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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 Yurij, Archbishop Jovan, Bishop Robert, Metropolitan Savas, Metropolitan Kallistos of Diokleia, Father George & Pani Lillian Hnatko, Father Jakiw Norton, Father Paul Stoll, Father Igor Soroka, Father Joseph Kopchak, Father Elias Warnke, 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], Father George Livanos, Igumen Patrick, Pani Mary Ann Chubenko, Father Jim Orr, Father Rick Seilier, Panimatka Laryssa Charest, Fr. Vasyl Sendeha, Father Steve Hutnick [COVID-`9], Father Victor Wronskyj [COVID-19], Father George & Dobrodijka Oksana Bazylevsky, 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, 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 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, 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, Michelle, Patrick, Linda Morris, Chris, David Hiles, Jennifer, 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, 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 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, Dena & George, Georgia, Lawanda [Evelyn's niece], Maureen Sams, John Kendall, Judi Danser, Darcy, Denis Strittmatter, Nancy, Ian Brick, Cecilia Barnhart, Logan Magorien, Pam & Gordon Grant, Debbie & Jerry Novosel, Noah Willard, Sandra Dillard, Danielle McCann, Barry [Father Jim Orr's cousin], Tim Joyce, Mike Pawlyshyn-Jeannie Stutchell's brother, 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, Tim Sams, Mike Ruzzi, Stephen Popichak—Fr. Bob's brother, Mary Kay Ludovicy, Pastor Sara Irwin, George Dilendorf, Andy Torick, Carol Behun, Erv Frye,

William Lusherand, Bill Boretsky, Colin Kirton—Stage 4 pancreatic cancer, Clifford, Joe Veto, Paul Riley, Tonee & Sydnee Turner, Annette Paluh, Cathy Lotinsky, Monk Andrew, Jeff & Buschra Kerr, Steven—Harry Batch's cousin, Rose Mary Pavlovich—Mary Anne Kuznik's Cousin, Stella McKeag, Margaret Sekelsky, Robert Sekelsky, Robert Rodriguez, Dollie Irvin, Joe Mrvos, Alexandra & Bowen, Katherine Kulik, Micky Delans [COVID-19], Pastor Terry Polen, Eleanor Kitt, Stacie & Gary, Dolores Wachnowsky, Maria Warholak, Stacie & Gary, Anna Sekelik, Christy, Mariruth, Rich & Judy Previc, Ben Williams, Denis Strittmatter, Deacon Joe Uzar—vocations, Tim—surgery, Archimandrite Raphael—COVID-19, John Wakin, Olivia—young girl with a brain tumor, Rick & Sharon Morgan, John Stasko [triple by-pass], John, Kris & Kait, Jeff & Mary Jane Double [COVID-19], Terri Crosby-Vega [COVID-19], Kristi Wilson, Barbara Shegat & Chaplain Rachelle Zazzu, 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.

Father Stel Muksuris <u>A HAPPY SUNDAY THOUGHT</u>

"Yet, if we would only rejoice with simply 'being with God', we would then come to realize that the answer to prayer is not getting what we want, but getting what we need. And what we need is to be with God - always." ~ Fr. Dr. Stel, from a published talk given 4 years ago

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our February Babies: David Shirley on the 1st and Kyle James Weiser on the 12th! May God grant them all Many Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Blessed Years! M'nohaya Lita! God Bless them all!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ... There is <u>NOTHING</u> to keep us from praying...for each other, for our family and friends, and most of all for the first responders—EMTs, nurses, doctors, firefighters, police officers, and members of our military who keep us safe. Be well, and be SAFE!!! God Bless!

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 <u>ALWAYS</u> <u>FREE!</u>

<u>Communion Fasting:</u> 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.

