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GREAT LENT—THE GREAT FAST—PALM SUNDAY—OUR LORD'S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

ON THE MEND: Please keep the following parishioners and others in your prayers for recovery from their illnesses and injuries: Father Bob, Archbishop Daniel, Metropolitan Antony, Metropolitan Yurij, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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,

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, Kristi Wilson, Wendy LaGamba, Melissa Gross [hip replacement], Mike & Amy Forbeck, David Salazar, 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 [5year-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, the McKenna family, David Gazella, Brian & Michele Cannone, Robert & Eleanor Rodrigues & family, 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, Hannah Stewart, Jim Wyko—Alex's friend, Dan Losego, Lisa Bruce, Yvette, Barry Bender, Scott McDougall, Pam & Jennifer, and Susan Pulcini—Father Ted Pulcini's mom. 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...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our April babies: Robert Chicka on the 13th, Reader Alexander Popichak on the 15th, Matthew Popichak on the 18th, Kim Shirley on the 18th, and Bill Kuznik on the 26th! May God grant them Many Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Blessed Years! M'nohaya Lita! God Bless them and their families!

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 <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] 956-6626.

SERVICES IN SLICKVILLE

SUNDAY, April 09 OBEDNITZA-SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM-UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM 6TH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT; PALM SUNDAY—THE ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM; SAINT MATRONA OF THESSALONICA; MARTYRS MANUEL & THEODOSIUS; SAINT JOHN THE CLAIRVOYANT OF LYCOPOLIS-ANCHORITE OF EGYPT

*****BLESSING OF PALMS & PUSSYWILLOWS BEFORE SERVICE BEGINS****

Philippians 4:4-9 John 12:1-18

Litany in Blessed Memory of Frank Pendlyshok, John Cherepko, Ollie Pendlyshok, Stella Peanoske, Rose Lopushanski, Mary Haluszczak, Vladimir Hanczar, Michael Brittan, Deacon Dennis Lapushansky, Lynn Giglione, & Amv Covne—Fr. Bob

WEDNESDAY, April 12 HOLY UNCTION 6:30 PM

FRIDAY, April 14 PLASCHENYTSIA—BURIAL SERVICE 6:30 PM

SUNDAY, April 16 PASCHAL DIVINE LITURGY-UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM
RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST; VENERABLE
NICETAS THE CONFESSOR-ABBOT OF MEDIKION; VIRGIN-MARTYR
THEODOSIA OF TYRE & MARTYR IRENE; VENERABLE ILLYRICUS; MARTYRS
ELPIDOPHOROS, DIUS, BITHONIUS, & GALYCUS
****PAGE 179 IN THE BLACK DIVINE LITURGY BOOKS*****

****BLESSING OF PASCHAL BASKETS DOWNSTAIRS AFTER LITURGY*****

Paschal Tone Acts 1:1-8 John 1:1-17

SUNDAY, April 23 OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM 2ND SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SAINT THOMAS SUNDAY; MARTYRS TERENCE, POMPEIUS, AFRICANUS, MAXIMUS, ZENO, ALEXANDER, THEODORE, & 33 OTHERS BEHEADED AT CARTHAGE; PROPHETESS HULDAH; MARTYRS JAMES-PRESBYTER, AZADANES & ABDICIUS-DEACONS OF PERSIA

Tone 1 Acts 5:12-20 John 20:19-31

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 09 APRIL 2023

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Seek The Kingdom of God

Matthew 6:22-But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. (KJV)

Seeking first the Kingdom of God is the constant priority for Christian believers. All else falls into place in earthly life when the Kingdom of God is the priority. The Lord Jesus Christ reveals the narrow path for attentive believers to follow. Observant believers see God at work in daily life when seeking the Kingdom. Grateful believers express appreciation to God for life's journey to the Kingdom.

Mark 10:15-Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. (KJV(

Young children are innocent in their view of life and have much to teach adults. Adults can learn from the innocence and lack of malice present in young children. Easily believing in God is a lesson adults can learn from innocent young children. Young children are quick to forgive and this is another valuable lesson for adults. Children know how to express and radiate joy and more of this is needed in adults.

