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St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church
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OCA - Diocese of the Midwest



OCTOBER BULLETIN SPONSOR

Sue Kennedy in memory of Robert on the occasion of their Anniversary

Weekly Liturgical & Events Schedule **TWO WEEK EDITION**

Sunday, October 15

9:35 AM: Hours
10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Monthly Panachida / Social by sisterhood /
Fr. Andrew will be leaving for Chicago to attend the National Clergy Retreat until Saturday afternoon

Sunday, October 22

9:35 AM: Hours
10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Social by Altar Society / Council Meeting

Monday, October 23

6:00 PM: Orthodoxy 101 Class

Thursday, October 26

11:00 AM: Book Club

Saturday, October 28

4:00 PM: Bible Study
6:00 PM: Great Vespers / Confessions

Sunday, October 29

9:35 AM: Hours
10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Presentation by Fr. Andrew & Deacon James / Social by Reader Nick & Monica Vansuch / Festival Meeting



SIGN-UP / VOLUNTEERS FOR SOCIALS

It has been customary that the "O" Club, Sisterhood, & council sponsor the coffee socials.

We are asking for individuals or families to please sponsor a social on a rotating basis. With enough volunteers, the rotation of sponsors could be once a quarter. Even though the above groups take a particular Sunday, getting a break would be nice.

Bagels, donuts and coffee is perfectly fine.
A simple meal is perfectly fine.

Please see Fr. Andrew so he can put you on a schedule.

As of right now on any given month:

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|---------------|------------------------|
| First Sunday | "O" Club |
| Second Sunday | Council |
| Third Sunday | Sisterhood |
| Fourth Sunday | Open |
| Fifth Sunday | Open (when applicable) |

Opening of the 62nd Diocesan Assembly

The 62 Diocesan Assembly officially opened Monday evening, October 2, St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Burr Ridge, IL. The evening began with the greeting of the Chicago-Tikhvin Icon and the singing of the Akathist served by His Eminence Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the Midwest. Following the service, His Eminence delivered his address to the assembly.

Following the Archbishop's address, a reception was held in the parish hall.

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PLEASE KEEP OUR SHUT-INS IN YOUR PRAYERS

Send a “Thinking of You” card or remember their Birthday with a card. If anyone needs to be added, please contact Fr. Andrew.

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church observed 125th Anniversary

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church observed 125 years on the rocky peninsula of Marblehead, Ohio, with a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy celebrated by His Eminence Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the Midwest on September 23, 2023. The celebration was attended by over 100 participants honoring the milestone.

Serving with His Eminence were Priest Peter Tomas, Rector, Archpriest John Adamcio, Archpriest Emilian Hutnyan, and Priest Jan Cizmar. Mitered Archpriest Basil Stoyka also attended. Matushka Michelle Tomas directed the choir.

In his sermon His Eminence talked about how the world around us has changed in the last century and a quarter, some for the better and some not for the better. Through all the changes this community has remained faithful to God and the legacy given to them by their forefathers. The clergy and the people have given glory to God, have lived the life of discipleship, preached the Gospel, and celebrated the Divine Liturgy and all the sacred services with fidelity, love, and joy.

“We give thanks to God but we don’t stop, the work continues. This celebration blesses you with the opportunity to recommit yourselves in the decades ahead to the work of the Gospel, preparing the world for Christ and welcoming Christ into lives and hearts,” he said.

At the banquet past rector of Holy Assumption, Fr. John Adamcio, talked about the history of the parish and the immigrants who founded it in 1898. They were from the Carpatho-Russian Mountains of the Austro-Hungarian Empire—where Poland, Slovakia, Czech Republic, and Ukraine—and came to Marblehead to work in the limestone quarries, bringing their religious beliefs and cultural practices with them. The work was difficult and dangerous, as was work by other immigrants, who at about the same time in our country’s history worked in the coal mines and for the railroads.

The Honorable Jacqueline Bird, Mayor of Marblehead, presented a proclamation in honor of the church’s 125th anniversary.