SERVICES IN SLICKVILLE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS!!! 10:30 AM 36TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MARTYR TRYPHON OF CAMPSADA NEAR APAMEA IN SYRIA; MARTYRS PERPETUA & SATURUS, REVOCATUS, SATURNINUS, SECUNDULUS, & FELICITAS; VENERABLE PETER OF GALATIA; VENERABLE VENDEMIANUS-HERMIT OF BITHYNIA

Tone 3 1 Timothy 4:9-15 Luke 19:1-10

Litany in Blessed Memory of Milton G. Chicka, Daniel Pysh, Sara Chicka, Nickolai Pivtoraiko, Evelyn Burlack, Anne Cherepko Mazock, Roy Wyke & Katherine Debick—Fr. Bob

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21 OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS!!! 10:30 AM
SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE; AFTERFEAST OF THE MEETING
OF OUR LORD; GREAT-MARTYR THEODORE STRATELATES; PROPHET
ZECHARIAH-OF THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS; SAINT SAVA II ARCHBISHOP
OF SERBIA

Tone 4 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Luke 18:10-14

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28 OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS!!! 10:30 AM
SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON; APOSTLE ONESIMUS OF THE 70; VENERABLE
PAPHNUTIUS-MONK & DAUGHTER SAINT EUPHROSYNE-NUN OF
ALEXANDRIA; VENERABLE EUSEBIUS-HERMIT OF SYRIA; VENERABLE
PAPHNUTIUS-RECLUSE OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA

Tone 5 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Luke 15:11-32

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TROPARION—TONE 3

Let the Heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm! He has trampled down death by death! He has delivered us from the depths of hell, And has granted 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 3

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One! Leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; With the prophets and patriarchs They unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 3

READER: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

PEOPLE: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

READER: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

PEOPLE: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

READER: Sing praises to our God, sing praises!

PEOPLE: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

<u>ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 3</u>

In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame!

Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge, in order to save me!

Father Stel Muksuris:

A MIRACLE THAT NEEDED TO HAPPEN: THE LITURGY DURING THE LITURGY

All liturgies, even on feast days like today (the Meeting of Christ, Feb. 2) do not necessarily happen in churches. Today was such a day. Now that I have your attention, please read on...and to the end.

This morning around 10:15am, this beautiful dog (pictured) came running into our front yard. My wife and I were shoveling snow and were obviously not in church—she was getting ready for work and I had the day off from my full slate of courses I teach on Tuesdays (but I had a massive 2-hour lecture to prerecord, which I eventually did). Anyway, the poor canine was shivering and obviously frightened. It had lost its way home and was terribly distressed and whimpering. Our concern was its protection from the cold and any careless drivers on our street. The dog was friendly and obedient (it knew the word "stay!" quite well). We brought out a blanket and put it on her. She kept licking our hands and crying.

Fortunately, the dog was tagged and must have belonged to a neighbor. With a few phone calls to our municipal offices, we traced the owner to a family on the street parallel to ours. After repeated phone calls to the owner that went unanswered, I decided to walk the dog over to the address, a short walk in sub-freezing temps. By this time, my wife was running late for work. My academic stuff could wait. So we took a walk over to the address. There in the cul-de-sac, construction workers told me the owners had just left for work. Thankfully, their next-door neighbor opened the door and, having a dog of her own, welcomed their new guest. The owner and their pet were eventually reunited. The owner finally got in touch with me to thank me for something I was happy to do. The neighbors on our street, all wonderful people, gave us some advice and then extolled us for our kindness in saving this dog.

All life is precious and beautiful, whether it is the life of a human being, an animal, or a plant. Life is the very reminder that God is with us in the most beautiful of ways, especially in the weak and vulnerable. There is nothing more sacred than tending to the needs of the created world as stewards, and there is nothing greater that shows our love for God than taking care of the world He gave us, to paraphrase Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew's words on the sanctity of the environment and creation.

No, I did not attend church today and neither did my wife. We are both educators and usually work straight through on Tuesdays (especially me). Yet, there is a reason why I had the day off, did not attend liturgy in church, and needed to shovel snow. My Liturgy today was celebrated outdoors. God arranged things in such a way that the altar we were called to was situated within the hurting heart of a defenseless dog. We were asked to offer up a little bit of our time and a little bit of our love and concern for those who would easily be forgotten.