Luke 9:62-And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. (KJV)

The commitment to follow and serve Jesus Christ is for the remainder of life. There is no turning back after the commitment to follow Jesus Christ is made. When a person falters, is hesitant or falls away, repentance is

immediately needed. Returning to the path of the Kingdom of God is always possible while life exists. When the mind functions, the believer can immediately repent and follow Christ. Jesus Christ welcomes sincere repentance and nourishes seekers of the Kingdom.

John 3:5-Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. (KJV)

Holy Baptism and Chrismation unite the believer with the Lord Jesus Christ. Believers baptized into Christ are then sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. The human person's identity is forever changed after Baptism and Chrismation. Confession and Communion enable the believer to remain united with Jesus Christ. Holy Unction offers believers the opportunity of Divine healing of soul and body.

I Thessalonians 2:12-That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory. (KJV)

Persons baptized into Christ accept the responsibility to be faithful for all of life. The path to God's Heavenly Kingdom requires following the narrow path. (Mt.7:13-14) Responsible Christians welcome the expectation to be faithful to the way of Christ. Serious believers embrace Jesus Christ's teachings and look forward to learning. Growing in Christ is the life-long expectation and interest for Kingdom seekers. The Kingdom of God is the desired destination for all the days of earthly life.

Holy Hieromartyr Basil, Presbyter of Ancyra. March 22/April 4, 2023. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic

Endure

Matthew 10:22-And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. (KJV)

The journey from the Baptismal font to departure from this life requires endurance. Believers do not know the length of their personal life and must be prepared to endure. The Holy Scriptures advise believers to endure until the very end of earthly life. Jesus Christ is ever-present with believers during life's earthly journey. (Mt.28:20) Prayer connects and strengthens believers in Jesus Christ throughout earthly life.

Mark 4:17-And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended. (KJV)

Believers resolutely rooted in Jesus Christ endure through periods of real hardship. Personal crosses challenge the endurance of believers and require help from Christ. Drawing strength and hope from Jesus Christ is the way to face personal crosses. Jesus Christ makes personal crosses manageable and strengthens faithful believers. Believers are renewed through Jesus Christ when taking up their personal crosses.

John 6:27-Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed. (KJV)

Believers seeking everlasting life begin the long journey at the Baptismal font. The journey to eternal life is not always smooth and requires Christ's nourishment. Jesus Christ is nourishment for believers making endurance to life's end possible. The Church nourishes believers in Christ through firmly proclaiming the Gospel. God's Holy Church provides nourishment from Jesus Christ in Holy Communion.

I Corinthians 13:7-Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things. (KJV)

Love is paramount in the life in Jesus Christ and is best learned in the Church. Life is put into proper perspective when love permeates the heart, mind, and soul. Holy Apostle Paul speaks eloquently about love in the Epistle to the Corinthians. Chapter 13 of the Epistle to the Corinthians gives the essence of the place of love. Believers learn love in the Church and are to practice love throughout earthly life.

Hebrews 12:2-Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. (KJV)

The Lord Jesus Christ established the lasting and supreme example of endurance. Jesus Christ endured and did not turn away from experiencing death on the Cross. Jesus Christ's endurance until death on the Cross gave way to the Resurrection. Believers enduring their personal crosses experience new life in Christ. (Mk. 8:35) Believers are expected to take up their crosses and follow Christ till the end. (Lk.9:23)

Holy Martyr Agapius and Six Martyrs with him. March 15/March 2028. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic



TROUBLES ARE SENT TO
US FOR THE BENEFIT OF
OUR SOULS, AND ABOVE
ALL FOR OUR HUMILITY,
SO THAT WE MAY BE
MORE CONSIDERATE AND
PRUDENT IN OUR LIVES.

VENERABLE AMBROSE OF OPTINA

DO YOU THINK BABIES

ARE BORN SINFUL?

THAT THEY COME

INTO THE WORLD

AS SINNERS?



WHENEVER YOU DISCUSS CERTAIN THINGS WITH ANIMALS, YOU GET INSULTED.



WHEREA 4-1

We must not set our hearts upon anything earthly, for the spirit of evil is incorporated in all earthly things when we use them immoderately and in excess, this spirit having become earthly by excessive opposition to God.

Righteous John, Wonderworker of Kronstadt—My Life in Christ p.69

