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Today is the *Feast of the Annunciation*. While we cannot observe this day as a parish community, you may sing (or pray) the Troparion and Kontakion of the feast together with your family:

Troparion - Tone 4

***Today is the summit of our salvation,
and what was hidden from before all ages is revealed:
the Son of God becomes a Virgin's Son,
and Gabriel announces the good news of grace.
Therefore, let us exclaim with him to the Theotokos:
Rejoice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you.***

Kontakion - Tone 8

***O Theotokos, valiant defender,
your servants offer you hymns of victory in thanksgiving,
for you have delivered us.
But since you have invincible power, free us from all peril,
that we may exclaim to you: Rejoice, O Unwedded Bride.***

Also, read the *Gospel of the Annunciation* together with your family. **Luke 1:24-38.**

World Day of Prayer

During the present health crisis, Pope Francis, together with other religious leaders, has called upon the Christian people of the world to a Day of Prayer on Wednesday 25 March 2020, the feast of the Annunciation of the Mother of God.

He is asking everyone to prayer the Lord's Prayer (Our Father) at twelve noon.

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of *Katie Czapp; Ella Hoffman; Marian Simala; Jennifer Crum Bailey; Michael Barelick; Kennady Grace Spaid; Joseph Lysic; Rose Single; Mary Donnelly; George Pyo Jr.; Daniel & Mary Zaliznock; John Rakar; Bernadette Kostan, Patty Haschak; Shawn Crum; Dennis Ratosky, Sr.; Dorothy, Phil and Cathy Walters; Alina Rusnak; Ruby Moore; Charles and Joan Plishka; Tom Goncher; Patrick & Joan Ditko; Helena Ditko; Cliff Inman; Father Paul Tigyer; Kelly Colwell; Sarah Kelt; Mary Beth Blackburn;* all the ill & homebound. Also, for the repose of the soul of *Father Stephen Casmus* of the Eparchy of Phoenix who fell asleep in on March 24. Also, continue to pray for those suffering from the Coronavirus, or who have died; from this disease; and for those working to halt its spread.

Homebound and Nursing Home Residents—Remember in Prayer

At Home: SS Peter & Paul (Portage): Dorothy Billy; Catherine Czapp Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh;; Cathy Walters; Helen Zaher;

St. Mary (Beaverdale): Nancy Andrako; Catherine McGough;

Nursing & Other Care Facilities:

- **Saint Benedict Manor, Carrolltown,** Catherine Thrower [Dunlo];
- **Arbutus Park Manor:** Margaret Rachael [Dunlo];
- **Maple Winds:** Rita Thornton;
- **Autumn View:** June Nezeski;
- **Amber Hills Ebensburg:** *Father Ronald Borsuk*
- **John Paul II Manor, Cresson:** Kathryn Mackovyak
- **Rose of Sharon Home, Saint Michael:** Anna Garanich
- **Just Like Home Personal Care, Cresson:** Dorothy Resconich

Prayer Partners

Parishioners are encouraged to continue to remember *Prayer Partner* daily:

“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perfection, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.” [Philippians 1:9-11]

May we also continue to remember one another, our local communities, and our nation during this time of concern and need. There are many who face the burden of isolation during these days. Take the time and opportunity perhaps by a phone call or card or note, as well as by prayer, to assure them they are not alone. While visiting is not advisable or an option, these are ways in which we can strengthen and encourage another.