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St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church
301 Struthers Liberty Rd
Campbell, OH 44405
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SEPTEMBER BULLETIN SPONSOR

Audrey Chengelis

Weekly Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, September 17

9:35 AM: Hours
10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Monthly Panachida / Social (Presentation about St. Tikhon's) / Council Meeting

Monday, September 18

6:00 PM: Orthodoxy 101

Wednesday, September 20

7:30 PM: City Council Meeting

Thursday, September 21

11:00 AM: Book Club

Saturday, September 23

9:30 AM: Hierarchical Divine Liturgy in Marblehead (125th Anniversary)
4:00 PM: Bible Study
6:00 PM: Great Vespers / Confessions

Sunday, September 24

9:35 AM: Hours
10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy
11:30 AM: Blessing of Campbell's First responders & vehicle's & Social

September / October Social Schedule

Sunday, September 17 – Sisterhood
Sunday, September 24 – Social for First Responders
Sunday, October 1 – Melanie Rusnak
Sunday, October 8 – Council
Sunday, October 15 – Sisterhood
Sunday, October 22 – Altar Society
Sunday, October 29 – Open

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
ORTHODOX CHURCH**

\$1000

7th Annual Dinner & Raffle Benefit
Saturday, October 14, 2023
Located at
St. Michael's Byzantine Church Hall
463 Robinson Rd. • Campbell, Ohio

Cocktail Hour
Appetizers
Beer & Wine
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Dinner
By Chef Linda
6 p.m.

- COCKTAIL HOUR, 2 DINNERS, 1 RAFFLE TICKET - \$100.00
- COCKTAIL HOUR, DINNER, RAFFLE TICKET - \$70.00
- Cash Drawings • Grand Prize \$1000 • 3 Side Board Drawings
- Lottery Tree • 50/50 Raffle

TICKET DEADLINE IS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Make Check out to: St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church
Contact Church Council Member or Crystal: 330-507-3156

Advent Gift Card Tree

Donations of scratch-offs or gift cards for the Advent Social's Christmas Tree are being sought.

If you would like to donate, please bring to Barb Kolesar or Cindy Ferrick.

40 Day Remembrance

September 24 - His Eminence Metropolitan Daniel of Tokyo / Thomas Kristian
October 8 – Karen Muzyka
October 15 - Bruce

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.

Martyr Sophia and her three daughters at Rome

Commemorated on September 17

The Holy Martyrs Saint Sophia and her Daughters Faith, Hope and Love were born in Italy. Their mother was a pious Christian widow who named her daughters for the three Christian virtues. Faith was twelve, Hope was ten, and Love was nine. Saint Sophia raised them in the love of the Lord Jesus Christ. Saint Sophia and her daughters did not hide their faith in Christ, but openly confessed it before everyone.

An official named Antiochus denounced them to the emperor Hadrian (117-138), who ordered that they be brought to Rome. Realizing that they would be taken before the emperor, the holy virgins prayed fervently to the Lord Jesus Christ, asking that He give them the strength not to fear torture and death. When the holy virgins and their mother came before the emperor, everyone present was amazed at their composure. They looked as though they had been brought to some happy festival, rather than to torture. Summoning each of the sisters in turn, Hadrian urged them to offer sacrifice to the goddess Artemis. The young girls remained unyielding.

Then the emperor ordered them to be tortured. They burned the holy virgins over an iron grating, then threw them into a red-hot oven, and finally

into a cauldron with boiling tar, but the Lord preserved them.

The youngest child, Love, was tied to a wheel and they beat her with rods until her body was covered all over with bloody welts. After undergoing unspeakable torments, the holy virgins glorified their Heavenly Bridegroom and remained steadfast in the Faith.

They subjected Saint Sophia to another grievous torture: the mother was forced to watch the suffering of her daughters. She displayed adamant courage, and urged her daughters to endure their torments for the sake of the Heavenly Bridegroom. All three maidens were beheaded, and joyfully bent their necks beneath the sword.

In order to intensify Saint Sophia's inner suffering, the emperor permitted her to take the bodies of her daughters. She placed their remains in coffins and loaded them on a wagon. She drove beyond the city limits and reverently buried them on a high hill. Saint Sophia sat there by the graves of her daughters for three days, and finally she gave up her soul to the Lord. Even though she did not suffer for Christ in the flesh, she was not deprived of a martyr's crown. Instead, she suffered in her heart. Believers buried her body there beside her daughters.

The relics of the holy martyrs have rested at El'zasa, in the church of Esho since the year 777.

PRAYER LIST– Updated 9-13-23

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 unborn child

FAMILY & FRIENDS: Archbishop Benjamin / Bishop Matthias / Fr. James Gleason (Fr.) / sub-deacon Wylie Meath (Fr.) / Bruce (Hryb) / Bret (Zelinsky) / Dominic (Centofanti) / Ellen (Clark) / Katie (Garrity) / Basil Glovinsky (Fr.) / Ellen (Kessler) / Eleanor Marie (Kidder) / Paul (Kolesar) / Kathy (Kolesar) / Malakai (Kolesar) / 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.

2 Corinthians 4:6-15 (Epistle)

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

Matthew 22:35-46 (Gospel)

Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David." He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: 'The LORD said to my Lord, sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool'? If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?" And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

Mitered Archpriest Basil Stoyka Honored for Decades of Service to the Church

On Saturday, September 9, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the Midwest traveled to SS. Peter and Paul Church, Lorain, Ohio, for an archpastoral visit.

During the Little Entrance, His Eminence presented Archpriest Basil Stoyka with the miter.

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Registration Opens for Online Music Classes Offered by the OCA Music Department

The OCA Music Department again offers its popular introductory online courses for the benefit of church singers and conductors. This semester we are pleased to offer the opportunity for intermediate- and advanced- level conductors to take private lessons with Dr. Peter Jermihov.

“Basic Sight-Singing and Ear Training” (10 weeks)

“Basic Conducting Technique” (12 weeks)

“Intermediate and/or Advanced Conducting Lessons (4-week blocks)

The Conducting Techniques course will begin on Monday, September 25, concluding the week of December 18; the Sight-Singing class will begin on Monday, September 25, and conclude the week of December 4.

Registration links and costs are as follows:

Sight Singing and Ear Training: \$350

Basic Conducting Technique: \$475

Intermediate and/or Advanced Conducting: \$200 per 4-lesson Block

Classes fill up very quickly and once all available spaces are filled, students will be placed on a waiting list to fill any possible openings.

To successfully complete the courses, prospective students should consider that they are expected to commit at least three to four hours per week on required course work and practice. Information about each course can be found at the end of this announcement.

Each class consists of pre-recorded lessons that students can watch asynchronously on their own schedule, one per week. Every lesson has a homework component, and then each student is expected to meet online with a course instructor for 20-30 minutes—to ask questions and to give the instructor an opportunity to monitor each student’s progress and offer assistance as necessary.

These courses are meeting the needs of church singers and choir directors in the parishes. The positive feedback received includes such comments as,

“I can now look at a Tone and pitch it and sing the melody... The tools I learned in the class will help me to continue to grow in my singing abilities.”

“I liked being able to watch the [conducting] videos multiple times. I especially appreciated the Zoom interactive sessions. Thanks!”

“Learning the structure of troparia, stichera, and canon [melodies] was very helpful.”

“The [conducting] course content was perfect. Always challenging, yet fun! That is what made it so perfect!”

“[The sight-singing course] gave a very good foundation for sight singing. I can pick up a piece of music in any of the keys we learned and know how to sing it. Fabulous!”

“[The conducting course] actually fulfilled goals I didn’t even know I should have—such as score analysis.”

“From the point of view of one with only a little, prior musical training, I have found the course-work so far to be amazingly helpful... in an immediate way. Right off the bat I began improving,... being able to just ‘know’ what note I needed to be reaching for based on what was written on the page.

The online courses strive to accommodate the greatest number of students, while offering each student the maximum personalized attention, according to Dr. Vladimir Morosan, Project Lead for Online Instruction for the Department of Liturgical Music. An outstanding and dedicated team of assistant instructors has been assembled to help teach the classes: for Sight Singing and Ear Training —

Deacon Anthony Stokes (St. Maximus Orthodox Church, Denton, TX)

Tracey Edson (St. Nicholas Church, Portland, OR)

Protinica Michelle Jannakos (St. Luke Orthodox Church, Palos Hills, IL)

Tabitha Lewis (St. Tikhon’s Seminary, PA)

Zachariah Mandell (St. Mary’s Cathedral, Minneapolis, MN)

Andrew Ritchey (St. Symeon Orthodox Church, Birmingham, AL)

Assisting with the conducting class will be:

Anastasia Kappanadze (St. Tikhon’s Monastery, PA)

Jacob Mandell (St. Michael’s Orthodox Church in Irvo-na, PA, and Nativity of the Theotokos Orthodox Church in Madera, PA)

Anne Schoepp (St. Lawrence Orthodox Church, Felton, CA)

NEW THIS SEMESTER!

The Music Department is pleased to welcome to its ranks of instructors Dr. Peter Jermihov, who is offering individual lessons for intermediate- and advanced-level conductors. He is a life-long church musician, who has served as a choir director, chanter, teacher, composer and arranger, in a number of parishes in various jurisdictions, including the OCA, ROCOR, the Moscow Patriarchate, and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese. His mission as a church musician is to

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REPOSED LIST FOR SEPTEMBER

- Tony Ginarakis (1938) ©
Michael Pikos (1962) ©
Stephen Feltovich , Sr. (1968)
1-His Eminence Bishop Nikon (2019)
1-George Diakogannes (1930) ©
2-Manuel Melas (1936) ©
2-Vasili Mastrovasilis (1950) ©
4-Nicholas Vaytilla (1982) ©
4-Helen Sarisky (1945) ©
5-Archpriest Anastasy Richter (2021)
5-Nicholas Babinec (1920) ©
5-John Hauscin (1924) ©
5-Andrew Pretko (1953) ©
5-Katherine Mistovich (1963) ©
6-His Beatitude Metropolitan Herman (2022)
6-Andrew Shirilla (1956) ©
7-Barbara Jackubek Barnyak (2013) ©
8-Steve Kolas (1980) ©, Steve Graban (1994) ©
9-John Kalas (1923) ©
10- Eudoxia Alisofis (1933) ©
11- George Magdos (1940) ©
11-Infant Kaulianas (1957) ©
11-John Kavouklis (1959) ©
13- Ann Vavlas (1947) ©,
13-Bertha Mastraselis (1960) ©
13-Irene Xenakis (1965) ©
14-John Roman (1943)
14-Mary Leschinsky (1959) ©
15-Steve Bartek (1962)
15-Terri Lariccia (2021)
15-Mike Kotousis (1935) ©
16-Billy Deaton (2022)
17-Victoria Mraz (2004) ©
17-Katherine Despalorich (1961) ©
18-Stephen Sature (2004)
18-Bob Whitham Sr (2020)
18-Dimitri Velichkoff (1927) ©
18-Michael Leschinsky (1959) ©
19-George Bolina, Sr (1981) ©
19-Mary Shirilla (1987) ©
19-Mary Stewart (2016) ©
19-John Yurchak (1926) ©
19-Andrew Graban (1942) ©
19-Andrew Shirilla (1956) ©
20-Mary Patellis (1925) ©
21-Olga Bilas Klddon (2014) ©
21-Nettie Kucheruk (2007) ©
21-Steve Furin (1965) ©
22-Sophie Taboh (1979) ©
22-John Davis (2009) ©
22-Anthony Tranarakes (1949) ©
24-Michael Vansuch (1982) ©
24-Martha Shevetz (1983) ©
24-Anna Semon (1987) ©
25-George Taloban Malahralko (1977) ©
25-Steven Sirilla (1987) ©
25-Helen Graban (2009) ©
27-Michael Holobanich (1969) ©
27-Helen Libertyn (1976) ©
27-John Cvercko (2000) ©
27-Nicholas Strineka (1931) ©
27-Anthonias Michailas (1961) ©
28-Helen Drotar (1971) ©
28-John Matic (1922) ©
29-Julia Rich Holibonich (2016) ©
29-Barbara Sveda (1961) ©
30-Bishop John Martin (1984)
30-Tommy Leonchik (2020)
30-Laurissa Rusnak Sirilla (2022) ©
30-Vasilis Klimas (1949) ©

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During his archpastoral visit in April to the parish, the Archbishop announced that the synod had approved Fr. Basil to receive the award, but he would have to return at a later date when a miter was obtained to formally present it to Fr. Basil.

