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#### **APOSTLES' FAST/SAINTS PETER & PAUL FAST**

**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 & Protinica Linda 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, Father Simon & Dr. Christina Nellis, Father Joshua [Anna], Father Justin (Todd) Mokhiber, Pani Cathy Danczak, Protopresbyter Gerald Ozlanski, 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, 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, Rita & 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], 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], 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 Kariordination!, Michael Welsh, Nick Solominsky, Samantha & Lisa Houser, Sarah Stepanovich Clark, Julia Baloga, Brett Crosby, Randy Lapuh, Henry & Shirley Tkacik, Diane & Arthur Chaklis, Denny Mader, 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 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, Andrew Zelleznick, Jill Bailey, Byron & Cecilia Scott, Laura, Christopher, & Baby Jane Dickson, Vespina, Michelle, Julie Tripodi, and Susan Pulcini—Father Ted Pulcini's mom. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our July babies: Harry Batch on the 1<sup>st</sup>, Natasha and Zach Sudol on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Matthew Brunermer on the 15<sup>th</sup>, Sabrina Sudol on the 19<sup>th</sup>, and Katrina Scott on the 25<sup>th</sup>. May God grant them all Many Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Blessed Years! M'nohaya Lita! God Bless them and their families!

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

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 <u>CALL FATHER BOB</u> at [412] 956-6626.

#### SERVICES IN SLICKVILLE

SUNDAY, July 02 OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY APOSTLE JUDE-BROTHER OF THE LORD; MARTYR ZOSIMAS THE SOLDIER AT ANTIOCH IN PISIDIA; VENERABLE PAISIUS THE GREAT OF EGYPT; VENERABLE JOHN THE SOLITARY OF JERUSALEM

Tone 3

Romans 6;18-23; Jude 1:1-10 Matthew 8:5-13; John 14:21-24

Litany in Blessed Memory of Olga Stock, Anna Kitch, Joseph Yarmeak, Sophie, Carrera; Susan Justina Sredich, Stella E. Cherepko, Emil Joseph Paouncic, Igumen George [Owen], Claudia Horvath, & Walter Burlack—Fr. Bob

SUNDAY, July 09 OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SAINT DAVID OF THESSALONICA; SAINT JOHN-BISHOP OF THE GOTHS IN CRIMEA

Tone 4
Romans 10:1-10
Matthew 8:28-9:1

SUNDAY, July 16 OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MARTYRS HYACINTH, DIOMEDES, EULAMPIUS, ASCLEPIODOTUS, & GOLINDUC OF CAESAREA IN CAPPADOCIA; MARTYRS MOCIUS & MARK; VENERABLE ALEXANDER-FOUNDER OF THE MONASTERY

### OF THE UNSLEEPING ONES; SAINT ANATOLIUS-PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE; VENERABLE ANATOLIUS-& VENERABLE ANATOLIUS-RECLUSE OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA

Tone 5
Romans 12:6-14
Matthew 9:1-8

#### **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 02 JULY 2023**

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#### TROPARION—TONE 3

Let the Heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm! He has trampled down death by death! He has delivered us from the depths of hell, And has granted the world great mercy!

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

#### **KONTAKION—TONE 3**

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One! Leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; With the prophets and patriarchs They unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power!

#### **PROKEIMENON-TONE 3**

**READER:** Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

PEOPLE: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

**READER:** Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

PEOPLE: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

**READER:** Sing praises to our God, sing praises! **PEOPLE:** Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

#### ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 3

In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame!

Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge, in order to save me!

We need repentance. You see, repentance is not only going to a priest and confessing. We must free ourselves from the obsession of thoughts. We fall many times during our life, and it is absolutely necessary to reveal everything [in Confession] before a priest who is a witness to our repentance. *Elder Thaddeus(Strabulovich) of Vitovnica,* Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives: The Life and Teachings of Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica p.103

If you wish to ask of God in prayer any blessing for yourself, then before praying prepare yourself for undoubting and firm faith and take in good time means against doubt and unbelief. For it will go ill with you if, during the prayer itself, your heart wavers in its faith and does not stand firm in it; then do not even expect to obtain of the Lord what you have prayed for doubtingly... *Righteous John, Wonderworker of Kronstadt,* My Life in Christ p.8



Father Bob's Weather Clock...

Father Theophan [Kenyon] Mackey:

There is a story of a desert monastery where one of the venerable monks spoke only in passages of scripture. In answering any question or discussing any topic, his reply was a quote from scripture. It became such an annoying habit to the other monks, that the abbot gave him a rule of silence for a year.

A short while later, a scandalous thing happened. Through an open door, a wild donkey wandered into the church during a service. Although it was quickly ejected by the embarrassed monks, the occurrence continued to be the central topic of conversation. The more intriguing topic was what the silent monk would have said if he had been able to speak.

The curiosity proved to be too much, and so the abbot called the silent monk before the brethren and bid him speak, just this once, to the topic of the scandalous incursion.

The silent monk nodded and whispered, "The gospel according to Saint John, 'He came unto his own, and his own received him not.'"



#### **Holy Martyrs**

# Acts 22:20-And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him. (KJV)

The Church has been enriched and shaped by the lives of martyrs for centuries. Martyrs give their lives for the Lord God as expressions and proof of their love. The faith of the martyrs remains unquestioned and serves as a lasting example. The martyrs are sources of inspiration for believers faced with difficult decisions. Martyrdom can come at different stages of life under a variety of circumstances. Believers studying and examining the lives of the martyrs find all ages represented. Young children to elderly adults and all ages in between are among the martyrs. Martyrdom continues down to the present as verification of the deep value of faith.

Revelations 2:13- I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not

### denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth. (KIV)

Death comes to the martyrs in many different forms and for various reasons. Some martyrs lose their lives as individuals and others as part of large groups. Families have been martyred and the loss of life has had farreaching effects. Each generation has the benefit of learning from martyrs of earlier times. Lasting inspiration comes from the witness of martyrs in defense of the faith. Serbian Orthodox Christians have many martyrs to turn to for intercessory prayer. The Church's liturgical calendar remembers martyrs throughout the year. Martyrs often face a choice between temporary earthly rewards or eternal life.

# Revelations 17:6- And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. (KIV)

Martyrs are firmly incorporated into the liturgical services of the Church. Specific services are written and celebrated for certain martyrs during the year. Services to the martyrs describe the depth of their faith and form of witness. The Church services for marriage and for a Slava reference the Holy Martyrs. Believers draw strength from the Akathists devoted to Martyrs of the Church. Vivid details of the Martyrs lives serve to enrich and inspire attentive believers. The Church remembers the Holy Martyrs known and those known only to God. Believers of each generation have continuously benefitted from the Holy Martyrs.

Holy Great Martyr Theodore Stratelates. June 8/21, 2023. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic

The greatness of a man consisteth of humility, for in proportion as a man descendeth to humility, he becometh exalted to greatness. *The Paradise of the Holy Fathers Vol.2* 

