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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, Pani-Dobrodijka Sonia Diakiw, Father Paisius McGrath, Father Michael Smolynec, Father Lawrence & Matushka Sophia Daniels, Father Joe Cervo, Father John Harrold [Saint Sylvester], Igumen Patrick, Pani Mary Ann Chubenko, Father Jim Orr, Father Rick Seilier, Panimatka Laryssa Charest, Fr. Vasyl Sendeha, Father Steve Hutnick [COVID-19], Father Victor Wronskyj [COVID-19], Father George & Dobrodijka Oksana Bazylevsky, Fr. Volodymyr Muzychka [COVID-19], Diakonissa Mary Ann Cherkas, Father Harry Linsinbigler [COVID-19], Archimandrite Raphael [COVID-19], 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 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], 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, Father Joe Uzar—newly ordained, Tim—surgery, 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], David Salazar, Ann Zurasky [knee replacement], James Mary, Barb Bookser, Dr. Paul Riley, David Hess, Serena, Wyatt, Makenzie, Jennifer, Carolyn Strittmatter, Barbara Shegat & Chaplain Rachelle Zazzu, Candace Irvin, Dollie Irvin, Carol Muschick, Grace Love [knee replacement], Stacie Riley, Joseph Paul Cervo, Jr. [newborn], Elizabeth [5-year-old], Lillian Skowvron, Pani Cathy Danczak, Sue & Greg Heinen, Paul Simpson [Father Bob's cousin, on life support after a car accident], Sharon Curtis Rivas, 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.

Love and live your Faith Father Dave Urban
The hostess at Primanti's just complimented us from praying in public. She said, I don't understand why more people don't pray and give thanks.

I pray that we all live with courage

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, August 08

OBEDNITZA-UPSTAIRS

10:30 AM

7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HIEROMARTYRS HERMOLAUS, HERMIPPUS, & HERMOCRATES OF NICOMEDIA; MARTYR PARASCEVE OF ROME; VENERABLE MOSES THE HUNGARIAN OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA

*Tone 6*Romans 15:1-7
Matthew 9:27-35

SUNDAY, August 15

OBEDNITZA-UPSTAIRS

10:30 AM

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF PROTOMARTYR & ARCHDEACON STEPHEN AND RIGHTEOUS NICODEMUS, GARNALIEL, & ABIBIUS; HIEROMARTYR STEPHEN-POPE OF ROME

Tone 7 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 14:14-22

SUNDAY, August 22

OBEDNITZA-UPSTAIRS

10:30 AM

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; AFTERFEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION; APOSTLE MATHIAS; MARTYR ANTHONY OF ALEXANDRIA; SAINT PSOES OF EGYPT; MARTYRS JULIAN, MARCIAN, JOHN, JAMEX, ALEXIUS, DEMETRIUS, PHOTIUS, PETER, LEONTIUS, & MARY OF CONSTANTINOPLE Tone 8

1 Corinthians 3:9-17; Acts 1:12-17, 21-26 Matthew 14:22-34; Luke 9:1-6

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 08 AUGUST 2021

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TROPARION—TONE 6

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body.

Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it.
Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.
O Lord who didst rise from the dead: 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 6

When Christ God, the Giver of Life,

Raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race.

He is the Savior of all,

The Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all!

<u>PROKEIMENON—TONE 6</u>

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

PEOPLE: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. **READER:** To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me. **PEOPLE:** O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

READER: O Lord, save Thy people.

PEOPLE: And bless Thine inheritance.

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 6

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

He will say to the Lord: My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in whom I trust.

Holy Prophet Elijah

I Kings 17:22-And the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. (KJV)

With the passing of many, many centuries, the Holy Prophet Elijah remains relevant. Serious believers continue to look to the Holy Prophet Elijah for benefit to the soul. Believers in need of healing of soul and body will direct prayers to the Prophet Elijah. When hunger in the soul arises, turning to the Holy Prophet Elijah spurs direct interest. Intercessory prayer directed to the Prophet Elijah for loved ones in need is beneficial. Attentive believers learn from the Holy Prophet Elijah throughout all the days of life.