In February 1898, Bishop Tikhon, bishop of the Diocese of San Francisco and the Aleutian Islands, then part of the Orthodox Church in Russia, blessed a group of Orthodox Christians to purchase land from Kelleys Island Lime and Transport Company and build a church, known as Assumption of the Virgin Mary Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church.

When planning to build, a parishioner wrote to Tsar Nicholas II of Russia asking for assistance; he sent funds, a communion set, and four large icons which still adorn the iconostas today.

In 1906 Archbishop Tikhon of the Russian Orthodox Church in America consecrated the new Holy Assumption Church and celebrated its first Divine Liturgy. He returned to Russia and was elected Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia. Tsar Nicholas and his family were killed in 1918 during the Russian **Con’t next Pg**

PRAYER LIST– Updated 10-10-23

PARISHIONERS: Achilles Arvan / Audrey Chengelis / George Horodnic / Irene Horodnic / Pauline Fesz / Mary Fredericks / Paula Kennedy / George Kolesar / Barbara Kolesar / Mary Jane Puskas / Kenny Ruff / Dorothy Shirilla / Julia Simko / Marion Zwinski / Mary and her newborn Emilia

FAMILY & FRIENDS: Archbishop Benjamin / Bishop Matthias / Fr. James Gleason (Fr.) / sub-deacon Wylie Meath (Fr.) / Bret (Zelinsky) / Dominic (Centofanti) / Ellen (Clark) / Katie (Garrity) / Basil Glovinsky (Fr.) / Mark Hruban (Fr.) / Ellen (Kessler) / Eleanor Marie (Kidder) / Paul (Kolesar) / Kathy (Kolesar) / Malakai (Kolesar) / Joe Kollar (Fr.) / Andrew LaChard (Jesko) / Mea (Mahan) / Mary (Mahan) / Pauline Meath (Fr.) / Matushka Raissa (Nicoloff) / Eugene (Pallai) / Ksenia and her unborn child (Petrochko) / Matushka Helen (Psinka) / Chris Quotap (Fr.) / Kristianna & infant Mary Louise (Robinson) / William Romanchak (Fr.) / Roxanne (Yannitto) / Julia (Shirilla) / Katherine (Steffaro) / Johanna (Tusinac) / Richard (Tusinac) / Brian (Shirilla) / Joseph (Vansuch) / Eleanor Marie (Vansuch) / Paula (Voytilla) / Mary Ann Bozichovich (Kennedy) / Patty Bozichovich (Vansuch) / Sarah and her newborn Zoe / Drew (Willison) / Emilia Yannitto / Zoland Zile, (Fr.)

MILITARY FAMILY & FRIENDS: Cory Deaton (Fr.) / Alena Grabavoy (Fr.) / Liam Garrity (Zelinsky)

MISCELLANEOUS: Metropolitan Paul (Orthodox Diocese of Aleppo) & Archbishop John (Archdiocese of Aleppo) still being held captive / The UN & IOCC humanitarian aid workers around the world / Those suffering persecution in Syria, Iraq, Israel, Egypt, Ukraine and around the world.

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Revolution, and Patriarch Tikhon was killed by Communists in 1925. Both became saints in the Orthodox Church.

An Ohio Historical Marker, placed next to the church on April 1, 2023, honors the immigrants who established the church and recognizes Holy Assumption as the oldest Orthodox church building in Ohio.

October Social Schedule

Sunday, October 15 – Sisterhood

Sunday, October 22 – Altar Society

Sunday, October 29 – Reader Nick & Monica Vansuch

Thank you for volunteering!

SINGERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

The city of Campbell has asked our parish if we can lead the singing at this years Christmas Tree lighting which will take place on Sunday, December 3rd @ 3:00pm. It will be all American Christmas carols & it will be a sing along. They said singing will be for 10 to 15 minutes. If interested please sign up with Dr. Nicoloff. Thank you.

Parma Parish Opens New Prayer Walk with Blessing

On Sunday, October 1, the Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God, the faithful of Holy Trinity Church, Parma, OH, assembled together after the Divine Liturgy to bless their newly renovated prayer walk.

As the walk opened for prayer, neighbors to the north and south of the parish were invited and participated in the blessing and the reception that followed. The teenage church school class was instrumental in initiating the project which was supported by sponsors and volunteers among the parish.

Icons on the prayer walk include: Hospitality of Abraham, St. Andrew the Apostle, St. Mary of Egypt, St. Panteleimon, St. Nektarios of Aegina, St. Elizabeth the New Martyr, St. Herman of Alaska, St. Peter and St. Paul, the Theotokos with Christ, the Descent into Hades, and concludes with a large wooden cross was placed at the end of the walk.

THANK YOU

To Crystal Elash & Linda Livorsky and everyone who helped and made the Advent Social a success. For all those who prepped and cooked and served and worked and cleaned up - May God bless you all.

October Candle & Bulletin Sponsors

Bulletin: In memory of Robert on the occasion of our 68th anniversary- Given by Sue Kennedy

Wine: In memory of Laurissa Rusnak – Given by Sub-deacon Vladimir

Incense: In memory of Laurissa Rusnak – Given by Sub-deacon Vladimir

Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light: In memory of George and Mary Vasile and George Vasile – Given by James & Elaine Johnston

Altar Candles: In memory of Andrew & Anna Cvercko - Given by Anne Cvercko / In honor of Monica Vansuch on the occasion of her birthday – Given by Reader Nick Vansuch

Tetrapod Candles: In memory of my father Frank Flaherty – Given by Layne Demkosky

St. Herman Candles: *Taken*

St. Panteleimon Icon Candles: In honor of Karen Debiec on the occasion of her 63rd birthday – Given by Sue Kennedy

Protection Icon Candles: In memory of my mom Helen Flaherty – Given by Layne Demkosky

St. John the Baptist Candles: *AVAILABLE*

Incense: In Memory of Laurissa Rusnak – Given by Sub-deacon Vladimir

Flowers: For health of all members of the Altar Society; In memory of the ladies from the Altar Society – Given by Ladies Altar Society

| <u>\$50 per month</u> | <u>\$30 per month</u> | <u>\$25 per month</u> |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Wine | St. Herman candles | Incense |
| Bulletin | St. Panteleimon Icon | |
| Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light | candles | <u>Flowers</u> - \$75 |
| Altar Candles | Protection Icon candles | |
| Tetrapod Candles | St. John the Baptist candles | |

40 Day Remembrance

October 15 - Bruce

November Candle & Bulletin Sponsors

Bulletin: In memory of my Mother, Dorothy- Given by Fr. Andrew Bartek

Wine: *available*

Incense: *available*

Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light: In memory of Mary Kennedy on the occasion of your anniversary of repose - Given by Martha Centofanti & Sue Kennedy

In honor of our three Grandchildren Ava , Ethan & Elliot who are celebrating their birthdays Given by Reader Nick & Monica Vansuch

Altar Candles: *available*

Tetrapod Candles: *available*

St. Herman Candles: Taken

St. Panteleimon Icon Candles: *available*

Protection Icon Candles: *available*

St. John the Baptist Candles: *available*

Flowers: *available*

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| Altar Candles | Protection Icon candles | |
| Tetrapod Candles | St. John the Baptist candles | |

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO AND THE MIDWEST APPEALS FOR PRAYER FOR THOSE SUFFERING AS A RESULT OF THE VIOLENCE IN THE HOLY LAND

Beloved Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of the Diocese of the Midwest,

Once again, the world is witnessing horrific acts of violence, in which one people is sorrowfully pitted against another. In light of our belief in the “one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all” (Ephesians 4:6), we cannot ignore the murderous attacks and counterattacks in the Holy Land— the very place in which the Incarnate God, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, lived, suffered, died, and conquered death by His victorious

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REPOSED LIST FOR OCTOBER

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Louis Boldish (1960)
2- His Grace Bishop Antoun (2017)
2- Mary Evanoff (1970) ©
2- George Graban (2004) ©
2- Anna Kristian (1932) ©
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3- George Kalas (1994) ©
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4- Louis Boldish (1960) ©
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19- Archpriest Sergei Garklavs (2015)
19- Gori Pietropolo (2017)
19- His Beatitude Metropolitan Theodosius (2020)
19- Mary Holovatiuk (1933) ©
20- Helen Lebo (1988) ©
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25- John Rosko (1920) ©
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31- Still born Zlatkoff (1937) ©

THIS WEEK

No classes at all and no Vespers on Saturday.
Father will be at National Clergy retreat in
Chicago.

