

### ***Parish Prayer List (Living)***

Alexandra	Dennis	Paige	Reader Mark
Andrea	Amanda	Sherry	Joretta
Fr. Michael	Barry	Sean	Tina
James	Nicholas B.	Karin	Andrea & Kirby
Lawrence	Alexandra	Illisa	Rachael
Michael	Helen	Susan K	Bob Wedder
Anna	Erin and baby	Connie	Dcn. William
Fr. George	Kathy Tanner	Emil	Pauline
Anthony	Samantha		

### ***Parish Prayer List (Fallen Asleep)***

John Kesselak, Jr. (+7/6) John Maydek (+7/12) Andrew Kesselak (+7/14)  
Shawn Visconti (+7/21) Evangelos Georgopoulos (+8/8)

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### ***Coffee Hour Schedule***

July 31 – Paula Visconti August 7 – Bev Shenberger

August 14 – pot luck August 21 – open

August 28 – open September 4 – open

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### ***Schedule of Epistle Readers***

July 31 – Jeff Robel August 7 – Misha Shenberger

August 14 – Bob Piljay August 21 – Van Crikis

August 28 – Rdr. Mark September 4 – Billy Scrantom

Please let me know if you would like to be added to the list of Epistle readers, or if you will not be available on the day when you are scheduled.

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### ***Words from the Fathers***

Prepare your heart for your departure. If you are wise, you will expect it every hour. Every day say to yourself: “See, the messenger who comes to fetch me is already at the door. Why am I sitting idle? I must depart for ever. I cannot come back again.” Go to sleep with these thoughts every night, and reflect on them throughout the day. And when the time of departure comes, go joyfully to meet it, saying, “Come in peace. I knew

you would come, and I have not neglected anything that could help me on my journey.”

*St. Isaac the Syrian, Homily 65 (7th century)*

Abba Xanthias said, "The thief was on the cross and he was justified by a single word; and Judas who was counted in the number of the apostles lost all his labor in one single night and descended from heaven to hell. Therefore let no one boast of his good works, for all those who trust in themselves fall."

*Desert Fathers*

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### **A New Saint for Carpatho-Russia: St Job of Ugolka**

On September 18, 2008, Metropolitan Vladimir of Kiev along with scores of priests and thousands of faithful gathered in the remote Carpatho-Russian village of Malaya Ugolka near Chust to celebrate the glorification of the newest saint of the Carpathians, St. Job (Kundria) of Ugolka. Our Holy Father Job Kundria was born Ivan Kundria on May 18, 1902 in the village of Iza, a village forever held in honor by Orthodox Carpatho-Russians. It was the village of Iza that was the center of a movement away from the false union with Rome to the ancestral Orthodox Faith of Carpatho-Russians. It was to the village of Iza that St. Alexis Kabaluk, the Apostle of Carpatho-Russia arrived as the first Orthodox priest and from which he established 28 other Orthodox parishes. It was the village of Iza that gave the Church 160 monks and nuns, several confessors and martyrs along with our Holy Father Job.

The young Ivan finished school in Iza and desired to become a monk but from 1924-1925 was obliged to served in the Czechoslovak army. Finishing his duties, Ivan walked all the way to Mount Athos in Greece twice in order to live there as a monk. Unfortunately, from September, 1926 the Greek government began severely restricting the number of non-Greek monks permitted to live on Mt. Athos so each time Ivan was forced to make his way home. At this same time, the Monastery of St. Nicholas opened in the village of Iza and here

Ivan completed his seminary studies. In 1930 he and his elder brother, Hieromonk Panteleimon sold everything they owned and opened a skete dedicated to the Holy Trinity in nearby Gorodilovo. On December 22, 1938 St. Alexis Kabaluk tonsured Ivan a monk, giving him the name of Job.

With the Nazi occupation of Carpatho-Russia in 1939 Fr. Job and many others fled to Soviet Russia, unaware of the persecution the Communists were unleashing on the Orthodox Church. Fr. Job was arrested, sentenced to 25 years in prison but was released in 1942 to serve in the Soviet army fighting the Nazi invasion of Russia. As a Czechoslovak citizen he was forced to fight with the artillery of the Czechoslovak Volunteers Brigade. As a monk, he refused to fire shells and would secretly defuse them before they were fired off. During this period in his life Fr. Job met the renowned Archbishop Luke the Surgeon, later canonized as St. Luke of Simferopol and kept his portrait in his cell for the rest of his life.

With the ending of the war in 1945, Fr. Job made his way back to his monastery in Gorodilovo and was ordained a priest-monk on November 16, 1945. Within a year he was appointed rector and abbot and spiritual father of the monastery in Mukachevo.

In 1956 a new “bishop” was appointed by the Soviet authorities who immediately began closing monasteries throughout Carpatho-Russia. Father Job was removed from his position and the monastery in Gorodilovo was closed, beginning a period of wandering from one monastery to another. Hoping to rid themselves of this holy man, the Soviet authorities had Father Job appointed priest in 1962 in the remote village church of Malaya Ugolka, formerly known as Monastyrrets.

Here as a parish priest, Father Job for 23 years served the Divine Liturgy and the daily cycle of services from which he received the gift of the Holy Spirit. He became known as a starets or an elder. People flocked to him from throughout the region both peasants and the educated to seek his advice. He

was known as a clairvoyant, worked miracles and predicted the future. He became such a source of grace because of the years he had spent in warfare against his sinful passions and struggling to join himself to the Lord through prayer and fasting. St. Gregory the Theologian in his writing *In Defense of His Flight to Pontus* wrote

*It is necessary first to be purified, then to purify; to be made wise, then to make wise; to become light, then to enlighten; to approach God, then to bring others to him; to be sanctified, then to sanctify...*

The life of St. Job is a sermon to each priest on the means by which we can most effectively serve the Lord and His people. Our ministry as priests becomes a source of spiritual healing for people only as we are in the process of being healed of our sinful passions. Our ministry as priests only becomes a channel of grace when we devote ourselves to daily prayer. This is true in the lives of all the holy men and women throughout history: they only impacted the lives of people in powerful ways and bore the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the proportion to which their lives were spent in prayer, fasting, and fighting against their sins.

On Sunday, July 28, 1985, at the age of 82 St. Job peacefully fell-asleep in the Lord after serving the Divine Liturgy, preaching a sermon and serving the evening Vespers. Soon after his burial miracles of healing began to take place at his grave in the village cemetery. On October 22, 2007 as local clergy and the diocesan Bishop Hippolytus uncovered the relics of Father Job the fragrance of myrrh and incense filled the air. The Divine Liturgy at which his name was added to the calendar of saints was celebrated in the open air in front of St. Job's village church in Malaya Ugolka. St. Job's life was read out and his troparion and kondakion were sung as all venerated his holy relics and icon for the first time.

- Very Rev. Fr. Dr. Edward Pehanich -