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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, 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, Archpriest Dionysi Vitali, Protodeacon Joseph Hotrovich, 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 George & Dobrodijka Oksana Bazylevsky, Father Angelo Artemas, Father John Haluszczak, 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 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 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, 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, Jamie Ball, Kay Williams, Jim Wyko—Alex's friend, 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**

**SUNDAY, February 12                      OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS                      10:30 AM**  
**35<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON; SYNAXIS OF THE 3 HOLY HIERARCHS—SAINT BASIL THE GREAT, SAINT GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN, & SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM; HIEROMARTYR HIPPOLYTUS-POPE OF ROME & MARTYRS CENSORINUS, SABINUS, & OTHERS; SAINT ZENO-HERMIT & DISCIPLE OF SAINT BASIL THE GREAT; MARTYR THEOPHILUS THE NEW; SAINT PETER-KING OF BULGARIA; SAINT ZENO THE FASTER OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA**

*Tone 2*

1 Corinthians 6:12-20; Hebrews 13:7-16  
Luke 15:11-32; Matthew 5 14-19

**SUNDAY, February 19                      OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS                      10:30 AM**  
**36<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MEATFARE SUNDAY; AFTERFEAST OF THE MEETING; VENERABLE BUCOLUS-BISHOP OF SMYRNA; VIRGIN-MARTYR DOROTHEA & MARTYRS CHRISTINA & CALLISTA-SISTERS, & THEOPHILUS AT CAESAREA IN CAPPADOCIA; MARTYR JULIAN; VIRGIN-MARTYRS MARTHA, MARY, & THEIR BROTHER LYCARION IN EGYPT; VENERABLE BARSANUPIUS THE GREAT & JOHN THE PROPHET-MONKS OF PALESTINE; SAINT PHOTIUS-PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

*Tone 3*

1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2  
Matthew 26:31-46

**SUNDAY, February 26                      OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS                      10:30 AM**

**37<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; CHEESEFARE SUNDAY; EXPULSION OF ADAM & EVE FROM EDEN; SAINT MARTINIAN; VENERABLE ZOE OF BETHLEHEM & VIRGIN PHOTINA; VENERABLE EULOGIUS-ARCHBISHOP OF ALEXANDRIA**

*Tone 4*

Romans 13:11-14:4

Matthew 6:14-21

**MONDAY, February 27**

**GREAT LENT BEGINS**

## **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 12 FEBRUARY 2023**

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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...

### **KONTAKION—TONE 3**

I have recklessly forgotten Thy glory, O Father;  
And among sinners I have scattered the riches which Thou gavest me.  
And now I cry to Thee as the Prodigal:  
I have sinned before Thee, O merciful Father;  
Receive me a penitent and make me as one of Thy hired Servants.

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.**

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**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!

### **The Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee Luke 18:10-14**

*Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. (KJV)*

The current Gospel is proclaimed every year in God's Holy Church. Listeners are expected to learn from the reading each year. The Gospel is ever new and relevant with each reading.

Believers are at a different point in life with each Gospel reading. The challenge for hearers of the Gospel is to value the humility of the publican and make it a part of personal life.

It is very easy to become like the Pharisee and be judgmental of others. Focusing on the sins of others is a way to avoid the discomfort of confronting personal sin and taking corrective action.

Taking responsibility for personal sins and addressing them requires honesty in the heart, mind, and soul. The desire to do better and be better in Christ necessitates honesty and acknowledgment of personal sinfulness.

The measure of a person's character is connected to honesty with the self.

God knows each person's sins and each person's thoughts, actions, and intentions. The Pharisee and Publican are a lesson in contrasts in their relationship with God.

The ideal relationship with God is a relationship of love. God is love. God heals in love and enables the person to grow. Sin impedes growth and detracts from the beauty of God-created life.

Sin affects the heart, mind, and soul. God's merciful forgiveness and healing power are necessary for corrective change. The Pharisee failed to acknowledge his own sins. The publican knew all too well his sins and sought God's healing mercy.

The publican viewed God as good and merciful. The publican took responsibility for his actions, He desired mercy and healing. The publican was not judgmental of others. He was only concerned with the state of his own soul.

The Pharisee saw no wrong in himself. The Pharisee saw wrong in others. Personal change was not a desire of the Pharisee. He was content with what he perceived as his own goodness.

Growth in Jesus Christ is always possible. Regardless of how good and faithful we are, we remain sinners. We are always in need of God's forgiveness and mercy. We are always in need of God's love and healing.

Perfection exists only in Christ. Humans constantly commit sins. The publican's behavior teaches that when we sin, we can turn to the Lord God for forgiveness and mercy.

If we focus only on our goodness, we deny ourselves the growth that is possible through repentance of sins. We fail to avail ourselves of the power of God's love and forgiveness when we are content in the way we are.

The publican knew his sinfulness was not pleasing to God. He felt within himself that his actions were not good. He turned to God in trust and in hope for mercy. He humbled himself and was not boastful.

The love of God is ever-present. God's healing power, goodness, and mercy are ever present and within reach of each person. Pray and humbleness of heart are the way to reach out to God.

The Psalmist said many centuries ago: "a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise."(Ps.50/51:17) The Psalmist's wisdom is lasting. The publican's example of humility is instructive.

The Pharisee was shortsighted in his vision. He did not see or acknowledge the greatness of God. He failed to credit God for any of the goodness he attributed to himself. The Pharisee credited himself with goodness. He did not credit God.

Goodness comes from and originates with God Any good done by a person is due to God at work in the person. It is from God that the person gets the ability to do good. (James 1:17)

The Church is acting at this time to prepare believers for the Lenten Journey.

Believers are reminded of the value of humility, repentance and seeking God's forgiveness.

The Lenten Journey requires preparation of the heart, mind and soul. Bodily readiness has a place in the journey as well. The believer's goals and values are examined carefully when the Lenten Journey is underway and taken to heart.

Personal sinfulness comes into focus during Great Lent. Self-awareness and personal honesty are prominent in the Lenten Journey being beneficial. Believers are to ready the self in the days leading to Great Lent.

Life is a constant journey from birth to departure from this life. The Kingdom of God and righteousness are the primary intended goals of the serious believer.(Mt.6:33)

The Holy Mysteries and Diving services in God's Holy Church enable the richness of the life in Christ. Unity with Christ is possible. Eternal life awaits the faithful. The publican points the way to turn to the Lord God in faith and in love.

*The Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee. Holy Hieromarty Clement, Bishop of Ancyra and those with him. January 23/February 5, 2022. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic*



