol in Crimea, the physician and miracle-worker. The feast day of the saint will be celebrated on June 11, the day of his saintly repose in the Lord.

All Orthodox Christians are urged to honor Saint Luke of Simferopol by hymns and ask for his intercession to the Lord.

If you manage to understand why you were born, you will understand everything else. - Mt. Athos saying

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Matthew 9:27-35

And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed Him, crying, and saying, Thou son of David, have mercy on us. And when He was come into the house, the blind men came to Him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto Him, Yea, Lord. Then touched He their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you. And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it. But they, when they were departed, spread abroad His fame in all that country. As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a dumb man possessed with a devil. And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel. But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils. And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.(KJV)

The present Gospel demonstrates the immeasurable healing power of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Gospel verifies the importance of the depth of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord Jesus Christ is capable of giving the blind the power to see and the mute the power to speak. Only the Lord God has this capability. God's power is beyond the full comprehension of the person.

The faith of the blind in the current Gospel affected the healing. Jesus said: "According to your faith be it unto you." The blind men believed Jesus could heal them. The blind men desired mercy from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Seeking mercy from the Lord Jesus Christ is a constant part of the Divine Liturgy. The present Gospel enables believers to begin to

comprehend the far-reaching powers of faith and the healing powers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Believers with faculty of mind have the ability to continue to learn from the Lord Jesus Christ. The healing powers of the Lord Jesus Christ are always being revealed.

Each day is an opportunity to see the healing powers of Christ. Occasions arise unexpectedly to witness the healing powers of Christ. Openness to Christ affords the learning opportunities.

Being present in God's Holy Church increases the likeliness of witnessing and learning of Christ's miracles. Christ's words and actions change lives every day. Christ's healings give new life often when new life is least expected.

The blind men in the current Gospel desired mercy. Believers plea for mercy at the Divine services of the Church at all times. Jesus hears the pleas for mercy and the pleas make a difference.

Behold the healing power of Christ. Take time to look for Christ's healing power at work. Be grateful for the Gospel's proclamation of Christ's healing power.

Look in firmness of faith to Christ. The blind men turned to Christ with firmness of faith. Christ listened. Their lives changed. The mute person in the Gospel began to speak when Christ cast out the devil.

Let us turn to Christ in faith. Let us turn to Christ in seriously beseeching mercy. May the devils within us be cast out. Christ has a clear interest in the depth of a person's faith.

Christ has the power to expel demons from within a person. The present Gospel addresses the remarkable changes in the blind men and the person suffering from the inability to speak.

The reason for the blindness occurring is not known. That Jesus can make a difference and deep faith has importance is known. That the devil can be expelled and healing can take place is known.

God's Holy Church is where to seek healing. The Lord Jesus Christ changes lives beyond comprehension. Be grateful for the present Gospel. Be grateful for each proclamation of the Gospel.

Learning from Christ is possible throughout life. Joy in Christ is achievable all the days of life. Christ is always present to teach. Christ is always present to heal and have mercy.

Be in God's Church to experience God's mercy. Be in God's Church to learn of God's mercy. Feed the soul for strengthening and deepening of faith. Seek to continue to learn in Christ all the days of life.

Never be satisfied with the depth of learning or depth of faith. In Christ, continuous learning is possible. Greater faith is always possible. Getting rid of the devils within enables growth to occur.

Today is the day to see Christ's healing power at work. Today is the day for the devils to be expelled from personal life. Today is the day to be grateful for the proclamation of the Gospel.

Always be grateful for God's Holy Church. Always be grateful for the opportunity to be in God's Holy Church. God and God's Church deserve to be first and foremost in each life.

Hearing the present Gospel is reason to appreciate the healing powers of Christ and the possibility that healing can occur. The Gospel is a reminder and source of learning for each attentive listener.

Generations of believers have heard the present Gospel and have benefitted.

The Church wants Christ's healing power known. The Church wants the blind men's depth of faith known. Place great hope in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. Holy Myrrh-bearer and Equal to the Apostles Mary Magdalene. July 22/August 4, 2019. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Mt.14:14-22

And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and He healed their sick. And when it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals. But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat. And they say unto Him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes. He said, Bring them hither to Me. And He commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, He blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to His disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full. And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children. And straightway Jesus constrained His disciples to get into a ship, and to go before Him unto the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. (KJV)

We are blessed to hear the Holy Gospel at each Divine Liturgy. Our ears hear the precious and life-giving words of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our souls benefit from the reading of the Holy Gospel.

