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Great Lent—the Great 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, 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 Smoly nec, 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, Fr. Volodymyr Muzychka [COVID-19], Diakonissa Mary Ann Cherkas, 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, 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 Stroz [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 Zeliszcuk, Donna Davis, Jackie Crimbchin, Marta Charron, Mary [Corba], 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, 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, 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, Wendy LaGamba, Melissa Gross [hip replacement], Mike, Amy, Nathan, & Ben Forbeck [COVID-19], Ann Zurasky [knee replacement], James Mary, Barbara Shegat & Chaplain Rachelle Zazzu, Joyce [stroke], 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.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ... There is NOTHING 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 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.

SERVICES IN SLICKVILLE

SUNDAY, April 04

NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE

THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT; ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS;
HIEROMARTYR BASIL-PRESBYTER OF ANCYRA; MARTYR DROSIDA OF
ANTIOCH & 5 VIRGINS; VENERABLE ISAAC-FOUNDER OF THE DALMATIAN
MONASTERY AT CONSTANTINOPLE

Tone 2

Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Mark 8:34-9:1

SUNDAY, April 11

OBEDNITZA—SAINT BASIL—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT; VENERABLE JOHN CLIMACUS-JOHN OF THE
LADDER OF DIVINE ASCENT; MARTYR MARK-BISHOP OF ARETHUSA,
CYRIL, & OTHERS; VENERABLE JOHN-ANCHORITE OF EGYPT. SAINT
EUSTATHIUS THE CONFESSOR-BISHOP OF KIOS IN BITHYNIA

Tone 3

Hebrews 6:13-20; Ephesians 5:9-19

Mark 9:17-32; Matthew 4:25-5:12

*Litany in Blessed Memory of Frank Pendlyshok, John Cherepko, Ollie
Pendlyshok, Stella Peanoske, Rose Lopushanski, Mary Haluszczak,
Vladimir Hanczar, Michael Brittan, Deacon Dennis Lapushansky, Lynne
Giglione & Makayla Miller--Fr. Bob*

SUNDAY, April 18

OBEDNITZA—SAINT BASIL—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM

FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT; VENERABLE MARY OF EGYPT; MARTYRS
THEODULUS & AGATHOPODES-DEACON & OTHERS; SAINT PUBLIUS OF
EGYPT-MONK; SAINTS THEONAS, SYMEON, & PHORBINUS OF EGYPT;
SAINT MARK THE ANCHORITE OF ATHENS; SAINT PLATO-ABBOT OF THE
STUDION; SAINT THEODORA-NUN OF THESSALONICA

Tone 4

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

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

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*******NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE*******

TROPARION—TONE 1

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance.

Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians, over their adversaries;

And, by virtue of Thy cross, preserve Thy habitation.

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

Now the flaming sword no longer guards the gates of paradise;
It has been mysteriously quenched by the wood of the Cross!
The sting of death and the victory of hell have been vanquished;
For Thou, O my Savior, didst come and cry to those in hell:
Enter again into Paradise.

INSTEAD OF "O HOLY GOD"

**Before Thy Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master, and Thy holy
Resurrection, we glorify Thee.**

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**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and
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And Thy holy Resurrection, we glorify Thee.

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PROKEIMENON—TONE 7

READER: Extol the Lord our God; worship at His footstool, for it is Holy!

PEOPLE: Extol the Lord our God; worship at His footstool, for it is
Holy!

READER: The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

PEOPLE: Extol the Lord our God; worship at His footstool, for it is
Holy!

READER: Extol the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: Worship at His footstool, for it is Holy!

ALLELUIA VERSES

Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast gotten of old.

God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the middle of
the earth.

Fear God

Acts 10:2-A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway. (KJV)

Keeping the Final Judgement by the Lord in mind keeps the focus on the Kingdom. Thoughts and actions are best weighed against the Lord God's commandments. Sincerely practicing love of God and love of neighbor are of primary importance. The forgiveness of others and seeking God's forgiveness are necessary every day. Each day is to be used well to prepare for Christ's return and Final Judgement. Having fear of God is fully compatible with loving the Lord God and neighbor.

Acts 10:22-And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee. (KJV)

Daily sins and less than pleasing behavior are known and visible to the Lord God. Words and actions of daily life form the believer's record for the Final Judgement. While time remains in life, repentance and beseeching God's mercy are essential. The immediate present is the time to restore the healthy relationship with God. The immediate present is the time to have healthy personal daily relationships. Fearing God and preparing well for the Final Judgement puts life into perspective.

