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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 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], 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, Father Deacon 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,

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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, 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, Linda Snow, Zack Blair [Pani Gina’s nephew] 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.

“Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of LOVE!” *Mother Teresa*

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 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 5

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

SUNDAY, October 03

OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS

10:30 AM

15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION; AFTERFEAST OF THE EXALTATION; GREAT-MARTYR EUSTATHIUS PLACIDAS, WIFE MARTYR THEOPISTES, & CHILDREN MARTYRS AGAPIUS & THEOPISTUS OF ROME; HOLY MARTYR & CONFESSOR MICHAEL & COUNCILOR THEODORE-WONDERWORKERS OF CHERNIHIV

Tone 6

2 Corinthians 4:6-15; Galatians 2:16-20
Matthew 22:35-46; Mark 8:34-9:1

Litany in Blessed Memory of Father Theodore Forosty, Johnathan Dorning, Catherine Behun, Mary Medich, Daniel Chicka, Mary Evaniuk, and Stancy Popichak—Fr. Bob

SUNDAY, October 10

OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS

10:30 AM

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MARTYR CALLISTRATUS & COMPANY OF 49 MARTYRS OF CARTHAGE; APOSTLES MARK, ARISTARCHUS, & ZENAS OF THE 70; MARTYR EPICCHARIS OF ROME; VENERABLE IGNATIUS-ABBOT

Tone 7

2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Luke 5:1-11

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 26 SEPTEMBER 2021

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TROPARION—TONE 5

Let the faithful praise and worship the Word,
Coeternal with the Father and the Spirit;
Born for our salvation from the Virgin;
For He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
To endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever,
and unto ages of ages. Amen.

KONTAKION—TONE 5

Thou didst descend into Hell, O my Savior, Shattering its gates as almighty;
Resurrecting the dead as Creator, And destroying the sting of death.
Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man,
And we all cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 5

READER: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

PEOPLE: **Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.**

READER: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

PEOPLE: **Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.**

READER: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us...

PEOPLE: **From this generation forever.**

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 5

I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever, and my truth will be prepared in the heavens.



"It's not the police who need to be retrained, it's the public. We have grown into a mouthy, mobile phone wielding, vulgar, uncivil society with no personal responsibility and the attitude of 'it's the other person's fault, you owe me'. A society where children grow up with no boundaries or knowledge or concern for civil society and personal responsibility.

When an officer says, "Put your hands up," then put your hands up! Don't reach for something in your pocket, your lap, your seat. There's plenty of reason for a police officer to feel threatened, there have been multiple assaults and ambushes on police officers lately. Comply with requests from the officer, have your day in court. Don't mouth off, or fight, or refuse to comply...that escalates the situation.

Police officers are our sons and daughters, fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters. They're black, white, brown, all colors, all ethnicities, all faiths, male and female, they are us. They see the worst side of humanity...the raped children, the bloody mangled bodies of traffic victims, the bruised and battered victims of domestic violence, homicide victims, body parts...day after day.

They work holidays while we have festive meals with our families. They miss school events with their kids, birthdays, anniversaries, all those special occasions that we take for granted. They work in all types of weather, under dangerous conditions, for relatively low pay.

They have extensive training, but they are human. When there are numerous attacks on them, they become hyper vigilant for a reason, they have become targets. When a police officer encounters any person...any person, whether at a traffic stop, a street confrontation, an arrest, whatever...that situation has the potential to become life threatening. You, Mr. & Mrs./Miss Civilian, also have the responsibility of keeping the situation from getting out of control.

Many law enforcement officers are Veterans. They've been in service to this nation most of their lives, whether on the battlefield or protecting us here at home. They are the only thing that stands between us and anarchy in the streets.

If you want to protect your child, teach them respect."

~Sheriff David Clarke

Days of Our Lives

Psalm 1:2-But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. (KJV)

Each day of earthly life is a golden opportunity to invest in the Kingdom of God. Serious believers find time daily to delight and meditate in the law of the Lord. Discipline and a conscious effort are required to focus daily on the law of the Lord. Focusing on the law of the Lord on a daily basis addresses the hunger of the soul. Each day in life is to be treasured and used wisely because time only occurs once. Turning to the Lord in prayer gives the believer guidance for the use of time in life.

Psalm 37:18-The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be forever. (KJV)

The use of each day creates a record for the final judgment at the Second Coming. The Lord God knows whether believers use time wisely and with precious care. Each moment is a seed of life for planting in the Eternal Kingdom of Heaven. Charitable thoughts and acts combined with forgiveness have a part in daily life. The Christian is to take seriously the full commitment made to Christ at Baptism. When time has been wasted and ill-used, repentance is in order to begin anew.

PSALM 39:4-LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is: that I may know how frail I am. (KJV)

Each heartbeat, each thought, and each bodily movement is dependent on the Lord. The existing moment of earthly life is the only moment of life with full certainty. Past moments of life cannot be recovered

and future moments are not guaranteed. The “here and now” comes from God as a gift, a blessing, and an opportunity. The Lord God deserves expressions of gratitude for each moment of earthly life. The time of life exists because of the goodness, mercy and love of the Lord God.

Psalm 86:7- In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me. (KJV)

The Lord is ever-present in each moment of life and is within reach through prayer. Every moment is an opportunity for prayer and for implementing acts of prayer. Unity with God in prayer is for every moment of life including the difficult times. Consistent daily prayer strengthens the believer for any unexpected difficulties. Being united with God in prayer enables believers to withstand storms in life. Believers do well to be mindful of the passage of time and to hasten to repent.

Holy Martyr Mamas. Venerable John the Faster, Patriarch of Constantinople. September 2/15, 2021. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic

The Beheading of St. John the Baptist Mark 6:14-30

¹ And king Herod heard of him; (for his name was spread abroad) and he said, That John the Baptist was risen from the dead, and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him.

Others said, That it is Elias. And others said, That it is a prophet, or as one of the prophets.

But when Herod heard thereof, he said, It is John, whom I beheaded: he is risen from the dead. For Herod himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife: for he had married her. For John had said unto Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife. Therefore, Herodias had a quarrel against him, and would have killed him; but she could not: For Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just man and an holy, and observed him; and when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly. And when a convenient day was come, that Herod on his birthday made a supper to his lords, high captains, and chief estates of Galilee; And when the daughter of the said Herodias came in, and danced, and pleased Herod and them that sat with him, the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give it thee. And he sware unto her, Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give it thee, unto the half of my kingdom. And she went forth, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist. And she came in straightway with haste unto the king, and asked, saying, I will that thou give me by and by in a charger the head of John the Baptist. And the king was exceeding sorry; yet for his oath's sake, and for their sakes which sat with him, he would not reject her. And immediately the king sent an executioner, and

commanded his head to be brought: and he went and beheaded him in the prison, And brought his head in a charger, and gave it to the damsel: and the damsel gave it to her mother. And when his disciples heard of it, they came and took up his corpse, and laid it in a tomb. And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught. (KJV)

The Church gathers this day around the world as is done each year to remember and commemorate the beheading of St. John the Baptist. The Church holds St. John in high regard.

The Lord Jesus Christ said: "For I say unto you, Among **those** that are **born of women** there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom **of** God is greater than he." (Lk.7:28)

The Church preserves the memory of the gruesome death John the Baptist experienced. St. John was chosen among all men of all centuries to baptize the Lord Jesus Christ.

Today is solemn as the Church remembers and honors the beheading of St. John. The Church has preserved this solemn remembrance through the centuries.

During the past twenty years, this date has taken on additional solemnity.

Twenty years ago, believers were in the Divine Liturgy on this date and St. John the Baptist's beheading was being commemorated. During the same time, the United States was under historic attack.

In New York City, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, and Washington DC, the tragic attack unfolded on September 11, 2001. Life in the United States was forever changed. Thousands of lives were lost, and countless millions affected.

St. John's beheading is seared into salvation history. St. John holds a special and unique place of honor in God's Holy Church. Fervent believers look for the deep meaning that this date holds for salvation and the world.

The September 11 attack on the United States occurred on a Tuesday. Tuesday is dedicated to St. John the Baptist in God's Holy Church. St. John valued and preached repentance. (Mt.3:1-2)

The Church calls for fasting on September 11 each year as St. John's beheading is remembered and commemorated. Fasting combined with prayer is a way to draw closer to God and seek wisdom and guidance.

The world needs wisdom at this time. Violence did not originate with the beheading of St. John the Baptist. Violence predates the beheading of St. John and has continued extensively before and after the September 11 attacks on America.

We garner wisdom through the Gospel. We learn from the life and teachings of St. John. The desire for peace has continued through the

centuries. The Lord Jesus Christ embodies, proclaims and is the Source for peace.

The challenge for each generation is to reduce and eliminate violence. Achieving peace in society is most difficult. The daily news is filled with reports of violence.

