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**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 Stroz [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 Philipa, 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 Zeliszcuk, 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 Slaugenhaupt, 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 Byerl 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.*

**Freedom belongs to God. When a person is free from the tyranny of thoughts, that is freedom. When he lives in peace, that is freedom. He is always in prayer, he is always expecting help from the Lord—he listens to his conscience and does his best. Elder Thaddeus(Strabulovich) of Vitovnica, Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives: The Life and Teachings of Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica p.157**

**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 27**      **OBEDNITZA—SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM**  
**7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST 6 ECUMENICAL COUNCILS; APOSTLE AQUILA OF THE 70 & SAINT PRISCILLA; MARTYR JUSTUS AT ROME; VENERABLE ELLIUS OF EGYPT; VENERABLE MONK-MARTYR ONESIMUS OF MAGNESIA**

*Tone 6*

Romans 15:1-7; Hebrews 13:7-16  
Matthew 9:27-35; John 17:1-13

**SUNDAY, August 03**      **\*\*\*\*\*NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE\*\*\*\*\***  
**8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; PROPHET EZEKIEL; SAINT SYMEON OF EMESA-FOOL FOR CHRIST & FELLOW-FASTER SAINT JOHN; SAINT ONUPHRIUS THE SILENT & SAINT ONUPHRIUS THE RECLUSE OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA**

*Tone 7*

1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
Matthew 14:14-22

**SUNDAY, August 10**      **OBEDNITZA—SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM**  
**9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY APOSTLES OF THE 70 AND DEACONS PROCHORUS, NICANOR, TIMON, & PARMENAS; MARTYR JULIAN OF DALMATIA; MARTYR EUSTATHIUS & MARTYR ACACIUS OF APAMEA; VENERABLE MOSES-WONDERWORKER OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA**

*Tone 8*

1 Corinthians 3:9-17  
Matthew 14:22-34

*Litany in Blessed Memory of Father Peter Natishan, Samuel Mrvos, Matushka Virginia Pyrch, David Yenni, Denise Lawrence, Rudy Obradovich, Michael Horvath, John Sheliga, Anna Harte, Mildred Kitch, Agnes Rossi, & Michael Cherepko! May God grant them the Kingdom of Heaven and Life Everlasting! Vechnaya Pam'yat! Memory Eternal! God Bless their families and friends*

## **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 27 JULY 2025**

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### **TROPARION—TONE 6**

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men.

Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body.

Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it.

Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.

O Lord who didst rise from the dead: 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 6**

When Christ God, the Giver of Life,

Raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,

He bestowed resurrection on the human race.

He is the Savior of all,

The Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all!

### **PROKEIMENON—TONE 6**

READER: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

PEOPLE: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

READER: To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me.

PEOPLE: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

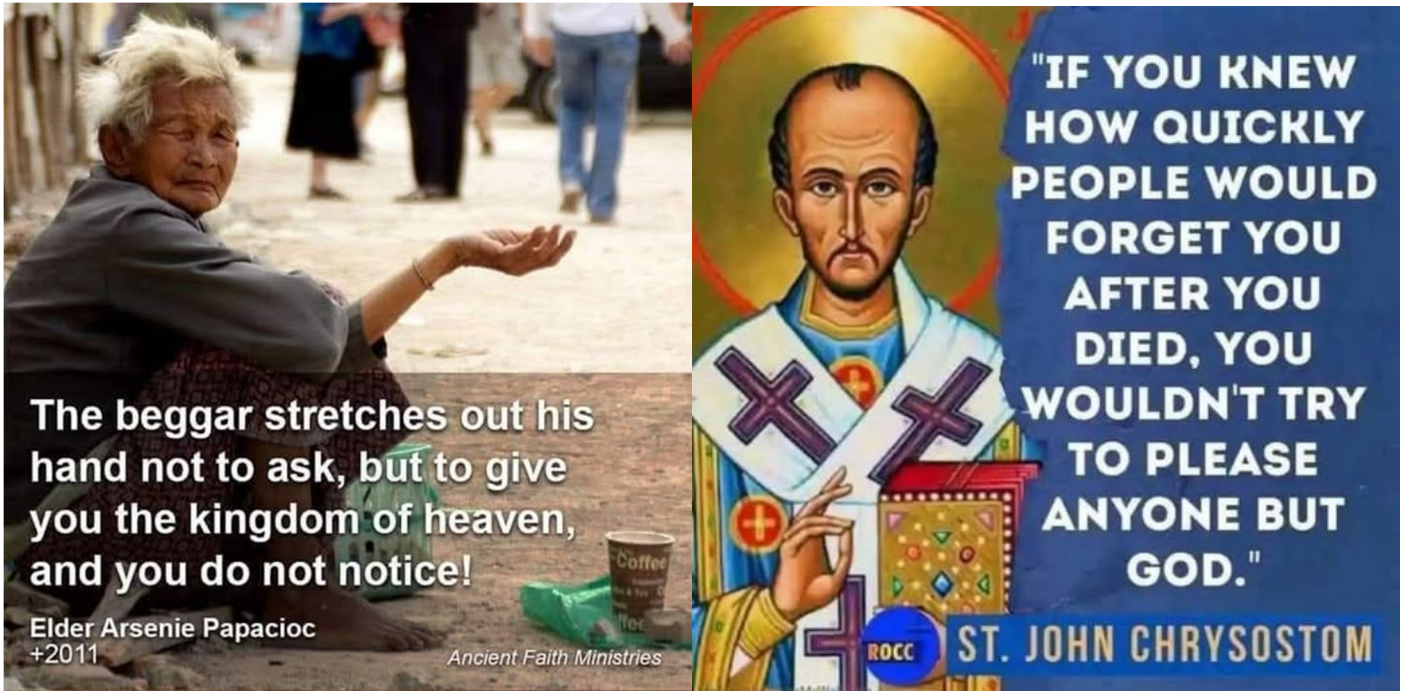
READER: O Lord, save Thy people.

PEOPLE: And bless Thine inheritance.

### **ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 6**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

**He will say to the Lord: My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in whom I trust.**



**The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost** Matthew 8:28-9:1

*And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time? And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding. So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine. And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters. And they that kept them fled, and went their ways into the city, and told everything, and what was befallen to the possessed of the devils. And, behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus: and when they saw him, they besought him that he would depart out of their coasts. And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city. (KJV)*

The Holy Gospel is read at each Divine Liturgy for the benefit and nourishment of each person present. Attentive listeners take the Gospel to heart and incorporate the contents in daily life.

The present Gospel verifies the Lord Jesus Christ's power over devils. Individuals will encounter attacks from devils during their earthly lives. Jesus Christ fortifies believers with the present Gospel to confront attacks by the devil.

Keeping Jesus Christ firmly in the heart, mind, and soul keeps the believer strong. Jesus Christ gives believers life. He gives life abundantly. (Jn.10:10) Individuals do not have to suffer when faced with devils.

Devils can take different forms. Devils may attack in creating fears that inhibit the believer from certain undertakings. In the present Gospel the devils blocked the passage way prohibiting travel.

With God everything is possible. (Mt. 19:26) Overcoming of fear is possible with God. God made water come out of rock. (Num. 20:11) Jesus restored life to the dead son of the widow of Nain. (Lk.7:11-15) Jesus restored life to Lazarus four days dead. (Jn.11:44)

Jesus rose from the dead after being crucified and buried.(Mk. 16:6) Devils are powerless when faced with Jesus Christ. The present Gospel provides firm hope for attentive believers.

Thoughts inspired by the devil may arise in a person's mind. Turning to Jesus Christ in firm belief is the way to expel such thoughts. The Jesus Prayer, "Lord Jesus Christ Son of God have mercy on me a sinner" will defeat the devil.

The Gospel nourishes and strengthens the heart, mind, and soul. From the time of Baptism until departure from this life, believers will confront devils. When armed and protected with Jesus Christ, the believer is protected.

Holy Apostle Paul in the Epistle to the Ephesians said: "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." (Eph. 6:11)

Jesus Christ opens the path from the Baptism font to the Kingdom of Heaven and eternal life. Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and life. (Jn,14:6) Believers are to travel the narrow path opened and defined by Christ. (Mt. 7:14)

Devils blocking the passage way is made clear in the present Gospel. Individuals may find themselves feeling blocked in their daily lives. They may feel devils prohibiting them from moving forward in their lives.

Yielding and surrendering to the devils arising in life is self-defeating. Jesus Christ is ever-present for believers to live in the fullness of life. Through prayer and fasting, believers can turn to Christ to open the path to the Kingdom. (Mk. 9:29)

In addition to the Gospel, believers have their lives enriched with the Precious Body and Blood of Jesus Christ at the Divine Liturgy. Partaking of Holy Communion unites and empowers the believer with Christ.

The Divine Liturgy is an essential part of the path for believers traveling from the Baptismal font to the Heavenly Kingdom. The Divine Liturgy is a foretaste of the Kingdom. Believers experience Jesus Christ directly in the Divine Liturgy.

Much darkness exists in the present world. Devils contribute to and are part of that darkness. Jesus Christ brings light to darkness. Jesus Christ removes the darkness in life.