Acts 13:16-Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience. (KJV)

The time of Christ's glorious Second Coming and Final Judgement are not known. The remaining time of earthly life for each believer is known only to the Lord God. The time of life comes once and is to be used wisely according to God's way. Believers do well not to procrastinate in repenting and seeking God's mercy. God's Holy Church fosters and encourages repentance throughout earthly life. Being well-prepared for the Final Judgement is the expectation for every believer.

Acts 13:26-Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent. (KJV)

The Lord's love and mercy restore wholeness to the sincerely repentant believer. God's forgiveness corresponds with the believer forgiving others in daily life. The joy of the Heavenly Kingdom and life eternal await believers fearing God. Nourishment exists within God's Holy Church to strengthen believers' efforts. The Lord God gives daily directions for the journey to the Heavenly Kingdom. Being prayerfully connected with the Lord keeps the believer ready for judgement.

Contrite

Psalm 33:19/34:18-The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. (KJV)

The Lord is present to help those suffering from a broken heart and contrite spirit. Persons experiencing despair and great suffering have reason to hope in the Lord. Suffering and despair are overcome when turning to the Lord in faith and hope. There is always reason to hope in the Lord and never reason to yield to despair. The Lord Jesus Christ overcame the horrible crucifixion and rose from the dead. The darkness associated with Jesus' Crucifixion is replaced with Resurrection joy.

Psalm 50:19/51:17-The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. (KJV)

The believer does well to search deep within the heart and root out any animosity. Resentment, despondency and judging others have no place in the believer's heart. Hope increases as the believer prostrates before the Lord in prayerful humility. The Lord God offers healing embrace to the believer willing to reject sinful ways. Repentance begins with acknowledging personal sin and taking full responsibility. Trusting the Lord facilitates the process of personal transformation in Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 57:15-For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. (KJV)

When experiencing a low point in earthly life turn full attention to the loving Lord. Devastating news or troubled relationships are best addressed with the Lord's help. The Lord God is very near to every believer reaching out in faith, hope and prayer. God is everywhere from the heights of the heavens and to far-reaches of the earth. God is always within reach even when the believer is at the lowest point in life. No problem or illness are too great to bring to the Lord for the needed perspective.

Isaiah 66:2-For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word. (KJV)

Arrogance and pride are barriers to prayer and communication with the Lord God. Sincerity and humility facilitate entreaties when seeking the Lord God's mercies. Serious repentance will be reflected deeply in the believer's heart, mind and soul. Fear and trembling have a place in

repentance when the believer seeks forgiveness. Sins have no proper place in the Christian life and deserve to be firmly repudiated. The Lord's love merits constant gratitude and the believer's lasting remembrance.

Holy Martyr Conan, Venerable Mark the Ascetic, Saint Nicholai of Zicha. Thursday of the First Week of Great Lent. March 5/18, 2021. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic

The Second Sunday of Great Lent Mark 2:1-12

And again he entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that he was in the house. And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them. And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. But there was certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only? And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy, I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion. (KJV)

St. Gregory Palamas John 10:9-16

I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. (KJV)

Believers in the Holy Orthodox Church are called to actively participate in the journey to Pascha. The Church provides Great Lent to facilitate the full life in the Lord Jesus Christ.

St. John's Gospel for today describes the Lord Jesus Christ as the Good Shepherd. The Shepherd knows His sheep and is known to them. The Good Shepherd protects His sheep and is willing to lay down His life for them.

Serious believers value Jesus Christ as the Good Shepherd. Serious believers rejoice and are strengthened by Christ. Jesus Christ brings life more abundantly. Believers adhere to Christ's teachings to experience life more abundantly.

During Great Lent, the Church encourages believers to repent of their sins. St. Mark's Gospel for today describes Jesus' forgiving the sins and healing the man with palsy. Each person has the opportunity to seek forgiveness and healing.

Sin is to be firmly rejected and abhorred by Christians. Welcoming and harboring sinful thoughts and performing sinful actions prevent the abundant life in Christ.

Jesus describes Himself as the Door through which entry can be made for the person to be saved. God's Holy Church is the opening to the Door for the believer. Christ the Door is always open for the believer seeking salvation.

Many doors exist in the world to paths to destruction. Some doors open to destinations far from the Heavenly Kingdom. There are doors which open to experiences of misery.

God's Holy Church provides the Gospel and nourishing teachings to keep the believer on the path to the Heavenly Kingdom. The Church offers life more abundantly in the Divine services.

The Precious Body and Blood of Jesus Christ enable believers to be firmly and fully united with Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ enters and radiates within the communing believer.

