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## GREAT AND HOLY WEEK—FAST WEEK

**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, Dr. Christina Nellis, Father Joshua [Anna], Father Justin (Todd) Mokhiber, Pani Cathy Danczak, Protopresbyter Gerald Ozlanski, Father James Norton 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, 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 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 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, Paul Riley, Tonee & Sydnee Turner, Annette Paluh, Theresa Paluh, Cathy Lotinsky, Monk Andrew, Jeff & Buschra Kerr, Margaret*

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**If we ourselves do not learn humility, God will not stop humbling us. *Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica, p.40***

**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, April 28                      OBEDNITZA—SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM—UPSTAIRS                      10:30 AM**

**6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT; PALM SUNDAY; ENTRY OF THE LORD INTO JERUSALEM; APOSTLES ARISTARCHUS, PUDENS, & TROPHIMUS OF THE 70; MARTYRS BASILISSA & ANASTASIA OF ROME; MARTYR SUCHIAS & COMPANIONS; MARTYR SABBAS THE GOTH OF BUZAU IN WALLACHIA**

*Tone 6*  
Philippians 4:4-9  
John 12:1-18

**WEDNESDAY, May 01                      UNCTION SERVICE                      7:30 PM**

**FRIDAY, May 03                      PLASCHENYTSIA & BURIAL SERVICE                      7:30 PM**

**SUNDAY, May 05                      PASCHAL DIVINE LITURGY                      10:30 AM**  
**THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST; SAINT THEODORE THE SYKEOTE-BISHOP OF ANASTASIOPOLIS; APOSTLES NATHAN, LUKE, & CLEMENT; SAINT VITALIS OF THE MONASTERY OF ABBA SERID AT GAZA**  
Acts 1:1-8  
John 1:1-17

**SUNDAY, May 12 OBEDNITZA—SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM—UPSTAIRS                      10:30 AM**  
**ANTIPASCHA; SAINT THOMAS SUNDAY;; NINE MARTYRS AT CYZICUS: THEOGENES, RUFUS, ANTIPATER, THEOSTICHUS, AREMAS, MAGNUS,**

**THEODOTIUS, THAUMASIUS, & PHILEMON; SAINT MEMNON THE  
WONDERWORKER OF CORFU**

*Tone 1*

Acts 5:12-20

John 20:19-31

***Litany in Blessed Memory of Charles Cherepko, Joseph Baloga, Daniel Pysh, Jr.,  
Nicholas Homyrda, Anna Metrick, Carol Rose, Bogdan Mural, Esther  
Tylavsky, Evdokia Josephine Repa, +METROPOLITAN CONSTANTINE,  
Metro Warholak, Khorja Joann Abdalah, Katherine Tomson, Walter  
Golofski, Jr., Michael Yarmeak, Anna Vangrin, & Stella Cherepko—Fr. Bob***

## **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 28 APRIL 2024**

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### **The First Antiphon Tone 2 (Psalm 116)**

I love the Lord because He has heard the voice of my supplication.

**Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.**

Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

**Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.**

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me.

**Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.**

I suffered distress and anguish; then I called upon the name of the Lord.

**Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.**

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

**Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.**

### **The Second Antiphon Tone 2 (Psalm 116)**

I kept my faith even when I said: "I am greatly afflicted!"

**O Son of God who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to Thee :  
Alleluia!**

What shall I render to the Lord for all the things He has given me?

**O Son of God who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to Thee :  
Alleluia!**

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

**O Son of God who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to Thee :  
Alleluia!**

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.



**O Son of God who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to Thee:  
Alleluia!**

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

**Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change didst become man and wast crucified, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, save us!**

**The Third Antiphon Tone 1 (Psalm 18)**

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever!  
**By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God! Like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to Thee: O Vanquisher of Death: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!**

Let the house of Israel say: For He is good, for His mercy endures forever!  
**By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God! Like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to Thee: O Vanquisher of Death: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!**

Let the house of Aaron say: For He is good, for His mercy endures forever!  
**By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God! Like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to Thee: O Vanquisher of Death: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!**

Let all those who fear the Lord say: For He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

**By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God! Like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to Thee: O Vanquisher of Death: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!**

**The Introit of the Little Entrance**

Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!

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Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**Another Troparion Tone 4**

When we were buried with Thee in Baptism, O Christ God, we were made worthy of eternal life by Thy Resurrection! Now we praise Thee and sing: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**Kontakion Tone 6**

Sitting on Thy throne in heaven, carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God! Accept the praise of angels and the songs of children, who sing: Blessed is He that comes to recall Adam!

**Prokeimenon Tone 4 (Psalm 118)**

Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!

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**God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!**

**Alleluia Verses Tone 1 (Psalm 98)**

O sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord has done marvelous things! All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God!

**The Hymn to the Theotokos (Replaces "It is Truly Meet")**

**God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Celebrate the feast and come with gladness! Let us magnify Christ with palms and branches, singing: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!**

### **Communion Hymn (Psalm 118)**

Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!

Our hearts are soiled by harmful impressions that we receive from outside, from the world surrounding us, which, according to the Apostle, lies under the sway of the wicked one (1 John 5:19). **Archbishop Averky (Taushev)**, *The Struggle for Virtue: Asceticism in a Modern Secular Society* p.87

We must be prepared to accept the will of God. The Lord permits all sorts of things to happen to us contrary to our will, for if we always have it our way, we will not be prepared for the Kingdom of Heaven. Neither heaven nor earth will receive those who are self-willed. God has a Divine plan for each one of us, and we must submit to His plan. We must accept life as it is given to us, without asking, "Why me?" We must know that nothing on earth or in heaven ever happens without the will of God or His permission. **Elder Thaddeus (Strabulovich) of Vitovnica**, *Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives: The Life and Teachings of Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica* p.140

### **The Fifth Sunday of Great Lent Mark 10:32-45**

*And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus went before them: and they were amazed; and as they followed, they were afraid. And he took again the twelve, and began to tell them what things should happen unto him, Saying, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles: And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again. And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire. And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you? They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory. But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized: But to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared. And when the ten heard it, they began to be*



*much displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. (KJV)*

### **St. Mary of Egypt Luke 7:36-50**

*And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat. And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment, And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner. And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on. There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most? Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged. And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little. And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven. And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also? And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace. (KJV)*

### **The Fifth Sunday of Great Lent-St. Mary of Egypt**

The Church is rapidly approaching the end of Great Lent. Each day offers believers opportunities to greatly benefit the soul. St. Mary of Egypt stands before believers in the Church as a primary example of repentance.

Daily believers are encouraged to fall down before the Lord God and seek forgiveness. The suffering of Jesus Christ on the Cross serves as the supreme reminder of Christ's love for every person.

St. Luke's Gospel for today describes Jesus' willingness to forgive sinners. Jesus' love and mercy for sinners is evident in the Gospel. St. Luke's Gospel shines the ray of hope for every sinner.

Jesus describes His forthcoming arrest, death, and resurrection in St. Mark's Gospel. The journey to Pascha is guided by the foreknowledge of Jesus Christ's arrest, suffering, death, and resurrection.

Believers find definition, meaning, and hope for their lives in the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ creates the pathways for life eternal. Jesus' defeat of death assures believers of the possibility of the general resurrection.

The day of Jesus' return to judge the living and the dead remains unknown. Each Great Lent serves as precious time for wise believers to prepare for the Great and Final Judgment.

St. Mary of Egypt made full benefit of the opportunity to repent. St. Mary progressed from being a flagrant sinner to becoming a saint. She is an inspiring model of repentance for all in the Church.

Every person regardless of the degree of personal sin can find hope in the life of St. Mary of Egypt. Repentance is possible for believers with the mind and willingness to repent.

The Lenten journey is an immeasurable blessing for believers. The Lenten journey provides for renewal and growth in the Lord Jesus Christ. New life in Christ is great joy.

Holy Baptism is the beginning experience with Jesus Christ. Repentance keeps the believer on the narrow path to God's Kingdom. Repentance keeps the possibility of eternal life alive.

Holy Week is on the horizon. Each day remaining is an investment in the Kingdom of God. Cherish the time remaining to fully invest in God's Kingdom! Invest completely in the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. (Mt.6:33)

*The Fifth Sunday of Great Lent. St. Mary of Egypt. Holy Apostle Herodion, Agabos, and Others. April 8/21, 2024. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania.  
Father Rodney Torbic*

When one leaves himself entirely to God, God feeds him and gives him drink; he tastes God. God gives freely all of this grandeur that a person feels in his soul. He does not deprive us of anything. We do not approach our Christ as we should, for Him to give us this heavenly majesty, so that we can taste Him, think of Him, and love Him. He invites us continually so

that He can bestow His gifts upon us. **Gerondissa Makrina (Vassopoulou)**, Words of the Heart p.300

Generally speaking, one living a recollected life should not stare at anything, should not listen to anything with special diligence, but should see as if without seeing and hear as if in passing, so that the memory and power of attention may be always free, immune to the impressions of the world, apt and ready to receive the divine impressions. **St. Ignatius (Brianchaninov), Bishop of the Caucasus and the Black Sea**, On the Prayer of Jesus p.55

**Carpatho-Rusyns Everywhere! Michael Hayduk  
A Slavic Easter... The Tradition Continues 😊**



'Twas the day before Easter and all through the house,  
The Hrutka was hanging, even tempting the mouse.  
The beets were boiling and I was grating with care  
Because the horseradish aroma was filling the air.  
The Paska was sticky, it was a big lump of dough.  
I kneaded to plump it so it would grow.  
Raisins were added, then into the pan.  
Where inside the oven it began to brown and expand.  
With Baba in the kitchen and Dzedo taking a nap

I began cracking walnuts, leaving the shells in my lap.  
Opened jars of lekvar were soon everywhere,  
Filling rolls of kolachi were all I could bear.  
Two dozen boiled eggs were waiting to cool  
For coloring in pastel yellow, pink, green, and blue.  
Softening for the mold was a pound of sweet butter.  
How I prayed that my counter would be free from this clutter.  
The saltshaker was cleaned and filled to the top.  
Leaving only the meat before I could stop.  
Smoked kielbasa and bacon and brown-sugared ham.  
Why couldn't they just bless cans of ready-to-eat Spam?  
Finally on Sunday with filled baskets in hand.  
And while singing "Christos Voskrese" the congregation did stand.  
With candles and incense and blessings for us all  
We bidden each a Happy Easter and left the church hall.  
At home, the family gathered to begin the holy meal.  
But shortly thereafter I wondered if it was all real.  
Within an hour of eating everything that they were able.  
My family was too full to clear the dishes from the table.  
Happy Easter to All! Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!

Preserve by every means simplicity of heart, simplicity of faith, hope and love, of meekness, humility, and gentleness. Every good comes from God, and God is every good for us. This is the simplicity of faith, hope, and love. ***Righteous John, Wonderworker of Kronstadt***, My Life in Christ p.519



**SERVICES OF HOLY WEEK: *NOTE TIME CHANGES!***

Wednesday, May 01—Holy Unction—**7:30 PM**

Friday, May 03—Plaschenytsia & Burial Service—**7:30 PM**

Sunday, May 05—Paschal Divine Liturgy—10:30 AM