The soul hungers for peace. Praying to St. John will enlighten believers. Being committed to Jesus Christ as was St. John, will strengthen believers. Jesus Christ is reassuring and present in times of violence.

Jesus Christ offers light in times of darkness. Jesus Christ offers healing when individuals hurt the most. Americans are still healing from the attacks twenty years ago.

Countless victims and their families still feel the pain of the attacks twenty years ago. Loved ones departed this life tragically. Serious believers are always deeply affected with the beheading of St. John the Baptist.

Today is a day to give to God. Today is a day to fast and pray to God. Turning to God and drawing closer to God will foster internal peace, light and hope.

The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist. August 29/September 11, 2021. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Mt.21:33-42

Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country: And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it. And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise. But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son. But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance. And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him. When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen? They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons. Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes? (KJV)

God's Holy Church proclaims the Holy Gospel at each Divine Liturgy. Proclaiming the Gospel intends nourishment and positive change among attentive listeners.

Believers do well to pray to the Lord God for the necessary understanding and application in daily life. Believers benefit when actively incorporating the Gospel lesson in daily life.

Having the Gospel available each day provides nourishment for the soul. The Gospel provides wise guidance and application for daily life. The Gospel helps believers address personal concerns and issues.

The Lord God created this earth with human beings in positions of authority and responsibility. Persons living on the earth have the responsibility to live in ways pleasing to the Lord God.

God expects the earth's residents to treat each other with love and care and to be at peace with each other. God's gifts, treasures and labor's fruits are to be shared and used for the glory of God.

Contemporary life shows that God is rejected by large portions of society. Violence, greed, and corruption are common. God's Holy Church is subject to persecution. God's teachings are challenged and rejected,

Serious believers are faced with the necessity of remaining firmly united with Christ in the current environment. Until Jesus Christ's Second Coming and the Final Judgment, believers are expected to remain faithful.

The present Gospel is clear the householder was not respected by those entrusted with the care of the vineyard. The earth's residents do not show widespread love and respect of the Lord God.

Use of the earth's resources and labor's fruits do not reflect prevailing love and respect for the Lord. Bringing life on earth into conformity with the Lord's teachings is a daily challenge.

Faithfulness to Jesus Christ is fostered, supported, and encouraged in God's Holy Church. The Church is where believers hear the Gospel with regularity. The Church is where believers benefit from the Church's teachings.

The present Gospel is clear the householder will return and take control of the vineyard. The current Gospel describes the disrespect shown to the householder by those entrusted with the care of the vineyard.

Believers are entrusted with the care of their communities and parish churches. Believers are entrusted with the responsibility of caring for their families and for their own souls. Christians hold positions of leadership and responsibility.

Christians live and work in communities and are expected to live in ways pleasing to the Lord. Christians commit their whole lives to Jesus Christ at baptism and are to honor that commitment in all aspects of life.

Church officers and leaders are to be fully faithful to Christ. Clergy are to be completely faithful to Christ. Christian parents, workers, and community residents are to be faithful to Christ in every thought and action.

The way daily life is lived creates a record for Christ's Second Coming and the Final Judgment. The way labor's fruits are managed, and personal talents and gifts are utilized, will affect the eternal outcome at the Final Judgment.

Each day the earth moves closer to Jesus Christ's return and Final Judgment.

Each day is the opportunity to repent and bring life into conformity with Christ's teachings/

Communities, parishes, families, and individuals are challenged by the present Gospel to determine if they are in conformity with Christ's teachings. The Lord grants life to communities, parishes, families, and individuals.

The Lord is to be honored, loved, and respected at all times. Daily actions will reflect the degree Christ is honored, loved, and respected. Keeping life in conformity with Christ is possible.

Repentance and redirection toward the Kingdom of God are always possible. Wise use of God's resources occurs when the Holy Gospel serves as the constant daily guide.

God is a good and loving God. God's love is shown in the entrustment of the vineyard to the care of the inhabitants. Grateful earth's inhabitants show gratitude to God in the use of earthly life, relationships, and resources.

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Miracle of the Holy Archangel Michael. Holy Martyr Eudoxius. September 6/19, 2021. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic



“The wife of the priest is the unsung hero of the Church. She toils and labors behind the scenes to sustain her husband's ministry. The priest's wife is the only witness to her husband's suffering, and is often alone in her hardships. She does not receive vestments or recognition for her work, yet what she does is an indispensable service to the Church.” — His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH