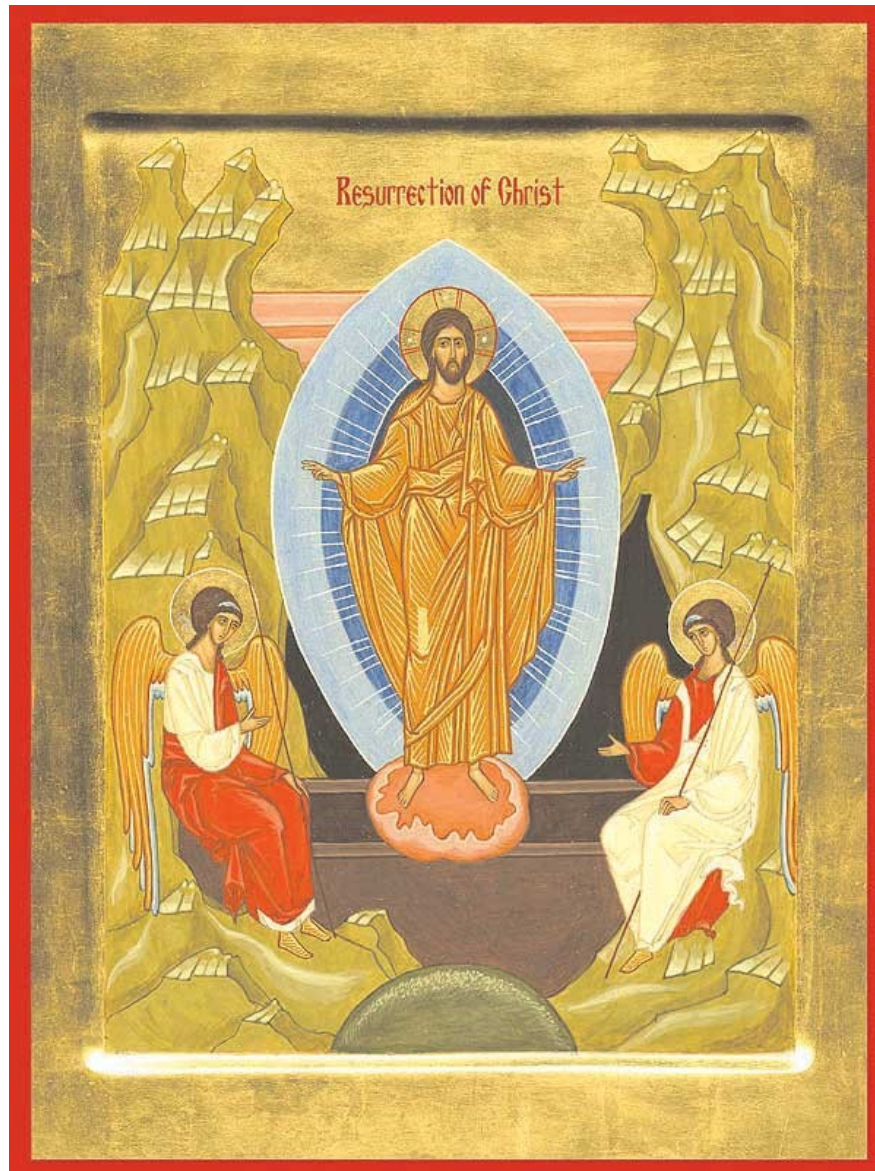


**CHRIST IS
RISEN
INDEED HE
HAS RISEN!**



**Greek:
Christos
anesti!
Alithos
anesti!**

**Tagalog:
Si Kristo ay
Nabuhay!
Siya talaga
ay nabuhay!**

**Russian:
Khristos
voskrese!
Voistinu
voskrese!**

Happy Mother's Day



The Weekly Forerunner



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Liturgical & Events Schedule TWO WEEK EDITION

Sunday, May 11– MOTHER’S DAY

9:50 AM: Hours
10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Panachida for all
Mother’s / Mother’s Day Social provided by the
men of the parish / Father leaves for Priest
Convocation in Chicago

Saturday May, 17

NO VESPERS

Sunday, May 18

9:50 AM: Hours
10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Monthly Panachida /
Social / Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 21