Birthdays

- 1-Trudy Ellmore
- 2-Tina Litzie, Reader Nataniel Willison
- 3-Ethan Chendorain, Alicia Calzone
- 5-Maya Kubancsek
- 6-Michelle Horodnic, Brian Lariccia, Ron Royhab
- 7-Gabriella Hryb, Sophia Jesko
- 8- Monica Vansuch
- 9-Kelly Ann Ferrick
- 10-Walter Litzie
- 12-Granger Matthew Lariccia
- 13- Colin Felker, Shelia Jesko
- 14-Fr. Andrew Groom
- 16-Fr George Lardas, Mary Ruth Mico
- 17-Tim Glovinsky
- 18-Nicole Batura
- 20-Helen Lis (100th)
- 25-Sam Dardovsky

October Celebrations

Anniversaries

- 1-Joseph & Mary Ruth Mico; AB Irene of Canada (2009)
- 2-Fr. Matthew & Pani Eleni Stagon
- 3-Fr. Matt Stagon (Priestly ordination)
- 7-Fr. Eli & Mat. Larissa Bremer
- 9-Sub-deacon Wylie & Pauline Meath, David & Terrie Konik
- 11-Ron & Charlotte Zenko
- 14-Michael & Lynn Polewan
- 19-Archpriest John & Mat. Cynthia Zdinak
- 31-Paul & Layne Demkosky

Name Day

- 9- The Most Blessed His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon

SEPTEMBER Liturgical Attendance

| Day | Vespers | Divine Liturgy | Communi-cants |
|---------------|---------|----------------|---------------|
| Tues. Aug 29 | | 9 | |
| Sunday, Sep 3 | | 81 | 48 |
| Sat., Sep 7 | 6 | | |
| Sun., Sep 8 | | 10 | |
| Sat., Sep 9 | 7 | | |
| Sun., Sep 10 | | 70 | 42 |
| Wed., Sep 13 | 10 | | |
| Thur., Sep 14 | | 25 | |
| Sat., Sep 23 | 7 | | |
| Sun., Sep 24 | | 60 | 37 |
| Sat., Sep 30 | 11 | | |
| Sun., Oct 1 | | 76 | 45 |
| Sat., Oct 7 | 9 | | |
| Sun., Oct 8 | | 61 | 42 |

FINANCIALS FOR OCTOBER

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| Expenses..... | \$4,214.99 |
| Income..... | \$5,793.00 |
| TOTAL..... | +1,578.01 |
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| Weekly Tithe..... | \$5,319 |
| Weekly Candles..... | \$ 204 |
| Tetrapod Candles..... | \$ 50 |
| Protection Icon..... | \$ 30 |
| Unneeded Gifts..... | \$ 50 |
| Advent Social..... | \$ 40 |
| | |
| OTHER INCOME: | |
| Stewardship..... | \$100 |

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Resurrection—which cries out to God as it turns red with the blood of innocent victims.

I ask you to join me in redoubling our prayers and fasting, imploring the Lord to grant peace to the world he has redeemed, and great mercy to our souls.

With love in the Lord,

+DANIEL

Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest



\$1,122 was sent to the Diocese in Support our Seminar-ians. Thank you all for your generosity. GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

Day Two of the 62nd Diocesan Assembly

The 62nd Diocesan Assembly of Chicago and the Midwest was in full swing on Tuesday, October 3. The first plenary was open by Diocesan Chancellor, Archpriest Paul Jannakos, who focused on the ongoing initiatives to support and strengthen parishes. Fr. Paul also focused on programs for clergy such as continuing education and counseling. Following Fr. Paul's report, Diocesan Treasurer, Robert Koncel, offered his report, followed by the auditor's report.

The various departments of the diocese offered their report, including: Department of Communications, Clergy Wives, Liturgical Music, Continuing Education, Family Life, Youth Ministry. Deanery reports were presented by the Deans of the diocese six deaneries.

In addition to the various reports, this year's assembly also welcomed guest speaker, Priest Daniel Greeson, Rector of St. Anne Church, Knoxville, TN. Father gave several presentations on St. John Chrysostom and Holy Scripture, as well as St. John Chrysostom and the priesthood.

After a brief lunch a presentation was given by Orthodox Church Capital Improvement Fund, who presented the Archbishop with a gift after the presentation and a question and answer session. Elections were held for clergy and laity positions on both the Metropolitan Council and the Diocesan Council. Mr. Koncel also announced his retirement to the Archbishop and assembly after decades of serving as the Diocesan Treasurer.

The day concluded with Daily Vespers served by Priest Anthony Saunders.

Diocesan Assembly Concludes

On Wednesday, October 4, a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy was celebrated at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Burr Ridge, IL, which brought to a close our 62nd Diocesan Assembly. His Eminence, Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the Midwest, led the clergy and the faithful in prayer at this divine service.

Serving with the Archbishop was the Diocesan Chancellor, Archpriest Paul Jannakos, as well as Archpriest Alexander Kuchta, Archpriest Andrew Clements, Archpriest Paul Wesche, Archpriest Dusan Koprivica, Archpriest Timothy Sawchak, Priest Daniel Greeson, Priest Joseph Whittaker,

and Deacon Sampson Nash. The choir was masterfully directed by Priest Gregory Ealy, and a stirring homily was offered by our guest speaker, Fr Daniel.

At the end of the Divine Liturgy, the Archbishop announced an archpastoral decree proclaiming the Mother of God of Tikhvin, venerated in Her Chicago-Tikhvin Icon, as the Sovereign Lady, Queen, and Protectress of the Diocese of the Midwest. 2024 will mark the 20th anniversary of the original Tikhvin Icon's return to Russia, after a providential half century of residence in our Diocese. An exact replica of the wonder-working Icon, blessed over the original, was gifted to our Diocese by Bishop Mstislav of Tikhvin in 2016. This has been enshrined at Holy Trinity Cathedral since then as the "Chicago-Tikhvin Icon of the Mother of God."

Moreover, a Diocesan Gramota was presented to Mr. Robert Graban, a long-term laborer for the diocese, recognizing him on the conclusion of his active service on both the Metropolitan and Diocesan Councils. A light meal and fellowship time for all present was held in the parish hall at the conclusion of the festivities.

Venerable Lot of Egypt Commemorated on October 22

Saint Lot was a wise ascetic of the desert who reposed in peace in the early fifth century. Some of his sayings are to be found in the "Paradise of the Fathers," which describes the life of the anchorites, recluses, monks, coenobites and ascetic Fathers of the deserts of Egypt compiled by Saint Athanasios of Alexandria, Saint Palladius, Bishop of Helenopolis, Saint Jerome and others.

Saint Nikodemos (Nikódēmos) of the Holy Mountain writes: "In the Paradise of the Fathers, it is said that Saint Lot asked Abba Joseph of Panephrisis the following question: 'Abba, as much as I am able, I pray a little, fast a little, study, and keep silent. According to my strength, I keep my mind free of evil thoughts. What else should I do?'"

Then Abba Joseph stood up and lifted his hands to heaven. And - O the miracle - the ten fingers of his hands became like ten lit candles, then he said to Abba Lot. "Strive, if you will, so that in prayer you may become entirely like a flame."

In Greek usage Abba Lot is commemorated on October 22. He is also commemorated with the Holy God-bearing Fathers who shone forth in the ascetic life, on Cheesefare Saturday at Matins (Ode 4 of the Canon).

Preconciliar Commission Meets to Plan 21st All-American Council

On Tuesday, September 26, the Preconciliar Commission met at the Chancery office in Springfield, VA, under the presidency of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon. Members of the PCC include Archpriest Alexander Rentel, Chancellor, Archpriest Alessandro Margheritino, Secretary, Archpriest Andrew Jarmus, Protodeacon Peter Ilchuk, Council Manager, Ms. Lynnell McFarland, Ms. Hollie Benton, and Mr. Andrew Smith, Treasurer.

This was the first in-person meeting of the Commission after its formal appointment this past Spring. The PCC met to continue planning for the 21st All-American Council, slated to take place at the Arizona Grand Resort in Phoenix, AZ, on July 14-18, 2025.

As Fr. Alexander pointed out, “This was a very productive meeting that gave us the opportunity to think creatively and even outside the box about one of the most important events in the life of our Church.”

The PCC spent the first part of the meeting discussing the 20th AAC, the agenda and schedule of the past Council, and the survey results. The members discussed ideas for the theme of the upcoming Council, major agenda items, and a preliminary overall agenda.

The PCC plans to meet again next December and more frequently starting in 2024. While some of the members of the PCC have already visited the Arizona Grand Resort, the PCC plans to hold one of its upcoming meetings in Phoenix in early 2024.

The All-American Council, convened at intervals of three years, and bringing together all the various elements of the Church, is the highest legislative and administrative authority within the Orthodox Church in America. The Orthodox Church in America has convened more than 30 All-American Councils since the first in 1907. In order to differentiate between the councils before autocephaly and after it, when the church began a new existence, it was decided that the councils from 1907 to 1970 would be called by the term “Sobor” and that these gatherings since autocephaly in 1970 would be called by the equivalent term in English “Council”.

Fellowship of Saint Moses the Black 2023 Conference

“Equipping for the work of reconciliation and sharing the African roots of Christianity”

The mission of the Fellowship of Saint Moses the Black is to equip Christians for the ministry of reconciliation to Christ. The 30th annual Ancient Christianity conference will be in person in Houston, TX at Saint George Orthodox Church on October 13-15, 2023. The conference will be live streamed via the Zoom platform.

This year’s keynote speaker will be His Grace Bishop Gerasim of Fort Worth (OCA). Bishop Thomas of Oakland and Charleston (Antiochian) will also be attending. Abbess Katherine Weston will give the President’s Address and we will hear talks from Father Paul Abernathy, Father John Finley, Father Moses Berry, Father Alexii Altschul, and others.

On Saturday, October 15 at 10:00 AM, the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated, premiering an all-new setting, the “Jubilee Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom.” The Liturgy was composed by Abbess Katherine Weston and will be conducted by Dr. Zhanna Lehmann. All the choral pieces are inspired by African American Spirituals.

The program consists of not only lectures, but also interactive breakout sessions and cultural exchange. The aim of the conference is to address the spiritual as well as practical aspects of the ministry of reconciliation to Christ.

You can register on National OCA website if interested in going

A GENTLE REMINDER

As we are now in the last few months of the year a gentle reminder....

A member in good standing is eligible to speak and vote at the Annual meeting has:

- 1) gone to Holy Confession and received Holy Communion at least (the very bare minimum) 1 time. Frequent participation is extremely encouraged;
- 2) given (at bare minimum) \$350 for the year.

Please contact Father Andrew to discuss further or with questions/concerns.

Note: All college students are considered members in good standing by meeting the 1st requirement is fulfilled. The second is not a requirement.

Venerable Euthymius the New of Thessalonica, and Monk of Mount Athos Commemorated on October 15

Saint Euthymius the New of Thessalonica and Mt Athos, in the world was named Nicetas, and he was a native of the city of Ancyra in Galatia. His parents, Epiphanius and Anna, led virtuous Christian lives, and from childhood their son was meek, pious and obedient. At age seven he was left fatherless and he soon became the sole support of his mother in all matters. Having entered military service, Nicetas married, on the insistence of his mother. After the birth of a daughter, he secretly left home in order to enter a monastery. For fifteen years the venerable Euthymius lived the ascetic life on Mount Olympus, where he learned monastic deeds from the Elders.

The monk went to resettle on Mount Athos. On the way he learned that his mother and wife were in good health. He informed them that he had become a monk, and he sent them a cross, calling on them to follow his example. On Mt Athos he was tonsured into the Great Schema and lived for three years in a cave in total silence, struggling with temptations. Saint Euthymius also lived for a long time as a stylite, not far from Thessalonica, instructing those coming to him for advice and healing the sick.

The monk cleansed his mind and heart to such an extent that he was granted divine visions and revelations. At the command of the Lord, Saint Euthymius founded two monasteries in 863 on Mount Peristeros, not far from Thessalonica, which he guided for 14 years, with the rank of deacon. In one of these his wife and mother received monastic tonsure. Before his death he settled on Hiera, an island of Mt Athos, where he reposed in 898. His relics were transferred to Thessalonica. Saint Euthymius is called “the New” to distinguish him from Saint Euthymius the Great (January 20).

2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9 (Epistle)

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and

revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Luke 8:5-15 (Gospel)

“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold.” When He had said these things He cried, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” Then His disciples asked Him, saying, “What does this parable mean?” And He said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that ‘Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.’ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

ST. Nicholas WISH LIST PROGRAM

For over 24 years the FOCA has gathered wish lists from married students at St. Tikhon's & St. Vladimir's Seminaries (gift card donations are sent to St. Herman's of Alaska.) These lists are filled by parishes, chapters, or individuals from around the country. In those 24 years, we have fulfilled the wishes of over 1,000 seminarian families and have donated over \$120,000 to the married seminarians families at St. Herman's seminary.

Further information will be forth coming by Allison Steffaro.

FOCUS: ST HERMANS HOUSE IN CLEVELAND

St. Herman House FOCUS Cleveland presents "Encountering Christ" on our daily Pilgrimage. His Eminence Archbishop Daniel will be the presenter.

When: Monday, November 13

6:30-7:30pm Appetizers

7:30-8:30 pm Program

Price: \$30 a ticket

Where: Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

6822 Broadview Rd.

Parma, OH 44134

There is a flyer in basement of Church.

THANK YOU'S RECEIVED

We received a thank card from Annie Jesko thanking the parish for helping her attend the summer leadership Institute of the Orthodox Fellowship. She also became the chapter president of the Great Lakes region.

We received a card from Nate Dodnar thanking us for the school supplies.

A card received from the workers of St. Basil. The workers thank Steven Smiko & Michael Centofanti for their generous donation of \$182 on behalf of the church.

All cards are on the bulletin board in basement.

Thank you all for your love and Christian generosity.

Submission to the Church: How to Become Children of the Light

You're invited to the first webinar in Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary's new Light of the World Webinar Series. This monthly webinar series will feature speakers from among Saint Vladimir's Seminary faculty, alumni, and friends, speaking on a variety of topics while answering a core question:

How are we Christians to be the light of the world?

Drawing inspiration from feedback received through a recent survey, these webinars aim to address a diverse range of themes that address real and pressing issues facing Orthodox faithful in modern society.

The first webinar will be co-hosted by His Grace Bishop John (Abdalah), Auxiliary of the Diocese of Worcester and New England (AOCANA), and Orthodox writer, Khouria Frederica Mathewes-Green, on the topic, Submission to the Church: How to Become Children of the Light. This webinar will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, from 7:00 - 8:30 PM, via Zoom livestream.

The online webinar is open to the public and free of cost. It will be recorded and uploaded to the Saint Vladimir's Seminary YouTube channel afterward for easy access. Click the button below to register and to receive the Zoom webinar link.

5 THINGS JESUS DID NOT SAY

1-Follow your heart. **Jesus said: "Follow me"!**

2-Be true to yourself. **Jesus said: "whoever wants to be my disciple, must deny himself"!**

3-Believe in yourself. **Jesus said: "Believe in me"!**

4-Live your truth. **Jesus said: "I am the truth"!**

5-Live as long as you are happy. **Jesus said: "What will it profit a man if we gains the whole world and loses his soul"!**

CHRISTMAS GIFTS NEEDED

The city of Campbell has asked us if we can supply gifts to kids up to 8th grade. They said small gifts like (Paddle & ball, small little fun gifts. Nothing big For the Christmas tree lighting. Please bring gifts to church by November 12th.

Archpastoral Decree Proclaiming the Mother of God of Tikhvin as Sovereign Lady, Queen, and Protectress of the Diocese of Chicago and the Midwest

O people, let us hasten to the Virgin Theotokos and Queen, giving thanks to Christ our God, And looking upon her miraculous image with contrition, let us fall down and cry out to her: O Mary, our Sovereign Lady, who visit this land in the miraculous appearance of thy precious image, save all the Christians in peace and prosperity, showing us as heirs of the heavenly life. For to thee do we cry out with faith: Rejoice, O Virgin, the salvation of the world! (Kontakion, Tone 8)

WHEREAS in the Gospel of Saint Luke, we read of the visitation of the Virgin Mary to her kinswoman Elizabeth immediately after the Annunciation, where Elizabeth greets her with the words: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” (Luke 1:42-43); and

WHEREAS our Lord Jesus Christ entrusted His Church to the maternal care of His own Mother when, upon the Cross, He spoke to His Beloved Disciple and Apostle John, saying: “Behold your Mother” (John 19:27); and

WHEREAS the Holy Church has always sought the prayers and intercessions of the Mother of its Lord, honored Her as “Blessed Among Women” and venerated her in the Holy Icons; and

WHEREAS the Icon of the Mother of God, the One Who Shows the Way, of Tikhvin has been venerated by the faithful throughout the centuries of its recorded history, first in Jerusalem, then in Constantinople, Tikhvin, Riga, the war-torn countries of Europe, and Chicago and the Midwest; and

WHEREAS this venerable and wonderworking Icon was preserved and protected by the ever-memorable Archbishop John of Chicago and the Midwest, and then by his family, most notably the ever-memorable servants of God, Archpriest Sergei and Matushka Alexandra Garklavs, inviting special veneration at Saint Panteleimon Church in Summit Argo, Illinois, at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in Chicago, Illinois, and throughout the Diocese of the Midwest; and

WHEREAS in July 2004, after almost five decades in America, the Icon was returned to its Shrine within the Monastery of the Holy Dormition in Tikhvin, Russia; and

WHEREAS an Icon of the Mother of God of Tikhvin, made as a true copy and then blessed upon the original in the Tikhvin Monastery Church, was presented to Holy Trinity Cathedral and the Diocese of the Midwest by His Grace Bishop Mstislav of Tikhvin during the Archpastoral Ministry of the ever-memorable Archbishop Paul; and

WHEREAS this Icon has been enshrined within the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, the Mother Church and Diocesan Cathedral of the Diocese of the Midwest, resulting in an increasing knowledge and veneration to the Mother of God invoked in Her Tikhvin Icon; and

WHEREAS the God-protected Diocese of Chicago and the Midwest continues to be blessed through the presence of the Icon and invites the diocesan Clergy and Faithful and others to prayerfully turn to the Most Pure Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, seeking her prayers and protection, asking her help in times of need and glorifying the All-Holy Trinity and recalling Her own words “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior” (Luke 1:46-47); and

WHEREAS the Holy Church continues to turn to the Mother of God invoked in Her wonderworking and miraculous Icon, a source of heavenly blessing and graces; and

WHEREAS this love and devotion to the Mother of God of Tikhvin is to be cultivated and promoted throughout the Diocese of the Midwest, in its parish and mission communities, and in the hearts of all the Faithful People of God:

I HEREBY PROCLAIM that the Mother of God of Tikhvin is to be honored and venerated as the Sovereign Lady, Queen, and Protectress of the Clergy and Faithful of this God-protected Diocese of Chicago and the Midwest.

Given on this fourth day of October in the Year of Our Lord 2023, in the presence of the Clergy and Faithful gathered in solemn assembly in the Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul Paul, Burr Ridge, Illinois.

May our Most Pure, Most Blessed, and Glorious Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, our Mother and Queen, invoked in her Holy Icon of Tikhvin, ever intercede for us before the Throne of Her Son, our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory now and forever. Amen.

+DANIEL

Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest

