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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 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 & 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 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, Tim—surgery, John Wakin, Olivia— young girl with a brain tumor, Rick & Sharon Morgan, John Stasko, John, Kris & Kait, Kristi Wilson, Wendy LaGamba, Melissa Gross [hip replacement], Amy Forbeck, David Salazar, Kitty 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 Rodrigues & family, Father Deacon James & Diakonissa Kari Rossetti, Michael Welsh, Nick Solominsky, Samantha & Lisa Houser, Sarah Stepanovich Clark, Julia Baloga, Brett Crosby, Randy Lapuh, Henry & Shirley Tkacik, Diane & Arthur Chaklis, Denny Mader, 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, Andrew Zelleznick, Jill Bailey, Byron & Cecilia Scott, Laura, Christopher, & Baby Jane Dickson, Vespina, Michelle Russo, Julie Tripodi, Alby Oxenreiter, Debbie—HTUCC [knee], Jackie May, Barbara Morvay, David Salsar, N&O , Randy & Adrienne Kuny, Vince Berardinelli, and Susan Pulcini—Father Ted Pulcini's mom. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

FROM THE PARISH BOARD: Please plan to attend a parish meeting after services on Sunday, September 17th downstairs. We will elect officers, consider insurance options, and discuss the path forward for our parish. We have some difficult decisions ahead and ask you to PLEASE come so we can get your input!

~President Harry, Treasurer Judy, and Secretary Reader Alex~

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, September 03

NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; AFTERFEAST OF THE DORMITION; APOSTLE THADDEUS OF THE 7; MARTYR BASSA OF EDESSA & SONS THEOGONIUS, AGAPIUS, & PISTUS; VENERABLE ABRAMIUS-LOVER OF LABOR OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA

Tone 4

1 Corinthians 16-13-24

Matthew 21:33-42

SUNDAY, September 10

OBEDNTIZA—UPSTAIRS

10:30 AM

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; VENERABLE MOSES THE BLACK OF SCETE; RIGHTEOUS ANNA THE PROPHETESS-DAUGHTER OF PHANUEL—WHO MET THE LORD AT THE PRESENTATION; SYNAXIS OF THE SAINTS RESTING IN THE FAR CAVE AT PERCHEVSKY LAVRA; UNCOVERING OF THE RELICS OF SAINT JOB OF POCHAIV

Tone 5

2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4; 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

Matthew 22:1-14; Luke 6:17-23

Litany in Blessed Memory of Josephine Roman, Father John Harvey, Father Dragan Filipovic, Frank Gazella, Sr., Suzie Pelczar, Helen McNally, Gerald Wampler, Paul McGinnis, & Myra Woodruff—Fr. Bob

SUNDAY, September 17

OBEDNTIZA—UPSTAIRS

10:30 AM

15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HIEROMARTYR BABYLAS-BISHOP OF ANTIOCH & MARTYRS URBAN, PRILIDIAN, & EPOLONIUS & MOTHER CHRISTODULA; HOLY PROPHET & GOD-SEER MOSES; MARTYR HERMIONE-DAUGHTER OF APOSTLE PHILIP THE DEACON; MARTYR BABYLAS OF NICOMEDIA & 84 CHILDREN; MARTYRS THEODORE, MIANUS, JULIAN, KION, & CENTURIONUS OF NICOMEDIA

*******PARISH MEETING AFTER SERVICE*******

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 03 SEPTEMBER 2023

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TROPARION—TONE 4

When the women disciples of the Lord
Learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection;
They cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles:
Death is overthrown! Christ God is 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 4

My Savior and Redeemer,
As God rose from the tomb
And delivered the earthborn from their chains.
He has shattered the gates of Hell,
And as Master, He has risen on the third day!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 4

READER: O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

PEOPLE: O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

READER: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great!

PEOPLE: O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

READER: O Lord, how manifold are thy works!

PEOPLE: In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 4

Go forth and prosper and reign, because of truth and meekness and righteousness.

You love righteousness and hate iniquity.

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Matthew 19:16-26

And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible. (KJV)

Possessions impeded the man in the current Gospel from a life of perfection. The man said he had lived according to the commandments. He was unwilling to give up his possessions to follow Christ and to seek eternal life.

Believers are born into this world with the blessing of life from God. Believers take no earthly possessions with them when they depart this life. Jesus Christ defined the steps the rich man was to take in his desire for eternal life.

The rich man's desire for eternal life was not complete. This is a Gospel lesson for believers to assess their personal commitment to Jesus Christ. At Baptism, the full person is dedicated and committed to Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is the defining standard for all that a believer does from the time of Baptism until departure from this life. All personal thoughts, actions, and goals of the believer are to conform to the teachings, life, and way of Jesus Christ.

