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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 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 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, 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 28 OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM
34TH 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

Litany in Blessed Memory of Rose Zalenchak, Stephen Kuzman, Timothy Stutchell, Cecilia Pysh, Nicholas Vetosky, Robert Rohal, Gary Atutes, & Father Simon Nellist—Fr. Bob

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

Tone 2
Timothy 1:15-17
Luke 18:35-43

Litany in Blessed Memory of Milton G. Chicka, Daniel Pysh, Sara Chicka, Nikolai Pivtoraiko, Evelyn Burlack, Anne Cherepko Mazock, Roy Wyke, and Katherine Debick—Fr. Bob

SUNDAY, February 11 OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM
36TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF HIEROMARTYR IGNATIUS THE GOD-BEARER; MARTYRS ROMANUS, JAMES, PHILOTHEUS, HYPERCHIUS, ABIBUS, JULIAN & PAREGORIUS; MARTYRS SILVANUS-BISHOP OF EMESA, LUKE THE DEACON, & MOCIUS THE READER; SAINT LAURENCE-RECLUSE OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA-BISHOP OF TUROV

Tone 3
2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1
Matthew 15:21-28

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**34TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; VENERABLE PAUL OF THEBES &
JOHN CALABYTES; MONK-MARTYR PANSOPHIUS; VENERABLE
PROCHORUS & VENERABLE GABRIEL**

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.

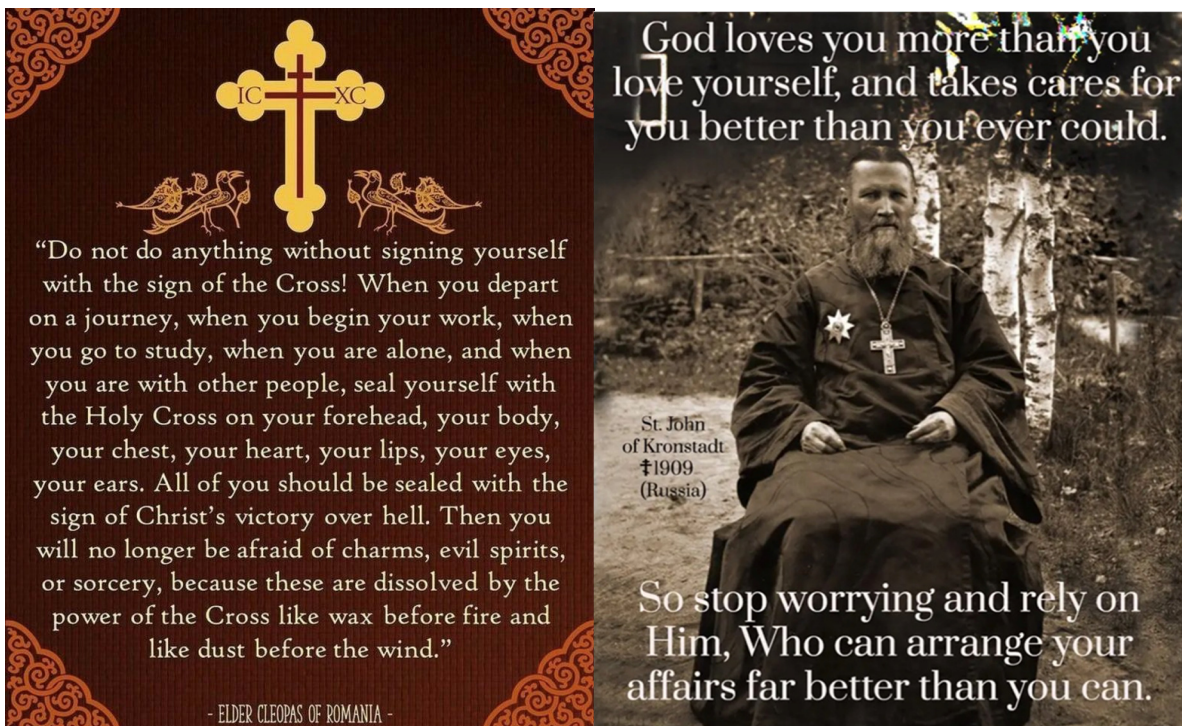
PEOPLE: As we have set our hope on Thee.

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!

They said of Abba Makarios the Egyptian that one day he went up from Scetis to the mountain of Nitria. As he approached the place he told his disciple to go on ahead. When the latter had gone on ahead, he met a priest of the pagans. The brother shouted after him saying, "Oh, you devil, where are you off to?" The priest turned back and beat him and left him half dead. Then picking up his stick, he fled. When he had gone a little further, Abba Makarios met the pagan priest running and said to him, "Greetings! Greetings, you weary man!" Quite astonished, the other came up to him and said, "What good do you see in me, that you greet me in this way?" The old man said to him, "I have seen you wearing yourself out without knowing that you are wearing yourself out in vain." The other said to him, have been touched by your greeting, and I realize that you are on God's side. But another wicked monk who met me insulted me and I have given him blows enough for him to die of them." The old man realized that he was referring to his disciple. Then the pagan priest fell at the feet of Makarios and said, "I will not let you go till you have made me a monk." When they came to the place where the brother was, they put him onto their shoulders and carried him to the church in The Mountain. When the people saw the priest with Makarios they were astonished and made him a monk. Through him many pagans became Christians. So Abba Makarios said, "One evil word makes even the good evil, while one good word makes even the evil good."