I Kings 18:21-And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word. (KJV)

Complete faith in the Lord God is the challenge for each believer during earthly life. The Holy Prophet Elijah sets forth the choice facing individuals with varied views. Absolute faith in the Lord God was clearly exhibited by the Holy Prophet Elijah. Standing alone against others with opposing views did not cause Elijah to lose faith. Love of God and commitment to the Lord God are a lasting example in Prophet Elijah. The Prophet Elijah offers a vivid example of faith in God in times of great adversity.

I Kings 19:13-And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah? (KJV)

The Lord God spoke to the Prophet Elijah and made a difference in Elijah's life. Holy Elijah was attentive to the Lord and listened carefully for the word of the Lord. Contemporary society is filled with the cluttering sounds and sensations against God. Serious believers will turn away from worldly noise to seek direction from the Lord. Believers benefit from peace and quiet in daily life when seeking direction from God. God's Holy Church embraces and heralds the Prophet Elijah through the centuries.

Malachi 4:5-6-Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse. (KJV)

Prophet Elijah has a bearing on the relationships between fathers and their children. Relationships are an essential element in life reflecting the relationship with Christ. Wise believers learn from the Holy Prophet Elijah ways to improve relationships. The Holy Scriptures offer great wisdom emanating from the Holy Prophet Elijah. Believers of every century make choices whether to look to Holy Elijah for wisdom. Learning from the Holy Prophets makes a beneficial difference in the course of life.

Holy Martyr Cyricus and Julitta. Saint Vladimir, Enlightener of Russia. July 15/28, 2021. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Matthew 9:1-8

And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city. And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee. And, behold, certain of the scribes

said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house. And he arose, and departed to his house. But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men. (KJV)

The Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils John 17:1-13

These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. (KJV)

Each Divine Liturgy believers are blessed to hear the Holy Gospel. Attentive believers greatly value the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. Believers hearing the Holy Gospel learn from and about the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel reaches into the depths of the receptive believer's mind, heart, and soul. The receptive believer's life is enriched with each Gospel reading. The believer eagerly welcoming the Gospel has life changed for the better.

Each Divine Liturgy intends enrichment of the attending believers. The Divine Liturgy has a far-reaching effect on the local community and beyond. Churches celebrating the Divine Liturgy are community assets,

The Divine Liturgy stands as a beacon of light, faith, and hope in the community. Where violence might rage and negativity might exist, the Divine Liturgy is an oasis of peace, comfort, and provider of direction for a better future.

Today Orthodox believers hear two Gospel readings. The first reading tells of Jesus' power to forgive sins and to heal the sick. Communities and families are enriched by knowing Jesus has power to forgive and to heal.

Every person needs Jesus' forgiveness. We all do, say, or think things which are harmful to our souls and to others. We are unburdened by Jesus's forgiveness and having the opportunity to begin life anew. Forgiveness heals personal relationships.

Jesus' love for each person is clear in St. John's Gospel reading. Jesus speaks about eternal life and the joy He desires for His followers. Eternal life and joy in Christ are the goals of each serious believer.

As Jesus' earthly life was drawing to a close, Jesus thought carefully about His followers. Jesus spoke of His teachings, prayer, and care for His followers. Jesus' followers have a responsibility to think carefully about Jesus' care, love and teachings.

Eternal life and joy in Christ come only through Jesus Christ. The Gospel readings in the Divine Liturgy enrich and steadily guide the believer during the course of the year and the through the days of life.

Believers do well to be mindful of the Gospel readings during the year. Each believer is expected to connect the self with the Gospel readings and fashion life to conform to the Gospel teachings.

The Lord Jesus Christ makes the Gospel readings possible. The Lord is the Content and Purveyor of the Gospel. God's Holy Church maintains, protects, and proclaims the Gospel through the centuries.

The Divine Liturgy enables believers to live, face, and address life more abundantly. (Jn.10:10) The Divine Liturgy unites believers with Christ and offers a foretaste of God's Kingdom.

Believers are blessed to experience the Divine Liturgy. Learning from the Lord Jesus Christ continues throughout life. Life's limits are transcended in the Divine Liturgy.

Living and departed believers are united in the Divine Liturgy. The past, present and future are present in the Divine Liturgy. Believers "become" in Christ in the Divine Liturgy. Christ enters believers and believers enter Christ.