The full temple was attended by 13 priests and 3 deacons from multiple jurisdictions in the Cleveland area who served the Divine Liturgy with Archbishop Daniel. There were also over 130 parishioners and friends present to show their love for Fr. Basil and share in this joyous occasion. A festive meal was held in the hall to mark the celebration of the day.

September Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

- 1-Dennis Konik
- 3-Lynn Basala
- 4-Deborah Zelinsky
- 6-Dc. David Gemmel
- 7-Michael Simko
- 8-Joshua Rusnak
- 9-Kim Konik
- 11-Brian Lucas, Joann Sirilla
- 13- Ed Graban
- 14-Debbie Perman, Chris Baxter, Sub-deacon Donald Tamulonis
- 17-Barbara Kolesar
- 18-Ron Tusinac, V.R Archpriest David Lis
- 23-Gregory Simko

- 22-Pani Bethany Mihaly
- 25-Michael Litzie, Stella Graban
- 26-Jim Basala
- 27-Tracy Zenko

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3-Frank & Crystal Batura
- 5-Ron & Nancy Tusinac
- 7-Steven & Karen Simko
- 9-Mary Margaret & Andrew James (Tusinac)
- 9-Michael & Martha Centofanti
- 13-Sam & Angie Dardovski
- 13- Fr. Peter Zarynow (Priestly Anny)
- 17- Dc James & Matushka Hryb
- 28-1990- Retired Bishop Lazar of Ottawa

NAMES DAY

- 30- AB Michael of NY & NJ

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bring beauty and professional competence to Divine Worship.

Jermihov holds the DMA Degree in Choral Conducting from the University of Illinois at Urbana and studied orchestral conducting at the St. Petersburg Conservatory under Ilya Musin. He is founder and artistic director of the Society of Saint Romanos the Melodist, a not-for-profit corporation devoted to the furtherance of Orthodox culture in America. For a more complete description of Dr. Jermihov's career, please visit www.peterjermihov.com.

The Basic Sight-Singing and Ear Training Class

This class is designed specifically with the needs of singers in Orthodox church choirs. The course emphasizes the mastery of basic intervals, scales, and rhythms that are encountered in liturgical hymns. In order to succeed in this course, a person needs to love to sing and be able to 'carry a tune,' but doesn't need to have any prior knowledge of music theory.

The course is taught using the online Google Classroom platform, with weekly face-to-face meetings on Zoom. Topics will include intervals and scales, rhythmic notation, key signatures, and time signatures, using examples from liturgical hymns whenever possible.

If you are thinking of taking this class, please consider whether you have a solid 3 to 4 hours per week (45-50 minutes most weekdays) to devote to this class. The new auditory and vocal skills you will be learning require consistent and extensive practice over the full 10-week period. One learner recently wrote: "I seriously overestimated my ability to devote the necessary time to the **Con't Next Pg**

ON GOING FINANCIALS FOR SEPTEMBER

Expenses	\$7,396.86
Income	\$5,982.00
TOTAL	-\$1,414.86

Weekly Tithe.....	\$5,377
Assessment.....	\$ 95
Weekly Candles	\$ 355
Wine.....	\$ 100
Incense	\$ 25
Protection Icon.....	\$ 30

OTHER INCOME:

Deanery Donation	\$154
Seminary Donation	\$237

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	

CANDLE & BULLETIN SPONSORS FOR OCTOBER

Wine: (\$50 for the month) In memory of Laurissa Rusnak – Given by Sub-deacon Vladimir

Incense: (\$25 for the month) In Memory of Laurissa Rusnak – Given by Sub-deacon Vladimir

Bulletin: (\$50 for the month) **AVAILABLE**

Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light: (\$50 for the month) **AVAILABLE**

Altar Candles (\$50 for the month) 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: (\$50 for the month) **AVAILABLE**

Candles @ St John the Baptist Icon: (\$30 for month) **AVAILABLE**

Candles @ Protection Icon (\$30 for month) **AVAILABLE**

Candles @ St. Panteleimon Icon: (\$30 for month) **AVAILABLE**

Candles @ St. Herman: (\$30 for month) **TAKEN**

Flowers: (\$75) For health of all members of the Altar Society; In memory of the ladies from the Altar Society – Given by Ladies Altar Society.

