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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our December babies: Shirley Tkacik on the 2nd, Scot Brunermer on the 14th, and Donna Karas on the 18th! May God grant them all Many Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Blessed Years! M'nohaya Lita! God Bless their families and friends...

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, 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;
MARTYRS 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

SUNDAY, December 10 OBEDNTIZA—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM
27TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; GREAT-MARTYR JAMES THE PERSIAN;
VENERABLE PALLADIUS OF THESSALONICA; 17 MONK-MARTYRS IN
INDIA; VENERABLE ROMANUS THE WONDERWORKER OF CILICIA

Tone 2

Ephesians 6:10-17

Luke 13:10-17

SUNDAY, December 17 OBEDNTIZA—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM
28TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; GREAT-MARTYR BARBARA & MARTYR
JULIANA OF HELIAPOLIS IN SYRIA; VENERABLE JOHN DAMASCENE;
VENERABLE JOHN-BISHOP OF POLYBOTUM

Tone 3

Colossians 1:12-18; Galatians 3:23-29

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TROPARION—TONE 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews;
While the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure Body;
Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior,
Granting life to the world.
The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of life:
Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ!
Glory to Thy Kingdom!
Glory to Thy Dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind.

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

KONTAKION—TONE 1

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself.
Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished!
Adam exults, O Master!
Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage, and cries to Thee:
Thou are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 1

READER: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.

PEOPLE: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.

READER: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!

PEOPLE: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.

READER: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

PEOPLE: As we have set our hope on Thee.

ALLELUIA VERSES

God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me.

He magnifies the salvation of the king, and deals mercifully with His Christ, with David and his seed forever!

Humility

Proverbs 15:33- The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility (KJV)

Believers have the opportunity at every stage of life to learn the value of humility. Acquiring humility is necessary for life to be fully lived in Christ-pleasing ways. Humility is completely synonymous with and exemplified in the Lord Jesus Christ. Believers must overcome personal traits conflicting with humility to please Christ. Jesus Christ demonstrated humility in different ways to attentive believers. Jesus demonstrated humility by taking on human flesh in simple surroundings. Christ voluntarily subjected Himself to arrest, trial and crucifixion on the Cross. The Lord Jesus Christ used His personal example to teach attentive believers. Attentive and perceptive believers discern the wisdom in acquiring humility.

Proverbs 18:12- Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour is humility. (KJV)

The battle to achieve humility is won or lost in the interior of the believer's heart. Believers contend in the heart with factors competing for the believer's soul. Perilous forces actively seek in the heart to attack and tarnish the believer's soul. Serious believers actively protect the heart against attacking perilous influences. Prayer and fasting serve to foster humility in the heart and defend against peril. Nourishing the heart with God's word and knowledge of Christ facilitate humility. Being attentive to the Lord Jesus Christ's humility inspires attentive believers. Believers humble of heart understand the dangers to the soul that accompany pride. Fear of the Lord has a place in acquiring humility deep in the believer's heart.

Proverbs 22:4- By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life. (KJV)

Each moment of time is a present opportunity to learn the value of humility. Believers benefit greatly when learning the value of humility early in earthly life. Life's riches are fully enjoyed when believers embrace Jesus Christ's humility. Being determined to seek to grow in Christ is consistent with being humble. Knowing that growing in Christ is always possible spurs the humble believer. Awareness of dangers to the soul at all times of life is reason to seek humility. Only by remaining fully united with Jesus Christ is humility possible in the heart. Christ's love and grace are essential for true humility to govern and fill the heart. Joy in Jesus Christ comes with the genuine valuing of humility in daily life.

The Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Luke 10:25-37

And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise. (KJV)

Attentive reading and listening to the Holy Gospel are direct experiences with the Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Gospel proclaims the words of the Lord Jesus Christ as they are known and have been preserved.

Attentive listeners and readers of the Gospel are directly and deeply affected. The Gospel transforms lives. The Gospel affects thoughts and actions. The Gospel touches the heart, mind, and soul.

The present Gospel teaches a lasting lesson of love for our neighbors. Love of neighbor is directly connected to experiencing eternal life. The lawyer in the current Gospel asked what was required of him to experience eternal life.

The plight of the robbery victim as neighbor was presented to the lawyer. Jesus told the lawyer to show mercy as did the Samaritan to the robbery victim. Attentive believers heed this message in considering neighbors suffering in their midst.

Seeking eternal life is the goal believers embrace at Holy Baptism. Living in ways pleasing to Jesus Christ is expected from the time of Baptism until departure from this life. Repentance is always possible to begin anew in Christ.

God's Holy Church provides the guidance, nourishment for the soul and experiences for the journey from Baptism to the Heavenly Kingdom. Attentiveness in reading and listening to the Gospel is completely voluntary.

The hunger in the soul seeks the Gospel's nourishment. The soul requires the words of the Lord Jesus Christ throughout earthly life. The soul needs the Precious Body and Blood of Christ.

The Holy Mysteries of the Church, Baptism, Chrismation, Holy Confession and Communion, Marriage, Ordination, and Holy Unction provide structure, purpose, and direction for the Christian life.

The present Gospel reveals the value of showing mercy to a suffering neighbor. This message is proclaimed in the Church every year. The lesson of providing mercy to suffering individuals has eternal value.

Believers attentive to the present Gospel readily show mercy to suffering persons met in daily life. Attentive believers increase their sensitivity to suffering neighbors. The value of showing mercy increases for attentive believers.

Christians are to be active following Holy Baptism. Believers are to live in ways pleasing to the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus' known compassion for the sick and the suffering serves as an example for believers to make a part of their lives.

God's Holy Church offers continuous learning for believers. The heart, mind, and soul benefit from the learning opportunities in the Church. Life is continually enriched in the Church.

Growth in Jesus Christ is possible throughout life. The Church offers the opportunities in Jesus Christ for unlimited growth. Believers choose at each moment of time whether to grow in Christ.

Valuing learning is beneficial throughout earthly life. The Church offers the best learning opportunities available. The Church offers the Lord Jesus Christ. The Mother of God, the saints and martyrs are proven examples to learn from.

The lives and writings of the Holy Fathers and Mothers inspire learning opportunities for all aspects of life. The Holy Scriptures are completely relevant for each day in each century.

Suffering exists in every community, in every neighborhood. Persons suffer in the streets, in jails, and in workplaces. Serious Christians demonstrate Christ's love by responding to the suffering.

Parish churches are examples in outreach efforts to the sick and suffering. Priests encourage parishioners to show mercy to the hurting and victimized. Priests and deacons are personal examples in responding to the abused and needy.

The lawyer in the current Gospel asked about attaining eternal life. His question resulted in a lasting lesson that has endured through the centuries. Thank God for the question being asked. Thank the Lord Jesus Christ for the answer.

*The Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople. November 13/26, 2023. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania.
Father Rodney Torbic*