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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 Yurij, 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, Father Christopher Bender, Dr. Christina Nellis, Father Joshua [Anna], Father Justin (Todd) Mokhiber, Pani Cathy Danczak, 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 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 Zeliszczuk, 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, & Jane Dickson, Luke D, Diane Murphy, Kristin Vaughn [Harry's daughter], George Petronsky, Doug & Darcie Burkholder, Michael, Jeane, and Katie Byerly, 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, Mary & Carl Stepanovich, Susie Fierst, Edward Poturich, Jeff, Chris, & Mills family, Kate Rapina & Mother Oksana, Sarah's son, Rachel, Alex, & little Charlie, Steve & Vonnie Gerson, Eva, Pamela & Doug, Nora, Mike & Jane, Barbara Gardner & Mark Egleton, and Lauren, Dan, & Daphne Iona... We pray that God will grant them all a complete and speedy recovery.

"So first of all you must learn to sit with yourself and to face boredom..." "Once you have learned not to fidget, then you can do anything, at any speed, with any amount of attention and briskness..." +Metropolitan Anthony [Bloom]

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ... There is <u>NOTHING</u> 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 <u>ALWAYS</u> <u>FREE!</u>

<u>Communion Fasting:</u> 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, November 09 *****NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE*****

22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MARTYR NESTOR OF

THESSALONICA; MARTYRS CAPITOLINA & EROTEIS OF

CAPPADOCIA; MARTYR MAROK OF THE ISLE OF THASOS; SAINT

NESTOR THE CHRONICLER OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA

Tone 5
Galatians 6:11-18; Galatians 5:22-6:2
Luke 8:26-39; Luke 6:17-23

SUNDAY, November 16 Divine Liturgy—Saint John Chrysostom—Upstairs 10:30 AM 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; MARTYRS ACEPSIMAS-BISHOP, JOSEPH-PRESBYTER, & AEITHALAS-DEACON; DEDICATION—CHURCH OF GREAT-MARTYR GEORGE IN LYDDA; MARTYRS ATTICUS, AGAPIUS, EUDOXIUS, CARTERIUS, & OTHERS; VENERABLE ACEPSIMAS; SAINT SNANDULIA

Tone 6 Ephesians 2:4-10 Luke 8:41-56

SUNDAY, November 23 *****NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE*****
24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; APOSTLES ERASTUS, OLYMPUS,
HERODION, SOSIPATER, QUARTUS, & TERTIUS OF THE 70;
COMMEMORATION OF TORTURE OF GREAT-MARTYR GEORGE OF
GEORGIA; MARTYR ORESTES OF CAPPADOCIA; VENERABLE
THEOCTERISTUS-ABBOT OF SYMBOLA

Tone 7
Ephesians 2:14-22
Luke 10:25-37

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TROPARION—TONE 5

Let the faithful praise and worship the Word, Coeternal with the Father and the Spirit; Born for our salvation from the Virgin; For He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, To endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection!

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

KONTAKION—TONE 5

Thou didst descend into Hell, O my Savior, Shattering its gates as almighty; Resurrecting the dead as Creator, And destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man, And we all cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 5

READER: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

PEOPLE: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

READER: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

PEOPLE: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

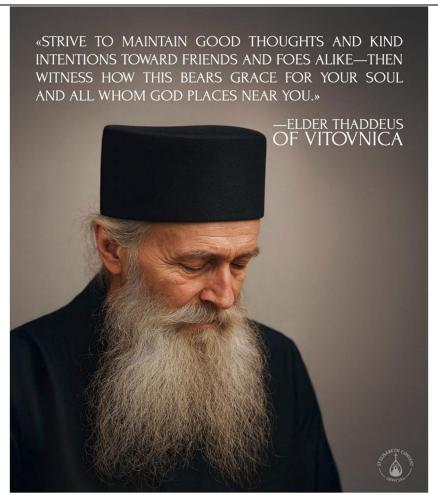
READER: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us...

PEOPLE: From this generation forever.

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 5

I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever, and my truth will be prepared in the heavens.



ELDER THADDEUS: 111 YEARS SINCE HIS BIRTH

October 6/19 marks the 111th birthday of Archimandrite Thaddeus of Vitovnica, a great Serbian ascetic, confessor, and spiritual guide of the 20th century.

He was granted abundant spiritual gifts: unceasing prayer, profound humility, divine love, discernment, and foresight. Thousands sought his wisdom, and his teachings spread far and wide—shared among the faithful as a living testament to grace.

"God's grace always assists those who struggle, but this does not mean that a struggler is always in the position of a victor. Sometimes in the arena the wild animals did not touch the righteous ones, but by no means were they all preserved untouched.

What is important is not victory or the position of a victor, but rather the labor of striving towards God and devotion to Him.

Though a man may be found in a weak state, that does not at all mean that he has been abandoned by God. On the cross, the Lord Jesus Christ was in trouble, as the world sees things. But when the sinful world considered Him to be completely destroyed, in fact He was victorious over death and hades. The Lord did not promise us positions as victors as a reward for righteousness, but told us, "In the world you will have tribulation—but be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world" (Jn. 16:33).

The power of God is effective when a person asks for the help from God, acknowledging his own weakness and sinfulness. This is why humility and the striving towards God are the fundamental virtues of a Christian."



The Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost Luke 8:5-15

A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it. And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be? And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no

root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience. (KJV)

Every person coming to the parish church is blessed to hear the Holy Gospel being proclaimed. Hearing the Gospel gives each person the opportunity to learn from and experience the Lord Jesus Christ.

Each person decides whether the Gospel is welcomed and enters a good and honest heart. Persons hearing the Gospel will determine if they experience momentary joy but eventually move away from a life filled with Christ's teachings.

Some individuals will take the Gospel to heart for a period of time. Eventually these individuals get caught up in the snares and cares of worldly life. Their lives become watered down and have no semblance of Jesus Christ within them.

Individuals cherishing Jesus Christ in the Gospel with a good and honest heart will practice patience. Their love and application of Jesus Christ's teachings in the Gospel result in the bringing forth of good and abundant fruit.

Each person decides whether to embrace Jesus Christ's teachings in the Gospel and make the teachings a part of life for the duration of life. Baptized believers commit to following the Lord Jesus Christ as King and as God.

Every day of life the commitment to Jesus Christ is to be renewed in thought, word, and deed. Believers face challenges in a world filled with temptations and attractions having nothing to do with Jesus Christ.

The world offers certain choices that are detrimental to the soul. The Gospel taken to heart fortifies and soundly guides the believer. Christ's teachings in the Gospel empower the believer to exercise discernment and patience.

Believers guided by the Gospel will have eyes to see the perils in life and ears to hear messages that will tarnish the soul. Jesus Christ's teachings in the Gospel enable the believer's heart, mind, and soul to remain pure.

Jesus Christ purifies the believer's heart, mind, and soul when the Gospel teachings are embraced and made a part of daily life. Love of the Gospel requires attention and effort. Believers benefit when firmly focusing on the Gospel.

The Gospel is always new as each moment in life is always new. The Gospel is always relevant. Believers with eyes to see will recognize Jesus Christ's relevance for their daily lives.

The Gospel is an intrinsic part of the Divine Liturgy. Believers experience the Lord Jesus Christ when hearing the Gospel and making the Gospel a part of their lives. The Gospel transforms believers taking the Lord Jesus Christ seriously.

The Church proclaims the present Gospel message every year. Believers are reminded of the different ways listeners respond to the Gospel. Listeners with good and honest hearts, exercising patience, bring forth good fruit.

Thank God for the Church proclaiming the Gospel. Thank God for the repetition of this Gospel message each year. Attentive believers benefit immeasurably from the message.

When the mind functions, it is never too late to embrace and make the Gospel an integral part of life. Repentance and renewal in Jesus Christ are always possible. Conscious individuals can always reach out to Jesus Christ in faith and hope.

Today each person can look deep within the self and determine if Jesus Christ is central to their daily life. Each person can answer for themselves if they are guided and nourished regularly by Jesus Christ as proclaimed in the Gospel.

Each person determines if he or she looks forward with anticipation to the hearing of the Gospel. Daily life is often difficult. Jesus Christ proclaimed in the Gospel helps believers get through the difficulties of life.

The Lord Jesus Christ overcame and trampled down death. The Gospel verifies the Lord Jesus Christ's victory over death. The Gospel very clearly describes God's Kingdom and the path to eternal life.

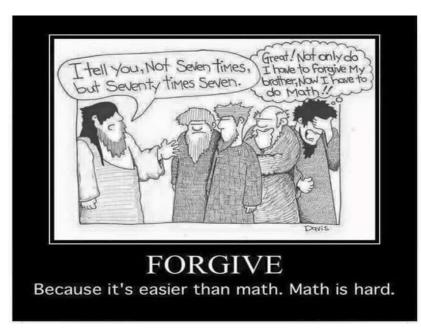
The world is full of paths leading far from God's Kingdom and eternal life. The Gospel tells of the immeasurable value of the soul and the importance of caring for the soul.

The time of earthly life is limited. The time of earthly life is to be used wisely. The Gospel offers Jesus Christ's lasting wisdom. The Gospel offers nourishment for the soul. Jesus Christ lights the path to God's Kingdom.

Today heed Jesus Christ's life and teachings in the Gospel. Heed Jesus Christ in the Gospel every day. Make Jesus Christ central to the heart, mind, and soul. Love Jesus Christ and fill the heart, mind, and soul with the Gospel's teachings.

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost. Holy Greatmartyr Artemius. St. Gerasimus of Kefalonia. October 20/November 2, 2025. Father Rodney Torbic

God has not changed. He was God then, and He is God now. If we had perfect obedience to God we would be able to follow the higher path, but our weaknesses and passions control us. We cannot go without talking or laughing, and we cannot abstain from certain things. We say that we are living in the end times and that we cannot achieve what they achieved in older times—but we can! We lack good intention! Through good intentions, a person becomes an ascetic. *Gerondissa Makrina (Vassopoulou)*, Words of the Heart p.461





The Scoutmaster Minute: Chris Lawton Reverent—Awareness of something Greater

Being reverent isn't just about attending church or saying a prayer. It's about recognizing that some things in life are bigger than we are. Having awareness that there's something greater than ourselves, something worth respecting.

To some, Reverence is:

Standing with wonder under a nighttime sky full of stars, listening to the soft wind whispering through the trees, or feeling the first light of dawn warm your skin and your soul.

It may be found in the peaceful prayer you whisper alone and in the group grace recited before a shared moment.

Some feel it in the hush of a forest at dusk, the sunrise at the beach over the vast ocean, or in the glow of a campfire shared with friends.

You might see it in the strength of someone's faith that's different from your own, or when surrounded by familiar faces where you attend church.

Reverence is shown through unconditional respect without complete understanding—whether it's for nature, for faiths that differ from our own, and for each other.

A reverent Scout doesn't need to be told to be quiet at a solemn moment, or to tread lightly in a sacred place. He just feels it.

So whether you find your sense of reverence in prayer, in the outdoors, at church, or in the way you treat others, remember, being reverent means living your life with gratitude, humility, and respect for all that gives it meaning.



Addressing Depression

Depression involves an absence of hope. Hope is weak or missing in the depressed person. Motivation to move forward in life is very poor. Depression is all too common in today's world.

Too many young people are voluntarily bring their earthly lives to an end when overwhelmed by depression. A significant portion of the adult population sees no purpose in continuing with life due to the strength of depressive thoughts.

Strong hope does not push forth within individuals overcome with depression. Family members and friends are affected when a dear one suffers from depression.

Medical intervention is appropriate with depressed persons in certain instances. The lack of faith and purpose in life in other individuals are the

governing issues. Jesus Christ makes a difference in lives firmly devoted to Him.

Jesus Christ has the power to eradicate depression and is the embodiment of indomitable hope. Jesus Christ serves as the primary goal and way of life for those firmly believing in Him.

Death and the thought of death certainly can be depressing if Jesus Christ is absent and not considered essential in a person's life. Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death when He rose from the tomb.

Jesus Christ's triumph over death and the darkness of life are well-documented in the Church. The Church's history and festal celebrations illuminate and manifest the joy residual in Jesus' triumph over darkness and death.

When Jesus is embraced as essential in life, depressive thoughts dissipate. The Resurrected Christ shines Light out of Darkness. The Light of Christ prevails when strong faith encounters darkness in life.

Faith and hope unite in strong believers in Jesus Christ to see the Light shining the way out of darkness. A little candle lit in faith representing the Light of Christ will make a decided difference.

Believing family members and friends can be the candles necessary to help depressed loved ones overcome darkness in their lives. The proof of the Light of Christ rests firmly in the hearts, minds, and souls of fervent believers.

Saints and martyrs of the Church are ever-present candles illuminating the Light of Christ for those with eyes to see. Every person strong in faith can be the beneficial candle of faith and hope making the difference in the life of a loved one.

Each person is responsible for his or her actions before the Lord God. Believers loving the Lord Jesus Christ are active in intercessory prayer for friends or family members suffering from depression.

Holy Apostle Philip. St. Theophanes the Confessor, Bishop of Niceas. October 11/24, 2025. Father Rodney Torbic



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 DIVINE LITURGY UPSTAIRS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS