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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 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 & Pani-Dobrodijka Sonia Diakiw, Archpriest Dionysi Vitali, Protodeacon Joseph Hotrovich, Father Paisius McGrath, Father Michael Smolvnec, Father Lawrence & Matushka Sophia Daniels, Father Joe Cervo, Father John Harrold [Saint Sylvester], Igumen Patrick, Pani Mary Ann Chubenko, Father Jim Orr, Father Rick S3ilier, Panimatka Laryssa Charest, Fr. Vasyl Sendeha, Father George & Dobrodijka Oksana Bazylevsky, 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, 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, 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 & Jan Jennings, Tim Sams, Mike Ruzzi, Stephen Popichak—Fr. Bob's brother, Mary Kay Ludovicy, Pastor Sara Irwin, George Dilendorf, Andy & Sharon Torick, Carol Behun, Erv Frye, William Lusherand, Colin Kirton—Stage 4 pancreatic cancer, Clifford, Joe Veto, Paul Riley, Tonee & Sydnee Turner, Annette Paluh, Theresa 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, Carol Muschick, Grace Love [knee replacement], Stacie Riley, Joseph Paul Cervo, Jr. [infant], 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], Greg & Mary Lou Sheakley [Pani Gina's cousins—COVID], the McKenna family, David Gazella, Brian & Michele Cannone, Robert & Eleanor Rodrigues & family, Don Menagon [COVID-19], Father Deacon James Rossetti & Diakonissa Kari-ordination!, Steve Sivulich, Michael Welsh, Nick Solominsky, Samantha & Lisa Houser, Sarah Stepanovich Clark, Julia Baloga, Brett Crosby, Randy Lapuh, Henry & Shirley Tkacik, Diane & Arthur Chaklis, Denny Mader, Gladys & Robert Chicka [cancers], 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.

PLEASE REVIEW THE NAMES ON THE PRAYER LIST ABOVE AND LET FATHER BOB KNOW ANY NAMES THAT CAN BE REMOVED...

PLEASE, PLEASE! PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD—AND OUR LIVES!

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 ALWAYS FREE!

<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, July 31 OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS; MARTYR EMILIAN OF SILISTRA IN BULGARIA; MARTYR HYACINTH OF AMASTRIS; VENERABLE PAMBO-HERMIT OF EGYPT; VENERABLE JOHN THE LONG-SUFFERING AND VENERABLE PAMBO THE RECLUSE—OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA

Tone 6

Romans 15:1-7; Hebrews 13:7-16; Galatians 5:22-6:2 Matthew 9:27-35; John 17:1-13; Luke 6:17-23

SUNDAY, August 07 OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; DORMITION OF THE RIGHTEOUS ANNA-MOTHER OF THE MOST-HOLY THEOTOKOS; SAINT OLYMPIAS THE DEACONESS & VIRGIN EUPHRAXIA OF TABENNA; COMMEMORATION OF THE 5TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Tone 7

1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Galatians 4:22-31 Matthew 14:14-22; Luke 8:16-21

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

SUNDAY, August 14 OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; PROCESSION OF THE HOLY CROSS; HOLY 7 MACCABEES-ABIMUS, ANTONIUS, GURIAS, ELEAZAR, EUSEBONUS, ALIMUS, & MARCELLUS, MOTHER SOLOMONIA, & TEACHER ELEAZAR; BAPTISM OF RUS-UKRAINE

Tone 8

1 Corinthians 3:9-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-24; Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Matthew 14:22-34; John 19:6-11,13-20,25-28,30-35; Matthew 10:32-36, 11:1; John 5:1-4

DORMITION FAST BEGINS

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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!

PROKEIMENON-TONE 6

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.

Doubt: The Opposite of Faith is Unbelief, not Doubt

Lack of doubt causes people to hold beliefs which may not be enough to sustain them in this present world, for they, in their fear of doubt, fail to go beyond the external form of the Christian faith. In their fear, they may simply go through the motions of religion, making their faith no more than the adherence to a set of beliefs and practices that are not truly their own.