11:00 AM: Interfaith Breakfast
7:30 PM: City Council Meeting

Saturday, May 24

6:00 PM: Vespers

Sunday, May 25

9:50 AM: Hours
10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Panachida for all
Military / Social / Grave Blessings

SOCIALS FOR MAY

May 11– Mother’s Day Brunch
May 18– Sisterhood
May 25– Council

MAY 2025 Reader Schedule

May 11– Reader Nicholas Vansuch
May 18– Robert Willison
May 25– George Horodnic

OCA Delegation Attends Funeral of Pope Francis

With the blessing of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, a delegation of the Orthodox Church in America traveled to Rome to attend the funeral of Pope Francis, who reposed on April 21, 2025. The delegation, appointed by His Beatitude, was comprised of His Grace Bishop Andrei of Cleveland, Auxiliary to the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America, and Archpriest Alessandro Margheritino, Acting Chancellor and Secretary of the Orthodox Church in America.

The funeral services took place on Saturday, April 26, in Saint Peter’s Square, where an estimated 400,000 people gathered. Upon their arrival on April 25, His Grace and Father Alessandro were formally received in Rome by an official of the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity, and were accompanied to St. Peter’s Basilica, where the Pope was laid.

The next day, the OCA delegation joined representatives from nearly all the local Orthodox Churches, as well as numerous leaders from other Christian traditions and religious communities around the world. The solemn occasion served as an opportunity for Bishop Andrei and Father Alessandro to convey Metropolitan Tikhon’s condolences and prayers to representatives of the Vatican.

The funeral also provided an opportunity for Bishop Andrei and Fr. Alessandro to greet on behalf of Metropolitan Tikhon representatives from the other Orthodox Churches, including His All-Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew, Archbishop Ioan of Tirana and all Albania, His Beatitude Metropolitan Rastislav of the Czech Lands and Slovakia, and His Eminence Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk, among many others.

On Sunday, April 27, at the invitation of His Grace Siluan, Bishop of the Romanian Diocese of Italy of the Romanian Orthodox Church, Bishop Andrei presided at the Divine Liturgy at the parish of The Entry into Jerusalem of Our Lord in Rome. Concelebrating with His Grace were Fr. Alessandro and Archpriest Gheorghe Militaru, Episcopal Vicar and parish rector.

The Orthodox Church in America expresses its condolences on the repose of Pope Francis and offers prayers for the repose of his soul, in the hope of the Resurrection and life of the age to come.

PLEASE KEEP OUR ELDERS OF THE CHURCH & 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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Liturgical Schedule for 21st All-American Council Announced

The schedule of liturgical services has been released for the 21st All-American Council, taking place July 14–18, 2025, in Phoenix, AZ.

In addition to the Moliebens that open and close the Council, the liturgical schedule will feature services led by clergy from stavropegial institutions, military and institutional chaplains, and the Holy Synod. In honor of the glorification of Matushka Olga, an All-Night Vigil will be served Wednesday evening and a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy the next morning with the full participation of the Holy Synod of Bishops.

An Akathist to All Saints of North America has been added to the schedule on Friday morning, followed later that day by the Closing Molieben to conclude the Council.

The full schedule is as follows:

Monday, July 14

7:00 PM — Opening Molieben

Tuesday, July 15

7:00 AM — Divine Liturgy

(Celebrated by clergy of Stavropegial institutions)

6:00 PM — General Panikhida

Wednesday, July 16

7:00 AM — Divine Liturgy

(Celebrated by chaplains serving across the Orthodox Church in America)

6:00 PM — All-Night Vigil

(Concelebrated with the Holy Synod of Bishops)

Thursday, July 17

8:00 AM — Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

(Celebrated by the Holy Synod and guest bishops, with diocesan chancellors, abbots, and seminary rectors)

Friday, July 18

7:00 AM — Akathist to All Saints of North America

11:00 AM — Closing Molieben

The general Panikhida served Tuesday evening will commemorate the many clergy who have reposed in the Lord in the last four years since the last All-American Council. People will have the opportunity to submit names of the departed to be remembered at the Panikhida.

All Council participants—delegates, observers, and guests—are encouraged to take full advantage of the Council’s liturgical life.

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NOTE: If anything is missing from the Sponsorships please contact Fr. Andrew ASAP

Bulletin: In honor of my Anniversary to the Holy Priesthood– Given by AP Andrew Bartek

Wine: Given by Gary & Patty Thompson / In memory Marion Zwinski– Given by Family

Incense: Given by Gary & Patty Thompson / In memory of Mariion Zwinski– Given by Family

Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light: In honor of my granddaughter Katharyn James on occasion of her birthday– given by Nancy Tusinac

Altar Candles: Robert Paul & Cynthia on the occasion of the Wedding anniversary / In Memory of Iren Horodnic & for the Health of George Sr given by sons George & Robert

Tetrapod Candles: In memory of my parents George & Marie Gresko- given by Mary Gresko / In honor of Nancy Tusinac on the occasion of her birthday

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

St. Panteleimon Icon Candles: For health of AP Andrew, AP John & Dc. James– Given by Dc. David

Protection Icon Candles: In honor of my Daughter Paula’s birthday & my my granddaughter Jena Debiec– Given by Sue Kennedy

St. John the Baptist Candles: For Health of Reader Nicola, the choir & all the devote & pious– Given by Dc. David

Flowers: OPEN

\$50 per month

- *Wine
- *Bulletin
- *Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light
- *Altar Candles
- *Tetrapod Candles

\$30 per month

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- *St. Panteleimon Icon candles
- *Protection Icon candles
- *St. John the Baptist candles

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- Flowers** - \$50 for 2 weeks at a time– *Updated*

John 5:1-15 (Gospel)

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your bed and walk.” And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath. The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, “It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed.” He answered them, “He who made me well said to me, ‘Take up your bed and walk.’” Then they asked him, “Who is the Man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk?’” But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, “See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you.” The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

Acts 9:32-42 (Epistle)

Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed.” Then he arose immediately. So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord. At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, arise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

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

April FINANCIALS

Expenses	\$23,075.94
Income	\$19,948.58
TOTAL	-\$3,806.30
Weekly Tithe	\$9,604.70
Weekly Candles	\$1,185.00
Incense	\$60.00
Wine	\$85.00
Altar Candles	\$50.00
Tetrapod Candles	\$50.00
Icon Screen / Eternal Light	\$50.00
St. Panteleimon Candles	\$30.00
St. John the Baptist Candles	\$30.00
Easter Signs Sold	\$105.00
Pascha Flowers	\$380.00
Pascha Offering	\$4,445.00
Ladies Altar Society Donation	\$100.00
Decorative Candles Sold	\$40.00
Bulletin	\$100.00
Unneeded Gifts	\$1,080.00
Religious Items	\$64.00
Reimbursement from Greek Cemetery	\$2,489.88
Monthly Charity: Workers of St Basil	\$760.00



Third Anniversary of the Repose of Archbishop Paul (Gassios)

His Eminence Archbishop Paul, the late Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest reposed a three years ago on the Holy and Saving day of the Resurrection of the Lord, April 24, 2022. The beloved Archbishop was diagnosed with a rare form of brain cancer and fell asleep in the Lord only a few months after the diagnosis.

The late Archbishop will be remembered at Paschal Vespers at the Diocesan Cathedral, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL, this evening, and throughout the diocese.

His Eminence Archbishop calls on the clergy and the faithful of the diocese to prayerful remember the late Archbishop of the day of his repose. May Archbishop Paul's memory be eternal. Christ is risen!



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A Zoom Retreat on “Pride” for Clergy Wives and Widows

The Clergy Wives Ministry of the Orthodox Church in America will offer a Zoom retreat from 1 pm to 2pm (EST) on Saturday May 17th.

Our speaker on the topic of “Pride” will be Archimandrite Sergius (Bowyer), who is the Abbot of the Monastery of Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk in Pennsylvania. A native Californian and a convert to Orthodoxy, Father Sergius over the years has become well-known for his ability to reach audiences and explain various aspects of the Orthodox faith.

As the abbot of a monastery, as a father confessor to many, and as a man striving daily to conform his life to the ideals and rules of Orthodox monasticism, Father Sergius is uniquely qualified to help us take a deep dive into the issue of pride, fundamental as it is to our spiritual lives.

Priestly Ordination on St. Thomas Sunday

On Sunday, April 27, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the Midwest presided over the Divine Liturgy at the Diocesan Cathedral, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL.

Serving with His Eminence were Archpriest Herman Kincaid, Chancellor, Priest Alexander Koranda, Cathedral Dean, Mitered Archpriest Sergi Prisacaru, Archpriest Tarsiy Maxim, Deacon Paul Garklavs and Deacon Joseph Winsler. The choir was directed by Ms. Olga Garklavs.

After the Great Entrance, Dn. Joseph was ordained to the Holy Priesthood.

Following the Divine Liturgy, the Archbishop congratulated the family. Fr. Joseph left for St. Vladimir Seminary after the service and will graduate at the end of May and begin his assignment in the diocese this summer.

Schedule and Agenda for the 21st All-American Council Now Available

With the approval of the Metropolitan Council and the Holy Synod of Bishops, and upon recommendation of the Preconciliar Commission, the tentative Schedule and Agenda of the 21st All-American Council are now available.

These two documents, along with a number of other relevant documents, will be included in the Delegate Handbook, which is currently in its final revision.

Registration for delegates and observers is still available online at oca.org/aac. On that page, you will also find the link for the hotel registration at the Arizona Grand Resort.

The Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America will also host its annual convention. Please visit orthodoxfellowship.org for more information.

A few highlights from the schedule:

The Council Registration booth will be open starting Sunday, July 13, at 5:00 PM.

The first plenary session of the 21st All-American Council is slated to convene at 6:00 PM on Monday, July 14.

The All-American Council will again have a Youth Program, and registrations are still available. Youth events will begin on Sunday and continue throughout the week.

As in the past, a number of Dioceses will hold their assemblies and other events throughout the week.

Receptions will again be hosted by Saint Tikhon's Seminary and Saint Vladimir's Seminary on Tuesday evening. Saint Tikhon's reception will be off-site.

There is an additional plenary session which is scheduled for Tuesday afternoon from 3:00-5:00 PM.

In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the repose of St. Tikhon of Moscow, there will be a presentation available to anyone on Wednesday afternoon.

The liturgical schedule will be posted in the coming days. Divine Liturgies will be served at 7:00 am on Tuesday and Wednesday respectively by the clergy of the Stavropegial Institutions and the Military and Institutional Chaplains. The Hierarchical Liturgy with the Holy Synod will be served on Thursday.

Both the Vigil on Wednesday and the Divine Liturgy on Thursday will highlight the new hymnography for Saint Olga.

A Panikhida for all the departed clergy and laymen of the Orthodox Church in America since the last AAC will be served on Tuesday at 5:30 PM, and an Akathist to the Saints of North America will be served in front of the new icon of the North American Saints on Friday at 7:00 AM.

On Thursday evening, the Grand Banquet is scheduled to begin at 7:00 PM.

The final plenary session will convene on Friday, July 18, from 9:00-11:00 AM.

More information about the council, procedures, and related events will be shared in the coming days and weeks.

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon attends event in honor of Archimandrite Roman (Braga)

On Friday, May 2, 2025, at the invitation of His Eminence Archbishop Nathaniel, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon traveled to Holy Dormition Monastery in Rives Junction, MI, to participate in an event commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the repose of Archimandrite Roman (Braga).

Upon his arrival in Detroit, His Beatitude was greeted by His Grace Bishop Andrei of Cleveland. His Beatitude then traveled to Holy Dormition Monastery where he was greeted by His Eminence, Father John Konkle, the monastery priest, and Mother Gabriela, abbess of Holy Dormition Monastery.

The celebration began with daily vespers, served by Father John, followed by the Akathist to the Burning Bush served by Archimandrite Joseph (Morris), Abbot of St. Gregory Palamas Monastery.

Following dinner in the monastery refectory, talks were given about Archimandrite Roman by Archimandrite Joseph (Morris) and Mother Christophora.

On Saturday, May 3rd, His Beatitude presided at the celebration of the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. Concelebrating with His Beatitude were His Eminence Archbishop Nathaniel, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel of Chicago, and His Grace Bishop Andrei. Concelebrating clergy included Archimandrite Joseph and Father John along with Hierodeacon Benedict (Oancea), Protodeacon Peter Ilchuk, and Protodeacon Laik Misikir. His Eminence Archbishop Daniel offered the sermon. Following the Liturgy, a memorial service was served by the Hierarchs at Father Roman's graveside.

A festive luncheon was held where His Beatitude offered a brief talk on the discipline of prayer. His Eminence Archbishop Daniel also offered a brief talk on the future of Orthodoxy in North America. Further reflections about Father Roman were then offered by Archbishop Nathaniel and Father John Konkle.

40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

May 11– Marion Zwinski / Brian Todeso

ATTENDANCE: A Comparison - MARCH / APRIL	2024	2025
5th Week-March		
Vespers	10	10
St. John Liturgy	70/ 55	55/ 39
Wed. Pre-Sanctified	28 / 20	55 / 39
Full Canon	13	8
Fri. Akathist	30	20
1st Week- April		
Vespers	No Vespers	8
Divine Liturgy	56 / 38- (power)	62 / 46
Wed Pre-Sanctified	31 / 17	35 22
Fri. Pre-Sanctified	35	24 / 13
2nd Week		
Laz. Sat. Liturgy	35	29 / 24
Vespers	18	17
Palm Sunday	98 / 63	82 / 53
Palm S. -Matin	No Record	11
Holy Monday Am	15 / 12	16 / 12
Monday Matins	35	35
Tues. Am	14 / 11	14 / 11
Tues Pm	25	33
Wed. Am	15	21 / 18
Wed Pm	56 (Unction)	28- Matins
Thurs. Am	15	17 / 13
Thurs. Pm	48	47
Friday- Hours	8	Canceled
Fri. Burial	52	45
Fri. Lamentations	74	62
H. Sat. Am	40 / 37	35 / 34
3rd Week		
Midnight	40	35
Pascha	164 / 95	130 / 77
Agape Vespers	23	16
4th week		
Vespers	8	12
St. Thomas Liturgy	63 / 40	65/ 33

MONTHLY CHARITY FOR 2025

January: OCMC: \$900 + \$300 from the church—
Total \$1,200

February: CA Fire Relief: \$524 + \$300 from the Church— **Total \$824**

March- Cleveland Deanery- \$632 + \$300 from Church= **Total \$ 932**

April- Workers of St. Basil- \$760.00 + 300 from Church= **\$1,060**

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You will note, each Council member is in charge of keeping order in their respective areas. If there are any issues in a particular area, please contact the responsible Council member.

They are responsible to find a solution to the reported issue. That may include seeking your or another person's help. This will allow more organized response and avoid one person being burdened with everything.

Sunshine Club – This new club is responsible for sending out birthday, anniversary and get well cards.

May CHARITY
St. Tikhon's Seminary– May

APRIL / May Celebrations
Birthday

- 27- Michael Polewan, Jr—April
- 3- Marcus Kubancsek / Fr. Matthew Stagon / Juliana Gemmel / Jordan Tsvetkoff
- 4- Isabella Willison
- 5- Joseph Schutt
- 6- Michael Polewan
- 8- Nancy (Anastasia) Tusinac
- 9- Patricia Thompson
- 12- Marco Kubancsek
- 14- Stephen Simko / Mary Gemmel
- 17- Brian Turner
- 19- Paula Kennedy
- 20- Philip Ellmore
- 22- Rachel Konik
- 24- Avzi Dardovski
- 27- Jennifer (Tsvetkoff)
- 28- Audrey Chengelis
- 29- Carol Krochta
- 30- Joseph Mico / Stacy Donofrio

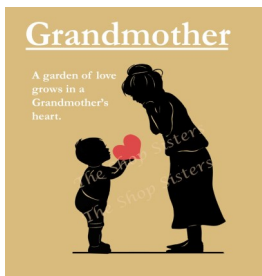
Anniversary

- 1-2004- AB Benjamin of San Francisco & the West / Al & Irene Mazanik (54)
- 2- Fr. Andrew's Priestly Ordination
- 5-2012- AB Alexander of Dallas & the South & the Bulgarian Diocese
- 6- Eli & Lidija Arvan (70) / Gregory & Linda Simko
- 8-2010- AB Michael of NY & NY & NJ
- 11- Reader George & Michele Horodnic, Jr (96)
- 18- Mark & Lorraine Livosky (02)
- 28-2005- AB Alejo of Mexico City & Mexico
- 29- Reader Matthew & Deena Vansuch (05) / Jim & Elaine Johnston (71)

Names Day

- 30- Dc James Hryb / Sub-deacon Donald
- Sunday after Pascha- Thomas Zelinsky— April
- 4- Monica Vansuch
- 7- Alexis Jesko / Ron Luthern
- 20 Lidija Arvan
- 21- Helen Colaluca

And Grandma's too... While we honor all our mothers with words of love and praise. While we tell about their goodness and their kind and loving ways. We should also think of Grandma, she's a mother too, you see.... For she mothered my dear mother as my mother mothers me. Author- Unknown



Sunday of the Paralytic
Commemorated on May 11

Many miracles in the Old Testament involve water. To name but a few, the water of the Nile turned to blood after Moses lifted his rod and struck the water before Pharaoh and His servants (Exodus 7:20). Not only was the Nile turned to blood, but also "their rivers, their canals, their ponds, and all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and there shall be blood throughout the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone" (Exodus 7:19).

In chapter 14 of Exodus, Moses divided the waters of the Red Sea, and the Hebrews passed over as if on dry land. When they were safely across, the waters came together, and their Egyptian pursuers were drowned.

On their forty year journey to the Promised Land, the Hebrews camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for them to drink. The people murmured against Moses, asking him why he had led them out of Egypt. God told Moses to strike the rock at Horeb. Then water came out of it so that everyone could drink (Exodus 17:6).

In Judges 6:36-40 we read about Gideon and the dew on the fleece. When Gideon squeezed the fleece, there was enough to fill a bowl with water.

On the Fourth Sunday of Pascha, the Church remembers the man who lay paralyzed at the Sheep Pool in Jerusalem for thirty-eight years, waiting for someone to put him into the pool. The first person to enter the pool after an Angel troubled the water would be healed of his infirmities, but someone always entered the pool before him. Seeing the man, the Lord felt compassion for him and healed him.

The Lord healed the paralytic during the days of the Passover, when He had gone to Jerusalem for the Feast, and He remained there teaching and working miracles. According to Saint John the Theologian, this miracle took place on the Sabbath.

Like some Old Testament miracles, many of Christ's miracles also involved water, and they prefigure the Church's Baptism, which cleanses us of every sin. In the Sheep Pool, once a year, only one person was healed, but Christ saves endless multitudes by divine Baptism. Sometimes, as in the case of Saint Vladimir (July 15), Baptism can also heal our bodily infirmities.

In the Canon for the Paralytic, the Angel who stirred the water in the Sheep Pool is identified as the Archangel Michael. Some of the Troparia call him "Leader of the Angels," and "Supreme Commander" (Ode 1). In Ode 3 we ask him to "protect us from falling into the passions of life." In Ode 6, we ask Saint Michael to guide us on the paths of life." In Ode 8, we ask him to pray with all the Bodiless Hosts, that we may be granted deliverance from our offenses, correction of our life, and the enjoyment of eternal blessings.

As we remember the paralytic, let us ask Christ to "raise up our souls, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts" (Kontakion of the paralytic).

Remembering Bishop Matthias (Moriak) on the First Anniversary of Repose

Sunday, May 4, marks the one year anniversary of the repose of His Grace Bishop Matthias (Moriak), retired Bishop of the Diocese of Chicago and the Midwest. Bishop Matthias reposed on Holy Saturday of last year after a prolonged illness. Bishop Matthias served as diocesan bishop of the Diocese of the Midwest from 2011 to 2013.

A memorial service will be served today after the Divine Liturgy at the Diocesan Cathedral, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL.

Bishop Matthias was born David Lawrence Moriak on April 4, 1949, in Cleveland, OH, the son of Lawrence and the late Gladys Mae Moriak. He was baptized at Cleveland's Saint Theodosius Cathedral, where he and his family were members there. His grandfather, John Moriak, immigrated to Cleveland in 1913 from the village of Horowa in Galicia, Austria. His father was raised as an Orthodox Christian, while his mother converted to Orthodox Christianity prior to marriage.

At the age of 12, he moved with his parents to Parma, OH, and began attending a newly formed mission of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese, where he began reading the Hours and the Epistle. He graduated from Parma High School in June 1967. While contemplating a calling to the Holy Priesthood, he had planned to join the Marine Corps after high school graduation, until he met His Grace, the late Bishop John [Martin] of the Carpatho-Russian Diocese, who inspired him to begin studies at Christ the Saviour Seminary, Johnstown, PA in the fall of 1967. During the first few weeks of seminary studies, he realized a strong calling to the Holy Priesthood.

He graduated from Christ the Saviour Seminary in June 1972. He and his wife, Pani Jeannette, were married the same month. He was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on June 18, 1972.

Bishop Matthias' pastoral experience has been extensive. He planted a mission parish dedicated to Saint Paul the Apostle in Freehold, NY in 1975. In 1982, he was to the pastorate of Saint Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church, Saint Clair, PA, a well-established parish that traces its establishment to 1897. The challenges of an older, established parish stood in sharp contrast to those of a mission parish.

In 2004, he was assigned to Christ the Savior Cathedral, Johnstown, PA, where he served as Associate Pastor and the Prefect of Christ the Savior Seminary. Two years later, he was assigned to Saint Gregory of Nyssa Church in Seaford, NY, which grew spiritually and numerically during his pastorate.

In May 1996, Pani Jeannette was diagnosed with acute leukemia. She fell asleep in the Lord 11 months later on March 26, 1997. Prior to his wife's illness, Father

Matthias had begun studies at Saint Tikhon's Seminary, South Canaan, PA, which he discontinued during his wife's illness. One year following the repose of his wife, Father resumed his studies and was awarded a Master of Divinity degree.

Bishop Matthias had always admired the monastic life. Following the death of his wife, he visited several monasteries for healing and spiritual strength. He made many visits to Holy Transfiguration Monastery, Ellwood City, PA, and Holy Myrrhbearers Monastery, Otego, NY, where he also served the Great Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord for two years. He also visited the Monastery of Saint Anthony in Arizona, where he stayed for two weeks. Prior to his monastic tonsure, he visited the Iveron Monastery on Mount Athos for the entire month of May 2003. Much of his time on Mount Athos was spent following the daily cycle of services and obediences. Many hours were spent speaking to his newly found Anthonite spiritual father, Priestmonk Jeremiah. Following his time on Mount Athos, he was tonsured a riasophor monk on October 14, 2003.

During the last ten years, he has visited Holy Trinity Monastery and Hogar Rafael Ayau Orphanage in Guatemala, both on his own and as the leader of several mission teams. For the last two years, he has served as spiritual father to the nuns at the monastery and the children at the orphanage. With the blessing of His Eminence, Metropolitan Nicholas of the Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese, he traveled to the orphanage every three months for a ten-day period to hear confessions, baptize children, and chrismate converts to Orthodox Christianity. Father has baptized at least 60 children and adults in Guatemala. He also has traveled to Turkey, Israel and the Holy Land, Greece, and Alaska.

In addition to the aforementioned parishes, he served the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Jenners, PA [1972-1975] and Saint Nicholas Church, Gary, IN [1978-1982]. He also has served as Regional Director of the Education Commission of the Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese [1972-2004], President of the Northwest Indiana Orthodox Clergy Association [1981-1982], Chaplain of Manor Care Nursing Center, Pottsville, PA [1984-1994], Prefect of Christ the Saviour Seminary, Johnstown, PA [2004-2006], and a member of the faculty of Christ the Saviour Seminary, where he taught liturgics [2004-2006]. He has been a guest preacher at five Sunday of Orthodoxy celebrations and has conducted numerous retreats during his nearly four decades of ordained ministry.

After canonical release from the Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese, he was received into the Orthodox Church in America on September 1, 2010.

At the opening session of the fall gathering of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America on Tuesday, November 16, 2010, he was canonically elected to the vacant Episcopal See of Chicago and the Midwest. He was granted retirement by the Holy Synod of Bishops on April 15, 2013.