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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, car accident], Sharon Curtis Rivas, Kathy Milcic, Lisa Bolan, David G. [cancer], Donna [dementia] & Darla, 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR SEPTEMBER BABIES: Liz Obradovich on the 5thy, Nickolas Andrew Davis on the 12th, Mark Brunermer on the 13th, and Troy Scott on the 22nd. May God grant them Many Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Blessed Years! M'nohaya Lita! God Bless them and their families...

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, September 12 OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS

10:30 AM

12TH 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 Josephine Roman, Father John Harvey, Father Dragan Filipovic, Frank Gazella, Sr., Suzie Pelczar, Helen McNally, & Gerald Wampler—Fr. Bob

SUNDAY, September 19

OBEDNITZA-UPSTAIRS

10:30 AM

13TH 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

SUNDAY, September 26

OBEDNITZA-UPSTAIRS

10:30 AM

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SUNDAY BEFORE AND FOREFEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS; FOUNDING OF THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION IN JERUSALEM; HIEROMARTYR CORNELIUS THE CENTURION; MARTYRS CRONIDES, LEONTIUS, & SERAPION OF ALEXANDRIA; MARTYRS SELEUCUS & STRATON

Tone 3

2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4; Hebrews 3:1-4; Galatians 6:11-18 Matthew 22:1-14; Matthew 16:13-18; John 3:13-17

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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!

ALLELUIA VERSES-TONE 3

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!

Polly Eichelberger Havard

"Many biblical passages teach that we're not saved by our own efforts but by the grace of God alone. But the same passages also tell us good works are an essential evidence of the salvation experience. We're not saved by good works, but for good works. It begins with God's grace, and it's sustained by his grace as you SHAPE your character by what YOU do as you cross the bridge (of life)." David Jeremiah

—not a complete list, but a good start ♥ I know I have some work to do...

INTRODUCTION

I describe Character as the only thing that goes in the casket with you. It's the only thing you take with you to the hereafter....

Character is returning extra change at the grocery store. Character is keeping appointments and being on time, honoring your commitments and honoring your word. Character is choosing the harder right instead of the easier wrong. Character is setting priorities that honor God, family, country, and then career.

Character in marriage is working through the tough times. . . . Character is being committed to the well-being of your family and friends, associates, and others, even if it is personally costly; and yes, Character is setting a good example.

A married person of Character acts married all the time. A person of Character is self-disciplined and self-controlled. Character implies the courage to stand for what is right, if necessary, all alone to oppose what is wrong and to make the effort to discern the difference. Character is being truthful in all things while being sensitive to the fact that sometimes the truth hurts and need not be spoken.³

† BARTHOLOMEW

By God's Mercy Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch To the Plenitude of the Church,

Grace, Peace and Mercy from the Maker of All Creation Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ

Esteemed brethren and beloved children in the Lord,

The Feast of the Indiction, the solemn day of prayers for the natural environment, finds once again humanity confronted with intense weather conditions due to mounting climate change, with devastating floods and fires across the globe, as well as with the Coronavirus pandemic and its socioeconomic consequences.

The fact that the restrictive measures in transportation and the limits imposed on industrial production have resulted in a reduction of pollutants

and emissions, offered an additional valuable lesson on global interconnection and on the interdependence of all dimensions of life. Moreover, it has been also revealed anew that the Ecumenical Patriarchate's ecological initiatives, which comprise an extension of the Church's theology and liturgical tradition, correspond with scientific findings and with experts' recommendations calling for multifaceted mobilization in order to protect the integrity of the natural environment.

We thus pray for the swift overcoming of the consequences of the health crisis and for the illumination from above of governments throughout the world, so that they do not return to or persist upon economism, to those principles of organization of the economic life, of production and consumption, of exhaustive exploitation of natural resources, principles that prevailed prior to the pandemic.

Further, it is our genuine desire that the dissemination of pseudoscientific opinions concerning the purported dangers of the Covid-19 vaccines, the slander aimed toward specialists of the medical field, and the unfounded degradation of the seriousness of the disease, be terminated. Unfortunately, similar opinions are propagated in regard to climate change as well, its cause and its disastrous effects. The reality is entirely different, and must be faced with responsibility, collaboration, joint actions, and common vision.

Inactivity is inconceivable when in full knowledge of the shared great contemporary challenges of humanity. Indifference toward our suffering brethren and toward the destruction of the "very good" creation, is an offence against God and a violation of His commandments. Wherein exist respect toward creation and tangible love toward man, the "beloved of God," therein God is present.

After the Holy and Great Council (Crete, 2016), the Ecumenical Patriarchate, in accordance to its spirit and decisions, appointed an official commission, comprised of theologians, to draft a document on the social implications of our faith and on the social mission and witness of the Orthodox Church in the contemporary world. This text, which was approved for publication by the Holy and Sacred Synod and is entitled For the Life of the World: Toward a Social Ethos of the Orthodox Church, states the following: "The Church encourages the faithful to be grateful for—and to accept—the findings of the sciences, even those that might occasionally oblige them to revise their understandings of the history and frame of cosmic reality. The desire for scientific knowledge flows from the same wellspring as faith's longing to enter ever more deeply into the mystery of God" (§ 71).

The Holy Great Church of Christ emphatically highlights the indivisibility of the natural environment's protection and the philanthropic

care for one's neighbor. Both an eco-friendly stance and the recognition of the sacredness of the human person are a "liturgy after the Liturgy," vital dimensions of the Eucharistic actualization of the Church. The life of the Church is a manifest respect for creation, as well as the place and the way of experiencing the culture of personhood and of solidarity.

Most honorable brothers and cherished children,

Throughout this difficult period, it is an essential pastoral duty of the Church to undertake initiatives for the containment of the pandemic. And it is also a categorical ethical mandate to support global access to the immunization against the coronavirus, especially in poorer nations, in accordance with the words of our Lord, "Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:40). We ought to love one another "as Christ has loved us" (Eph. 5:2) and to show ourselves as "priests" of creation, safeguarding and cultivating it with care and affection, and offering in thanksgiving this exceedingly precious gift of God's Grace unto the Creator of all.

In closing, we wholeheartedly wish unto all a blessed, healthful, and fruitful new ecclesiastical year, and we call upon you, through the intercessions of the Theotokos Pammakaristos, the grace and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to Whom be the glory and the dominion unto the everlasting ages. Amen!

September 1/14, 2021 †Bartholomew of Constantinople Fervent supplicant of all before God

Fervent Believers

Acts 18: 25-This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. (KJV)

God's Holy Church needs fervent believers to live out the faith in the present world. Fervent believers have been necessary and a part of the Church through the centuries. God's Holy Church encourages all believers to believe and act with great fervor. Individuals seriously taking the Church's teachings to heart apply them with fervor. Fervent followers of the Lord God ensure that all actions are based in love of God.

Romans 12:11- Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; (KJV)

Love of God and love of neighbor permeates the daily actions of fervent believers. Fervent believers actively serving the Lord experience growth in the Lord Jesus Christ. The hunger in the soul is satisfied when fervent believers are faithful to the Lord God. Believers acting fervently are attentive to the Lord's teachings as the guide for action.

Joy is experienced when the fervent believer faithfully heeds the word of God. (LK.11:28)

Colossians 4:12- Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. (KJV)

Fervent believers demonstrate that carrying out the will of God is entirely possible. Fully carrying out God's will each day is of primary importance to the fervent believer. God provides strength and direction for fervent believers to overcome obstacles in life. Strong faith in the Lord enables fervent believers to continue doing the will of God. Fervency is possible for all believers seeking to seriously comply with the will of God.

James 5:16-Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. (KJV)

The saints of the Church internalize a sustained level of fervency for the Lord God. Fervency requires an openness to the Lord God in the believer's heart, mind and soul. Fervent believers repel and reject sinful temptations and hold God as primary in life. When a fervent believer falls into sin, confession is deemed beneficial and takes place. Repentance and prayer keep fervent believers on the narrow path to God's Kingdom.

I Peter 4:8-And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. (KJV)

The saints of the Church demonstrate various ways to fervently follow the Lord God. Love of the Lord and love of neighbor are essential characteristics of fervent believers. God's Holy Church offers the nourishment and direction to sustain fervent believers. Addressing the hunger in the soul keeps fervent believers resolute in charitable acts. Fervent believers consistently put charity into action with the neighbors of daily life.

Afterfeast of the Dormition. Holy Martyr Florus. Venerable John of Rila. August 18/31,2021. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic

<u>Work</u>

Psalm 27/28:4- Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavors: give them after the work of their hands; render to them their desert. (KJV)

The Psalms offer a treasury of wisdom to learn more about the work of human beings. Believers interested in doing work pleasing to God benefit by considering the Psalms. The hunger in the soul is satisfied when the believer is united with God in daily work. Believers find completeness in daily life when doing work that is pleasing to the Lord. Turning to the Lord at the beginning of work in prayer and for guidance is most wise.

Psalm 32/33:15- He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works. (KJV)

Using the talents and gifts given by God in ways pleasing to God leads to satisfaction. Each person has the opportunity to choose the nature of work for the course of life. Wise individuals turn to the Lord for valuable guidance in undertaking daily work. God is ever-present and answers prayers for guidance as believers go about their work. Work is done within a community and the impact on others merits great consideration.

Psalm 61:13/62:12-Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy: for thou renderest to every man according to his work. (KJV)

Personal talents and gifts from God are best developed in accord with God's teachings. The Holy Gospel offers fundamental lessons for human relationships in the workplace. The believer's work creates a record that will be utilized at the Lord's Second Coming. The ultimate fruits of the believer's work become known over the course of time. Every person will face the great and final judgment at the glorious Second Coming.

Psalm 8990:17-And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it. (KJV)

Throughout life believers have the opportunity to repent and begin anew in their work. When time has been wasted and efforts have been to no avail, repentance is necessary. The Lord welcomes believers seeking to use talents and gifts in God-pleasing ways. Believers immersing themselves in the Holy Gospel find solid direction for daily work. The Holy Gospel offers lessons and teachings that are practical and apply to daily life.

Psalm 103/104:23-Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labour until the evening. (KJV)

Cooperation in work is required for daily personal and societal needs to be fully met. Personal relationships in the workplace reflect the depth of the believer's faith in God. Faithful believers loving God demonstrate great love of co-workers in the workplace. Workers seeking to please the Lord in daily undertakings proceed with enthusiasm. The Lord strengthens faithful believers as they go about their daily endeavors at work.

Return of the Relics of Apostle Bartholomew; Holy Apostle Titus of the Seventy. August 25/September 7, 2021. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic A leader's job is not to do the work for others, it's to help others figure out how to do it themselves, to get things done, and to succeed beyond what they thought possible.

Simon Sinek

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