



The Forerunner

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

V. Rev. Archpriest Andrew Bartek - Rector



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In memory of Joanie Puharich Kovach - Given by Michael Kovach & Robert Puharich families

Liturgical and Events Schedule

Sunday, July 23

9:35 am: Hours

10:00 am: Divine Liturgy / Blessing of Vehicles / Monthly Council Meeting

Saturday, July 29

6:00 pm: Vespers / Confessions

Sunday, July 30

9:35 am Hours

10:00 am Divine Liturgy / Social

Romans 15:1-7 (Epistle)

We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me." For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.



The Diocese of the Midwest Congratulates His Beatitude on His Birthday

On the occasion of His Beatitude's 57th birthday, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the clergy and faithful of the Diocese of the Midwest congratulate Metropolitan Tikhon, and asks God to grant His Beatitude many years.

On Saturday, July 15, the feast of St. Vladimir, Equal to the Apostles, His Beatitude presided at the celebration of the hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Saint Mark Church, Bethesda, MD. Serving with His Beatitude were Archpriest John Vitko, chancellor, Archpriest Gregory Safchuk, Rector, Priest Alessandro Margheritino, OCA Secretary, and other diocesan clergy. The responses were sung by the Archdiocesan Choir under the direction of Ms. Juliana Woodill.

The Holy Synod of Bishops, Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America wish His Beatitude many more blessed years! Eis polla eti, despota!

St Tikhon's Monastery

"we may have felt that our faith was strong and could take us through any storm, but then we are blinded-sided by something too big: the unexpected loss of a loved one, finding ourselves suddenly unemployed, the betrayal of someone close, a diagnosis of a serious illness, the list of possible storms seems to go on and on. Like Peter (walking on the water), our focus changed. Instead of seeing the rainbow, we were seeing the lightning and listening to the thunder."

Fr. Stephen Powley, 'An upward Glance' blog

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.

Mrs. Mary Fredericks

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Mrs. Dorothy Shirilla

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Irene & Al Mazanek

Archbishop Daniel Welcomes First Hierarch, Metropolitan Nikolai of Eastern America to Diocesan Cathedral

On Thursday, July 13, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the Midwest welcomed His Eminence Metropolitan Nikolai, Metropolitan of Eastern America and New York, First Hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, to the Diocesan Cathedral, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL. Having just concelebrated the Divine Liturgy the day before, Archbishop Daniel was able to host the Metropolitan and his delegation for his first visit to the historic Cathedral.

Traveling with His Eminence was His Grace Bishop John of Caracas and South America, Archpriest Gregory Joyce, Secretary of the Mid-American Diocese, and other clergy of the Mid-American Diocese.

After the veneration of the holy altar and the holy Tikhvin Icon of the Mother of God, Metropolitan Nikolai expressed his gratitude for the invitation and reflected on his continued friendship with Archbishop Daniel and the Diocese of the Midwest. The Metropolitan presented the cathedral with a large icon of the New Martyrs of Russia as a gift marking the occasion. Archbishop Daniel welcomed Metropolitan Nikolai

to his cathedral and presented him with a palitza with the Tikhvin Mother of God depicted on it.

Priest Alexander Koranda, Cathedral Dean, offered a brief tour and history of the cathedral. Following the veneration of icons, the Metropolitan and his delegation were invited to a reception held in their honor.

7 PIECES OF ADVICE FROM ST. SOPHRONY OF ESSEX

1. If we pray from ur heart every morning , the day will be stamped by our prayer.
2. Let us not forget that the way to a superabundant love lies through the depths of hell.
3. Preserve inspiration while surrounded by the icy waters of the world that does not pray
4. Preserve this loving tie with God
5. The more humble is our view of ourselves, the easier our pray ascends to God
6. Let us keep the aversion against sin so that we may not get to live with sin.
7. Stand on the brink of despair, and when you see that you cannot bear it anymore, draw back a little, and have a cup of tea.

PRAYER LIST– Updated 7-19-23

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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.

I received this from a priest friend of mind and I think it deserves to be shared. The notable hieromonk Ambrose (formally priest Alexey Young) was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, indicating a loss to our Church. But he is how he wrote about it :

“From a purely spiritual standpoint I want to share with you the insight I believe God gave me from the time of my diagnosis. My greatest and overriding sin-indeed, even vice-has always been pride. Pride of mind, of ‘knowing better’ and judging others inappropriately, sometimes thinking of them as being less than I am. This is the most grievous sin, and one that many people don’t even recognize in themselves, but it is the one sin that will, above all, consign us to hell if we don’t overcome it! It was the sin of Satan, the sin of Adam and Eve.

“I understand fully how I got this way. I have throughout my life been inordinately proud of my mind, my intellect, my ability to think clearly about difficult and complicated things, to speak and write well, understand, process, and explain difficult things, etc. Growing up, I wasn’t good at sports, I wasn’t attractive to the ladies, I couldn’t dance, I was an intellectual bookworm and loner, I had no other skill than my brain, and I used it and developed it as far as I possibly could, although actually, I wasn’t particularly

Academically brilliant, as all of that just seemed like some kind of superficial ‘game’ to me. But that was my path in life. And although I have put these gifts to the service of Christ and the Church, as best I could, the pride has still been there.

“Now the Lord has offered me a chance to mortify and down my pride, by accepting without complaint the slow crumbling of my mind. And I do accept this, with my whole heart, even if with the occasional tear, as a gift from Him for my salvation. So it sometimes ‘feels’ as though this dying of various parts of my mind is also a dying of self, a dying of ego, a dying to pride. And isn’t that the purpose of spiritual life, after all, anyway? The Lord looked down and saw that I wasn’t going to do it any other way, and so, because He loves me very much (unworthy as I am) and wants me to be with Him forever, He offered me this incredible opportunity to die to self. I see this as a great, if sometimes painful, blessing!”

God performs a miracle when we wholeheartedly participate in the pain of others.

Saint Paisios of Mount Athos

JULY SPONSORSHIPS

WINE: (*\$50 for the month*) in memory of my wife Laurissa– Given by Sub-deacon Vladimir Rusnak / In honor of Reader Nick & Monica Vansuch on occasion of their anniversary– Given by Nick Vansuch

INCENSE: (*\$25 for the month*) In memory of my brother George– Given by Sub-deacon Vladimir Rusnak

BULLETIN: (*\$50 for the month*) In memory of Joanie Puharich Kovach - Given by Michael Kovach & Robert Puharich families

Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light: (*\$50 for the month*) In memory of my husband Robert on the occasion of his 29th anniversary - Given by Sue Kennedy

ALTAR CANDLES: (*\$50 for the month*) In memory of Ruth Libertin - Given by Nick & Monica Vansuch / In memory of Andrew Cvercko on the 6th Anniversary of repose – Given by Ann Cvercko / In memory of Michael & Ethel Dudzik – Given by Mike & Lynn Polewan

TETRAPOD CANDLES: (*\$50 for the month*) In honor of my son Eugene on the occasion of his 59th birthday - Given by Sue Kennedy

CANDLES @ ST JOHN THE BAPTIST ICON: (*\$30 for month or \$20 for just 1 week*)
AVAILABLE

CANDLES @ PROTECTION ICON: (*\$30 for month or \$20 for just 1 week*) In memory of Robert Fredericks– Given by Mary & Sherrie Fredericks

CANDLES @ ST. PANTELEIMON ICON: (*\$30 for month or \$20 for just 1 week*) For the Health of my of my Children & grandchildren: Terah, Fr. Joseph, Nicholas, Jeremiah, Lindsay, Joanna, Anna, Mark, Sophia, Kaitlyn, Victoria, Ephraimea, Mia, Joanna– Given by Heidi Kuzemchak

CANDLES @ ICON OF MARY: (*\$30 for month or \$20 for just a week*) For the health of Cameron & Charotte Zenko on the occasion of their birthdays– Given by Tracy Zenko

CANDLES @ ST. HERMAN: (*\$30 for month or \$20 for just a week*)- Taken by Anonymous

FLOWERS: (*\$75*) In memory of my family and friends - Given by Fr. Andrew

FINANCIALS FOR JULY

Expenses \$4,694.60
Income \$4,888.00
TOTAL +\$193.40

Weekly Tithe..... \$4,186
Assessments \$60
Weekly Candles \$202
Wine..... \$50
Altar Candles \$100
Tetrapod Candles \$50
Protection Icon Candles \$30
Bulletin..... \$100

Misc. Income:

Ad for Local High School Book \$75
Advent Social..... \$100

July Liturgical Attendance			
Day	Vespers	Divine Liturgy	Communicants
Sat, July 1	10		
Sun, July 2		72	50
Sat, July 8	32		
Sun, July 9		57	40
Sat, July 15	8		
Sun, July 16		66	37

REPOSED LIST FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

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Many Years to His Beatitude Celebrating his 57th Birthday!

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon celebrates his 57th birthday today.

This morning, His Beatitude presided at the celebration of the hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Saint Mark's church in Bethesda, MD. Concelebrating with His Beatitude were Archpriest John Vitko, the diocesan chancellor, Archpriest Gregory Safchuk, rector of Saint Mark's, Priest Alessandro Margheritino, OCA Secretary, and other diocesan clergy. The responses were sung by the Archdiocesan Choir under the direction of Ms. Juliana Woodill. During the liturgy, His Beatitude awarded the palitza to Archpriest Valery Shemchuk, associate pastor at Saint Nicholas Cathedral in Washington, DC

At the conclusion of the liturgy, Archpriest John Vitko welcomed the faithful and congratulated His Beatitude on his birthday. Juliana Woodill also presented His Beatitude with a donation from the Archdiocesan Choir for the Diocese of Alaska, given in honor of His Beatitude's birthday.

The Holy Synod of Bishops, Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America wish His Beatitude many more blessed years! Eis polla eti, despota!

July Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

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| 1- Julia Smiko | 3- Kim Whitham |
| 4- Stephen Holly | 5- Pani Stacey Mihaly |
| 6- Terri Petroff | 11- Joan Cross |
| 12- Pauline Fesz | 12- Justin Stokley |
| 12- Joe Stokley | 12- Ethan Feldman |
| 12- Aubrey Feldman | 15- HB Met. Tikhon |
| 17- Jonah Bremer | 17- Kathleen Jesko |
| 19- David Konik | 20- Alison LaValle |
| 22- Charlotte Zenko | 23- Mat. Helen Psinka |
| 25- James Malchisky | 27- Matthew Laricca |
| 30- Mat. Christine Hryb | 30- George Kolesar |
| 30- Maureen Koval | |

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3- Bob & Elizabeth Willison
- 8- Reader Nick & Monica Vansuch
- 12- Thomas & Balaci Kristian
- 13- Marcus & Marcia Kubancsek
- 19- Thomas & Deborah Zelinsky
- 24- Frank & Lori Batura
- 25- Andy & Michelle Basile
- 27- Dennis & Kim Konik
- 27- Ken & Lynn Krause
- 30- James & Sandra Bufalini

NAMES DAY

- 31- AB Benjamin of San Francisco
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Holy, Glorious Prophet Elijah Commemorated on July 20

The Holy Prophet Elijah is one of the greatest of the prophets and the first dedicated to virginity in the Old Testament. He was born in Tishba of Gilead into the Levite tribe 900 years before the Incarnation of the Word of God.

Saint Epiphanius of Cyprus gives the following account about the birth of the Prophet Elijah: "When Elijah was born, his father Sobach saw in a vision angels of God around him. They swaddled him with fire and fed him with flames." The name Elijah (the Lord's strength) given to the infant defined his whole life. From the years of his youth he dedicated himself to the One God, settled in the wilderness and spent his whole life in strict fasting, meditation and prayer. Called to prophetic service, which put him in conflict with the Israelite king Ahab, the prophet became a fiery zealot of true faith and piety.

During this time the Israelite nation had fallen away from the faith of their Fathers, they abandoned the One God and worshipped pagan idols, the worship of which was introduced by the impious king Jereboam. Jezebel, the wife of king Ahab, was devoted to idol worship. She persuaded her husband to build a temple to the pagan god Baal, which led many Israelites away from the worship of the true God. Beholding the ruin of his nation, the Prophet Elijah began to denounce King Ahab for impiety, and exhorted him to repent and turn to the God of Israel. The king would not listen to him. The Prophet Elijah then

declared to him, that as punishment there would be neither rain nor dew upon the ground, and the drought would cease only by his prayer. Indeed, the word of Elijah was a torch (Eccles. 48: 1). The heavens were closed for three and a half years, and there was drought and famine throughout all the land.

During this time of tribulation, the Lord sent him to a cave beyond the Jordan. There he was miraculously fed by ravens. When the stream Horath dried up, the Lord sent the Prophet Elijah to Sarephta to a poor widow, a Sidonian Gentile who suffered together with her children, awaiting death by starvation. At the request of the prophet, she prepared him a bread with the last measure of flour and the remainder of the oil. Through the prayer of the Prophet Elijah, flour and oil were not depleted in the home of the widow for the duration of the famine. By the power of his prayer the prophet also performed another miracle: he raised the dead son of the widow.

After the end of three years of drought the Merciful Lord sent the prophet to appear before King Ahab, and promised to send rain upon the earth. The Prophet Elijah told the king to order all of Israel to gather upon Mount Carmel, and also the priests of Baal. When the nation had gathered, the Prophet Elijah proposed that two sacrificial altars be built: one for the priests of Baal, and the other for the Prophet Elijah who served the True God.

The Prophet Elijah told them *Con't Next Page*

Elijah Con't from previous page

to call on their gods to consume the sacrificial animals with fire, and he would call on his. Whichever was first to send fire on the sacrifice would be acknowledged as the true God. The prophets of Baal called out to their idol from morning till evening, but the heavens were silent. Towards evening the holy Prophet Elijah built his sacrificial altar from twelve stones, the number of the tribes of Israel. He placed the sacrifice upon the wood, gave orders to dig a ditch around the altar and commanded that the sacrifice and the wood be soaked with water. When the ditch had filled with water, the prophet turned to God in prayer. Through the prayer of the prophet fire came down from heaven and consumed the sacrifice, the wood, and even the water. The people fell down to the ground, crying out: "Truly, the Lord is God!" Then the Prophet Elijah had all the pagan-priests of Baal put to death, and he began to pray for rain. Through his prayer the heavens opened and an abundant rain fell, soaking the parched earth.

King Ahab acknowledged his error and repented of his sins, but his wife Jezebel threatened to kill the prophet of God. The Prophet Elijah fled into the Kingdom of Judea and, grieving over his failure to eradicate idol worship, he asked God to let him die. An angel of the Lord came before him, strengthened him with food and commanded him to go upon a long journey. The Prophet Elijah traveled for forty days and nights and, having arrived at Mount Horeb, he settled in a cave.

The Lord told him that the next day Elijah would stand in His presence. There was a strong wind that crushed the rocks of the mountain, then an earthquake, and a fire, but the Lord was not in them. The Lord was in "a gentle breeze" (3 Kings 19: 12). He revealed to the prophet, that He would preserve seven thousand faithful servants who had not worshipped Baal.

Later, the Lord commanded Elijah to anoint Elisha into prophetic service. Because of his fiery zeal for the Glory of God the Prophet Elijah was taken up alive into Heaven in a fiery chariot. The Prophet Elisha received Elijah's mantle, and a double portion of his prophetic spirit.

According to the Tradition of Holy Church, the Prophet Elijah will be the Forerunner of the Dread Second Coming of Christ. He will proclaim the truth of Christ, urge all to repentance, and will be slain by the Antichrist. This will be a

sign of the end of the world.

The life of the holy Prophet Elijah is recorded in the Old Testament books (3 Kings; 4 Kings; Sirach/ Ecclesiasticus 48: 1-15; 1 Maccabees 2: 58). At the time of the Transfiguration, the Prophet Elijah conversed with the Savior upon Mount Tabor (Mt. 17: 3; Mark 9: 4; Luke. 9: 30).

Orthodox Christians of all times, and in all places, have venerated the Prophet Elijah for centuries. The first church in Russia, built at Kiev under Prince Igor, was named for the Prophet Elijah. After her Baptism Saint Olga (July 11) built a temple of the holy Prophet Elijah in her native region, at the village of Vibuta.

In iconography the Prophet Elijah is depicted ascending to Heaven in a fiery chariot, surrounded with flames, and harnessed to four winged horses. We pray to him for deliverance from drought, and to ask for seasonable weather.

USEFUL FACTS ABOUT PRAYER

Types of Prayer:

- Prayer of praise to God
- Prayer of Thanksgiving for all His blessings
- Prayer of Confession of sins
- Prayer of intercession

Ways you can pray:

- Inner prayer (Mentally)
- Outer prayer (spoken)

Time for prayer:

- In the evening, after dinner
- at midnight
- in the morning
- at the four hours established by the church (6am-1st hour, 9am- 3rd hour, noon- 6th hour & 3pm- 9th hour)
- unceasingly during the time you do your job or other ministry

Place for prayer:

- The Church
- the most quiet corner of your house

St. Nicodemus the Hagiorite

90th ANNUAL SERBIAN DAY PICNIC

When: Sunday, July 30

Time: noon-6pm

Where: Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox
Church 39 Laird Ave
Youngstown, Oh 44509

Live music by Orkestar Zabava of Pitts-
burgh, PA from 1-5 (rain or shine)

Traditional Foods: BBQ Lamb & Pork /
Cevapcici (grilled sausages) / Serbian Pota-
to Salad / Rice / KOLbasi & Sauerkraut
Sandwiches / Donuts & Strudel

Bounce House for Children / Refresh-
ments / Free Admission / Everyone wel-
come! Dobro Nam Dosli!

Matthew 9:27-35 (Gospel)

When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it." But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country. As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!" But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons." Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

40 Day Remembrance

Aug. 27– Walter Litzie

AUGUST BULLETIN & CANDLE SPONSORSHIP

WINE: (\$50 for the month) In honor of my daughter Mary Margaret James on the occasion of her birth-
day

INCENSE: (\$25 for the month) In memory of Anthony &
Marian Shepelevich - Given by Donna Chiarelli &
Joanna Shepelevich

BULLETIN: \$50 (For the month) Sponsored by
Audrey Chengelis

ICONOSTASIS CANDLES & ETERNAL LIGHT: (\$50 for
the month) In honor of Reader Nick Vansuch on the
occasion of his birthday & for Sarah Wilson & her
unborn baby

ALTAR CANDLES (\$50 for the month) In Memory of
George & Ruth Libertin- Given by Nick & Monica

TETRAPOD CANDLES: (\$50 for the month) In honor of
Michael Centofanti on the occasion of his birthday -
Given by Martha Centofanti & Sue Kennedy

CANDLES @ ST JOHN THE BAPTIST ICON (\$30) In
honor of my brother Michael's birthday - Given by
Nancy Tusinac

CANDLES @ PROTECTION ICON (\$30 for month or \$20
for a week) **AVAILABLE**

CANDLES @ ST. PANTELEIMON ICON In memory of
Mary Kennedy on the occasion of her birthday -
Given by Martha Centofanti & Sue Kennedy

CANDLES @ ICON OF MARY In honor of my daugh-
ter Mary on her 40th birthday - Given by Nancy
Tusinac / In memory of my mother Olga Zelina -
Given by Mr & Mrs John Koval

CANDLES @ ST. HERMAN in front of Church: (\$30 for
month or \$20 for a week) **TAKEN**

FLOWERS: (\$75) In memory of my mother Olga
Zelina - Given by Mr. & Mrs. John Koval



Diocesan Seminarians Conclude Three Day Retreat in Chicago

The Diocese of the Midwest concluded its first seminarian retreat which was held July 17 through July 19. The retreat gathered current seminarians and those who are entering their first semester in the fall.

His Eminence Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the Midwest invited the diocesan seminarians for a three day retreat to focus on prayer and to help cultivate personal relationships with his seminarians. The three day gathering was held at the Diocesan Cathedral, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL.

On Monday, July 17, the seminarians arrived in Chicago and began by praying an akathist to Wonder-working Tikhvin Icon, the diocesan icon of the Mother of God. They then had dinner with the Archbishop and enjoyed fellowship. On the following day, the students attended Hours and Typika at the Cathedral, and met with the Archbishop which focused on their formation as seminarians. Tours of the Holy Trinity Cathedral, St. George Cathedral, and the Chancery were all given before gathering for lunch. Following lunch, the seminarians enjoyed touring Chicago. Later that evening, the All Night Vigil was served for the feast of St. Seraphim of Sarov.

On the final day of the retreat, Wednesday, July 19, the feast of St. Seraphim of Sarov was celebrated with Divine Liturgy lead by Archbishop Daniel. The seminarians served and sang, assisting with the divine services. After the service, a final word was offered by the Archbishop and blessing for the participants safe travel was offered.

“This was a very nice and important gathering,” said Priest Alexander Koranda, Director of Seminarians for the Diocese of the Midwest. “The Midwest has been very blessed with hierarchs who have invested a lot of time in our seminarians, making regular visits to the seminaries. Archbishop Daniel has continued that tradition, and has developed the initiative by making the seminarians more a part of diocesan life. Seminary can be a time when one feels isolated or not a part of the diocese that they came from, the Diocese of the Midwest is attempting to change that and show our support in their efforts for the Church.”

In addition to the retreat, the diocese also holds a regular campaign in September to raise money that goes directly to seminarians to help them during there studies. The diocese has eleven seminarians for the 2023 – 2024 academic year.

St. Cloud, MN Welcomes their Archbishop

His Eminence Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the Midwest made an archpastoral visit to Holy Myrrbearers Church, St. Cloud, MN, Friday, July 14, through Sunday, July 16. This was the Archbishop’s first time visiting this community.

His Eminence was welcomed on Friday evening by Archpriest Andrew Jaye, Rector, and other community members. On Saturday, July 15, the Archbishop continued to make visits including a meeting with Bishop Patrick Neary, and the Roman Catholic Diocese of St. Cloud. Great Vespers was served at Holy Myrrherarers Church later that evening.

On Sunday morning, Archbishop Daniel presided over Divine Liturgy. Serving with the Archbishop was Fr. Andrew and Deacon Dana Bichler. Before the service, the Archbishop Tonsured a Reader. During the Little Entrance, Fr. Andrew was awarded the Jeweled Cross, and Dn. Dana was award the Double Orarion. Following the liturgy, a festive meal was held in the hall.

Many Years! DOM Congratulates Archbishop on First Anniversary of Election

The clergy and faithful of the Diocese of the Midwest congratulates His Eminence Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the Midwest on the first anniversary of his canonical election by the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in America as the Bishop of Chicago.

On July 18, 2022, at the All American Council held in Baltimore, MD, the 61st Diocesan Assembly was held. The meeting was chaired by His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon for the nomination of a candidate to fill the vacant see of Chicago and the Midwest. Shortly following the nomination by the Diocese of the Midwest, the Holy Synod held a Special Session and elected then, His Grace Bishop Daniel, as the Bishop of Chicago and the Midwest.

May God grant Archbishop Daniel good health and strength to continue to serve and care for the God protected Diocese of the Midwest.