Our lives are enriched by the Holy Gospel. If we are attentive and take the Gospel to heart, we change our lives to conform to the teachings of Christ. We treasure the words of Christ.

Christ words remain with us if we are truly faithful to Him. His words arise in our minds and hearts when we need them the most. The Lord Jesus Christ becomes a part of our lives by the Holy Gospel.

Just as the Precious Body and Blood moves through our bodies when we partake of Holy Communion, the words of the Gospel become a part of our mentality.

The more we read the Gospel, the more we are attentive to the Gospel, the more the Gospel becomes a part of our lives. We never master the Gospel. Learning goes on throughout our lives.

The more we know about Christ, the more we realize there is much more learning that is possible. The hunger in our souls has a constant desire for Christ. Feeding the soul with Christ brings peace and joy.

Feeding the soul with Christ reduces anxiety and stress, Feeding the soul with Christ brings order to life and relationships. The priorities of life take on God-pleasing order when Christ is first and foremost in life.

The current Gospel describes Christ healing the sick and feeding the multitude. Only Christ is capable of healing the sick. Only Christ is capable of feeding the multitude with five loaves and two fish.

Let us look not to ourselves but to Christ for direction in life. Christ offers the road to eternal life. Christ provides the pathway to the heavenly Kingdom. Earthly glory fades. Christ's glory exists forever.

When looking for heroes in life, let us turn to the saints and martyrs of God's Holy Church. The saints and martyrs chose Christ first and foremost. They have benefitted from the continuous unity with Christ.

Patience and endurance are necessary in following Christ. Obstacles always arise in the paths of Christians. Temptations appear in attempts to derail Christians. Cling to Christ firmly and without yielding.

The words of the Holy Gospel are precious. The teachings and miracles of Christ have lasting meaning. Hope exists in Christ. Love is always present with Christ.

Take time today to act in love toward each person. Be patient, kind and forgiving. Draw strength and direction from Christ at all times. Listen carefully to the words of the Holy Gospel.

Never get tired of listening to the Holy Gospel and looking to the Holy Gospel for nourishment. God's Holy Church has preserved the Gospel through the centuries.

Saints and martyrs have given their lives in defense and advancement of the Holy Gospel. Be grateful for the sacrifices through the centuries. Be appreciative for the opportunity to hear the Holy Gospel in a safe environment.

Christians have responsibilities to fulfill. Christian responsibilities include making every effort to follow Christ and Christ's teachings. Give to Christ devoted attention in life.

Give to Christ focus of mind and heart. Be vigilant against the invasion of thoughts foreign to the Christian life. Defend firmly and vigorously against sin. Always be thankful to the Lord God.

Today is the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost. The liturgical year of the Church is progressing. Be mindful of the structure of the Church Year. Keep alert to the days of fasting and the arrival of feasts.

Celebrate with God's Holy Church. Fast with believers around the world in ways that have been proven and preserved through the centuries. Do not yield to innovations that have no bearing to Christ.

Consider the proven path of the Church through the centuries. Thank God for the faithful Christians having stood firm for Christ in each century. Be mindful of God's Holy Church and God's love at every moment of life.

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost. Holy Martyr Callinicus, Holy Martyr Seraphima. July 29/August 11, 2019. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

This Wednesday [August 14] we will celebrate the Procession of Life-Creating Cross. Yesterday, as we anticipated this, we had the Lesser Blessing of Water at the end of the Divine Liturgy. These two events, the Procession of the Cross and the blessing of water, go way back in the history of the Orthodox Church! In Constantinople, August was a time when many got sick. So the Church, in her wisdom, brought the Wood of the Cross out from the imperial treasury for people to venerate—and for healing! They blessed water and the power of the Holy Spirit was spread around.

The Cross continues to be critical for Christians. As St. Paul wrote, "For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." (Corinthians 1:18)

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Have a blessed week!

Fr Dave Urban, St John the Baptist Orthodox Church, Pittsburgh, Pa