Unity in Christ becomes reality in the Divine Liturgy. The Holy Gospel fosters unity. Joy exists and is manifested in the Divine Liturgy. Saints and martyrs of past centuries are alive in the Divine Liturgy.

Learning never stops in the Divine Liturgy. Growing in Christ never stops in the Divine Liturgy. Boundaries are transcended in the Divine Liturgy. Christ is constantly present and experienced.

Thank God for the present Gospel readings and for each Divine Liturgy. Let us attend the Divine Liturgy as often as possible. May growth in Jesus Christ and God's Kingdom always be our primary interest.

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TASTE THE PRESENCE

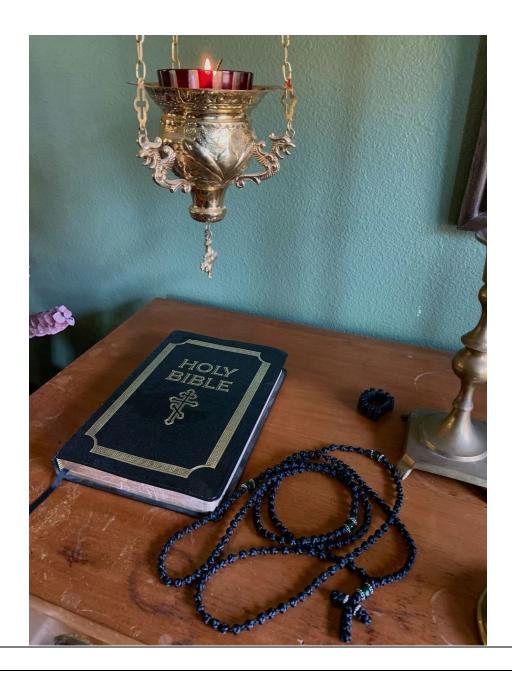
Taste the Presence of Christ Beside You

We all need a good dose of silent prayer each and every day. Finding that perfect place in your home that can become your cave, or prayer closet, will afford you that sacred space wherein you can go deep into the heart and connect with God. That place wherein you can close off your family, your worries, your job, your distractions, and go deep into your heart wherein you will find the peace that comes from Christ.

The Jesus Prayer is the perfect prayer, for it is a prayer of adoration and praise, and a prayer that proclaims that Jesus is Lord and, as God, can grant mercy upon you. The simple prayer which invokes the Holy Name of Jesus can transform your life, and take you into the very Heart of God. This prayer is known as the Prayer of the Heart for the very reason that it is of the heart.

"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."
Said with the aid of a Prayer Rope (thus bringing your body into the action of the prayer), this prayer accomplishes Saint Paul's admonition that we should "pray always". It is a prayer that takes you out of yourself and into communion with Christ. It is a prayer that can change your life because through this prayer you can taste the presence of Christ beside you.

Love in Christ, Abbot Tryphon



NEVER NEVER NEVER GIVE UP!!!

A son took his father to a restaurant to enjoy a delicious dinner. His father was quite old and therefore a little weak too. While eating, food occasionally fell on his shirt and pants. The other guests watched the old man with their faces contorted in disgust, but his son remained calm.

After they both finished eating, the son, quietly helped his father and took him to the toilet. Cleaned food scraps from his crumpled face, and attempted to wash food stains from his clothes; graciously combed his gray hair and finally put on his glasses.

As he left the bathroom, a deep silence reigned in the restaurant. The son was ready to foot the bill, but before leaving, a man, also old, got up and asked the old man's son: 'Don't you think you left something here?'

The young man replied: 'No, I did not leave anything.' Then the stranger said to him: 'You left a lesson here for every son, and a hope for

every father! "The whole restaurant was so quiet, you could hear a pin drop.

One of the greatest honors that exists, is being able to take care of those who have taken care of us too. Our parents and all those elders who sacrificed their lives, with all their time, money and effort for us, deserve our utmost respect.



If we do not pray for the sick person, the disease will develop naturally. Whereas if we pray for the person, it can change its natural course. Therefore, always pray for the sick. –St. Paisios the Athonite





Feast of Saint Elias/Elijah—July 20/August 2

Icon by the hand of Michael Kapeluck, Carnegie, PA