



# The Weekly Forerunner

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church

301 Struthers Liberty Rd

Campbell, OH 44405

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest



## JANUARY BULLETIN SPONSOR

*Memory of my father, George – Given by AP Andrew Bartek*

### Liturgical & Events Schedule

#### Sunday, January 28

9:35 AM: Hours

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Monthly Celebration cake

5:00 PM: Retirement party for Fr. Andrew Clements (in Mentor)

#### Monday, January 29

Home Blessing's

6:00 PM: Vespers Liturgy for Synaxis of 3 Hierarchs

#### Tuesday, January 30

Home Blessings

6:00 PM: Orthodoxy 101 Class

#### Wednesday, January 31

Home Blessings

#### Thursday, February 1

11:00 AM: Book Club

6:00 PM: Great Vespers for Presentation of the Lord in the Temple

#### Friday, February 2

9:00 AM: Divine Liturgy

#### Saturday, February 3

4:00 PM: Bible Study

6:00 PM: Great Vespers / Confessions

#### Sunday, February 4

9:35 AM: Hours

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy followed by the Annual Church Meeting



### ANNUAL MEETING

This is the Second announcement that the Annual meeting will take place next **Sunday, February 4th** following Liturgy. There will be a meal provided.

If you are not a member in good standing, you are welcome to attend but will not be able to vote or speak at the meeting.

There will be a packet sent, or given, to you prior to the meeting.

### 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.

### JANUARY SOCIALS

Jan. 28– OPEN (Birthday / Anniversaries)

### January 2024: Monthly Charity Support

OCMC– Support a mission priest.

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**PLEASE KEEP OUR ELDERS OF THE CHURCH & SHUT-INS IN YOUR PRAYERS– UPDATED 1-18-24**

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

**JANUARY FINANCIALS-THRU THE 21st**

Expenses ..... \$8,582.96  
 Income..... \$18,961.00  
**TOTAL..... \$10,378.04**

*NOTE: Received Kolachi donation of \$7,635*

Weekly Tithe ..... \$10,177  
 Weekly Candles ..... \$314  
 Christmas Offering..... \$110  
 Christmas Card..... \$40  
 St. Herman’s Candles \$180  
 St. John the Baptist Candles..... \$60  
 Panteleimon Candles..... \$30  
 Protection Candles ..... \$30  
 Unneeded Gifts ..... \$285  
 Church Donation..... \$100

**Monthly Charity Income**

OCMC..... \$412



**MONTHLY CHARITIES FOR 2024**

- January OCMC (Support Orthodox mission priest) (International)
- February Rescue Mission (Local)
- March St. Basil’s workers (Local)
- April St. Tikhon’s Seminary (National Church)
- May St. Vladimir’s Camp (Diocesan/ Deanery)
- June St. Herman’s Seminary (National Church)
- July Community Kitchen (Local)
- August Ellwood City (Monastery) (National Church)
- September Support our Seminarian’s (SOS) (Diocesan)
- October St. Vladimir’s Seminary (National Church)
- November Zoe for Life (National / Cleveland / Local)
- December St. Herman’s House (National / Local / Cleveland)

## PRAYER LIST– Updated 1-24-24

**PARISHIONERS:** Achilles Arvan / Audrey Chengelis / Donna Chiarelli / George Horodnic / Pauline Fesz / Mary Fredericks / Paula Kennedy / George Kolesar / Barbara Kolesar / Ronald (Thomas) Moore / Mary Jane Puskas / Kenny Ruff / Dorothy Shirilla / Julia Simko / Marion Zwinski

**HIERARCHS & CLERGY:** Archbishop Benjamin / Archbishop Alexander / Archbishop Melchizedek / Bishop Matthias / Fr. James Gleason (Fr.) / Fr. Michael Rustic (Fr.) / Fr. Mirolyub Ruzik / Sub-deacon Wylie Meath (Fr)

**FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Chrissy (Fr.) / David (Willison) / Dominic (Centofanti) / Ellen (Clark) / Trudy Ellmore (Fr.) / Bruce Harris (Sabol) / Katie (Garrity) / Basil Glovinsky (Fr.) / Ellen (Kessler) / Eleanor Marie / Paul (Kolesar) / Kathy (Kolesar) / Malakai (Kolesar) / Joe Kollar (Fr.) / Debbie Kollar (Fr.) / Andrew LaChard (Jesko) / Jonathan Leso (Fr.) / 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 Yannito) / Julia Shirilla / Katherine (Steffaro) / Johanna (Tusinac) / Richard (Tusinac) / Brian (Shirilla) / Joseph (Vansuch) / Eleanor Marie (Vansuch) / Paula (Voytilla) / Mary Ann Bozichovich (Kennedy) / Patty Bozichovich (Vansuch) / Drew (Willison) / Emilia Yannitto / Charlette Zenko / Catherine Zile (Fr.) / 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.

ATTENDANCE: A Comparison	2023	2024
<b>1st week of the month</b>		
New Years Day (Mon)	No record	Liturgy: 19 Communicants: 16
Theophany Eve	No record	Liturgy: 9 Vigil: 9
Theophany Liturgy	No record	Liturgy: 20 Communicants: 18
<b>1st week-end of the month</b>		
Vespers (Jan. 6 2024)	No record	8 people
Divine Liturgy	65 people Communicants: 45	55 people Communicants: 38
<b>2nd week-end of the month</b>		
Vespers	10 people	6 people
Divine Liturgy	71 people Communicants: 39	33 people Communicants: 22 (weather related)
<b>3rd week-end of the month</b>		
Vespers	6 people	No vespers (Weather)
Divine Liturgy	71 people Communicants: 42	50 people Communicants

### 40 Day Remembrance

Feb. 4– Kim  
Feb. 11– Mother Elizabeth  
Feb. 18– AP Moses Berry  
Feb. 25: Irene Horodnic

### Metropolitan Tikhon participates in 2024 March for Life and attends Archdiocesan Choir Concert

On Friday, January 19, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon participated in the annual March for Life in Washington, DC. His Beatitude was joined by His Grace Bishop Andrei of Cleveland, Archpriest Alexander Rentel, OCA Chancellor, Archpriest Alessandro Margheritino, OCA Secretary, Archpriest Chad Hatfield, President of St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary, Archpriest John Parker, Dean of St. Tikhon’s Orthodox Theological Seminary, along with numerous clergy, seminarians, and faithful.

As this year’s designated representative of the Assembly **Con’t Pg 5**

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### *Metro. Tikhon Con't from previous Pg*

of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America, Bishop John of Worcester offered prayers at the beginning of the rally on the National Mall. Also present was Bishop Theophan of Philomelion. Following the opening of the rally and March, His Beatitude greeted the group of Orthodox Christians gathered to denounce abortion and proclaim the sanctity of life. As in years past, Orthodox Christians for Life, led by Emily Yocum (Wilkinson), Executive Director, coordinated and organized Orthodox participation in the event.

Before joining the March to the Supreme Court, His Beatitude celebrated a service of supplication for an end to abortion. The responses, led by Fr. Gregory Fedorchak of St. Tikhon's Seminary, were sung by all those gathered. Following the service, His Beatitude thanked all the participants for coming despite the wintry weather.

Later that evening, His Beatitude's own Archdiocesan Choir of Washington, DC held its highly anticipated concert, Behold How Good: A Concert Of Psalmody, at Ss. Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church in Potomac, MD. The choir, formed in 2022, is an unadorned group made up of Orthodox singers of all musical abilities.

In his opening remarks, Metropolitan Tikhon noted that, while the choir was brought to life within his own archdiocese and with his blessing, it is an endeavor that relies on the participation, cooperation, and support of all the local Orthodox churches. While the choir is primarily made up of singers from the Archdiocese of Washington, it also represents five OCA dioceses, the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, and the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese of North America.

His Beatitude expressed gratitude to His Eminence Metropolitan Saba who responded enthusiastically to His Beatitude's request to hold the concert in one of his parishes, and to Priest Luke Toumi, pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul Church, and the parish for their suggestion to hold the concert there. He also recognized Matushka Juliana Woodill, the director of the choir, for her able leadership of the singers and the choir's contributions to the vocation of liturgical music.

Before introducing the choir, His Beatitude reminded attendees that, "this evening's experience will not merely be a concert, a simple presentation of musical settings of the psalms of the Prophet David. Rather, it will be an entrance into the beauty of our Orthodox liturgical worship, worship in which we are never merely passive observers or, as it were, concertgoers.

### *Con't Next Pg*

## **New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia Commemorated on January 28**

On the Sunday closest to January 25, the Church commemorates the Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia, remembering all those Orthodox Christians who suffered for Christ at the hands of the godless Soviets during the years of persecution. These include the royal Passion Bearers Tsar Nicholas II and his family, and the Grand Duchess Elizabeth. Countless thousands of martyrs, both clergy and laity also suffered, some of whose names are known, as well as millions of simple believers whose names have been lost to history.

It is estimated that the number of the New Martyrs of Russia, who were glorified by the Russian Orthodox Church at the Jubilee Council of 2000, far exceeds that of all the martyrs who died for Christ during the first three centuries of Christianity. The Russian Church lost millions of its sons and daughters, not only at the hands of external enemies, but also those of their own country. Among those who were murdered and tortured in the years of persecution were countless Orthodox: laity, monks, priests, and bishops, whose only "crime" was their unshakable faith in God.

In the long history of the world, never have so many new heavenly intercessors been glorified by the Church in such a way (more than one thousand New Martyrs were numbered among the saints). Among those who suffered for their faith were some who labored in America before the Russian Revolution: St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia (April 7); St. Alexander Hotovitzky (Dec. 4); St. John Kochurov (Oct. 31).

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### **Colossians 3:4-11 (Epistle)**

When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

## REPOSED LIST FOR JANUARY

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Margaret Graban (1978) ©             | 17- Vera Kawalik (2001) ©         |
| Judith Banas (2019)                  | 17- Anna Talaban (1949) ©         |
| 1- Katherine Kristian (1994) ©       | 18- Andrew Kovach (1994) ©        |
| 1- Anna Harvischak (2013) ©          | 18- Margaret Domowchik (1996) ©   |
| 2- Nicholas Libertin (2021) ©        | 20- Joshua Zdinak (2016)          |
| 2- Nicholas Bohac (1921) ©           | 20- Marie Borsic (1984) ©         |
| 2- Elia Dudin (1949) ©               | 20- Catherine Cochran (2011) ©    |
| 3- Mitred Archriest Stavros Rousos   | 20- Diamada Patellis (1929) ©     |
| 3- Anna Roman (1978) ©               | 21- George Evans (1984) ©         |
| 3- Elizabeth Kuzma (1925) ©          | 21- Fr. Michael Shuster (2020)    |
| 4- George Bartek (1983)              | 21- Ann Shirilla (2012) ©         |
| 4- Archpriest Michael Slovesko       | 21- Charles Patellis (1928) ©     |
| 4- Peter Fatholitis (1937) ©         | 21- Catherine Vojtilla (1942) ©   |
| 5- Ann Marie Petroff (2006) ©        | 22- Fr. John Stefanik (2000)      |
| 6- Helen Pender (2016)               | 22- Andrew Pacak (1973) ©         |
| 6- John Timkovich (1951) ©           | 22- Michael Pasloskey (1985) ©    |
| 6- Infant Klimis (still born) (1964) | 22- Steve Dmetruk (2002) ©        |
| 7- Mary Vansuch, Sr. (1971) ©        | 22- Nicholas Bobosh (2008) ©      |
| 7- Mike Felt (1920) ©                | 22- Lubica Krestich (1926) ©      |
| 8- Bishop Mark of Boston (2018)      | 23- Fr. Michael Sopoliga (2009)   |
| 8- Sub-deacon John Zeling (2012) ©   | 23- Helen Midlick (2004) ©        |
| 8- John Voytilla (1945) ©            | 23- Eugene Kennedy (2004) ©       |
| 8- Mary Graban (1995) ©              | 23- Rudolph Zelina (2007) ©       |
| 9- Katherine Trovers (1980) ©        | 23- Kosovka Raslta (1923) ©       |
| 9- Carolyn Weil (1998) ©             | 24- Madeline Puskarcik (2006) ©   |
| 9- Vasil Kovach (1925) ©             | 25- Steve Sirihla (1977) ©        |
| 9- George Ontko (1943) ©             | 25- Helen Graban (1992) ©         |
| 9- William Boldish (1968) ©          | 25- George Magriplis (1931) ©     |
| 11- Alan James Cole (2017) ©         | 25- Veronica Shirilla (1995) ©    |
| 14- George O'Shanic (1981) ©         | 26- Nate DiPero (1985) ©          |
| 14- John Graban (1990) ©             | 26- Baby Brown (1939) ©           |
| 14- Helen Papach (1929) ©            | 26- Vasil Maximor (1957) ©        |
| 14- Michael Harvey (1958) ©          | 27- Joe Vansuch (1998) ©          |
| 14- John Genaros (1960) ©            | 27- Michael Guorgiadis (1952) ©   |
| 15- Augustine Shima (1928) ©         | 28- John Anos (1936) ©            |
| 15- Fedor Chulik (1943) ©            | 28- Vasil Vasilagas (1959) ©      |
| 16- Elizabeth Mariniak (1927) ©      | 29- George O'Shenic, Jr. (1986) © |
|                                      | 30- Archpriest John Mason (2019)  |

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Rather, we are called to be active participants, living souls who, in the words of the psalms, long for God as a deer thirsts for water. Through this active participation, this ascetical effort, we may even come to taste and see how good the Lord is and, as a community, to behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell together in unity. The psalms are key to all this.”

The concert featured hymns of different styles and traditions from throughout the liturgical year, including two hymns based on African American spirituals. At the conclusion of the concert, everyone was invited to participate in the joyful singing of the Great Prokeimenon, “Who is so great a God as our God? Thou art the God who doest wonders!” A reception, sponsored by the parish, was held in the church hall following the concert.



# 2024 Lenten Retreat

## St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church Campbell, OH

Rector, Archpriest Andrew Bartek

Saturday, March 30, 2024

*Spirituality in Everyday Life*

The Great Fast provides the opportunity to increase our spiritual awareness of God. How do we do that?

Join us for a day of reflection and discussion on why, and how to, invite God into our everyday life.

### **Schedule** (subject to minor change)

9:00 AM Welcome & Sign-in  
9:30 AM Morning Prayers  
10:00 AM: Session 1  
Noon Lunch  
1:00 PM Session 2  
3:00 PM Vespers

### **Retreat Leader**

**Trudy Ellmore** serves as Diocesan Council Secretary to His Eminence, Archbishop Michael and the OCA Diocese of New York and New Jersey. The Summer of 2022 His Eminence, Archbishop Michael blessed her to create and deliver “Clergy Compensation Presentation” for the Diocese’s annual Parish Council Workshops. The presentation was very well received and resulted in clergy compensation increases and life insurance policies being provided for more than a few priests across the Diocese.

She volunteers her time providing secretarial support to Archbishop Michael related to the Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors Annual Fund and for his seminary class handouts. She provides secretarial services to her Spiritual Father Archpriest Andrew Bartek, Rector of St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church (Campbell, OH). She has volunteered on parish councils as secretary or treasurer, taught Church school and adult Bible studies and has served on various other church boards.

Home parish: St. Vladimir Orthodox Church, Trenton, NJ  
Rector: Fr. Volodymyr Chaikivskyi



# January Celebrations

## Birthdays

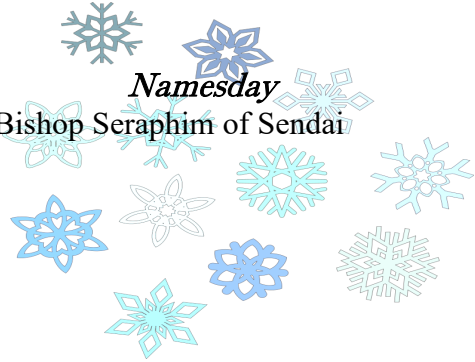
- 1 Beth Hull
- 2 Stella Jane Zelinsky
- 3 Terri Konik
- 4 John Starcher
- 5 Andrew James (Tusinac)
- 6 Karen Smiko
- 7 Lueleta Dardovski, Luke Rusnak
- 9 Brian Bishoff
- 10 Elizabeth Willison
- 15 James Bufalini
- 19 Balaci Kristian, Nicola Nicoloff
- 23 Susan Beskid
- 25 Frank Batura
- 30 Bob Whitham Jr.
- 31 Julie Dardovski

## Anniversaries

- 24-2015 AB Daniel of Chicago & the Diocese of the Mid-west
- 25-2020 His Grace Bishop Alexis Bishop of Alaska  
January 6 Fr. James Gleason (Fr. Andrew's spiritual Father) Anniversary to the Holy Priesthood

## Namesday

- 2 Retired Bishop Seraphim of Sendar



## February Candle & Bulletin Sponsors

**Bulletin:** In memory of my grand-mother Justina Popodich– Given by V.R. Andrew Bartek

**Wine:** *available*

**Incense:** *available*

**Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light:** *available*

**Altar Candles:** *available*

**Tetrapod Candles:** In memory of His Eminence Metropolitan Orestes & my family & friends– Given by V.R. Andrew Bartek

**St. Herman Candles:** Commemorating all who participate in maintenance of the church, the teachers, singers & those who participate in social events. Praying for everyone to love one another.

**St. Panteleimon Icon Candles–** For the Health of my Spiritual Father, V.R. James Gleason & Basil Glovinski & all my family & friends- Given by V.R. Andrew Bartek

**Protection Icon Candles:** *available*

**St. John the Baptist Candles:** *available*

**Flowers:** *available*

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

## Coming Events Mark Your Calendar!

### PAN-ORTHODOX OCMC EVENT

**Saturday, March 9**

St. John the Baptist O.C. will host an OCMC event Saturday, March 9. The times are to be determined. There will be a luncheon and program lasting about 2 hours, followed by Vespers. Sign-up sheet in the vestibule. Further info. will be forth coming.

### First Annual “KICK OFF TO SUMMER” Festival

**June 29 ~ Noon to 5 PM**

Helpers are needed and welcomed. Watch for further information.

### LENTEN PARISH RETREAT

**Saturday, March 30 ~ 9 AM to 3 PM**

### *Spirituality in Everyday Life*

We will be hosting this retreat. Invite your friends and family. See flyer on page 6.