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weekly exercises.”

The Basic Conducting Technique Class

The class is oriented towards beginner conductors or those who are currently conducting a choir but have not completed a formal conducting course. Topics covered include basic posture and visual communication by means of gestures; giving the pitch; preparing, starting and stopping the sound; elementary beat patterns; relationships of beat patterns to word patterns; beginning score analysis.

Familiarity with musical notation and basic music theory (key signatures, time signatures, intervals) is a prerequisite. All prospective learners will be asked to take a Basic Music Theory Assessment Quiz, to ensure that they have the theory skills to successfully complete the various assignments for this course.

If you are thinking of taking this class, please consider whether you have a solid 3 to 4 hours per week (45-50 minutes most weekdays) to devote to this class. The new physical (kinesthetic) skills you will be learning require consistent and extensive practice over the full 12-week period.

Also, each week has a homework component that involves score study and analysis—an essential skill for a choir director. As one learner

ADVENT SOCIAL MEETING

There will be a Advent Social meeting this Wednesday night, September 20 @ 6pm to talk about the raffle and what else needs to be done.

Thank You - Crystal Elash

reported: “Each week had a different degree of difficulty. One definitely needed time to study and practice. The course was not easy.”

Individual Conducting Lessons – Intermediate and Advanced

Weekly individual conducting lessons (50 minutes per lesson, using Zoom) are available in Blocks of four. A standard course of study consists of 4 Blocks – 16 lessons; but students have the option of signing up and paying for 1 Block (4 lessons), 2 Blocks (8 lessons), or 3 Blocks (12 lessons). Please specify the number of Blocks desired when you register.

Individualized objectives are determined in consultation with the instructor, and will include a range of topics, from different styles of beating, to conducting recitative and mixed meter, score analysis, and rehearsal preparation. Repertoire studied is determined by agreement and in alignment with individual objectives. Expected practice time: 30-60 minutes per day, 5 days per week.

Intermediate conductors are expected to read music, have a working knowledge of key signatures and staff notation, and be able to hear and accurately discern pitches and intervals; they should be able to sing any given part of a 4-part choral score, and have some experience directing an ensemble or currently hold a conducting position.

Advanced conductors should have completed a music degree—either an undergraduate or graduate degree, or, at the very least, be in their 3rd year of a 4-year music degree program. This presupposes the completion of the standard 2-year sequence of courses in music theory, ear-training, and keyboard harmony. Advanced conductors should have the basic ability to analyze a score and be able to play a 4-part choral score at the piano (not necessarily at a performance level or tempo). They should have, also, conducting experience with a choral and/or instrumental ensemble.

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:

First Sunday	“O” Club
Second Sunday	Council
Third Sunday	Sisterhood
Fourth Sunday	Open
Fifth Sunday	Open (when applicable)

Dedicated Choir Director, Michael Pilat, Receives Order of St. Romanos

On Friday, September 8, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the Midwest traveled to Holy Trinity Church in Parma, Ohio, for an archpastoral visit, where he prayed at Daily Vespers with the community there.

Following the Vespers, His Eminence presented Michael Pilat with the Order of St. Romanos, awarded by the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in America to influential arrangers, composers, teachers, and conductors. He also presented a diocesan gramota to Protodeacon Anthony Kall, recognizing 25 years of service in the diaconate at Holy Trinity. A festive reception for all was held in the church hall following the service and award presentations.

Michael Pilat is recently retired as choirmaster at Holy Trinity following 57 years of service leading choirs in the Orthodox Church in Paramus and Wayne, New Jersey, Lorain, Ohio and here in Parma. He is also a music educator and composer of liturgical music. Protodeacon Anthony is also a retired educator in the technological field in the Parma School System.

SEPTEMBER BULLETIN CANDLE SPONSOR

Wine: (*\$50 for the month*) In memory of Steve, Eileen Elash and Tim Nolder and all members of the Elash & Graban Families— Given by Cindy Ferrick

Incense: (*\$25 for the month*) For the Health of all the members of the Elash and Graban Families— Given by Cindy Ferrick

Bulletin: (*\$50 for the month*) Sponsored by Audrey C. **Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light:** (*\$50 for the month*) From the Wilfong & Basile Family

Altar Candles: (*\$50 for the month*) In honor of Nancy & Ron Tusinac & Mary & Andrew on the occasion of their Anniversary’s- Given by Nancy. Tusinac

Tetrapod Candles: (*\$50 for the month*) In honor of Mary Margaret & Andrew James on the occasion of their Anniversary / In memory of parents Morris & Antonia Pecuszok— Given by Ann Cvercko

Candles @ St John the Baptist Icon in back of church: (*\$30 for month or \$20 for just 1 week*) In Memory of His Beatitude Metropolitan Herman & His Eminence Archbishop Nikon—Given By Fr. Andrew

Candles @ Protection Icon in back of Church: (*\$30 for month*) In honor of Tracy, Ron Jr., & Ethan on the occasion of their birthdays— Given by Tracy Zenko

Candles @ St. Panteleimon Icon in front of church: (*\$30 for month or \$20 for just a week*) In memory of my grandfather Steve Bartek & all my family & friends reposed in September—Given by FR Andrew Bartek

Candles @ St. Herman in front of Church: (*\$30 for month or \$20 for just a week*) TAKEN

Flowers: (\$75) In honor of Nancy & Ron Tusinac

ST. TIKHON’S SEMINARY LOOKING FOR SUSTAINERS

Sustainers provide regular monthly donations to the seminary through automatic deduction on their credit cards. On Sunday, September 17th at the social Fr. Andrew will explain further and answer any questions. Thank you!

Exaltation of the Cross Flowers

Thank you Anne Cvercko, for donating the flowers for the Feast Day.

They were given in memory of her parents Morris & Antonik Pecuszor

“Ministries in Motion” in Focus at St. Luke Church, Palos Hills, IL

On Sunday, September 10, St. Luke Church held a presentation during Coffee Hour called “Ministries in Motion.” This presentation was an overview of St. Luke’s many lay-ministries.

Archpriest Paul Jannakos, Chancellor of the Diocese, Rector of St. Luke, working closely together with the parish council has outlined 6 primary areas necessary for parish health and growth: Liturgical (worship), Educational (catechesis), Philanthropic (community service), Mission (evangelization), Stewardship (giving), and Maintenance (building). Each of these 6 has a ministry-team-leader who reports to Fr. Paul and the parish council about their work.

Underneath these 6 areas the parish has made available a total of over 80 separate “ministries” or responsibilities (in monasteries “obediences”) for every member of the parish to choose from. Examples of these smaller ministries/responsibilities are: Greeters (at the door of the Church, Singers, Teachers, Safety-Security officers, IOCC parish representatives, web-site and communications developer, Youth and Young adult ministers, Kitchen servers, Homeless meal cooks (with Beds Plus), Drivers for elderly (“Elijah’s Chariot”), and Prison ministry visitors, to name a few. ‘For many years,’ says Fr. Paul, ‘St. Luke’s has been committed to the words of the Lord Who said, “For I have come not to be served, but to serve and to give my life as a ransom for many.”’

Archpastoral Message of the Most Reverend Daniel For the Annual Seminarian Appeal 2023

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. (John 10:11)

Beloved Sons and Daughters in Christ,

In the well-known Gospel verse cited above, the Lord Jesus likens His relationship to His people to that of a shepherd to his sheep. He reveals himself as the Good and True Shepherd sent from God to care for the Flock, to protect and guide us in such a way that we are confident in His care. Because the Lord is our Shepherd, we have nothing to fear: as the anaphora of Saint John Chrysostom reminds us, this Shepherd was not “given up ... [but] rather, gave Himself up for the life of the world.” He is the Good Shepherd who knows His own sheep, and lays His life down for them (cf. John 10:14-15).

Christ has continued His work as the Shepherd of our souls from one generation to the next. He guides us with His voice as He speaks to us in the Holy Gospels. As our Good Shepherd, He gathers us so that we can be nourished with the sacred nourishment of His most Pure Body and Precious Blood. He protects us as we turn to Him in our time of need. He leads us and calls us to follow Him into the Kingdom He has prepared for us. Yet to guide, gather, nourish, and protect us, the Lord calls others to continue His work of caring for and pasturing His Flock. These faithful shepherds, called to minister in the Name of Christ, are recognizable on the local level in the bishop with his priests and deacons.

The Diocese of the Midwest has a long and blessed history of episcopal and priestly service. Throughout the past century and more, the Lord has provided faithful clergy to shepherd the faithful flock of God in our Diocese and across the vast expanse of the American Midwest. Some of these servant-shepherds are now listed among the saints: Saint Tikhon of Moscow, Saint John of Chicago, Saint Alexis of Minneapolis, Saint Raphael of Brooklyn, Saint Madarije of Libertyville, Saint Varnava the New Confessor, and Saint Nikolai of Žiča. In addition to these saints, we can add a long list of other holy bishops, priests, and deacons who have served the Lord and His Church faithfully, sacrificially, and with honor and dignity. Their efforts have borne fruit: they shepherded the flock to Christ the Door, through Whom the sheep have found salvation and green pastures (cf. John 10:9).

As we reflect upon the past service of clergy in our Diocese, we should also acknowledge the present. In our own day, the Lord continues to care for His flock in the faithful clergy who are now serving in our parishes and mission communities. And He also continues to provide for the future by calling individuals from our parishes to prepare themselves for ordained ministry. I am grateful to God for the eleven men who are now enrolled in the seminaries of the Orthodox Church in America: Saint Tikhon’s Orthodox Theological Seminary and Saint Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary. These seminarians are men from our own parish communities. They have heard the voice of the Shepherd to follow Him and to prepare themselves, through prayer, study, and service, to take their place as servant-shepherds caring for the flock of Christ.

These men, and others who will follow them, are to be educated in Orthodox Theology and formed in the image of the Good Shepherd so that, God willing, they will one day take their place in the history of the ordained ministry in the Diocese of the Midwest. **Con’t next pg.**

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They sacrifice and make special efforts to that end: most of them are married family men, and their wives and children sacrifice along with them. Just as each one of us needs the support of the clergy now serving in our parishes, so too we need to support our seminarians, so that they may one day stand at the Holy Altar, preach the Gospel, and offer pastoral care to us, our families, and our parishes. They need our fervent prayers, certainly, but they and their families also need our equally sacrificial financial support.

To that end, each September, our Diocese of the Midwest promotes a project known simply as "Support our Seminarians." During this month, I ask of all our clergy to increase our common liturgical prayers asking the Good Shepherd to send raise among us more servant-shepherds to participate in His work of caring for the flock. I also invite each community and every individual not only to join in these prayers to Christ, the Door of the Sheep (cf. John 10:7), but to give generously to our Seminarians' Fund, as we seek to show our appreciation and support for our diocesan seminarians—present and future.

Invoking the Lord's blessing upon you, your families, and loved ones, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

DANIEL , Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest

Metropolitan Tikhon visits St Vladimir's Seminary for the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

On Thursday, September 7, and Friday, September 8, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon made an archpastoral visit to St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary in Yonkers, NY, to celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos with the seminary community.

On Thursday evening, prior to the Festal Vigil, His Beatitude served a Lity for the Departed for the child of God Sophia Cohen, daughter of Father Silouan (class of 2022) and Matushka Katie Cohen, on the first anniversary of her falling asleep. His Beatitude concelebrated the Festal Vigil with Archpriest Chad Hatfield, President of the Seminary, Archpriest Alexander Rentel, OCA Chancellor, and clergy of the seminary community. The antiphonal responses were sung by the seminary mixed and male choirs, under the direction of Deacon Harrison Russin and third-year seminarian, Sam Loposky.

On Friday, His Beatitude presided at the celebration of the hierarchical Divine Liturgy for the Feast. The responses were sung by the mixed seminary choir led by second-year seminarian Naomi DeHaan. His Beatitude delivered the homily where he encouraged the faithful to act as gardeners and "contribute to the upkeep of paradise... by making ourselves receptive to God, and this receptivity is exemplified by the practice of humility."

Following the liturgy, His Beatitude addressed the students for the opening of the academic year. In his address, His Beatitude called on students to follow the example of Christ's Most Pure Mother, filling themselves "with the sacrifice of prayer, songs, and praise offered unto the God of all."

**Blessing of
Campbell First
Responders
Staff and Vehicles**



Sunday, September 24, 2023

11:30 AM Blessing 

11:45 AM Complimentary lunch at the church

All City Officials & First Responders welcome!

