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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 Smolvnec, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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 Kari—ordination!, 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, Alby Oxenreiter, Debbie—HTUCC [knee]. 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...

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 23
OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS
10:30 AM
7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY 45 MARTYRS AT NICOPOLIS IN ARMENIA
INCLUDING LEONTIUS, MAURICE, DANIEL, ANTHONY, ALEXANDER,
ANICETUS, SISINIUS, MENEUS, & BELERAD; MARTYR APOLLONIUS OF
SARDIS; MARTYRS BIANOR & SILVANUS OF PISIDIA; VENERABLE
ANTHONY OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA; VENERABLE SILOUAN OF THE FAR
CAVES OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA

Tone 6

Romans 15:1-7; Galatians 5:22-6:2 Matthew 9:27-35; Matthew 4:25-5:12

SUNDAY, July 30 NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST 6 ECUMENICAL COUNCILS; GREAT-MARTYR MARINA OF ANTIOCH IN PISIDIA

Tone 7

1 Corinthians 1:10-19; Hebrews 13:7-16 Matthew 14:14-22; John 17:1-13

Litany in Blessed Memory of Andy Torick—40 days—the Torick family

SUNDAY, August 06 OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MARTYR CHRISTINA OF TYRE; HOLY MARTYRS & PASSION-BEARERS BORYS & HLIB OF RUS [ROMANUS & DAVID IN BAPTISM], VENERABLE POLYCARP-ARCHIMANDRITE OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA

Tone 8
1 Corinthians 3:9-17; Romans 8:28-39

Matthew 14:22-34; John 15:17-16:2

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 Vigani—Fr. Bob

PARASTAS in Blessed Memory of Andy Torick—40 days—Sharon Torick

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 23 JULY 2023

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By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death!
To the thief, Thou didst open Paradise!
For the Myrrhbearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy.
And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God,
To proclaim that Thou art risen, granting 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 7

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, For Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers! Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry: The Savior has come to those in faith! Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 7

READER: The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

PEOPLE: The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

READER: Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

PEOPLE: The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

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ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 7

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy name, O Most High!

To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night!

The Holy Prophets Encourage Repentance

Jeremiah 18:8-If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them. (KJV)

The Lord desires repentance from individuals, communities and nations. Repentance is the turning away from sin and turning to the way of the Lord. God offers hope for newness in life to those willing to turn away from sin. Those guilty of sin should not give into loss of hope, depression and despair. Receiving God's forgiveness and healing is possible through repentance. The Holy Prophets verify and proclaim the Lord's desire for repentance.

Ezekiel 18:30-Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord God. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. (KJV)

The Holy Scriptures stand as a firm basis of reference regarding repentance. Learning from the Holy Prophets has a place throughout the believer's life. Believers do well to anchor their lives in the Holy Scriptures for direction. Those desiring to repent and begin anew will benefit from the Scriptures. Every person is a sinner and benefits immeasurably from repenting of sins. True repentance involves a change of heart and renewal in Jesus Christ.

Joel 2:13-And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. (KJV)

The Lord recognizes the heart mournful of sin and seeking renewal in Christ. Mercy is forthcoming from the Lord for those believers repenting in heart. Unending love from the Lord is sufficient to heal the hearts all who repent. Procrastination is perilous when repentance arises in the believer's mind. Hastening to repent is necessary for the believer desiring the Lord's mercy. Healing occurs when the Lord's mercy and love cleanse the repentant heart.

Jonah 3:10-And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not. (KJV)

Believers benefit when being attuned to wisdom found in the Holy Prophets. The Holy Prophets are worthy of confidence as sources of lasting wisdom. Perspective for a Godly life in each century is found in the Holy Prophets. The Holy Prophets reveal timeless wisdom for addressing the perils of sin. The value of repentance is verified in the messages of the Holy Prophets. The Lord God speaks through the Holy Prophets to lead us to repentance.

Holy Wonderworker Tychon, Bishop of Amathus. June 16.29, 2023. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic

Always Trust God

Psalm 7:1-O Lord my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me: (KJV)

Personal trust placed in the Lord God is the soul's most secure investment. Trusting in the Lord God is absolutely required in seeking God's Kingdom. Believers commit to seeking the Kingdom of God at the time of Baptism. Everything impeding trusting in the Lord God is to be rejected and avoided. Life is enriched and leads to growth in Christ when trust is placed in God.

Psalm 16:1-Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust. (KJV)

Impediments and temptations will always arise in attempts to erode trust. Vigilance in guarding the heart and mind prevents perils attacking the soul. God's reassuring presence verifies the merits of placing trust in God. The hunger in the soul needs God's reassurance to maintain complete trust. Trust in God enables the barriers to growth in Jesus Christ to be overcome.

Psalm 18:2-The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. (KJV)

Trusting in God brings joy to the believer's life even in difficult times. Darkness, despair, and depression are overcome through trusting in God. Hope in life is maintained through placing complete trust in the Lord God. The believer is energized and strengthened when trust rests in the Lord. Trusting in God enables the tasks and responsibilities of life to be fulfilled.

Psalm 18:30-As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the Lord is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him. (KJV)

Life's security is rooted in the trust firmly placed in the merciful God. God's goodness, love, mercy, and forgiveness attract the believer's trust. Trusting in God exceeds in value placing trust in any alternatives in life.

God offers the full way of life intended at the time of birth and baptism. Placing trust in God enables the believer to discern life's healthy paths.

Psalm 20:7-Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God (KJV)

Attentiveness keeps the trust in God well-placed and avoids life's pitfalls. Staying alert to the perils that arise and avoiding them fortifies trust in God. Evil is constantly challenging the believer's commitment to trust in God. Resoluteness in heart, mind, and soul draws strength from the Lord God. Trusting in the Lord God until the last moment of life is the desired goal.

Venerable Athanasios of Mt. Athos. Venerable Sergius the Wonderworker of Radonezh. July 5/18, 2023. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic

"One Sunday, Metropolitan Anthony Bloom, gave a sermon as follows:

'Last night a woman with a child came to this church. She was in trousers and with no headscarf. Someone scolded her. She left. I do not know who did that, but I am commanding that person to pray for her and her child to the end of his days to God for their salvation. Because of you she may never go to church again.'

He turned around, head down, and entered the Altar. That was the entire sermon."

