



The Forerunner

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

V. Rev. Archpriest Andrew Bartek - Rector



Liturgical and Events Schedule

Sunday, February 5– Publican & Pharisee
9:35 AM: Hours followed by Divine Liturgy /
Social by “O” Club / Annual Meeting

Saturday, February 11
3:45 pm Confessions
4:00 pm Great Vespers followed by Confession

Sunday, February, 12
9:35 am Hours followed by Divine Liturgy /
Social & Silent Bake Auction by Sisterhood

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee Beginning of the Lenten Triodion Commemorated on February 5

The Sunday after the Sunday of Zacchaeus is devoted to the Publican and the Pharisee. At Vespers the night before, the Triodion (the liturgical book used in the services of Great Lent) begins.

Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee who scrupulously observed the requirements of religion: he prayed, fasted, and contributed money to the Temple. These are very good things, and should be imitated by anyone who loves God. We who may not fulfill these requirements as well as the Pharisee did should not feel entitled to criticize him for being faithful. His sin was in looking down on the Publican and feeling justified because of his external religious observances.

The second man was a Publican, a tax-collector who was despised by the people. He, however, displayed humility, and this humility

justified him before God (Luke 18:14).

The lesson to be learned is that we possess neither the Pharisee’s religious piety, nor the Publican’s repentance, through which we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ’s teaching, asking Him to be merciful to us, deliver us from sin, and to lead us on the path of salvation.

Two weeks before the beginning of the Fast, as part of our preparation for Great Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha, the Church prescribes the reading of Saint Mark’s Gospel. From Monday to Friday the focus is on the end times, and the Savior’s death and burial.

ANNUAL MEETING

This is the *third announcement* for the annual meeting which will take place Today Sunday, February 5, 2023 following the Divine Liturgy. We have 79 voting members. A quorum of 20 needs to be present. College Students are voting members.

In order to participate, you must be a member in good standing, both spiritually and financially.

There are two positions open this year. If anyone is interested, please see Fr. Andrew or Nick Vansuch. The terms are 2 years.

The annual meeting is a very important part of church life. We must all participate in the life of the church for the Glory of God. It is our obligation as members of the Body of Christ to maintain the house of God into the future. It is also our obligation to be a beacon of Light in our community.

Come. Learn and participate in the life of the church and help direct it into the future, for not only us but the community.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAIABLE

Would you like to sponsor candles or any liturgical item for the month in memory or honor of someone? Individuals will be remembered them during the Great Entrance throughout the month.

Please speak with Fr. Andrew.

FAST FREE WEEK

There is no fasting from February 5-14. The next fasting day will be next Wednesday February, 15. ENJOY! The next time of no fasting will be April 16th.

LITURGICAL ATTENDANCE

Wednesday, February 1: 22 attended Divine Liturgy for Feast of the Meeting of the Lord

2 Timothy 3:10-15 (Epistle)

But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra – what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Luke 18:10-14 (Gospel)

“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men – extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

The Faithful of Cleveland Gather for Sanctity of Life Service

On the evening of January 22, Cleveland’s annual Pan-Orthodox Sanctity of Life Service was held at Holy Archangel Michael Church in Broadview Heights, OH.

Despite an unexpected blizzard and harsh travel conditions, clergy and faithful from the area still gathered for the important prayer service. His Eminence Archbishop Nathaniel of Detroit and the Romanian Episcopate was the main celebrant of the service, and the keynote speaker. Archpriest John Memorich, Rector and Archpriest Remus Grama served with the Archbishop.

The service was livestreamed for those who were unable to attend due to the extreme weather.

The service and discussions can be viewed on the parish’s social media accounts.

PRAYER LIST– Updated 2-2-23

PARISHIONERS: Eli (Arvan) / Audrey Chengelis / Pauline (Gemmel) / George (Horodnic) / Irene (Horodnic) / Victoria Elash / Pauline Fesz / Mary Fredericks / Paula Kennedy / Sue (Kennedy) / George (Kolesar) / Barbara (Kolesar) / Mary Jane Puskas / Dorothy Shirilla / Julia Simko / Matushka Carol Steffaro

FAMILY & FRIENDS: Archbishop Benjamin / Bishop Matthias / Fr. David Lis / Fr. Emil Hutnyan / James Basala (Fr.) / Dominic (Centofanti) / Ellen (Clark) / Alexa & infant Stamati (Donofrio) / Katie (Garrity) / Claudia (Gemmel) / Ellen (Kessler) / Eleanor Marie (Kidder) / Paul (Kolesar) / Kathy (Kolesar) / Malakai (Kolesar) / Joe Kollar (Fr.) / Laureen & infant Connor David (Koval) / Walter Litzie (Fr.) / Mea (Mahan) / Mary (Mahan) / Pauline Meath (Fr.) / Matushka Raissa (Nicoloff) / Ksenia and her unborn child (Petrochko) / Matushka Helen (Psinka) / Chris Quotap (Fr.) / Kristianna & infant Mary Louise (Robinson) / William Romanchak (Fr.) / Katherine (Steffaro) / Johanna (Tusinac) / Richard (Tusinac) / Joseph (Vansuch) / Eleanor Marie (Vansuch) / Paula (Voytilla) / Drew (Willison) / Emilia (Yannitto) / Zoland, Zile, (Fr.) / Kathy Jacobs

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

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

NOTE ABOUT PRAYER LIST

- * The above names are those I have received thus far. As I receive more information, it will be updated.
- * Only people who are currently ill will be put on the list. As their situation improves, please let me know so I may remove them.
- * If you want to simply pray for someone on a regular basis, please give me their names and I will remember them in the weekly Proskamedia. The bulletin prayer list is only for people who are currently ill. Your name will be put in () following the person's name submitted for prayer. Please pray for those listed daily.

Thank you for your understanding of this information.

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.

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Midwest Chancery Offices Relocates

Monday, January 30, 2023 marked the official move of the Diocesan Center from Burbank, IL to Chicago, IL. The diocesan offices are now located on the property of St. George Cathedral in Chicago. In addition to housing the diocesan offices, the property of St. George will serve as the new residence for the hierarch of Chicago and the Midwest.

All official mail should be sent to the new Diocesan Center address:

917 North Wood Street
Chicago, IL 60622

The telephone number and office hours will remain the same.

Office: +1 (312) 202-0420

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 10 am – 4 pm Central Time

Archbishop Daniel Presides in Historic New York Cathedral

On the Sunday of Zacchaeus, January 29, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the Diocese of the Midwest served at St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Cathedral, New York, NY. His Eminence served at invitation of His Grace Bishop Matthew, Bishop of Sourozh, Interim Administrator of the Patriarchal Parishes in the USA.

His Eminence was joined by Archpriest Igor Vyzhanov, Chancellor of the Patriarchal Parishes in the USA, Priest Mark Rashkov, Vice Chancellor of the Patriarchal Parishes in the USA, Priest Alexander Koranda, Protodeacon Igor Panachev, Deacon John Peters, and Deacon Alexey Golubov.

At the conclusion of the divine services, His Eminence offered a word on the gospel of Zacchaeus and our individual efforts to seek out the Lord. The Archbishop also emphasized the importance of loving one's neighbor during these trying times.

Fr. Igor welcomed Archbishop Daniel and presented His Eminence and Fr. Alexander with icons of St. Tikhon and St. Alexander, the builders of St. Nicholas Cathedral.

A warm reception was held in honor of the hierarchical visit in the parish hall.

THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE (Taken from A Year of the Lord Liturgical Bible Studies, Vol #3 by Theodore Stylianopoulos)

On the first Sunday of the Triodion during the Liturgy we hear the Parable of the Publican and the Pharisee. What if the Parable went this way?

A respected educator, who had made many contributions to a local school system and also served for many years as Sunday School *Con't Pg 7*

"Pastabilities" Dinner

Sunday, February 5th, 2023

Immediately following Liturgy



Menu:

Penne Pasta w/Red Sauce
Meatballs, Italian Sausage
Olive Garden Tossed Salad
Garlic Toast
Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks
Dessert

Free will donatin; all profits will go directly to
Rectory Renovation

(Sponsored by the Campbell "O" Club)

Archbishop of Chicago Celebrates Altar Feast of St. Vladimir's Seminary

The altar feast of the prominent St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary was celebrated on January 30, 2023, in remembrance of the Three Holy Hierarchs. His Eminence Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the Diocese of the Midwest presided over the celebration for the seminary community.

The evening before, Sunday, January 29, Archbishop Chad Hatfield, the President of the Seminary, greeted His Eminence at the entrance of the chapel as the faculty and seminarians awaited the start of the All-Night Vigil. The Archbishop presided over the vigil service and was joined by the clergy and students of the seminary.

On the feast of the Three Hierarchs, before the start of Divine Liturgy, Archbishop Daniel tonsured Midwest seminarian Mark Therrien a Reader and ordained him to the Subdeaconate. After the reading of the Holy Gospel, Fr. Chad offered the homily reminding those gathered how the Holy Hierarchs left an incredible impact on the Christian world, and how that impact is the vision and mission for the seminary.

After the consecration of the Holy Gifts, the Archbishop ordained Subdeacon Mark to the Diaconate.

At the conclusion of the liturgy, His Eminence conveyed the greetings of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon to all of those gathered for the significant occasion. Fr. Chad expressed his gratitude for His Eminence leading the divine services and for their friendship which goes back a number of years.

Later that evening, the Archbishop spent time with the seminarians of the diocese and their families by taking them out to dinner.

St. Vladimir's Seminary Holds 40th Annual Schmemmann Lecture and Mid-Year Commencement

On January 30, the feast of the Three Hierarchs, and the feast of the chapel of St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, the 40th Annual Father Alexander Schmemmann Memorial Lecture was held. This lecture was held in conjunction with the Academic Convocation for all mid-year graduates.

His Eminence Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the Diocese of the Midwest opened the Commencement Exercises. His Eminence Metropolitan Antonios, Patriarchal Vicar of Antioch, was also in attendance for the lecture and commencement ceremonies.

Dr Hans Boersma delivered the presentation entitled: God as Embodied.

A light reception followed the lecture.



Sisterhood

Silent Bake Auction

Sunday, Feb 12th

**During Soup Luncheon*

Do you have a very special signature creation you would like to donate? We would love to receive it for the auction.

In order to assure a variety of fresh baked goods please contact

Nancy Tusinac
(724) 456-7366

*The Sisterhood will be having a soup luncheon, with 3 varieties of soup, during the Bake Auction. Please come and be our guests as you ponder your baked goods choices.

ALL ARE INVITED TO WELCOME OUR NEW
PRIEST FR. ANDREW BARTEK TO OUR PARISH



ST. JOHN'S FALL
FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER
23
2023

12pm- 4pm Saturday
-Music, food, and basket raffle

SAVE
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DATE

THE JOURNEY TO PASCHA

PRAYER: Open to me, O Giver of Life, the gates of repentance: for early in the morning my spirit seeks you in Your holy temple, although I bear a temple of the body wholly impure. O merciful God, cleanse me by Your loving kindness. Amen. (A Hymn of Repentance from Lenten Matins)

LENT AS PILGRIMAGE

Two periods in the Orthodox Liturgical year are most significant: (1) Great Lent and (2) the period from Pascha to Pentecost. Great Lent is a symbol of our life on earth. The period from Pascha to Pentecost is a symbol of our life in heaven. The former period is a time of preparation, a pilgrimage, a spiritual ascent, leading to the glory of Pascha (Easter). The latter period is a time of joy and thanksgiving, an image of the unending celebration in God's

Eternal Kingdom.

These two periods each have their own liturgical books, the *Triodion* and the *Pentecostarion*. These books contain the richest treasures of Orthodox hymnology—literally hundreds upon hundreds of hymns and prayers developed especially from the Gospel readings and arranged according to various themes such as repentance, forgiveness, fasting, prayer, renewal, and joy.

Are you familiar with the structure of Lent? The ten week period of the *Triodion* begins with the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee and ends with the Saturday of Holy Week. Thus, in addition to the forty days of Lent (6 weeks), it includes three pre-Lenten weeks and Holy Week up to Saturday. The four pre-Lenten Sundays are known as (1) the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee; (2) the Sunday of the Prodigal Son; (3) the Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meatfare); (4) the Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheesefare).

Fasting, that is “eatin sparingly and abstaining from certain foods,” begins gradually during the pre-Lenten season. The week after the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee is fast free. During the week after the Sunday of the Prodigal Son only regular fasting on Wednesday and Friday is prescribed. Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meatfare) is the last day on which meat is permitted. Then fish, eggs, and milk products may be eaten through the Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheesefare). On the next day, Clean or pure Monday (*Kathara Deftera*), Lent begins, a period of strict fasting. However, physical fasting from food is only one aspect of Lent. It should not excessively dominate our thinking. It is worthless without spiritual fasting from evil. Spiritual Fasting is the breaking with sin through repentance and the practice of positive disciplines such as prayer, daily reading of the Bible, regular worship, and frequent Holy Communion—leading to spiritual renewal. **Con't on the Next Page**

The journey to Pascha con't from previous Pg

The entire Triodion period is a journey to Pascha, a spiritual pilgrimage, a time of cleansing and renewal, a reaffirmation of our liberation from the power of sin and materialistic values. As the ancient Jews crossed the Red Sea and journeyed for forty years in the desert before entering the Promised Land, so we also seek to cross the passageway of true repentance during Lent so that we may leave behind the old sinful nature and enter into a new life by the grace of the Risen Christ.

Does this mean that the gift of new life received at our Baptism is less important to us at other times of the year and more important during Lent? By no means. **Our new birth in Baptism, our Passage from death to life in Christ, is always the foundation of our whole existence, the source of power for all our strivings, and the basis of all our hopes.** Christian life is always meant to be a permanent Pascha, a continuous festival of joy and thanksgiving, even amidst temptations, struggles, and sufferings.

But all too often the power of sin touches us and defeats us. We give ourselves over to love of the world and “everything that belongs to the world—what sinful self desires. What people see and want, and everything in this world that people are so proud of” (1 John 2:16). Lent gives us the opportunity to get back on the right track. It helps us through specific ways to renew and deepen our life in Christ.

Our Goals for this period are 3: (1) Renewal through repentance; (2) Reordering of our priorities according to Christ's teaching; (3) Developing a stable, growing life in union with Christ

Our provisions for this Lenten journey are also three: (1) prayer / Sacramental life; (2) Fasting; (3) Good deeds.

Read Matthew 6:1-18. This passage from the Sermon on the Mount tells us of Jesus' teachings

On the three aspects of Christian life which are central to Lent.

MEDITATION: A journey, a pilgrimage! Yet, as we begin it, as we make the first step into the “Bright sadness” of Lent, we see—far, far away—the destination. It is the joy of Pascha (Easter), it is the entrance into the glory of the Kingdom. And it is this vision, the foretaste of Easter

That makes Len't sadness bright and our Lenten effort a “spiritual spring.” The night may be dark and long, but all along the way a mysterious and radiant dawn seems to shine on the horizon. “Do not deprive us of our expectation, O Lover of humankind!” (Alexander Schmemmann, Great Lent, pp14-15) (The journey to Pascha Taken from A Year of the Lord Liturgical Bible Studies, Vol #3 by Theodore Stylianopoulos)

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Supervisor in his parish, came to his local Orthodox Church one Sunday morning and prayed: “I thank you, Lord, for my pious parents who had wisdom and strength to sacrifice for my education. I thank you for the opportunities that came along in my life. I haven't squandered my talents, like others, but used them to great advantage for myself and society. I am satisfied with my place in the community and thankful for my personal success.”

On the same Sunday morning a less than scrupulous car salesman also came to Church and he prayed this way: “Lord, I am ashamed to come to Church. How can I even talk to You. You know that I have used every sales trick in the book. I have taken advantage of many people. If there is any hope for me it is because of Your Mmercy, not because of anything I can do. Forgive me and help me make a new beginning.”

“I tell you, said Jesus, “this man (the salesman) was in the right with God **Con't Next Pg**

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when he went home, rather than the other!" (See Luke 18:14)

Jesus' words sometimes shocked pious people, especially those who regarded God's Kingdom as their exclusive possession and thought of themselves as God's elite. Even today Christ may appear disturbingly unfamiliar if we seek to understand Him in human terms, to place Him within our own molds, and to deal with Him on the basis of our own categories and patterns of thought and action. Indeed what a strange Lord we have who was born in a manger; who befriended the poor, the sick and the outcast; who came to serve and not be served; who loved sinners, prostitutes and tax collectors, and who said He came to save the lost and not the righteous!

We are not suppose that all the tax collectors were praised by Jesus, nor that all the Pharisees were condemned by Him. Not all tax collectors confessed their sins humbly before God, nor did all the Pharisees pray in a self-righteous way. If Jesus used two stereotypes from His society, the respected Pharisee and the despised Publican, He did so to show that God cares nothing for stereotypes. God looks into our hearts. A proud, self-satisfied and self-glorifying heart is an abomination to Him, no matter how respected a person may be by social or religious standards.

But a humble, contrite, and penitent heart which makes no claims before God but recognizes its total dependence on Him is a fragrant sacrifice to Him, even if it belongs to a person regarded by others as a sinner.

Jesus praises the humble repentance of the Publican and condemns the self-righteous pride of the Pharisee. This parable is especially challenging to Christians who assume a superior status simply because they are Christians. Helmut Thielicke has put it this way: "Pharisaic pride is one of the most dreadful and also one of the most infectious diseases of Christianity. In the

Figure of the Pharisee we are confronted with a shocking exposure of the sin of Christianity, your sin and my sin, the sin of us who have subtly made our Christianity a sign of virtue and given it the unpleasant smack of privilege.

The prayer of St Ephraim

O Lord and Master of my life! Take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power and Idle talk.

But give rather the spirit of Chasity, humility , patience, and love to Thy servant.

Yea, O lord and King! Grant me to see my own transgressions and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages

MEDITATION

The heart of the Publican's prayer is an appeal, filled with trust, to the goodness and the tenderness of God. "God be merciful to me a sinner," he says. These first words, "God be merciful" echo the opening words of Psalm 51, which is essentially a psalm of penitence: "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your loving-kindness: according to the multitude of Your tender mercies blot out my transgressions." The fact that Jesus chooses to place these words in the mouth of the Publican and so to make them a model of our prayers of repentance, throws a great deal of light on the soul of the Savior, and on what He intends. What Jesus asks of a penitent sinner (and so, of each one of us), is above all this abandon, this absolute trust in the tender mercy and the favor of God.

PRAYER: As the Publican let us offer to God prayers for mercy. Let us avoid the ungrateful prayer of the Pharisee and the boastful words with which he judged his neighbor, that we may receive God's forgiveness. O Christ, who of your own will endured the Cross and raised up the world by your divine power, be merciful to your servants. Amen

In Memoriam: His Grace Bishop Tikhon (Fitzgerald)

In the early morning hours of Sunday, January 22, 2023, His Grace, Bishop Tikhon (Fitzgerald), retired Bishop of San Francisco, Los Angeles and the West, peacefully fell asleep in the Lord at LA County – USC Medical Center in Los Angeles, CA at the age of 90. His Grace had served as ruling hierarch of the Diocese of the West for nearly two decades from 1987 to 2006. Hospitalized several days before his repose, Bishop Tikhon was blessed to receive the Sacraments of Unction and Holy Communion on Friday, and on Saturday evening, when he was no longer conscious, the Canon for the Parting of the Soul of one who has been suffering was sung at his bedside.

Lee Roy Howard Fitzgerald, the son of LeRoy and Dorothy (Higgins) Fitzgerald was born in Detroit, MI on November 14, 1932. A month later, he was baptized in the Lutheran Church.

After high school, he initially enrolled at St. Olaf College in Minnesota from 1952 to 1954. Later that year, he enlisted in the US Army, serving until 1957, and was able to further his education at Wayne State University in Detroit, from which he graduated in 1958. In 1960, he reenlisted in the military, this time as a commissioned officer in the Air Force. While stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, he was received into the Orthodox Church through Chrismation in September 1960 by Father Peter Zolnerowich at the Base Chapel and given the name Stephen. He continued his work as an Air Force intelligence officer until 1971, having taken a year's leave during the 1965-66 academic year for studies at Saint Vladimir's Seminary in New York. His final military assignment was at the Pentagon, during which time he was a parishioner of Saint Nicholas Cathedral in Washington, DC.

After honorable discharge from the military, he was ordained to the diaconate and assigned to Saint Nicholas Cathedral on December 19, 1971 by Bishop Dmitri (Royster), who was then

auxiliary Bishop of Washington, DC. Effective September 15, 1972, Deacon Stephen was transferred to Holy Virgin Mary Cathedral in Los Angeles. In 1978, guided by Archpriest Dimitry Gisetti, Cathedral Rector, Father Stephen petitioned for ordination to the priesthood. His petition having been accepted, he was ordained on July 9, 1978 by Bishop Gregory (Afonsky) of Alaska, who was then serving as temporary administrator of the Diocese of the West, and assigned as second priest of the Cathedral. Upon the retirement of Father Dimitry the following year, Father Stephen became Cathedral Rector in December 1979. In 1982, he was elevated to the rank of archpriest. For years, he was a member of the Diocesan Council and represented the diocese on the Metropolitan Council. He also served as District Dean, member of the Diocesan Court, and, finally, as Diocesan Chancellor from 1984-86. An Extraordinary Diocesan Assembly was convened on March 12, 1987 in San Francisco to nominate a candidate for diocesan bishop. As neither of the candidates – Archpriest Stephen Fitzgerald and Hieromonk Alexander (Golitzin) – received the required 2/3 of votes from Assembly delegates, the names of both candidates were submitted to the Holy Synod of Bishops for consideration. On March 17, 1987, Father Stephen Fitzgerald was formally elected to the episcopacy by the Holy Synod of Bishops. On March 24, 1987, he received monastic tonsure and was given the name Tikhon (Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk) at Saint Tikhon's Monastery in Pennsylvania. He was subsequently elevated to the rank of archimandrite on April 11 (Lazarus Saturday) of the same year. Bishop Tikhon of San Francisco and the West was consecrated at San Francisco's historic Holy Trinity Cathedral on May 30, 1987, with Metropolitan Theodosius (OCA Primate) presiding in concelebration with Bishops Dmitri (Royster) of Dallas and the South, Boris (Geeza) of Chicago and the Midwest, and Job (Osacky) of Hartford and New England.

Under Bishop Tikhon's episcopal *Con't Next Pg*

His Grace Bishop Tikhon con't from previous pg

oversight, the diocese experienced significant growth with the establishment of numerous mission parishes. His Grace exhibited great love for the divine services, and as chief shepherd of his diocese drew the attention of his clergy to matters of proper liturgical order through archpastoral letters of direction and his own methodic example. These instructions can be found in a collection of writings on a diverse array of ecclesial subjects from various authors. Though the see of the ruling hierarch of the Diocese of the West has historically been San Francisco, it was under Bishop Tikhon that it was temporarily expanded to include Los Angeles. In March 2005, the Holy Synod approved Bishop Tikhon's request to change his title to "Bishop of San Francisco, Los Angeles and the West".

At the Fall Session of the Holy Synod in October 2006, Bishop Tikhon petitioned to retire from active ministry, which was granted effective November 14, 2006. In retirement, Bishop Tikhon lived quietly at Holy Virgin Mary Cathedral in Los Angeles, where he had resided since his assignment there as a deacon in 1972. While his health permitted, His Grace prayerfully and unassumingly attended the divine services at the cathedral, where he was beloved and esteemed, particularly by those parishioners who had known him for decades.

May our Lord accept His faithful servant, Bishop Tikhon, into the Heavenly Kingdom and may his memory be eternal! May Bishop Tikhon's memory be eternal!

St. Vladimir's Orthodox Summer Camp

2795 Wakefield Creek Road
Farmdale, OH 44417







St. Vladimir's Summer Camp offers three different sessions.

	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
When	July 2-8, 2023	July 9-15, 2023	July 16-22, 2023
Ages	8-12	10-17	13-17
Also Know		Junior Olympics / NJSST	

Sessions 1 & 3 are focused around crafts and service projects. Each camp week has a theme for the week and crafts and fun with father focus the learning times around that theme.

Session 2 is a sports based camp in which we also tie orthodox learning lessons with the resident priest into the week. We encourage Orthodox fellowship and encourage the campers to cheer on everyone. Trying to teach the campers that winning is more than medals, trophies and scores!







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