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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, 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 Luciw, 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 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 Slausenhaupt, 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, car accident], Sharon Curtis Rivas, Kathy Milcic, Lisa Bolan, David G. [cancer], 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, September 05**

**NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE**

**11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; LEAVE-TAKING OF THE DORMITION; MARTYR LUPUS-SLAVE OF SAINT DEMETRIUS OF THESSALONICA; HIEROMARTYR IRENAEUS-BISHOP OF LYONS; SAINT EUTYCHIUS & FLORENTIUS OF NURSIA; SAINT CALLINICUS-PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

*Tone 2*

1 Corinthians 9:2-12; Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 18:23-35; Luke 10:38-42-11:27-28

**SUNDAY, September 12**

**OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS**

**10:30 AM**

**12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SAINTS ALEXANDER, JOHN, & PAUL THE NEW-PATRIARCHS OF CONSTANTINOPLE; VENERABLE CHRISOPHER OF PALESTINE; VENERABLE FANTINUS OF CALABRIA**

*Tone 3*

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Matthew 19:16-26

***Litany in Blessed Memory of Father Peter Natishan, Samuel Mrvos, Matushka Virginia Catherine Pynch, David Yenni, Denise Lawrence, Rudy Obradovich, Michael Horvath, John Sheliga, Anne Harte, Mildred Kitch, Agnes Rossi, Michael Cherepko, & Mary Vigani—Fr. Bob***

**SUNDAY, September 19**

**OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS**

**10:30 AM**

**13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; COMMEMORATION OF THE MIRACLE OF ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AT COLOSSAE; MARTYRS EUDOXIUS, ZENO, & MACARIUS; MARTYR ROMULUS & OTHERS; HIEROMARTYR CYRIL-BISHOP OF GORTYNA; VENERABLE ARCHIPPUS OF HIERAPOLIS; VENERABLE DAVID**

*Tone 4*

1 Corinthians 16:13-24; Hebrews 2:2-10

Matthew 21:33-42; Luke 10:16-21

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**TROPARION—TONE 2**

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal,  
Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead!  
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,  
All the powers of heaven cried out:  
O Giver of Life! Christ our God! 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 2**

Hell became afraid, O Almighty Savior,  
Seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb!  
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam,  
Beheld this and rejoiced with Thee!  
And the world, O my Savior, praises Thee forever!

### **PROKEIMENON—TONE 2**

**READER:** The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.

**PEOPLE: The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.**

**READER:** The Lord has chastened me sorely, but he has not given me over to death.

**PEOPLE: The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.**

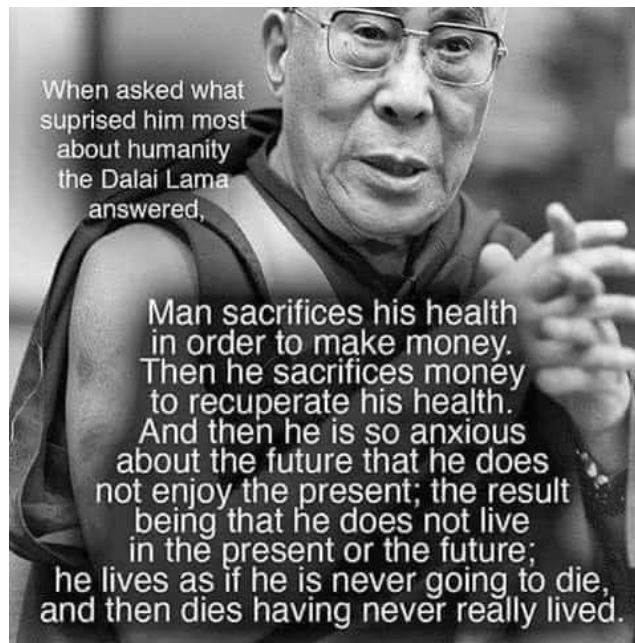
**READER:** The Lord is my strength and my song.

**PEOPLE: He has become my salvation.**

### **ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 2**

The Lord answer you in the day of trouble! The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

Save the king, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!



*Jawn, pronounced \ˈjān\, is the Philadelphia all-purpose noun. It can refer to a single thing, or a collection or class of things, or a situation, or a person.*

When we were kids, I would bet that many of us had small traditions that accompanied family vacations. Some of us likely stopped at the same restaurant as we rode into the town of our destination, while others may have stopped at the same “World’s Largest Block of Cheese” every year. When we got there, some of us likely hiked the same trail or played the same board game as a family. Either way, it was the same traditions that made up an even larger tradition that made our vacations great.

For me, once a year, we frequented the Jersey Shore one week during the summer. My parents would save up enough scratch to give me and a friend one week at the beach, the boardwalk, and an opportunity to be a kid in someone else’s town just before school started. It was a right of passage, a chance to sneak to the beach late at night or ride the Jitney up and down Ocean City. It was Johnson’s Popcorn, Mack and Manco’s Pizza, the Hollywood Arcade, and countless mini-golf tournaments. If you could fit 25 hours in a day, we did it.

When I was a kid, I was arcade addicted. You could keep the rides. I would spend hours playing in the arcade when we would hit the boardwalk at night.



Leading up to our trip, my father would collect quarters in old medicine and vitamin jars. Old bottles of multi-vitamins and blood pressure medication became vessels for quarters to use for my favorite pastime. My dad was the gatekeeper of said bottles, and the man would spend hours watching me play Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, The Simpsons, and Royal Rumble arcade games, all the while as other watched on and likely thought "Man, that guy sure takes a lot of blood pressure medication."

We recently returned from a week down the Jersey Shore and my daughter, like her dad, is an arcade aficionado. For the last several weeks, I have been saving up quarters for just the occasion. The arcade is our thing. Mom does the rides; I do the arcade. Who else is going to reach the pedals while she plays Cruisin' USA? Or tell her when to drop the claw? Or teach her to play Skee-Ball? The night before we left, between the quarters I saved and a generous contribution from her Nanny, we filled an old bottle of Turmeric pills with quarters. We were ready to go.

When we arrived at the arcade, dad learned a very valuable lesson, and that lesson is Inflation.

In 2021, quarters don't get you as far as they used to in an arcade. Some of the games didn't even take quarters, they took a card. And even then, most games were a dollar or two. We used what we could, exchanged the rest of dollars, and used them up. Then I had to dip into the atm for an extra \$5 bucks.

My arcade catastrophe is a microcosm of life, in a way. While the old way of doing things may seem nostalgic and romantic, they are, sometimes, just impractical. I was nostalgic for the idea of carrying around a heavy pill bottle full of quarters, but frankly, the card was a lot lighter (and easier). My daughter had just as much fun and while I missed the sound of the quarter dropping into a machine and listening for it to "ching" at the bottom of a quarter pile, my daughter is a fan of dimes anyway, because they're cuter.

We FEMA-ites and emergency managers alike understand this lesson all too well. Some of the training we took 10 or 20 years ago are no longer relevant and have been updated, and we must update ourselves. The ICS forms we filled out years ago have been updated. That Master's degree we studied for and received years ago is missing legislation and act's that have passed since then. Circumstances beyond our control have changed the game.

And, we too, must evolve. We may remember the good old days, and we should, but it is impractical and even dangerous to think the way we have done things in the past still work without doing some updating, some advanced training, and some professional reading. While 9/11, Katrina, and Sandy still sting, and the lessons remain relevant, they have been replaced

by events like Sandy Hook, Hurricane Maria, and COVID-19. And that's in a matter of ten or fifteen years.

My dad would have scoffed at the thought of leaving those old pill bottles full of quarters at home, but if he were still alive today, he likely would have been happier with the extra space in his jean pocket. A lesson learned is a lesson learned and let's not let tradition completely get in the way of progress and professional growth.

**John DiSpaldo**, Teracore, Federal Emergency Management Agency- Region III

### **American Flag Disposal**

The United States Flag Code states:

*"The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."*

The Flag Code does not actually give specifics on how to destroy the flag. One should use common sense making sure the procedure is in good taste and shows no disrespect for the flag. Many of the following organizations have collections in your local community to collect and perform a flag burning ceremony: American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, Mayor, City Hall or other patriotic organizations.

The **National Flag Foundation** recommends the following as the proper ceremonies for retiring and destroying a worn Flag:

#### **Ceremony of Final Tribute**

This ceremony should be conducted at a private, non-public location. Only one Flag, representing all those to be destroyed, should be used in the ceremony.

Two color guards should be used at evening retreat, one for the Flag currently in use and a special color guard for the Flag to be permanently retired.

Just before sunset, the Flag that has been flying all day is retired in the normal, ceremonial procedure for the group or site.

The color guard responsible for the Flag receiving the final tribute moves front and center. The leader should present this color guard with the Flag that has been selected for its final tribute and subsequent destruction. The leader then should instruct the color guard to "hoist the colors."

When the Flag has been secured at the top of the pole, the leader comments:

"This Flag has served its nation long and well. It has worn to a condition to which it should no longer be used to represent the nation. This



Flag represents all of the Flags collected and being retired from service today. We honor them all as we salute one Flag."

The leader then calls the group to attention, orders a salute, leads the entire group in the "Pledge of Allegiance" and orders the Flag retired by the color guard.

Slowly and ceremoniously, the flag is lowered, then respectfully folded in the customary triangle. The Flag is delivered to the leader and then the group is dismissed.

This concludes the Ceremony of Final Tribute.

### **Ceremonial Burning of the Flag**

This ceremony should be conducted at a private, non-public location.  
Fire and Flag Preparation:

The burning of a Flag should take place at a campfire in a ceremony separate from the Ceremony of Final Tribute. The fire must be sizable (preferably having burnt down to a bed of red-hot coals to avoid having bits of the Flag being carried off by a roaring fire), yet be of sufficient intensity to ensure complete burning.

Before the ceremony begins, the color guard assigned to the Flag opens up its tri-corner fold and then refolds it in a coffin-shaped rectangle.

When all is ready:

All assemble around the fire. The leader calls the group to attention.

The color guard comes forward and places the Flag on the fire.

All briskly salute.

After the salute, but while still at attention, the leader should conduct a respectful educational program as the Flag burns: e.g. singing of "God Bless America"; offering an inspiring message of the Flag's meaning followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance"; performing a reading about the Flag; reciting the "American's Creed"; etc.

When the Flag is consumed, those assembled, with the exception of a leader and the color guard, should be dismissed. They should be led out in single file and in silence.

The leader and color guard should remain to ensure that the Flag is completely consumed, and to burn additional Flags, if any.

The fire should then be safely extinguished.

### **The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost** Matthew 17:14-23

*And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying, Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatic, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him. Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring*

*him hither to me. And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour. Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting. And while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men: And they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised again. And they were exceeding sorry. (KJV*

Being a parent is a great blessing and great responsibility. Having a son or daughter afflicted by the devil tests the parents' depth of faith. The Lord Jesus Christ is the way for parents to meet their responsibilities with assurance and hope.

The Lord Jesus Christ's power over the devil as is made clear in the present Gospel. Jesus Christ expelled the devil, and the afflicted child was cured. The present Gospel offers firm and lasting hope for parents.

Strong faith is clearly emphasized in the Gospel. Mothers and fathers having a son or daughter afflicted by the devil benefit by placing firm faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel demonstrates healing is possible through Jesus Christ. Jesus told His disciples that prayer and fasting were important in addressing and overcoming afflictions. The Church encourages prayer and fasting throughout the year.

Believers living a serious Christian life will pray and fast as encouraged by the Church. Prayer and fasting prepare believers for difficulties arising in life. Prayer and fasting keep the believer united with Christ.

The Church has a rich treasury of prayers. Believers increase in knowledge by turning to the priest to learn of the wide range of prayers existing in the Church. Believers sharpen their focus on Christ by honoring the fast days of the Church.

Each Sunday Gospel is a guidepost for believers. The Sunday Gospel offers the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Gospel is always relevant and carries a message to incorporate into personal life.

Each Sunday Gospel is an opportunity for life to be enriched and changed for the better. During the course of the Divine Liturgy, believers have the opportunity to unite with Jesus Christ in partaking of the Precious Body and Blood.

Parents do well to come to the Divine Liturgy with firm hope in learning to raise their children well. The Living God instructs and reveals to believers in the Divine Liturgy the necessary steps to take to the Heavenly Kingdom.

Parental responsibility is not to be taken lightly. The father in the present Gospel turned to the Lord Jesus Christ in faith. The father was rewarded for his faith.

Jesus healed the afflicted son.

Parents should never lose hope that a son or daughter can be cured of personal afflictions. Jesus has the power to bring healing. When parents have hope in the Lord, this hope is communicated to the son or daughter.

Mental, emotional, and behavioral afflictions are challenging. The Church enables parents the opportunity to put problems into perspective. The Church offers love and support to deal with the challenges of parenting.

Parents can turn to the treasury of knowledge in the Church in search of the solid answers for difficult situations. Attending the Divine Liturgy every Sunday, keeps parents strong and hopeful.

The Lord God will not disappoint parents. Hope firmly exists in the Epistle to the Romans. The Holy Apostle Paul wrote: "All things work together for good to them that love God." (Rom. 8:28)

When a son or daughter has a severe behavioral, emotional, or mental affliction, patience and strong faith in the Lord are required. The Lord provides parents with the nourishment and guidance necessary to address these afflictions.

The Holy Scriptures and lives of the saints offer lasting wisdom for parents. Prayer and fasting bring enlightenment. The current Gospel makes clear that mountains can be moved by faith.

The current Gospel concludes with references to Jesus' death and resurrection. Having a son or daughter with an affliction can be viewed as a personal cross. Jesus demonstrated the way to deal with the Cross.

Jesus revealed the Cross is the pathway to the joy of the Resurrection. Parents can experience the joy of Christ through the Cross and Resurrection. Parents will find wisdom in the Epistle to the Hebrews.

The Epistle to the Hebrews states: "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Heb. 12:2)

Being a parent is never easy. The world has daily challenges. Mothers and fathers are never alone. The Lord Jesus Christ is always present. Attentive parents look to Christ in faith for wisdom, guidance, and nourishment.

God's Holy Church triumphs through the centuries due to Christ. Hope, joy, and light always shine through the darkness in Christ's Holy Church. The present Gospel reaffirms and proclaims Jesus Christ's divinity and life-saving powers.



*The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Image Not Made By Hands Of Our Lord. St. Eustatius. St. Roman. St. Rafael of Banat. August 16/29, 2021. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic*



**May God grant them the Kingdom of Heaven and Life Everlasting!  
Vechnaya Pam'yat! Memory Eternal!**



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