Doubting your faith can be the beginning of deepening your faith, for it forces you to look beyond outward ritual, and blind belief. Doubt is not unbelief, but quite possibly the beginning of true faith.

Love in Christ, Abbot Tryphon

Photo: Some of the pilgrims who joined the monks for the Saturday Vesper service.



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)

God's Holy Church provides the Gospel reading in each Divine Liturgy for the benefit of attentive listeners. Attentive listeners take the message of the Gospel to heart and change their lives accordingly.

The present Gospel describes the Lord Jesus Christ's ability to forgive sins and to physically heal the sick. Jesus addressed both the forgiveness of sins and the healing of sickness in this Gospel reading.

Jesus told the man sick with palsy that his sins were forgiven. Jesus also told the man to arise, take up his bed and to go to his house. Jesus healed the man of his affliction. The onlookers marveled at the miracle.

Attentive listeners will find in Jesus Christ today the power to forgive sins. Believers will find in the present Gospel the healing power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The present Gospel is intended to enrich the lives of listeners. Every person is a sinner. Sins create paralysis in believers. Sins inhibit full growth in human life. Sins stymy growth in the Lord Jesus Christ.

A person's full potential is never realized until the burden of sins is removed by the Lord Jesus Christ. Sins curtail freedom of movement. Sins limit a person's ability to think clearly.

The heart, the mind and the soul are affected by sins that remain unforgiven. Today's Gospel serves as a stimulus for believers to repent, to turn to the Lord Jesus Christ and seek forgiveness.

Today's Gospel is a lesson to seek healing from Jesus Christ. Today is the day to begin leading an enriched life with greater freedom of movement. Jesus Christ will free the heart, mind, and soul to move toward full potential.

Having sins forgiven creates joy in the heart, mind, and soul. Having greater movement in life increases opportunities for growth. Jesus Christ is the ultimate source of freedom, peace, and joy.

Jesus Christ is the ultimate purveyor of healing and embodiment of love. Jesus has the ability to heal the heart, mind and soul. When the heart is broken, when the mind is hurting and the soul is tarnished, Jesus Christ can make life better.

God's Holy Church is where to learn about the healing power of Jesus Christ. God's Holy Church is where to repent of sins and to seek forgiveness.

Jesus Christ welcomes persons seeking healing and forgiveness of sins.

Jesus does not repudiate or turn away those turning to Him for forgiveness and healing. Jesus welcomes broken and contrite hearts. Jesus welcomes persons with tarnished souls and tormented minds.

Jesus can make things right in each human life. The present Gospel is proof that has lasted through the centuries. Jesus can heal ailments and

forgive sins. The present Gospel is a message of hope and a message of love.

Jesus' love extends to sinners. Jesus' love reaches to the physically ailing. Jesus has the ability to restore health to the sick. When Jesus restores health to the soul, life is much different.

When Jesus heals the broken heart and brings peace to the tormented mind, life is much better. The Church is where to begin the process of healing. The Church is where to continue the life of good health and to seek full potential in life.

Turn to the Church and remain in the Church for fulness in life. Experience unity with Jesus Christ the Healer in God's Holy Church. Come to know the forgiveness of sins from Jesus Christ Who has the power to forgive.

The present Gospel is a life-changing Gospel for the attentive believer. God's Church intends for lives to be changed with each reading of the Holy Gospel. Change for the better, growth and unity with Christ are the Church's intentions.

Today is the day to set aside the sins that limit life. Today is the day to have the shackles of paralysis removed. Experience the joy that Jesus Christ offers by repenting of sins.

Holy Confession brings purity to the heart, mind and soul. Jesus' forgiveness brings wholeness to life, to the mind, heart, and soul. Forgiveness is readily available in Christ and in God's Holy Church.

Value the present Gospel for the message of healing. Cherish this Gospel to make a new beginning in life. Come to know life with a greater amount of freedom created and made available by the Lord Jesus Christ. The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost. Holy-great Martyr Euphemia the All-praised; Blessed Olga, Princess of Russia. July 11/24, 2022. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic

