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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,

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& 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, Alexis & baby Colton Rosati, Jessica Shirley, Steve Milcic, Wilbert Wagner, and Jill Morocco. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

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, November 19 **OBEDNTIZA—UPSTAIRS** **10:30 AM**
24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SAINT PAUL THE CONFESSOR-ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE; VIRGIN-MARTYRS TECUSA, ALEXANDRA, CLAUDIA, MATRONA, POLACTIA, EUPHROSYNE, & ATHANASIA OF ANCYRA; VENERABLE LUKE-MONK OF SICILY; VENERABLE LUKE-STEWARD OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA

Tone 7

Ephesians 2:14-22

Luke 8:41-56

Litany in Blessed Memory of Paul Popichak—40 years—Fr. Bob

SUNDAY, November 26 **OBEDNTIZA—UPSTAIRS** **10:30 AM**
25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM-ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE; MARTYRS ANTONINUS, NICEPHORUS, & GERMANUS OF CAESAREA IN PALESTINE; MARTYR MANETHA OF CAESAREA IN PALESTINE

Tone 8

Ephesians 4:1-6; Hebrews 7:26-8:2

Luke 10:25-37; John 10:9-16

TUESDAY, November 28 ***Saint Philip's Fast/Advent/PILIPKIVA Begins***

SUNDAY, December 03 **OBEDNTIZA—UPSTAIRS** **10:30 AM**
26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; FOREFEAST OF THE ENTRY OF THE THEOTOKOS TO THE TEMPLE; VENERABLE GREGORY DECAPOLITES; SAINT PROCLUS-ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE; MARTYR DASIUS; MARTHYRS EUSTACE, THESPESIUS, & ANATOLIUS OF NICAEA; HIEROMARTYRS NERSES, JOSEPH, JOHN, SAVERIUS, ISAAC, & HYPATIUS-BISHOPS OF PERSIA; MARTYRS AZADES, SASONIUS, THECLA, & ANNA

Tone 1

Ephesians 5:8-19

Luke 12:16-21

Litany in Blessed Memory of Thomas Bryan, Pearl Hanczar, John Hanczar, Helen Pytlak, Mary Blitskan, Marjorie Yarmeak, Rose Pynch, Cynthia Mycyk, Frank Barankovich, Mary Krevanich, Katherine Holowaty, & Rober Vetosky—Fr. Bob

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TROPARION—TONE 7

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!

HMMMMMM...God works in mysterious ways...

In a village in Romania, there was no priest and residents often went to see the Patriarch to solve the problem. However, the Patriarch did not have the means to meet the request. The villagers often went to see the Patriarch, but he told them the same thing, that he had no priest to send to the village.

Meanwhile, some people died without having Christian funerals, others had relationships and children out of wedlock and, children as adults were not baptized.

Then one day a car pulled up in front of the Church and a priest walked out. The villagers were stunned and announced with loud screams the arrival of a priest.

The villagers went to the Church to greet him and asked him, "How come you came to the village when our Patriarch told us not to have a priest to send us?"

The priest replied, "Isn't that what you wanted?" Don't you want a priest? I am here."

All the villagers were delighted with the presence of this new priest. The priest went to work immediately. He visited all the graves and read the funeral service. He baptized and married the villagers and gave them Holy Communion.

One day he brought all the villagers to church and said to them, "Now I must go again, my mission is complete. "

The villagers were confused and asked him, "You just arrived and you're already leaving? "

However, the priest did not change his mind and put his decision into practice.

When the villagers realized they couldn't do anything about it, they thanked him.

After a few days, the villagers went to see the Patriarch and thanked him for sending them a priest and expressed their gratitude if he could quickly send them another priest, but the Patriarch was unaware of anything.

He said to them, "I have not sent a priest because I do not have one, but let me check with the Chancellor if he has sent you a priest for your needs."

He called the chancellor, but he didn't send anyone either.

The Patriarch asked: "What did this priest do in your parish? "

The villagers answered: "He married us, baptized us, celebrated our parents' funerals, he did what any other priest would have done for us. "

Then the Patriarch asked: "Well, didn't he give you papers or record the sacraments?" "

"Of course, he gave us papers and wrote them in the church records. "

"Did anyone see what he wrote?" What name did he sign?"

"All the documents were written in Romanian, and we are not very educated, and the signature, he wrote it in a language we had never seen before." "

The Patriarch asked to go look for the records to see who the priest was.

When they returned with the records, the Patriarch was left speechless. He didn't believe his eyes.

Indeed, all documents were written in Romanian while his name was written in Greek with his name and signature:

"+Nectarios, Bishop of Pentapolis"



Father Theophan [Kenyon] Mackey:

One day we met on the site where the construction of the new church had begun, and the Elder said, "It is a difficult thing today to build a church. All the demons will rise up." And he told me an anecdote that he had heard in Russia:

"Someone went to hell, but he wanted there to be a church there too so that he could pray. Despite his sinfulness, he loved God and wanted to pray. He began to measure the site in order to lay foundations. A devil asked him what he was doing. He replied: 'I want to build a church so that I can pray.' The devil was uneasy, because it was impossible for a church to be built in hell, and he tried to stop him. He did not manage. He summoned other demons. They could not do anything either. They reported it to their leader. Then many demons gathered and they threw him out of hell, to prevent a church being built."

And he continued: "So we build churches to change hell into Paradise, and if we do not manage to do that, we will succeed in not being accepted by the devil in hell." And he laughed wholeheartedly.

—*Metropolitan Hierotheos of Nafpaktos. I Know a Man in Christ: Elder Sophrony the Hesychast and Theologian*

Yesterday, the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA) issued a Proclamation on the Glorification of the Righteous Servant of God Matushka Olga of Alaska, setting her feast day on November 10:
To the beloved Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America

"God is wondrous in His Saints"

November 8, 2023

Chicago, IL

The Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America has heard the petition of The Right Reverend ALEXEI, Bishop of Sitka and Alaska, expressed in his November 2, 2023 letter to His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, concerning the glorification of the Servant of God, the Righteous Matushka Olga.

In this letter, His Grace Bishop ALEXEI states: "I am writing to Your Beatitude with respect to the departed handmaiden of God and faithful Orthodox Christian, Matushka Olga Nicholai of Kwethluk, known by the pious peoples of the Kuskokwim as Arrsamquq. Her humility, her generosity, her piety, her patience, and her selfless love for God and neighbor were well-known in the Kuskokwim villages during her earthly life. Her care for comforting the suffering and the grieving has also been revealed after her life by grace-filled manifestations to the faithful throughout not only Alaska, but all of North America. The first peoples of Alaska are convinced of her sanctity and the great efficacy of her prayers. For this reason, after prayerful consideration, I, Alexei, Bishop of Sitka and Alaska, am hereby making the formal request to Your Beatitude as the Primate of the Orthodox Church in America to begin the process that, if it be in accord with God's will, would lead to her glorification."

The Holy Synod, having prayerfully reflected upon this petition and having observed and acknowledged the sincere devotion among the faithful of Alaska and beyond, has unanimously determined that the time for the glorification of Matushka Olga has arrived, fulfilling the hopes and prayers of pious Orthodox Christians throughout Alaska and the entire world.

THEREFORE, meeting in Solemn Assembly in Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, Illinois, under the Presidency of The Most Blessed TIKHON, Archbishop of Washington and Metropolitan of All America and Canada, We, the Members of The Holy Synod of The Orthodox Church in America, do hereby decide and decree that the ever-memorable Servant of God MATUSHKA OLGA be numbered among the saints. With one mind and one heart, we also resolve that her honorable remains be considered as holy relics; that a special service be composed in her honor; that her feast be celebrated on November 10 (October 28, old style) and the Feast of All

Saints of North America, the Second Sunday after Pentecost; that holy icons be prepared to honor the newly-glorified saint in accordance with the Canons of the Sacred Ecumenical and Regional Councils; that her life be published for the edification of the Faithful, that the name of the new saint be communicated to the Primates of all Sister Churches for inclusion in their calendars; and that the date and location of the Rite of Glorification be communicated to the Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of our Church in due time.

FURTHER, we entrust to the Canonization Commission of The Orthodox Church in America, under the Chairmanship of The Most Reverend DANIEL, Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest, with the honorable task of assisting The Right Reverend ALEXEI, Bishop of Sitka and Alaska, in preparing for the celebration of the glorification by providing an authorized Life of Matushka Olga for the education and edification of the Faithful, with overseeing the painting of holy icons of her, in keeping with the canonical iconographical tradition of the Church, with the composition of liturgical texts to be sung at the Divine Services in which she will be commemorated, and with assisting in the uncovering and recognition of her holy relics, and in promoting her veneration among all the Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of our Church. We call upon the faithful to remember Matushka Olga at Memorial Services or Litanies for the Departed when appropriate until the day of her glorification.

Through the prayers of Matushka Olga and of all the Saints who have shone forth in North America, may the Lord grant His mercies and blessings to all who seek her heavenly intercession with faith and love. Amen. Holy Mother Olga, pray to God for us!

Given at Holy Trinity Cathedral, this 8th day of November, in the Year of Our Lord, 2023.

PROCLAMATION OF THE HOLY SYNOD OF BISHOPS OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA ON THE GLORIFICATION OF THE RIGHTEOUS SERVANT OF GOD MATUSHKA OLGA

The Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in America.

- + TIKHON, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada
- + NATHANIEL, Archbishop of Detroit and the Romanian Episcopate
- + BENJAMIN, Archbishop of San Francisco and the West
- + MARK, Archbishop of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania
- + ALEJO, Archbishop of Mexico City and Mexico
- + MELCHISEDEK, Archbishop of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania
- + IRENEE, Archbishop of Ottawa and the Archdiocese of Canada
- + MICHAEL, Archbishop of New York and New Jersey
- + ALEXANDER, Archbishop of Dallas, the South and the Bulgarian Diocese
- + DANIEL, Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest
- + ALEXEI, Bishop of Sitka and Alaska
- + NIKODHIM, Bishop of Boston and the Albanian Archdiocese

From: <https://www.oca.org/.../proclamation-glorification...>

A video of the Proclamation can be viewed here: <https://www.oca.org/.../proclamation-holy-synod-bishops...>

~ Shared by Father Abbot Stephen [Neil Scott]



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian-Greek Catholic Church

How late can you be for the Liturgy?

How many times do priests hear the question: "Is being late to Liturgy a sin?" Or "Is it possible to go to Communion if you're 10 minutes late?" In such cases, one has to wonder what one should even say...

Think about it: If we are consistently late for work, then we would be out if a job. Be three minutes late for a plane or train, and they will leave without you. But, with church, that's not even the case. It should be known that the Liturgy begins well before its "beginning." Upon entering the church temple, the priest is to pray the Door Prayers in front of the iconostasis. He then prays Proskomedia, where he prepares the offering for the Eucharistic Liturgy. While this is happening, the cantor/chanter is singing the Hours in order to establish the setting of prayer and praise. People are lighting candles and praying silently for their intentions, in preparation to encounter our Lord and Savior in the Eucharist.

All of this reminds us of the eternal choirs of angels singing in praise of our Lord—an eternity that we, as Christians, aspire to attain once we leave this earth. The church temple is meant to reflect heaven, where we meet our Lord and Savior in HIS house surrounded by the sounds, sights, and smells of His dwelling.

In church, God is waiting for us. And if we nurture a relationship of trust and love with our God, then the issue of being late doesn't even arise. After all, going to the Liturgy is not a weekly Sunday obligation. It is something that we freely should choose to do, not to "gain" anything, but because we truly believe in our Lord and Savior, and we want to offer Him

praise and spend time with Him in His house. Simply put, the time that we spend in church is meant to be a taste of what eternity in heaven will be like.

Simply put, if we are focused on God, we would find being late for church unacceptable in our lives. We would take every safeguard to be on time for our dream vacation... Going to church is the joy of meeting, the pursuit of union with our Creator—it is our sincere response to His invitation... Let's hurry to God!



PEOPLE WILL NOT ALWAYS TELL THE TRUTH OR BE HONEST

BE TRUSTWORTHY ANYWAY

OTHERS MAY NOT BE LOYAL OR TRUE

BE LOYAL ANYWAY

NOT EVERY HELPFUL ACT WILL BE REWARDED

BE HELPFUL ANYWAY

OTHERS MAY NOT BE FRIENDLY OR RESPECT YOUR BELIEFS

BE FRIENDLY ANYWAY

PEOPLE MAY NOT RETURN YOUR COURTESY OR MANNERS

BE COURTEOUS ANYWAY

NOT EVERYONE SEES STRENGTH IN BEING GENTLE AND KIND.

BE KIND ANYWAY

IT CAN BE TEMPTING TO CHEAT TO GET AHEAD

BE OBEDIENT ANYWAY

LIFE HAS DAYS WHEN IT IS HARD TO SEE THE BRIGHT SIDE

BE CHEERFUL ANYWAY

BEING WISE WITH TIME AND TREASURE ISN'T ALWAYS FUN

BE THRIFTY ANYWAY

OTHERS MAY LAUGH AT YOUR VALUES OR ACTIONS

BE BRAVE ANYWAY

PEER PRESSURE IS POWERFUL; HIGH STANDARDS ARE HARD

BE CLEAN ANYWAY

FAITH CAN REQUIRE SACRIFICE; REVERENCE TAKES EFFORT

BE REVERENT ANYWAY

