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## **CHRIST IS BAPTIZED! IN THE JORDAN!**

**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 Smolynech, 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 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 Zeliszcuk, 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 & 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, Alexandra Roberts, 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, Adam 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 [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, Bob Wojciechowski, Ashley, 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, January 21**                      **OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS**                      **10:30 AM**  
**33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY; VENERABLE GEORGE THE CHOZEBITE-ABBOT & SAINT EMILIAN-BISHOP OF CYZICUS; VENERABLE DOMNICA OF CONSTANTINOPLE; HIEROMARTYR CARTERIUS OF CAESAREA IN CAPPADOCIA; MARTYRS THEOPHILUS-DEACON & HELLADIUS IN LIBYA; ELIAS THE HERMIT OF EGYPT; VENERABLE GREGORY THE WONDERWORKER & VENERABLE GREGORY-HERMIT OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA**

**\*\*\*\*\*BLESSING OF WATER DOWNSTAIRS AFTER SERVICE\*\*\*\*\***

*Tone 8*

Ephesians 4:7-13; Galatians 5:22-6:2

Matthew 4:12-17; Luke 6:17-23

**SUNDAY, January 28**                      **OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS**                      **10:30 AM**  
**34<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; VENERABLE PAUL OF THEBES & JOHN CALABYTES; MONK-MARTYR PANSOPHIUS; VENERABLE PROCHORUS & VENERABLE GABRIEL**

*Tone 1*

Colossians 3:12-16

Luke 18:18-27

**SUNDAY, February 04**                      **OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS**                      **10:30 AM**  
**35<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; APOSTLE TIMOTHY OF THE 70; MONK-MARTYR ANASTASIVS THE PERSIAN; MARTYRS MANUEL, GEORGE, PETER, LEONTIUS-BISHOPS, SIONIUS, GABRIEL, JOHN, LEONTUS, PARODUS-PRESBYTERS, & 377 WITH THEM IN BULGARIA; MARTYRS ANASTASIVS THE DEACON OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA**

*Tone 2*

Timothy 1:15-17

Luke 18:35-43

# **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 21 JANUARY 2024**

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**TROPARION—TONE 8**

Thou didst descent from on high, O Merciful One!  
Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings!  
Our Lord, our Life and Resurrection, Glory to Thee!

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

**KONTAKION—TONE 8**

By rising from the tomb,  
Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam.  
Eve exults in Thy Resurrection,  
And the world celebrates Thy Rising from the dead,  
O greatly Merciful One!

**PROKEIMENON—TONE 8**

**READER:** Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!  
**PEOPLE:** **Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!**  
**READER:** In Judah, God is known; His name is great in Israel!  
**PEOPLE:** **Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!**  
**READER:** Pray and make your vows.  
**PEOPLE:** **Before the Lord our God!**

**ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 8**

Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with psalms.

To fight, for the love of God, against our own flesh and the Devil—that crafty, mighty, and evil enemy—not for some hours, days, and months, but

for many years, sometimes sixty or seventy—is not this worthy of crowns?  
**Righteous John, Wonderworker of Kronstadt**, My Life in Christ p.111

**The Sunday before Theophany** Mark 1:1-8

*The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins. And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey; And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.” (KJV)*

**The Circumcision of Our Lord Jesus Christ** Luke 2:20-21, 40-52

*And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them. And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called Jesus, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him. Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.<sup>6</sup> And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man (KJV)*

The Holy Orthodox Church is moving with certainty toward the Feast of Theophany. The celebration of Jesus Christ's Nativity is concluded. Joy remains fresh in the hearts and minds of believers.

The Julian Calendar New Year has arrived. The Church is commemorating St. Basil the Great today. Renewal continues for believers. The Feast of Theophany increases anticipation and expectations in believers' hearts and minds,

All believers have experienced the joy of Holy Baptism, The Baptism of Jesus Christ in the Jordan increases consciousness among serious believers about their own baptism.

The celebration of Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan renews Creation. Each believer participates in the renewal. The sprinkling, drinking of, and blessing with Holy Water connects the Divine with the earth's inhabitants.

This is a time for believers to think deeply about the care of Creation and the responsible stewardship of Creation. Humans have a great responsibility in caring for the world in the present and until Jesus Christ's return.

Abuse of the earth, abuse of humans, and other aspects of earthly life is poor stewardship and amounts to great sin. World wars, greed, and extensive poverty challenge and cast a pall on the stewardship of world leaders.

Violence in the cities and rampant sin in many places demands great introspection by serious believers. The repentance St. John the Baptist preached needs to be considered.

The repentance Jesus Christ preached merits great thought. Great change is needed throughout the world for peace to be achieved. Repentance among serious believers can lead to widespread change in human relationships.

Poverty and violence are best attacked when repentance takes place. Christians have the responsibility to begin the change through repentance. The proof of the Christian life becomes evident when Christ lives in hearts and daily actions.

The Holy Prophets of old spoke directly to the violence and sin prevalent in society. Contemporary believers challenge sin by repenting of sin and embracing Jesus Christ.

God's Holy Church offers the nourishment for believers to live in Christ. The Church opens the path to the Kingdom of God and eternal life. The Kingdom of God and eternal life are the ultimate goals established at Baptism.

Today we thank God for the blessing of hearing the Holy Gospel readings. Today we thank God for St. John the Baptist and the Evangelists Mark and Luke.

We are grateful for the example of St. Basil the Great.

Time is of the essence for contemporary believers. We never know when Jesus Christ will return. Jesus Christ would not be pleased with the degree of violence existing in today's world.

Jesus Christ would not be pleased about the overall nature of human relationships. Love is lacking in relationships in too many different places. Hardships and hard hearts are too prevalent in the world.

Let us thank God for the hope and renewal possible in Christ. Let each believer set the example of repentance. With God's help, change and greater love becomes possible.

*The Sunday before Theophany. The Circumcision of the Lord Jesus Christ. St. Basil the Great. The Julian Calendar New Year. January 1/14, 2023. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic*

9 interesting facts about CHRISTMAS

Bethlehem means 'house of bread', a symbol of the Eucharist

The Magi followed the Star for over two years

The mystery of the Nativity was first announced by the angels to a group of shepherds

According to St John Chrysostom, the Star was the Archangel Gabriel


Baby Jesus was born in a cave

The Magi, Caspar, Melchior, Balthazar came from different countries

Two midwives were present, Zelomi and Salome (Virgin Mary's cousin)

Until the fourth century, the Nativity of the Lord was celebrated together with the Epiphany

The Nativity of the Lord is described in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke



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How do you stop Canadian bacon from curling in your pan?

You take away their little brooms.