The journey to Pascha is underway in the Church. Great Lent is to be taken seriously as salvation of the soul is of utmost seriousness. The soul is not to be jeopardized or to be cast into sin.

Believers are encouraged to restore purity to life. Becoming more unified with and like Christ is the intended goal of Great Lent. The joy of Christ's Resurrections beckons believers to be serious each day of Great Lent.

The time of each day is a gift from God to be treasured and used for God's glory. Believers learn in and from the Church ways to live pleasing to the Lord.

Beginning anew in Christ is possible while consciousness remains in the body.

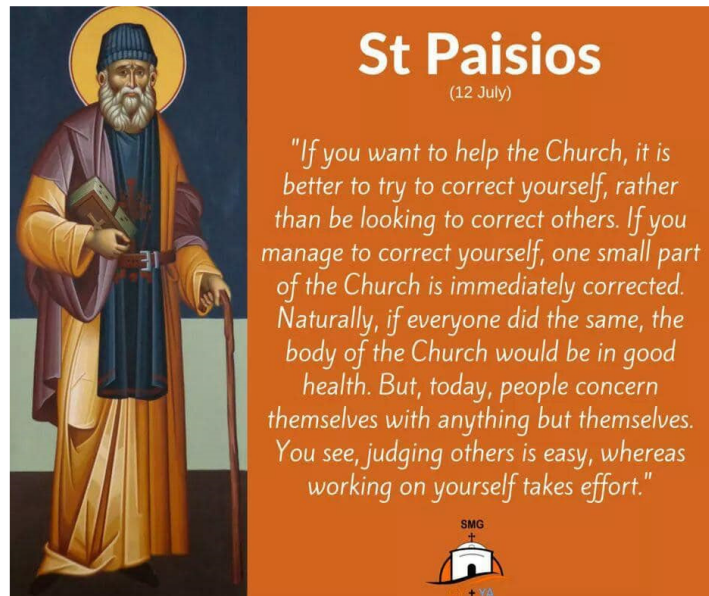
The Lenten services offers nourishment for the soul and foster repentance. Attentive and welcoming hearts and minds rejoice in the Lenten journey. Serious believers welcome the expectation of increased fasting and prayer.

Individuals concerned about the conditions of their souls know that honoring Great Lent will make a beneficial difference. Hunger in the soul for Jesus Christ is addressed in Great Lent.

Honoring Great Lent in daily life provides a refuge and safe haven from the horrors, trials, and temptations of the world. The Lord is ever-present with the believer seeking salvation of the soul.

The Good Shepherd does not abandon His sheep. The Good Shepherd is always present to guide, protect and nourish His own. Serious followers of the Lord Jesus Christ listen attentively and adhere to His ways.

The Second Sunday of Great Lent. St. Gregory Palamas. Holy Martyr Agapius and the Six Martyrs with Him. March 15/28, 2021. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic



“Christ came to correct man and, therefore, man’s logic. He is our Logos and our Logic. That is why we must direct our reason toward Him and not Him toward our reason. He is the One Who corrects our reason. The sun is not regulated according to our clock, but our clock is regulated according to the sun.”

– St. Nikolai Velimirovich –

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**Do you want
to receive
mercy?**

**Show
mercy
to your
neighbour**

St. John Chrysostom

“Just as people do not enter a war in order to enjoy war, but in order to be saved from war, so we do not enter this world in order to enjoy this world, but in order to be saved from it. People go to war for the sake of something greater than war. So we also enter this temporal life for the sake of something greater: for eternal life. And as soldiers think with joy about returning home, so also Christians constantly remember the end of their lives and their return to their heavenly fatherland.”

— St. Nikolai Velimirovich (1881-1956)
Thoughts on Good and Evil

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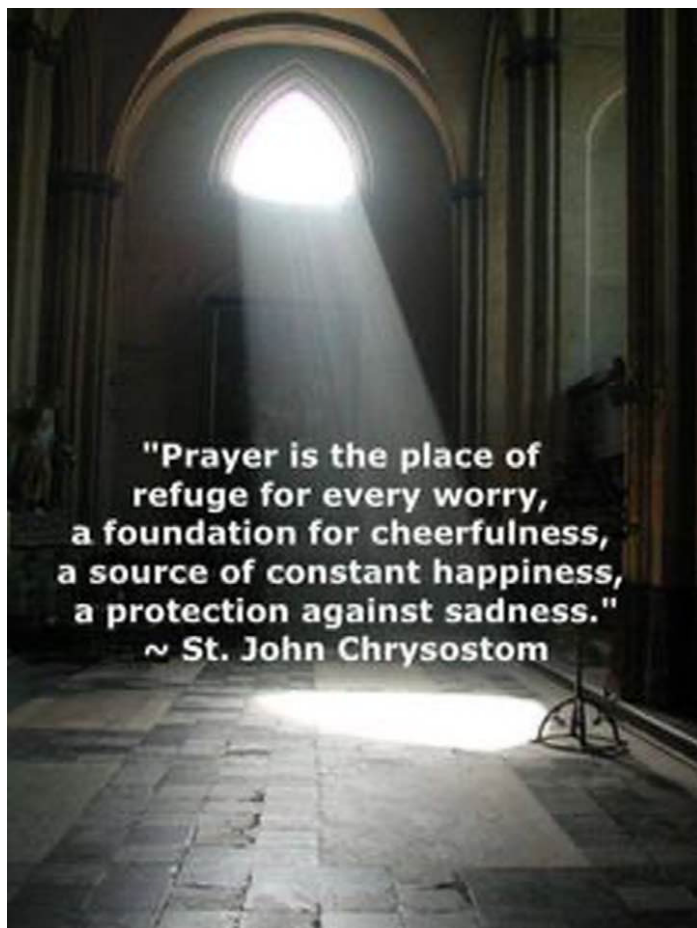
A few quick comments on lighting candles: In Holy Orthodoxy it has been a tradition for centuries to light candles in the church.

The easiest way to remember where to light them:

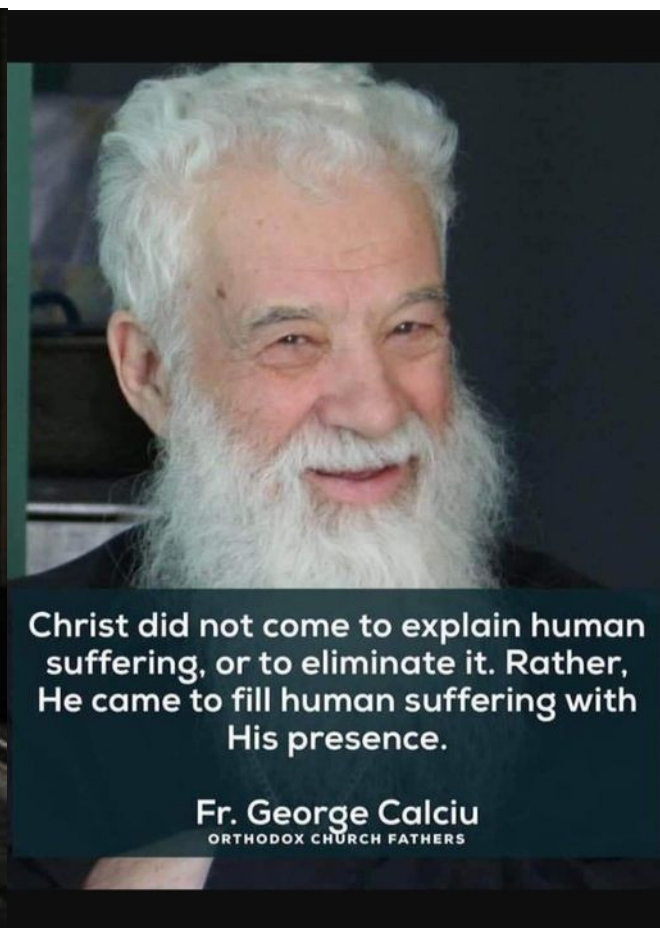
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In all cases, a prayer is offered for the person or persons for whom the candle is lit. Remember: PRAYERS ARE ALWAYS FREE!

We wish you a Peaceful, Prayerful, and Blessed Journey to Pascha!



"Prayer is the place of
refuge for every worry,
a foundation for cheerfulness,
a source of constant happiness,
a protection against sadness."
~ St. John Chrysostom



Christ did not come to explain human
suffering, or to eliminate it. Rather,
He came to fill human suffering with
His presence.

Fr. George Calciu
ORTHODOX CHURCH FATHERS

GREAT LENT



THE JOURNEY TO PASCHA



LET US BEGIN THE FAST WITH
JOY! LET US PREPARE OURSELVES
FOR SPIRITUAL EFFORTS! LET
US PURIFY OUR SOULS AND
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ABSTAIN FROM EVERY PASSION AS
WE ABSTAIN FROM FOOD! LET US
REJOICE IN VIRTUES OF THE SPIRIT
AND FULFIL THEM IN LOVE! THAT WE MAY
ALL SEE THE HOLY PASSION OF CHRIST OUR
GOD! AND REJOICE IN SPIRIT AT THE HOLY
PASCHA!