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## **CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!**

**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, Metropolitan Savas, 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 Sonia Diakiw, Archpriest Dionysi Vitali, Protodeacon Joseph Hotrovich, Father Paisius McGrath, Father Michael Smoly nec, 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 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 Luciw, Theresa Ditto, Mary Ann Musial, Yvonne Christy, Father Deacon Myron & Barbara Spak, Julia Duda, Lisa Pandle, Kris & Julie Hanczar, John Kennedy, 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, 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 Zeliszczyk, 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 Slaughaupt, Louis & Teresa Bercelli, Tom Nolan, Silvia Martin, 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!, Michael Welsh, Nick Solominsky, Samantha & Lisa Houser, Sarah Stepanovich Clark, Julia Baloga, Brett Crosby, Randy Lapuh, Henry & Shirley [skin cancer] Tkacik, Diane & Arthur Chaklis, Denny Mader, Robert Chicka [cancer], Myra Woodruff [cancer], Zoe Oswalt—Fr. Bob’s cousin [cancer], Barbette [cancer] & Scott, Kristin [cancer], Erm Hartmann, Barbara Bookser [cancer], Bob Mazzuca [cancer], Marko, Taylor, Terri Crosby-Vega, Christine Mohamed, Sue Demko, Tammy & Donnie [cancer] Marsico, Terry & David Hartnett, 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, PLEASE! PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD—AND OUR LIVES!**

**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] 956-6626.**

**SERVICES IN SLICKVILLE**

**\*\*\*\*\*January 07 to January 17 is a FAST FREE PERIOD!\*\*\*\*\***

**SUNDAY, January 15                      OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS                      10:30 AM**  
**31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY; FOREFEAST OF**  
**THEOPHANY; SAINT SYLVESTER-POPE OF ROME; HIEROMARTYR**  
**THEOGENES-BISHOP OF PARIUM ON THE HELLESPONT; SAINT SYLVESTER**  
**OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA**

*Tone 6*

2 Timothy 4:5-8; Galatians 5:22-6:2

Mark 1:1-8; Luke 6:17-23

**WEDNESDAY, January 18 THEOPHANY EVE—STRICT FAST DAY**

**THURSDAY, January 19                      THEOPHANY—REVELATION OF THE TRINITY**  
**AND BAPTISM OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST**

**SUNDAY, January 22                      OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS                      10:30 AM**  
**32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY; AFTERFEAST OF**  
**THEOPHANY; MARTYR POLYEUCTUS; PROPHET SHEMAIAH; SAINT PETER-**  
**BISHOP OF SEBASTE IN ARMENIA; VENERABLE EUSTRATIUS THE**  
**WONDERWORKER OF TARSUS; VENERABLE JONAH OF PERCHEVSKY**  
**LAVRA**

**\*\*\*\*\*BLESSING OF WATER DOWNSTAIRS AFTER SERVICE\*\*\*\*\***

*Tone 7*

Ephesians 4:7-13; Galatians 5:22-6:2  
Matthew 4:12-17; Matthew 11:27-30

**SUNDAY, January 29**                      **OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS**                      **10:30 AM**  
**33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; VENERATION OF THE CHAINS OF APOSTLE**  
**PETER; MARTYRS SPEUSIPPUS, ELEUSIPPUS, & MELEUSIPPUS,**  
**GRANDMOTHER LEONILLA, WITH NEON, TURBO, & JOVILLA; MARTYR**  
**DANAX THE READER**  
*Tone 8*  
1 Timothy 4:9-15; Acts 12:1-11  
Luke 19:1-10, John 21:15-25

## **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 15 JANUARY 2023**

**31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY;  
FOREFEAST OF THEOPHANY; SAINT SYLVESTER-POPE OF ROME;  
HIEROMARTYR THEOGENES-BISHOP OF PARIUM ON THE  
HELLESPONT; SAINT SYLVESTER OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA**

**\*\*\*\*\*FAST-FREE PERIOD THROUGH 17 JANUARY 2023\*\*\*\*\***

### **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.

**The Sunday after the Nativity** Matthew 2:13-23

*And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son. Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not. But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life. And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee: And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene. (KJV)*

***Peace of God! Christ is Born!***

Every single child is precious. Every single life is precious. The current Gospel speaks about Herod seeking to kill children ages two and under. Herod wanted to kill the Christ-Child.

Archelaus is mentioned also as a possible danger to the Christ-Child, Jesus Christ's birth is celebrated in the present. Mindful believers attentive

to the news are aware of the strong interest in abortion to continue the killing of children,

Society is measured by the way the way each person is treated. Christ's birth in the taking of human flesh draws attention to the value of each human birth. Each child is to be embraced and welcomed into the world with love and joy.

Progress is needed to root out the sin in the present world. Restoring love and value to human birth is a challenge. God's wisdom is necessary to reduce the rancor that arises around the giving birth to children.

Jesus Christ's birth is a time of great joy. Mary and Joseph were blessed among all males and females through the centuries to have the responsibility of protecting and caring for the Christ-Child.

Mary was chosen among all women of all centuries to be the birth-mother of the Christ Child. Her Divine selection and the action of the Holy Spirit exceed the capacity of the finite mind to fully understand and comprehend.

Joseph's responsibility in the face of the dangers mentioned in the present Gospel is not commonly highlighted. Today's world is often considered dangerous.

Herod's actions in killing young children are mind-gripping.

The joy of the Feast of the Nativity cannot be overshadowed by Herod's actions. Joseph, Mary and Jesus were able to travel and remain safe. Jesus was able to grow to adulthood.

Our love for Christ and our life-in Christ is certainly linked with the Virgin birth and the dangers that arose immediately. God's protection of the Christ-Child is evident.

God's action in today's world is evident for persons with eyes to see. The Church helps believers to find the way through the dangers of present-day life.

God's Holy Church is a haven of peace in a world filled with danger.

Each day the Church sets forth Divine services, wisdom and instruction to lead believers to the Kingdom of God. Wise believers look daily to the Church for nourishment, direction, and strength.

The Church is within reach of each person seeking to address the hunger of the soul. The Church is present to enable the believer to unite and remain united with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ taking on human flesh and dwelling among the living set in motion a change in the world that continues until the Second Coming. God's Church enables believers to live, prepare and to grow in Christ until the Second Coming.

Believers seeking to understand the world's events learn from the Church's history and teachings through the centuries. The saints offer words of wisdom to address current and future concerns.

Jesus Christ's teachings and life including His death on the Cross and Resurrection give believers the basis for continuing until the Second Coming. Jesus Christ's Nativity lifts believers' minds to the heights and to the heavens.

Joy fills believers' hearts with the knowledge of Jesus Christ's birth. New life in Christ becomes possible. Jesus Christ is stronger than sin. Jesus Christ is stronger than death.

Each family, each home, each person benefits from Jesus Christ's relationship with Mary and Joseph. Each believer benefits from realizing the danger Jesus faced from the time of His birth.

Every child faces danger at birth. A home filled with love and care make a difference for children brought into the world. Protective, loving and caring parents make a difference in raising children.

The Church is where to learn about child-rearing. The Church provides nourishment for parents and children during life's journey to the Kingdom. Be thankful for Jesus' birth and safe passage to adulthood.

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*The Sunday after the Feast of the Nativity. Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos. December 26, 2022/January 8, 2023. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic*





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