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**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 Smolynech, 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 Rocknagel, 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 Luciow, 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

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*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.*

**Don't give into thoughts of loneliness and other vain thoughts. They are the nets of the enemy. God is with us; we are not alone. If need be, the Lord will send us friends such as we did not expect. +  
*Abbot Nikon (Vorobiev)***

**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 10 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM  
21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; GREAT-MARTYR PARASCEVA OF ICONIUM;  
MARTYRS TERENCE & NEONILLA OF SYRIA & THEIR CHILDREN-SARBELUS,  
PHOTUS, THEODULUS, HIERAX, NITUS, BELE, & EUNICE; SAINT STEPHEN OF  
SAINT SAVVAS MONASTERY-HYMNOGRAPHER; REPOSE OF THE VENERABLE JOB  
OF POCHAIV, SAINT DEMETRIUS-METROPOLITAN OF ROSTOV**

*Tone 4*

Galatians 2:16-20; Galatians 5:22-6:2

Luke 8:26-39; Luke 6:17-23

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM**

**22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; VENERABLE IOANNICIUS THE GREAT OF BITHYNIA; HIEROMARTYRS NICANDER-BISHOP OF MYRA & HERMAS-PRESBYTER; VENERABLE MERCURIUS THE FASTER OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA**

*Tone 5*

Galatians 6:11-18

Luke 8:41-56

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 OBEDNITZA DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CHURCH HALL 10:30 AM  
23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; GREAT-MARTYR MENAS OF EGYPT; MARTYR VICTOR AT DAMASCUS & STEPHANIDA OF SPAIN; MARTYR VINCENT OF SPAIN;  
VENERABLE THEODORE THE CONFESSOR-ABBOT OF THE STUDIO**

*Tone 6*

Ephesians 2:4-10

Luke 10:25-37

***Litany in Blessed Memory of Paul Popichak—Fr. Bob***

**BULLETIN INSERT FOR 10 NOVEMBER 2019**

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**TROPARION—TONE 4**

When the women disciples of the Lord  
Learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection;  
They cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles:  
Death is overthrown! Christ God is 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 4**

My Savior and Redeemer,  
As God rose from the tomb  
And delivered the earthborn from their chains.  
He has shattered the gates of Hell,  
And as Master, He has risen on the third day!

**PROKEIMENON—TONE 4**

**READER:** O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

**PEOPLE:** O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

**READER:** Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great!

**PEOPLE:** O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

**READER:** O Lord, how manifold are thy works!

**PEOPLE:** In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

### **ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 4**

Go forth and prosper and reign, because of truth and meekness and righteousness.

You love righteousness and hate iniquity.

### **Obedient-Obedience**

***Acts 6:7-And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith. (KJV)***

A priest assumes a great responsibility at ordination to be obedient to the faith. Faithful believers observe the priest to see if he truly lives the faith he proclaims. A priest's daily life will reveal the degree he lives the faith he proclaims in church. Obedience to the oath taken at holy ordination is expected for the duration of life. A priest must give complete attention to being obedient to the Lord Jesus Christ.

***Romans 15:18-For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed, (KJV)***

Holy Apostle Paul was clear in wanting to be obedient to the Lord Jesus Christ. Christians are blessed when being obedient to the word of the Lord God. (Lk.11:28) Mary, the Mother of God is a compelling example of obedience to the Lord (Lk.1:38) Serious prayer and fasting facilitate believers in efforts of obedience to the Lord. Obedience is a voluntary act of joy for believers seeking a full life in Jesus Christ.

***2 Corinthians 2:9-or to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things. (KJV)***

Obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ is a completely personal act of unselfish love. True followers of Jesus Christ make conscious personal

decisions to be obedient. Daily thoughts and actions are evidence of the actual obedience to Jesus Christ. When believers fail in efforts to be obedient, repentance is the corrective action. Christ welcomes believers seeking to repent and return to obedience. (Mt.9:13)

***Ephesians 6:5-Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; (KJV)***

Christians are expected to perform their work with willingness and attentiveness. The Lord Jesus Christ shines forth as the believer focuses on daily responsibilities. Serious faith in Jesus Christ is demonstrated in meeting life's daily responsibilities. Life in Christ is a supreme blessing worthy of continued obedience and gratitude. Obedient Christians have their hearts, minds and souls filled with love for Christ.

***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)***

The Lord Jesus Christ is the perfect embodiment of love, humility and obedience. Attentive believers find in the Lord Jesus Christ constant lessons for daily living. Pain and suffering did not deter the Lord Jesus from being completely obedient. Jesus Christ embraced the suffering before Him because of the joy ahead. (Heb.12:2) Let us learn from Jesus Christ's example in suffering to be obedient believers.

*Holy Prophet Hosea, Holy Monk-Martyr Andrew of Crete, October 17/30,  
2019*

*Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic*





**Every holy church is a piece of Heaven on earth. And when you're in church, look—you're already in Heaven. When the earth torments you with its hell, hurry to c**

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**News Release**

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**Archiepiscopal Encyclical for the feast of the Holy Unmercenaries  
Saints Cosmas and Damian**

Protocol No. 55/19 **November 1, 2019**

**Feast of the Holy Unmercenaries Saints Cosmas and Damian**

*To the Most Reverend Hierarchs, the reverend priests and deacons, the monks and nuns, the Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils of the Greek Orthodox Communities, the distinguished Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Day, Afternoon, and Church Schools, the Philoptochos Sisterhoods, the Youth, the Hellenic Organizations, and the entire Greek Orthodox family in America*

**Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,**

As we read in the Holy Scriptures the beloved parables of our Lord, we are guided by His words to consider the call to life in the kingdom of God as an invitation to a banquet. (Luke 14:16-24) In this parable a man prepares a great banquet and sends out his servants with invitations. However, upon receiving an invitation, many offer excuses as to why they cannot attend. When this is reported to the man, he directs his servants as follows: *Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.* When room still remains, the man instructs again, *Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled.*

In our sacred calling to ministry, these words of our Lord speak to us in many ways. On this day when we commemorate the Holy Unmercenaries, Saints Cosmas and Damian, we reflect on the needs around us and how these two holy men offered their lives and their skills so that God might be glorified. To the sick and suffering they brought solace and compassion. To the poor they offered their gifts with no thought or request for payment. By the grace of God, they were given the ability to heal, and

freely they gave in return so that bodies and souls could find care and rest through faith in the power of grace.

As the servants of Christ we are asked to go out into the highways and hedges to help those in need. We are asked to give action to the Gospel of grace and have compassion for the poor, the suffering, and the sick. We are guided to see both the physical and spiritual needs of all of these as well as for our senior adults, and to address them in a manner that supports and comforts as well as affirms the dignity of life and humanity.

It is on this feast of the Holy Unmercenaries as we remember their service that we also offer our prayers and support for the benevolence ministries of our beloved Ecumenical Patriarchate. Our Mother Church leads us by example through ministries to orphans and the poor and through the services offered at the Baloukli Hospital and elder center. Each year we are led by our National Ladies Philoptochos Society and local Philoptochos chapters in a special offering. This year, I ask that on Sunday, November 3, you show your support for the ministries that continue under very challenging conditions with genuine needs. The support of the faithful of our Holy Archdiocese extends the love we have for both our Ecumenical Patriarchate and for those in need. It also affirms that we are fulfilling the exhortation of our Lord to go out and bring all in need into His kingdom and into a place that will lead us to peace and eternal life.

On behalf of His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, I offer his deep gratitude for the ongoing support of the Ladies Philoptochos Society and the faithful of our Holy Archdiocese for these ministries. May we continuously pray for all in need, and may we be ready and responsive to bring those in need into the Church and the presence of our Lord so that they may have healing, peace, and joy.

With paternal love in Christ,

† *ELPIDOPHOROS*, Archbishop of America

Metropolitan Anthony [Bloom] of Sourozh

**RAISING OF JAIRUS DAUGHTER**

18 November 1984

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Today's Gospel is not only about miracles and the mercy of God; to me it is about hope beyond hope. In the story of the daughter of Jairus we see a child already dead; everyone knows about it; there is such certainty that when the Son of God, become the Son of Man, says, No! This child has not died, it is fallen asleep, everyone contradicts Him: No, this child has died.



And then Christ, with a word of power, but in an act of love calls the child to earthly life again.

Isn't this, —apart from being a true event of our human history, —isn't this also a parable, and an image of so many human situations? How often we would say, There is no point in doing anything about this person, this person is lost anyhow; there is nothing to do about redeeming a given situation, this situation is beyond redemption. And we must remember the words which were spoken by Christ to Peter when he said, Who then can be saved? and the Lord said to him, What is impossible to man, is possible unto God.

Hope beyond hope: not because we have got good reasons to hope, but because we can be possessed of a passionate certainty that not only love divine but human love can bring back to life what was lost. People who have fallen into the deepest dereliction, people who seem to us to be hopelessly evil, if they are met by the sacrificial love, —and the word sacrificial is essential, —the sacrificial love of God and the same sacrificial love in us, can be redeemed.

In the case of this child it happened immediately. In our relation to one another and to people it may take years, years of patient love, years during which we will give ourselves, but also endure, endure endlessly the most unendurable things; and in the end there can be redemption. There can be redemption on this earth, in the form of a person who was thought to be hopeless, beyond help, and who begins to change, and then we see a miracle, and we are elated, and hope becomes complete and real, and joy fills our heart.

But there is also another way in which this sacrificial love can be redemption. A western theologian has said around the time of the last war, when feelings were deep and pain acute, he said that suffering is the meeting place between evil and humanity; suffering is always caused by human agency or human agency turns away from it and does not alleviate it. And suffering always cuts into the soul or into the body of people. But when it has happened, the victim acquires divine power to forgive, and by forgiveness to undo the evil, and to redeem those who have done the evil.

Let us reflect on this; this thought has come to me not out of reflection, and indeed not out of my life that has always been too easy for me to be able to speak such words. But after the war a document was found in one of the concentration camps. It was written on a torn sheet of wrapping paper by a man who died in this camp. And the substance of his message was a prayer in which he said, Lord, when you come as a Judge of

the earth, do not condemn the people who have done such atrocious things to us; do not hold against them their cruelty and our suffering, their violence and our despair, but look at the fruit which we have borne in patience, in humility, in fortitude, in forgiveness, in loyalty, in solidarity; and may these fruits be accounted unto their salvation. Do not allow the memory of us to be in eternity horror to them; may it be their salvation.

This is also hope beyond hope. And to me it is connected with this contrast between the sinful, the false, the blind knowledge expressed by the people in the house: they laugh at Christ, they know that the child is dead, hope is superfluous, it is drowned in despair, —and the victory of love and of mercy which is shown in the event but which can extend in so many ways into our personal lives on the simplest level, and on the most heroic ones.

Let us therefore give thought to it, and choose for hope beyond hope, for that love and that faith that conquer. Amen.

### **The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost** Luke 7:11-16

*And it came to pass the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and much people. Now when He came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And He came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And He said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And He delivered him to his mother. And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited His people. (KJV)*

Belief in the Lord Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead is life-renewing. Pascha is the Feast of Feasts. Each Sunday Divine Liturgy is a celebration of Christ's resurrection.

The present Gospel message of Christ raising the son of the widow of Nain from the dead is consistent with Christ having power over death. Another example is Jesus Christ calling Lazarus forth from the tomb after four days. (Jn. 11:21-44)

At each Baptism and Divine Liturgy, believers recite the Creed and profess belief in Christ's resurrection and the resurrection of the dead. At each funeral, the Gospel speaks about the resurrection of the dead. (Jn 5:24-30)

Belief in the resurrection of the dead is fundamental to the believer's world view. The Holy Apostle Paul told the Corinthians: "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." ( ICor.15:19)

Christ's power over death affords believers the hope of eternal life. Restoring life to the son of the widow of Nain and to Lazarus are convincing proof of Christ's power.

Christ rising from the tomb after His Crucifixion is the foundation for hope and joy. Draw strength and hope today from Jesus Christ raising the son of the widow of Nain.

The Lord Jesus Christ turned sorrow into joy in the present Gospel. The Lord Jesus Christ transformed agony into hope. New life emanates from Jesus Christ. Life triumphs over death in Jesus Christ.

New life in Christ is possible for each person suffering. Depression and serious illness are overcome in Christ. A person leading a life in sin, through repentance can have his or her soul renewed in Christ.

When a person gets devastating news, Christ can make a decided difference. When job loss comes unexpectedly or a serious medical condition occurs, Christ can change life for the better.

Intense focus on Christ is always necessary in life. This is certainly true when the unexpected occurs. The widow of Nain and her son had a life-changing experience when Christ raised the son from the dead.

Christ changes lives fundamentally when serious occurrences take place. When the focus on Christ becomes more intense, the most important aspects of life become increasingly appreciated.

The widow of Nain and her son knew the depth of loss that had taken place in death. They came to know the fulness of joy of life replacing death. Believers always have Christ's resurrection as a basis for living and seeking eternal life.

Depression and despair are too common in today's world. The Lord Jesus Christ brightens darkness. The Lord Jesus Christ is the constant hope when no hope seems to exist.

Life takes on the greatest meaning when Christ lifts believers in their darkest hours. Hope is realized when Christ lives in the heart, mind, and soul. The widow of Nain and her son came to know Christ in ways they never expected.

Each believer taking the current Gospel to heart benefits from the raising of the son of the widow of Nain. Each believer does well to treasure this Gospel reading and use it in governing life in the days ahead.

When dark moments in life arise. Christ shines light in the darkness. Christ brightens the path into the future. Christ illumines the heart, mind, and soul. Christ changes the home, neighborhood, and community.

The raising of the son of the widow of Nain has changed countless lives since it first occurred. Hope has been restored in places and people that are known only to God.

The Church proclaims this Gospel every year. The message is a lasting and life-changing message. The joy of the son of the widow of Nain being raised from the dead has penetrated the centuries.

Joy in the Resurrected Christ cannot be contained. Joy in the life in Christ cannot be hidden. The Paschal Troparion declares: "Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling down death by death and upon those in the tombs bestowing life."

Christ's Resurrection is not time limited. The raising of the son of the widow of Nain is not a time-limited message. Hope in Christ exceeds the limits of time.

Christ's love exceeds earthly boundaries.

Today we rejoice with the widow of Nain. We rejoice with her son. The Lord Jesus Christ enables us to rejoice because of His presence, existence, and love.

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

God's Holy Church proclaims Christ's resurrection. The Church proclaims Christ's miracles of raising the dead. Believers have reason to rejoice and move forward in newness of life in Christ's Holy Church.

*The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost. Venerable Hilarion the Great; St.*

*Hilarion, Bishop of Meglin. October 21/November 3, 2019.*

*Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic*