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APOSTLES' FAST/SAINTS PETER & PAUL FAST

ON THE MEND: Please keep the following parishioners and others in your prayers for recovery from their illnesses and injuries: Archbishop Daniel, Metropolitan Antony, Metropolitan Yuriy, Archbishop Jovan, Metropolitan Savas, Father Paul & Pani Judy 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 Daniels, Father Joe & Protinica Linda Cervo, Igumen Patrick, Father Jim Orr, Father Rick Seilier, Panimatka Laryssa Charest, Father 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, Monk Andrew, Father Dan & Matushka Myra Kovalak, Pastor Terry & Lisa Polen, Chaplain Rachelle Zazzu, Eva Malesnick, Nick Behun, 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, 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, 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, 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, Gene Blair [Pani Gina's dad], 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], Patricia Corey, Michelle, Katie Swarm, Michelle, Patrick, Linda Morris, Chris, David Hiles, Jennifer, Cher Mount, Jim Wandling, Gail, Sirena Sharp, Ron Paulovich, Sandi Anderson, Lina, Shirley, Denny Mader, Ella Campbell, 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 Philpa, Mira Filipović, Lynn, Jacqueline, Sharon, Zan Cheng, Kristy, Brandon, Anna Tranchine, Demetra, Blase Urban, Catherine Hogel & children, Jennifer & Dylan, 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 Zeliszczyk, Donna Davis, Jackie Crimbchin, Margie Sekelsky, Fran Fulton, Bill Vizza, Jamie Swarm, Kathy Flaherty, Tori Reade-Henry's niece, Derick-Glen Burlack's neighbor, Michael, Nichole & Christopher, Ben Douglas, Dianne Donahue, Zachary, Natasha, Noah Willard, Gregory Cervo, Lisa Bruce, Kathy Cvetkovich, Judy, Will, Emma, Ginny, Ye-Jin, Maria, John & JoAnn, Ralph & Beverly Stoker, Noah Willard, Nikola, Natalie, Nikola, & Nevenka Jovonovich, Julia Collier, Amy Kemerer, Thomas Smith, Tracy Slausenhaupt, Louis Berceli, Tom Nolan, Silvia Martin, Dena & George, Georgia, Lawanda [Evelyn's niece], Maureen Sams, John Kendall, 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, Stephen Popichak—Fr. Bob's brother, 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, Mike Ruzzi, Mary Kay Ludovicy, 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, Jeff & Buschra Kerr, Margaret Sekelsky, Robert Sekelsky, Robert Rodriguez, Rita & Joe Mrvos, Alexandra & Bowen, Katherine Kulik, Eleanor Kitt, Maria Warholak, Christy, Mariruth, Judy Previc, Ben Williams, Tim—surgery, Olivia—girl with a brain tumor, Rick & Sharon Morgan, John Stasko, John, Kris, & Kait, Wendy LaGamba, Melissa Gross [hip replacement], Amy Forbeck, David Salazar, Dr. Paul Riley, David Hess, Serena, Wyatt, Makenzie, Jennifer, Alexandra Roberts, Candace, Dave, Jared, & Beth Irvin, Carol Muschick, Grace Love [knee replacement], Joseph Paul Cervo, Jr., Elizabeth, Susan & 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, the Rodrigues family, Michael Welsh, Nick Solominsky, Samantha & Lisa Houser, Sarah Stepanovich Clark, Julia Baloga, Brett Crosby, Randy Lapuh, Henry Tkacik, Diane & Arthur Chaklis, Denny Mader, Zoe Oswalt—Fr. Bob's cousin, Barbette [cancer] & Scott, Kristin [cancer], Erm Hartmann, Barbara Bookser, Bob Mazzuca, Marko, Taylor, Terri Crosby-Vega, Christine Mohamed & family, Tammy Marsico, Terry & David Hartnett, Jamie Ball, Kay Williams, Hannah Stewart, Jim Wyko—Alex's friend, Dan Losego, Lisa Bruce, Yvette, Barry Bender, Andrew Zelleznick, Byron & Cecilia Scott, Vespina, Michelle Russo, Julie Tripodi, Debbie—HTUCC, 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 & Colton Rosati, Jessica Shirley, Mark [kidney cancer], Steve Milcic, Wilbert Wagner, Bob Wojciechowski, Ashley, Beth, Sharon Svitek, Laura, Christopher, & ane Dickson, Luke D, Diane Murphy, Kristin Vaughn [Harry's daughter], George Petronsky, Doug & Darcie Burkholder, Michael, Jeane, and Katie Byerly, Acolyte Photios & family [Joanne, Richard, Heather, Keith, James, Debbie, James, Sophia, Zachary, Tabitha, Arqynios, Barbara, Aristotle, Alexander, Kalev, Nina, Elias, Elijah, Jessica], Richard Scharba [Metropolitan Antony's brother], George Lawrence, Edie McGrath, Samantha Lopez, Bob [cancer], Syble Elliott, Maria Ancevski, Krystyna, John, & Jeffrey, Dottie & family, Bonny Diver & Ashley Smock, Steve, Jill Morocco, Mike Pelino, Maddie Stewart, Hutchinson Family, David Urban, Vicky Moore, Casi [cancer], Ashley & Andy, Marion Mamula, Dominic [cancer], Diane Hughes, Jenny Case, John Chovanes, Edward Poturich, Jeff, Chris, & Mills family, Sarah's son, Rachel, Alex, & little Charlie, Steve & Vonnie Gerson, and Lauren, Dan, & the baby... We pray that God will grant them all a complete and speedy recovery.

In order to love God with all our heart, we must absolutely count everything earthly as dross, and not be allured by anything
Righteous John, Wonderworker of Kronstadt, My Life in Christ p.306

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 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, July 06

*******NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE*******

4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MARTYR AGRIPPINA OF ROME; MARTYRS EUTOCHIUS, GAIUS, PROBUS, LOLLIUS, & URBAN OF ANCYRA

Tone 3

Romans 6:18-23

Matthew 8:5-13

SATURDAY, July 12 FEAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES SAINTS PETER & PAUL

SUNDAY, July 13

OBEDNITZA—SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM

5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SYNAXIS OF THE 12 HOLY APOSTLES: PETER, ANDREW, JAMES & JOHN-SONS OF ZEBEDEE, PHILIP, BARTHOLOMEW, THOMAS, MATTHEW, JAMES-SON OF ALPHAEUS, JUDE THE BROTHER OF JAMES, SIMON THE ZEALOT, & MATTHIAS; SAINT PETER-PRINCE OF THE TATAR HORDE-WONDERWORKER OF ROSTOV

Tone 4

Romans 10:1-10; 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Matthew 8:28-9:1; Mark 3:13-19

Litany in Blessed Memory of Olga Stock, Anna Kitch, Joseph Yarmeak, Sophie Carrera, Susan "Justina" Sredich, Stella E Cherepko, Emil Joseph Paouncic, Igumen George [Owen], Claudia Horvath, & Walter Burlack—Fr. Bob

SUNDAY, July 20

*******NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE*******

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; VENERABLE THOMAS OF MOUNT MALEON; VENERABLE ACACIUS OF SINAI; MARTYR PEREGRINUS, LUCIAN, POMPEIUS, PAPPAS, SATURNINUS, & GERMANUS; MARTYRS EPICTITUS-PRESBYTER & ASTION IN SCYTHIA; MARTYR EVANGELUS; MARTYR CYRIACA

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TROPARION—TONE 3

Let the Heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad!
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm!
He has trampled down death by death!
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,
And has granted 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 3

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One!
Leading us from the gates of death.
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;
With the prophets and patriarchs
They unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 3

READER: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King,
sing praises!

PEOPLE: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our
King, sing praises!

READER: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of
joy!

PEOPLE: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our
King, sing praises!

READER: Sing praises to our God, sing praises!

PEOPLE: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 3

In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame!

Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge, in order to save me!

Exercising Patience

Isaiah 40:31-But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. (KJV)

God provides guidance through the centuries for believers to carefully follow. Patience is necessary for believers looking to the Lord God for directions in life. God's directions are present for believers to perceive and follow to the Kingdom. Taking time to be patient is necessary to fully comprehend God's intentions. God's intentions and guidance are blessings leading to the abundant life in Christ.

Luke 21:19-In your patience possess ye your souls. (KJV)

The soul is ultimate in value to the believer and merits supreme attention in life. Great care of the soul is expected from Baptism until departure from this life. Patience is necessary to avoid making hasty decisions that are perilous to the soul. Protecting the soul from perilous temptations and evil attacks requires vigilance. Taking time to fully assess life's circumstances prevents danger to the soul.

Romans 15:4-For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. (KJV)

Constant self-examination guided by the Holy Scriptures is extremely beneficial. Believers are blessed to have the Holy Scriptures as guidance for life's entirety. God's Church offers wisdom in and through the Scriptures throughout the year. Exercising patience in studying the Scriptures reveals the path to God's Kingdom. Being attentive in church and patient in the Divine services enriches the soul.

Colossians 1:11-Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; (KJV)

God provides the necessary patience for believers seeking to strengthen their faith. Joy results from due exercise of patience in ways pleasing and glorifying the Lord. The heart, mind and soul synchronized in patience yields joy from the Living God. God's love is manifested in personal relationships reflecting patience with others. Exercising patience in relationships facilitates their growth and development.

I Thessalonians 1:3-Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father. (KJV)

The Lord God is well-aware when believers practice patience in relationships. Believers pray to the Lord to be patient in dealing with personal shortcomings. Believers turning to the Lord for forgiveness are expected to practice forgiveness. The Lord's Prayer consistently reminds believers to be very forgiving of others. Learning to be patient in ways pleasing to the Lord is the life-long challenge.

*Hristos Voskrese! Vaistinu Voskrese! Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!
Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark. April 25/May 8, 2025. Hidden Valley,
Pennsylvania Father Rodney Torbic*



Metropolitan Mystyslav & Archbishop Constantine Divine Liturgy

O Holy Martyrs

Acts 22:20-And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him. (KJV)

When the end of June draws near each year the Martyrs of Kosovo come to mind. Martyrdom has occurred constantly through the centuries including the present. This past week twenty-five Orthodox believers were martyred in Damascus. Martyrdom is constant in the Church through the centuries and requires attention. The Church has been shaped by and greatly influenced by the Holy Martyrs. Believers of each generation are enriched by the witness of martyrs for the Faith. Martyrs testify with their lives of the value of God implanted deep within them. The ability to

worship the Lord securely in peace is to be always fully appreciated. Martyrdom can occur at times unexpected and in a nearby church or monastery.

Revelations 2:13-I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth. (KJV)

Contemporary believers do well to measure their faith with the faith of martyrs. History records the lives of martyrs willing to die rather than renounce Christ. Believers need to be prepared in present times to be challenged for their faith. The Kosovo Martyrs are known for having chosen the Heavenly Kingdom. Too often in contemporary life individuals seek first only the earthly kingdom. Resolute believers cherish Christ and the eternal life possible by faith in Christ. Martyrdom is the price firm believers are willing to pay for faithfulness to Christ. Believers should be vigilant about the perils existing in a world opposed to Christ.

Revelations 17:6-And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. (KJV)

The believers in Damasus lost their lives while attending a church service. Vicious opponents to believers in Jesus Christ have existed since ancient times. Martyrs for Jesus Christ did not end with the stoning of Archdeacon Stephen. Present believers in today's world have the responsibility to honor Jesus Christ. Martyrs for their faith in Christ are due gratitude and merit constant remembrance. The Church's liturgical life includes remembrance of holy martyrs through history. Countless parish and monastery churches are dedicated to holy Christian martyrs. Believers' lives and faith are enriched by the knowledge of martyrs in the Church. Remembering the Holy Martyrs is a way to maintain strong faith in Jesus Christ.

Venerable Onuphrius the Great. Venerable Peter of Mt. Athos. June 12'25, 2025. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic

APPEAL: I truly hate to do this again, but our parish has received a considerable increase in our property insurance premiums—to about \$4,000.00 per year! If you can find it in your heart to contribute to this fund, it would be greatly appreciated. If interested, you may send a check to HOLY GHOST ORTHODOX CHURCH, PO BOX 3, SLICKVILLE, PA 15684-0003. Please note "INSURANCE DONATION" in the

memo line. On behalf of our parish, thank you for your kindness...and your continued prayers! God Bless! Fr. Bob