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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, 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, 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 Slaugenhaupt, Louis & Terri Berceli, 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, 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, Dr. Paul Riley, David Hess, Serena, Wyatt, Makenzie, Jennifer, 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], Barbetta [cancer] & Scott, Kristin [cancer], Erm Hartmann, Barbara Bookser [cancer], Bob Mazzuca [cancer], Marko, Taylor, Terri Crosby-Vega [knee replacement], 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, Mason Martin [Karns City HS QB] & family, Martin Mrvos, Jeff McCoy, Lauren & Sloane Valentina Persico, and Jill Morocco. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

The first passion that takes root in a person is egotism and pride. Take anyone, from infant to elder. Pride is like a medallion that we wear continually and cannot take off. *Gerondissa Makrina (Vassopoulou)* **Words of the Heart p.486**

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, October 22 **OBEDNTIZA—UPSTAIRS** **10:30 AM**
20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY FATHERS OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL; HOLY APOSTLE JAMES-SON OF ALPHEUS; SAINT ANDRONICUS & WIFE SAINT ATHANASIA OF EGYPT; RIGHTEOUS FOREFATHER ABRAHAM & NEPHEW RIGHTEOUS LOT; MARTYRS JUVENTIUS & MAXIMUS AT ANTIOCH; SAINT PUBLIA THE CONFESSOR OF ANTIOCH; SAINT PETER OF GALATIA

Tone 3

Galatians 1:11-19; Hebrews 13:7-16; 1 Corinthians 4:9-16
Luke 7:11-16; John 17:1-13; Luke 10:16-21

SUNDAY, October 29 **OBEDNTIZA—UPSTAIRS** **10:30 AM**
21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MARTYR LONGINUS THE CENTURION WHO STOOD AT THE CRUCIFIXION; SAINT LONGINUS THE GATE-KEEPER OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA

Tone 4

Galatians 2:16-20
Luke 8:5-15

SUNDAY, November 05 **OBEDNTIZA—UPSTAIRS** **10:30 AM**
22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY APOSTLE JAMES-BROTHER OF THE LORD; SAINT IGNATIUS-PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE; VENERABLE ELISHA OF LAVRYSHEVO

Tone 5

Galatians 6:11-18; Galatians 1:11-19
Luke 16:19-31; Matthew 13:54-58

Litany in Blessed Memory of John Lopushanski, Samuel Kerr, Helen Likar, Harry Bunio, Mary Pekich, Constantine Hanczar, Anna Lotinsky, & Julia Golofski—Fr. Bob

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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!

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Luke 5:1-11

And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon Him to hear the word of God, He stood by the lake of Gennesaret, And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. And He entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And He sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. Now when He had left speaking, He said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto Him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless, at Thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net broke. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him (KJV)

The present Gospel is proclaimed in God's Holy Church every year for the benefit of the whole world. The Gospel confirms and verifies the value of listening to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Holy Gospel is resolutely and fervently proclaimed in the Church through the centuries. The Gospel proclaims the preserved and known teachings and life of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Attentive listeners take the Gospel to heart. Their lives are enriched and transformed. The present Gospel is an example of the Apostle Peter listening to Jesus' words and having his life transformed.

Peter and those with him had fished all night without success. When Peter, James, and John who were with Peter listened to Jesus, an overwhelming abundance of fish were caught.

Peter, James, and John immediately recognized the value of heeding to Jesus' words. Listening to Jesus reached into the depths of Peter, James and John's very beings. Peter, James, and John changed their lives completely and followed Jesus.

Attentive listeners to the present Gospel learn the lesson to begin each undertaking in life by first turning to the Lord Jesus Christ for instruction and direction.

Jesus Christ is ever-present for believers to turn to in prayer for each undertaking in life. Jesus' teachings are readily available to believers in the Church. Jesus' teachings are present in the Holy Scriptures.

Explanations of Jesus' teachings are in the writings and teachings of the Holy Fathers and Mothers of the Church. The lives of the saints and martyrs describe the way to apply Jesus' teachings in daily life.

Wise and attentive believers make efforts daily to bring life into complete conformity with Jesus' teachings and expectations. When falling short and sinning, serious believers repent and try again.

The present Gospel reveals Jesus is willing to accept sinners choosing to heed His teachings and to follow Him. Peter identified himself as a sinner to Jesus in the present Gospel. Jesus did not reject Peter.

Jesus was clear in St. Mark's Gospel when He said: "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." (Mark 2:17) We are all sinners. Today's Gospel is for each of us.

When Peter, James, and John saw the value of listening to Jesus, they fully embraced Jesus in their lives. They gave up their livelihood and families to follow Jesus Christ. The change was profound and complete.

Peter, James, and John's lives were renewed in Jesus Christ. They put their old ways behind them. They became fishers of men. Jesus Christ makes a profound and life-changing impact on each person choosing to fully heed His words.

The Gospel proclaimed in the Church is always timely and relevant. Jesus' words merit being followed today and every day. The Epistle to the Hebrews states: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)

Remaining a sinner and putting life and the soul in peril are not a necessity. Repentance and change are always possible. A full and abundant life in Jesus Christ is accessible to every person.

The life in Christ involves embracing Christ's teachings and following them.

Jesus Christ is ever-present to guide, lead, and strengthen the person in the journey. Jesus Christ nourishes the believer through the Gospel and His Body and Blood.

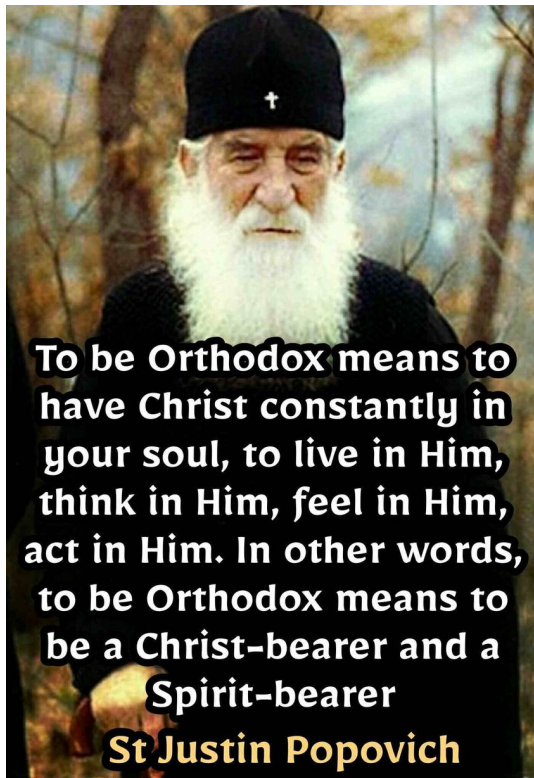
Christ enables the believer to begin anew through Holy Confession. Christ heals the broken in body and spirit through Holy Communion and Holy Unction. Jesus Christ protects the broken-hearted and the hurting from the world's cruelty.

The opportunity for a full and abundant life in Christ is possible for every person taking the Gospel to heart. Conscious decision-making to follow Christ is necessary for change to occur.

The fact that Peter was a sinner did not deter Jesus from making Peter a fisher of men. Jesus Christ has transformed the lives of sinners for centuries. Peter's willingness to listen to and follow Jesus was the deciding difference in his life.

Attentive listeners have their lives transformed when they heed Christ's words. Jesus said: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." (Jn.10:10) Today is the day to listen to Christ and follow Him.

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Venerable Euphrosyne. Venerable Father Sergius of Radonezh. September 25/October 8, 2023. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic



But Orthodox Christians don't see the Cross as a payment to God for our sins. They think of it primarily as a victory—a triumph over death and the evil one.

Frederica Mathewes-Green
Two Views of the Cross: Orthodoxy and the West

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