The Divine Liturgy shines forth the Light of Christ. Believers travel freely on the path to the Kingdom when participating in the Divine Liturgy. Believers firmly journey with Jesus Christ when fully participating in the Divine Liturgy.

Jesus Christ is more than sufficient to eradicate the devils appearing in life. Jesus Christ brings peace and joy to life's journey. Jesus provides hope and replaces frustration when blockages by devils arise.

Jesus Christ is due constant gratitude. Attentively participating in the Divine Liturgy is the way to express gratitude and grow in Christ. Growth in Christ is always possible while the mind functions and the believer is willing.

Believers seeking to grow in life will turn to Christ to overcome any devils that appear. Increased attendance at the Divine Liturgy keeps the path to the Kingdom open and facilitates growth in Christ.

*The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. Synaxis of the Holy and All-Praised Twelve Apostles. Holy Children Martyrs of Jastrebarsko and Sisak. June 30/July 13, 2025. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic*



"...We must always, always, always, always remember: we really don't know what's going on in people's lives and people's souls. Our task is just to love them, to forgive them, to show the truth to them, to embrace them, to identify with them, to be one with them. Not to judge them, not to condemn them, not to be mean to them, not to gloat over their evil. That's what *\*we\** have to work on in our *\*own\** life. And if that happens, we have done everything we can do and God will find ways to bring good out of it if he can. And that's where we trust God! That's where we have hope..."

—Fr Thomas Hopko, Word of the Cross, Pt 2

**"If you want to help the Church, it is better to try to correct yourself, rather than be looking to correct others. If you manage to correct yourself, one small part of the Church is immediately corrected. Naturally, if everyone did the same, the body of the Church would be in good health. But, today, people concern themselves with anything but themselves. You see, judging others is easy, whereas working on yourself takes effort." --St. Paisios**

IN THIS CHURCH, WE BELIEVE  
**NICEA I & II MATTER**  
 INCENSE IS ALWAYS IN USE  
 ICONS ARE LITURGICAL  
 ASCENSION IS ON A THURSDAY  
 FACING EAST IS APOSTOLIC TEACHING  
 MARRIED MEN CAN SERVE AS PRIESTS  
 INFANTS RECEIVE COMMUNION  
 THEOSIS IS A WAY OF LIFE



"Do not believe your thoughts, neither when they tell you that you are terrible, nor when they tell you that you are a saint"

St. Paisios of Mount Athos

### **The Orthodox Baptism of a Civil War Veteran**

Posted on March 5, 2025, by Matthew Namee, Early Converts

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МЕТРИЧЕСКОЙ КНИГѢ НА 1900г.

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Last week, **we published the story of William Hoskins**, an 89-year-old veteran of the American Civil War who traveled from Los Angeles to San Francisco in December 1900 to be baptized into the Orthodox faith by St Sebastian Dabovich. Shortly after this, Fr Kirill Sokolov, dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral (OCA) in San Francisco, sent me the baptismal record for Hoskins, recorded by St Sebastian in the cathedral's metrical book and preserved to this day.

Fr Kirill had Robert A. Parent translate these pages. Here's the entry for Hoskins:

*John—American citizen retired pensioned soldier William A. Hoskin converted to Orthodoxy from the Baptists (who baptized with only one immersion) and named John through Baptism of the Holy Orthodox Church. John is 89 and resides at the Soldiers Home, California.—Hieromonk Sebastian*

This page concludes with a summary of all the baptisms (including infants) done at the cathedral in 1900:

*In the course of all the year 1900 there were born 18 males and 11 females. In addition there were 5 conversions to Orthodoxy (one male and 4 females) and one conversion from the Baptist sect. The entries were recorded timely and accurately with one exception: the number of male births was actually 17 since a seventeen-year-old male was included in conversions.*

I am grateful to Fr Kirill and Mr Parent for finding and translating this record!



**Take care of your enemies  
and pray for them because  
they don't know what they  
are doing.**

**Patriarch Pavle (Serbian)**

## **Why did Early Church Fathers call the Church “Catholic”?**



“It is called Catholic then because it extends over all the world, from one end of the earth to the other; and because it teaches universally and completely one and all the doctrines which ought to come to men's knowledge...”

St. Cyril of Jerusalem  
*Catechetical Lecture 18, v23*

# A SUMMARY OF THE FIRST SEVEN ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

"They delivered the dogmas reached by the apostles and elders [at council] in Jerusalem for the people to obey." - Acts 16:4

See CCC 456-483

**HERESIES** "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" - Matt. 16:13

**CHURCH COUNCILS / CORRECT DOCTRINE** "But who do you say that I AM?" - Matt. 16:15

**Arianism:** The Father created the Son of God: "There was a time when the Son did not exist". Therefore, Jesus was not God, only a "substance" similar to the Father; a demi-god or super angel, but not perfect mediator.

**Nicaea I (325 A.D.):** Produced the Creed confessing the Son, Image & Word of the Father, is *eternally-begotten*, not made, consubstantial (the same divine essence) with the Father; Christ is true God from true God, only Mediator [Hb. 1:3; Ti. 2:13].



**Pneumatomachi:** Claimed the Holy Spirit is a creature, not God; **Apollinarism:** The Eternal Logos replaced the soul. Therefore, Christ had a divine mind but no rational soul (intellect).

**Constantinople I (381 A.D.):** The Holy Spirit is the "Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father". The Spirit is *equally adored* with the Father & Son; The Lord Jesus is *fully man* (human intellect) capable of growing in human knowledge [Lk. 2:52].



**Nestorianism:** Jesus was two separate persons, human & divine working together. Mary was mother only of the human person: Mother of the Christ.

**Ephesus (431 A.D.):** Jesus is *one divine person* incarnated of the Virgin Mary: *only begotten* Son of the Father and also true Son of Man (Mary). Therefore, Mary is rightfully called *Theotokos* (God-bearer) or Mother of God [Lk. 1:43].



**Monophysitism:** An over-reaction against Nestorianism's doctrine that Christ was only human. It asserted Jesus's humanity was not assumed by divinity but absorbed, like sugar in water. Therefore, Jesus has one nature: divine.

**Chalcedon (451 A.D.):** The Son of God *assumed* a sinless human nature without altering it (fully man), nor did his humanity compromise His divinity (fully God). Therefore, Christ has *two distinct, complete natures* united inseparably but not confused in his divine personhood [Co. 2:9].



**Various Errors (Nestorianism):** Tried to argue again that Jesus' humanity was a distinct personal subject.

**Constantinople II (553 A.D.):** Reaffirmed that Jesus is *one divine personal subject* (hypostasis) who did not cease being God as a man.



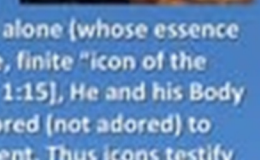
**Monothelitism:** Asserted Jesus had only a single operation: a divine will, but not a human will.

**Constantinople III (681 A.D.):** Jesus has a divine will he possesses in common with the Father & Spirit *and* a human will freely obedient to the Father [Lk.22:42] and to his parents [Lk. 1:51].



**Iconoclasm:** The Byzantine emperor forbid veneration of holy icons possibly influenced by Muslim antipathy to images. Iconoclasts destroyed images of Christ and the saints claiming they were idolatrous.

**Nicaea II (787 A.D.):** Adoration is reserved to God alone (whose essence is transcendent), but since the Son was the visible, finite "Icon of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation" [Co. 1:15], He and his Body (saints) can be depicted in images which are honored (not adored) to transfer respect over to the person(s) they represent. Thus icons testify Christ had a true Body capable of being seen [1 Jn. 1:1], and his visible ministry continues through the Church [Co. 1:18; 1 Co. 4:1].



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**Let us not blackmail God with our prayers. Let us not ask God to free us from something, illness, etc., or to solve our problems, but let us ask Him for strength and support to endure them. - Saint Porphyrios of Kavso-kalyvia**

They say nobody is coming to save you, but many people have saved me, even if they didn't intend to.

It can be as small as a smile from a stranger, a nudge from an animal, words from a writer, the lyrics to a song, an observant friend.

We are all saving each other every single day in tiny seemingly insignificant ways.

@irisrosepoetry

**How does one acquire humility? By silence. Be silent! Be stupid! Let everyone consider you to be stupid! Silence is the primary means for the attainment of humility and love. One is saved by silence. *Archbishop Seraphim (Sobolev) of Bogucharsk***



The Church is the Church only when it exists for others... not dominating, but helping and serving.

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— DIETRICH BONHOEFFER,  
LETTERS AND PAPERS FROM PRISON



## GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL

July 24, 25, & 26  
OLYMPIA HALL in E. PGH  
[greekburgh.com](http://greekburgh.com)

**A sincere THANK YOU to all who sent donations to our parish! Things are changing, but we are all working together to do the work that Christ asks of us! We have reduced services to every other Sunday for the foreseeable future and have looked at reducing the costs to the church—the biggest one being insurance on the church itself. We are open to suggestions for other insurance companies or ideas to reduce costs further to keep our church open! If you have any ideas or suggestions, please e-mail them to me: [rpopichak@alumni.cmu.edu](mailto:rpopichak@alumni.cmu.edu) or call me on my cell: 412-956-6626. Again, our thanks and prayers go out to every one of our parish family and the friends of Holy Ghost! God Bless! Fr. Bob**