God loves you more than you love yourself, and takes cares for you better than you ever could.

“Do not do anything without signing yourself with the sign of the Cross! When you depart on a journey, when you begin your work, when you go to study, when you are alone, and when you are with other people, seal yourself with the Holy Cross on your forehead, your body, your chest, your heart, your lips, your eyes, your ears. All of you should be sealed with the sign of Christ’s victory over hell. Then you will no longer be afraid of charms, evil spirits, or sorcery, because these are dissolved by the power of the Cross like wax before fire and like dust before the wind.”

- ELDER CLEOPAS OF ROMANIA -

St. John of Kronstadt
†1909
(Russia)

So stop worrying and rely on Him, Who can arrange your affairs far better than you can.

The Sunday after Theophany Matthew 4:12-17

Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee; And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up. From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. (KJV)

Today God's Holy Church continues to celebrate the Baptism of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Jordan. The celebration will continue throughout the week.

Jesus' Baptism is of great importance.

Jesus' Baptism manifested the Holy Trinity. This manifestation is expressed clearly in the Troparion of the Feast. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are clearly mentioned in the Troparion.

Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan renewed Creation. John the Baptist experienced the greatest of honors when Baptizing Jesus. Each believer benefits when reflecting on the meaning of his or her baptism into Christ.

Believers are to live a life of purity and faithfulness to Jesus Christ following Baptism. The life of purity and faithfulness to Christ is to continue until the believer departs earthly life.

God's Heavenly Kingdom and eternal life are the ultimate goals for believers. God's Holy Church guides, instructs, and nourishes believers for life's journey. The desire to nourish the soul's hunger keeps faithful believers united with Christ.

Jesus Christ preached repentance for believers. Repentance is an opportunity for believers to reject and move away from sin that has become part of earthly life. Repentance offers joy and forgiveness in Christ.

Jesus Christ washes away the sins of believers. Jesus establishes new life in believers. New beginnings occur when repentance takes place. Repentance is an opportunity to prepare for God's Kingdom and eternal life.

Fasting and prayer facilitate repentance. Honest self-evaluation reveals the sin affecting personal life. God's Church shows the way for repentance. Holy Confession and Communion provide newness and restored unity with Christ.

The lives of the saints and martyrs prove that extreme sinners can repent and be renewed in Christ. Extreme sinners can become saints if serious repentance occurs and the person becomes a complete follower of Christ.

The truth and proof of the life in Christ becomes known through living in Christ. Baptism is the first step. Repentance is necessary throughout life. Every person sins. Every sinner is welcome to repent.

Doubts will occur in believers. Believers will fall away from Christ. Sins will occur either intentionally or unintentionally. Hope for newness in Christ is always possible.

Depression and despair are conquerable with Christ. Hope leads to unity with Christ. The lives of saints and martyrs offer inspiration and intercession for believers. The Mother of God is a constant help for believers reaching out in faith.

Repentance begins with the believer taking the first step of acknowledging personal sin. The desire to get rid of the sin and begin anew in Christ must exist for repentance to take place.

Weak faith is strengthened by prayer, fasting, and reading the Scriptures. Going to Church facilitates the atmosphere for repentance. God helps hesitant believers taking the steps to repent.

Jesus preached repentance. John the Baptist preached repentance. Wise believers engrain the value of repentance into their heart, mind, and soul. The new life in Christ is always better than the old life in sin.

The Feast of Theophany offers a new way of looking at the world. Creation is perceived differently due to Jesus' Baptism. Each person's baptism is a life-changing experience.

The world is different when a person exists the Baptismal font. The person exiting the Baptismal font goes forth in Jesus Christ. The life in Christ is beyond the earthly into the eternal.

Believers take on the responsibility to live faithfully in Christ when saying "yes" to being baptized. Each person determines the degree of seriousness to be applied to live in and follow Christ.

The greater degree of seriousness applied to living in Christ, the greater the opportunities for growth in Christ. Christ is always present. Christ does not disappoint believers choosing to repent and follow Him.

This time of the year when Jesus' Baptism is being celebrated is a good time to heed Jesus' call for repentance. Sincere repentance is always timely. Repentance is necessary and beneficial before earthly death.

Every person will eventually face a final judgment before Christ. Continued repentance is the best preparation for the final judgment. Thank God for the present Gospel message of repentance.

Thank God for Jesus' willingness to forgive sinners. As we celebrate Jesus' Baptism, let us celebrate our own baptisms and rejoice in being Christ's followers.

Let us repent to ensure we are fully united with Christ and continue in joy.

*The Sunday after Theophany. Holy Martyrs Julian and Vasilissa. Venerable George Chozebit. St. Gregory of Ochrid. January 8/21, 2024. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania.
Father Rodney Torbic*