While this altar is real, the altar of the human heart is far more glorious and precious, and this is because we are created in the divine image and likeness. The altar of the human heart requires for us to make upon it daily sacrifices of love and compassion, because God so wills it. To

love horizontally (one another) is to love vertically (God), for as St. John the Theologian rightly observes: "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?" (1 John 4:20) St. John Chrysostom also speaks to this exact point in one of his remarkable homilies.

I am glad we were at the right place at the right time—in a rather cold outdoor church with the warmth of neighbors all around us. It was a beautiful Liturgy, by the way. This does not mean that we replace attending the Eucharist with such "worship." It is the Eucharist that gives rise to this sensitivity in our world and for our world. Oh, and the next time we attend the Eucharist, perhaps we will see it with the perspective that matters.

Thanks for reading and cheers! ~ Fr. Dr. Stel



"Everyone wants to change the world, but no one wants to change themselves. We all ask God to change this ugly world, leaving ourselves out of the equation. And the years go by, while our souls do not change—the same mistakes, the same passions—until that holy hour comes, when you will rise and stand before your very self. Change me, my Christ, make me new. I was also part of the world, but I did not understand." (Nun Isidora)

Metropolitan Savas Zembillas

"We observe each other's sins, not to bewail them, but to make them subjects of reproach; not to heal them, but to aggravate them; and we excuse our own evil deeds by pointing out the wounds of our neighbours. We do not judge a person bad or good according to his character, but by whether he disagrees with us or is our friend. We praise one day what we

revile the next; admire some merely because they are denounced by our enemies; will forgive anyone anything as long as they are on our side." Saint Gregory the Theologian

The Final Moments of Archbishop Saint John's [Maximovich] Life

On December 8, 1997, we met George Grigoryevich and Elena Petrovna Kalfov, who had come from Seattle, and asked about the last minutes of the life of Bishop John, who died in the arms of George Kalfov, then choir director in Seattle.

George Grigoryevich was surprised by our question, because in all the years since the Bishop's death, no one has ever asked him about it.

Bishop John of Shanghai George knew from early adolescence and his recovery then after a serious illness was obliged to the Bishop. The life paths of the Lord and Choirmaster G. Kalfov were constantly in contact.

And here's the last service in Seattle. The bishop rose after the service to the upstairs room to go to the cemetery in a short time. Georgiy Grigoryevich and Yuri Hrushov remained in the yard to wait for the Bishop to come down. Suddenly they heard something fall above. When they got up, they saw the Bishop lying on the floor, carefully lifted, and seated him in a chair.

George recalls: -The last words of Archbishop John: "This has never happened to me before." Then he blessed me, closed his eyes, and quietly fell asleep forever.

It was necessary to urgently arrange the flight of the body of the deceased without embalming. Everything was done thanks to the good relationship between George and the administration of the funeral home. From San Francisco were summoned people with vestments, from Canada—subdeacon and admirers of the Bishop.

Bishop Nektary and priest clothed Bishop John, and eight people moved him to the church and put him in a coffin.

The body of such a small and thin man was unusually heavy, so that 8 healthy strong young men could hardly hold him to avoid dropping.

In conclusion, Georgy Grigoryevich thanked God for living in that blessed time almost always beside Bishop John, who blessed him, invisibly directed, helped throughout, and helps at present.

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The Holy Scriptures

Matthew 25:56- But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled. (KJV)

Divine consistency exists within the Holy Scriptures through the centuries. The Holy Prophets offer wisdom continuing to be revealed to the present day. God's Church draws from the wisdom of the prophets for the Divine services. The Church links the wisdom of the Holy Prophets with feast day celebrations. Attentive believers will continue to be amazed by the wisdom in the Scriptures. Careful attention to the Holy Scriptures increases learning throughout earthly life. The Holy Scriptures authentically address the hunger of the believer's soul.

Mark 12:24- And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God? KJV)

Believers benefit beyond measure by immersing the self in the Holy Scriptures. Benefit increases with faithfulness to the Holy Scriptures as the believer matures. The Holy Scriptures offer endless nourishment to satisfy the hunger of the soul. Studying the Scriptures as put forth by God's Holy Church is the best practice. The Scriptures put forth by God's Holy Church offer the authentic nourishment. Diluted versions of the Holy Scriptures do not offer the soul the same nourishment. The Church reveals the relevancy of the Scriptures for all aspects of personal life.

Luke 24:27- And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. KJV)

The Lord Jesus Christ serves as Teacher to the attentive believers of every century. The Holy Spirit works within each believer to increase in personal understanding. Life within God's Holy Church fosters interest in and value held for the Scriptures. The Scriptures are best learned and understood when studied within God's Church. Studying the Holy Scriptures can lead a person to be more active in God's Church. Believers mature and grow in Christ when immersing the self in the Scriptures. The growth in Jesus Christ through study of the Holy Scriptures is without limit.

John 5:39- Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. KJV)

Studying the Scriptures enables believers to focus clearly on God's Kingdom. The Divine services of God's Holy Church are filled with Scriptural references. God's Church has extensive services for each day which reference the Scriptures. Believers are challenged to be attentive to daily use of the Scriptures in worship. Seekers of eternal life do well to invest in careful study of the Holy Scriptures. Study of the Holy Scriptures is a serious act of prayer pleasing to the Lord God. God's presence and power are keenly felt in the careful study of the Scriptures.

Saint Euthymius the Great. January 20/February 2, 2021. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic

St. Patrick of Ireland (fifth century) The Prayer of Saint Patrick

I arise today

Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,

Through a belief in the Threeness,

Through confession of the Oneness

Of the Creator of creation.

I arise today

Through the strength of Christ's birth and His baptism,

Through the strength of His crucifixion and His burial,

Through the strength of His resurrection and His ascension,

Through the strength of His descent for the judgment of doom.

I arise today

Through the strength of the love of cherubim,

In obedience of angels,

In service of archangels,

In the hope of resurrection to meet with reward,

In the prayers of patriarchs,

In preachings of the apostles,

In faiths of confessors,

In innocence of virgins,

In deeds of righteous men.

I arise today

Through the strength of heaven;

Light of the sun,

Splendor of fire,

Speed of lightning,

Swiftness of the wind,

Depth of the sea,

Stability of the earth,

Firmness of the rock.

I arise today

Through God's strength to pilot me;

God's might to uphold me,

God's wisdom to guide me,

God's eye to look before me,

God's ear to hear me,

God's word to speak for me,

God's hand to quard me,

God's way to lie before me,

God's shield to protect me,

God's hosts to save me

From snares of the devil,

From temptations of vices,

From every one who desires me ill,

Afar and anear,

Alone or in a multitude.

I summon today all these powers between me and evil,

Against every cruel merciless power that opposes my body and soul,

Against incantations of false prophets,

Against black laws of pagandom,

Against false laws of heretics,

Against craft of idolatry,

Against spells of women and smiths and wizards,

Against every knowledge that corrupts man's body and soul.

Christ, shield me today

Against poison, against burning,

Against drowning, against wounding,

So that reward may come to me in abundance.

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,

Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,

Christ on my right, Christ on my left,

Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,

Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,

Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks of me,

Christ in the eye that sees me,

Christ in the ear that hears me.

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In Christ Service,

Fr. George L. Livanos, Proistamenos, All Saints Greek Orthodox Church

WHY I WEAR A MASK

Jesus has called me to love my neighbor. There are vulnerable people (around me and) in my congregation. The virus is real, and it is dangerous. If I wear a mask and I'm wrong, there's no harm. If I choose not to wear a mask, people could get sick and possibly die. So, I choose to wear a mask as a way to serve, as a way to love, and as a way to do my part to protect the most vulnerable.

Rev. Ken Braddy



From Father George L. Livanos:

"You should know that, hidden away in sorrows and sufferings, in patience and faith are God's promises, as also are His glory and the acquisition of the heavenly blessings.

Because even the wheat that's sown in the earth first has to rot and seemingly decay before we can enjoy its beauty and the multiplication of its yield.

If it isn't subjected to this rotting and decaying, there's no harvest." — St. Makarios of Egypt