We know from Christ's teachings that the way to eternal life is narrow and difficult, (Mt. 7:14) Adhering to the narrow path throughout life requires strength, wisdom, and knowledge from Jesus Christ.

Following the path defined and illumined by Christ entails decisions that are pleasing to Christ. When a believer stumbles, makes errors, or takes a wrong turn, repentance is necessary. God's forgiveness and mercy are necessary and beneficial.

Attraction to possessions can cloud the believer's mind and influence personal actions. Desire for material possessions can consume an individual's or family's interests and energy.

Husbands and wives may differ over the interest in acquiring material possessions. Children may be raised to pursue material wealth with little thought given to the care of their souls.

Parents, family members, and friends set examples for the youths in their midst in the goals they adopt and pursue. When the Kingdom of God is the priority, the accumulation and managing material wealth is put in perspective.

The present Gospel calls upon believers to assess the degree of personal investment in the Kingdom of God. The Gospel raises the question: "Are material possessions more important than possessing eternal life."

Today's Gospel uncovers the most prized part of the rich man's heart. The man's possessions are what he prized the most. He prized his possessions more than eternal life.

Parents are challenged by the present Gospel to consider the goals being established for their children. Mothers and fathers are asked to examine if they are raising their sons and daughters with the goal of eternal life.

Not all believers are parents. Questions regarding personal values apply to all believers. Honestly examining the heart, mind, and soul will reveal the true interests and goals of personal life.

The present Gospel is a measuring statement for personal and family values. Do individuals and parents devote so much effort to work for material possessions that little time and energy are left to pursue the Kingdom of God?

The hunger of the soul is not satisfied by the accumulation of material possessions. The desire for God and eternal life comes through centering the heart, mind, and soul in Christ.

Our relationship with Jesus Christ is defined in our personal relationships in the home, at work, and in the community. The way we live with and treat each other reveals whether Jesus Christ, God's Kingdom, and eternal life are primary interests,

When Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God are the primary interests in life, all other aspects of life take their proper place. Relationships, goals, and possessions in life are to be viewed in accord with Christ's teachings and example.

At Baptism, belief in Christ is professed as King and as God. Daily life until departure from this life is to be lived in accord with Christ being King and God.

Personal possessions and pursuits are to conform to the path to God's Kingdom.

Love and honor for the Lord God are revealed in the way the believer lives after exiting the Baptismal font until departure from this life. In the end, each person will stand before the returning Christ for the Great and Final Judgment.

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost. Holy Prophet Micah. Forefeast of the Dormition. August 14/27, 2023. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic

SONIA LUCIOW'S OBITUARY!

Sonia Bohonis Luciow, age 100, of Trees Mills, formerly of Slickville, passed away August 25, 2023. She married the late George P. Luciow of Slickville on June 6, 1947 (D-Day, so he would remember). Sonia was born on a farm outside of Slickville on March 3, 1923, where she has gone "home" to be greeted by her father, brothers, sister, and has met the mother she hardly knew. She's free to milk the cows, eat pears from the best pear tree around, and sit on the banks of the Beaver Run Creek to listen to the music from Joe Beaver's Dance Hall. She was a member of Holy Ghost Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Slickville, where she taught Sunday school, sang in the choir, and was secretary of St. Olga's Sisterhood. Sonia's pirohi dough was the reason so many people came to the monthly pirohi sales at the church. She was also a member of Slickville American Legion Post 18 Ladies Auxiliary. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, Mike, and Rose (Starenchak) Bohonis, brothers John, Boris, Merle, and infant Steve, and sister Mary Magee. She is survived by son Gregory (Wendy) Luciow and their children Aaron and Tania, daughter Karen Lobodinsky and her sons Jacob and Jesse, and numerous nieces and nephews on both sides. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Westmoreland County Food Bank, 100 Devonshire Drive, Delmont PA 15626 (because Mom was always worried that you had enough to eat) or Holy Ghost Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Box 3, 714 Westmoreland Ave., Slickville, Pa. 15684. The family would like to thank Excelsa Hospice, especially Amber, Ashley, Erica, and Sandy. You're the best. Family and friends will be received on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, from 2-4 PM and 6-8

PM at Wolfe von Geis Funeral Home, 5701 Lincoln Ave, Export, PA 15632. There will be a Parastas service at 7 PM. Services will be held Wednesday, August 30, 2023, at 11 AM at the funeral home. www.wolfe-vongeis.com

May God grant His newly Newly-Departed Handmaid SONIA the Kingdom of Heaven and Life Everlasting. Vechnaya Pam'yat! Memory Eternal!