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In memory of my father Harry Sveda- Given by Barbara Kolesar

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, June 29

9:35 AM: Hours

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Strawberry Festival

Saturday, July 5

6:00 PM: Vespers

Sunday, July 6

9:35 AM: Hours

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Monthly Panachida / Social

JUNE FINANCIALS

Expenses	\$9,975.06
Income	\$11,158.70
TOTAL	\$1,183.64
Weekly Tithe	\$9,917.70
Weekly Candles	\$581.00
Bulletin	\$50.00
Altar Candles	\$50.00
Monthly Flowers	\$50.00
Tetrapod Candles	\$50.00
Protection Candles	\$30.00
St. Hermans Candles	\$180.00
Charcoal donation	\$105.00
Parish Hall Rental	\$100.00
Decorated Candles	\$25.00
Easter Sign	\$20.00
Monthly Charity: Rescue Mission	\$581.00

JUNE 2025 Reader Schedule

June 29 – Reader Matthew Vansuch

July 6 – Reader Nick Vansuch

Assembly of Bishops Condemns Terrorist Attack on Orthodox Christians in Dweil'a, Syria

Approved by the Executive Committee on June 23, 2025

Mourning the loss of at least 25 lives and lamenting the suffering of more than 60 wounded faithful Orthodox Christians violated during the Divine Liturgy at Mar Elias Greek Orthodox Church in Dweil'a on June 22, 2025, we, the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America, condemn the terrorist attack on the innocent parishioners as a cowardly display of extremism. As many leaders of various religions have expressed over the past half century, we promulgate the sentiment that violence in the name of any religion is violence against all religions and God Himself.

We pray fervently for the entire community of Mar Elias. We pray for the full recovery of those who survived the heinous attack, both bodily and spiritually, including their mental wellbeing. For those who lost their lives, we pray that they rest in the bosom of Abraham, in a place of light, in a place of green pasture, in a place of refreshment, from where pain, sorrow, and sighing have fled away.

We reiterate our condemnation of violence, and, as we stated at the conclusion of our 2024 annual meeting of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops, "violence can never solve violence, and peace should be pursued at all costs."

The Holy Glorious and All-Praised Leaders of the Apostles, Peter and Paul Commemorated on June 29

Sermon of Saint Augustine, Bishop of Hippo

Today the Holy Church piously remembers the sufferings of the Holy Glorious and All-Praised Apostles Peter and Paul.

Saint Peter, the fervent follower of Jesus Christ, for the profound confession of His Divinity: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God," was **Con't pg 6**

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His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon Presides at the Glorification of the Righteous Olga of Kwethluk

On June 18, 2025, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon traveled to Alaska to preside at the services for the glorification of the Righteous Olga of Kwethluk, where hundreds of pilgrims gathered for the event from across Alaska and North America.

His Beatitude and his delegation, which included Archbishop Alessandro Margheritino, Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America and Deacon Alexander Woodill, were greeted at the Anchorage airport on Wednesday, June 18, by His Eminence Archbishop Alexei of Sitka and Alaska, along with diocesan clergy and faithful.

On Thursday morning, June 19, His Beatitude, together with a delegation of hierarchs and other clergy, traveled by air to Bethel, AK. They then continued by boat to the village of Kwethluk, St. Olga's home, where hundreds of pilgrims had gathered together with the local faithful.

Shortly after arriving in Kwethluk, His Beatitude celebrated the final Panikhida for St. Olga at the cemetery. Following the Panikhida, her relics were carried in procession by priests to St. Nicholas Church, and placed in front of the doors of the Church from where His Eminence Archbishop Michael, Secretary of the Holy Synod of Bishops, read the official Proclamation of Glorification.

His Beatitude then presided at the celebration of the All-Night Vigil. Concelebrating with His Beatitude were His Eminence Archbishop Alexei, His Grace Bishop James of Sonora (ROCOR), His Eminence Archbishop Michael, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel of Chicago, His Grace Bishop Nikodhim of Boston, His Grace Bishop Andrei of Cleveland, and His Grace Bishop Gerasim of Fort Worth, Archpriest Daniel Charles, Diocesan Chancellor, Archpriest Vasily Fisher, parish priest of St. Nicholas Church, and various other diocesan clergy.

Before the Litya, Archbishop Alexei blessed the faithful with the new icon of St. Olga, and brought it in procession before placing it beside her relics in the center of the Church.

On the morning of Friday, June 20, His Beatitude presided at the celebration of the Primatial Divine Liturgy. Concelebrating with His Beatitude were the other hierarchs and clergy. Archbishop Alexei delivered the homily.

Following the service, the people of Kwethluk hosted the hierarchs, clergy, and pilgrims for a festive banquet at the local school.

Later that afternoon, the hierarchs and their staff returned to Bethel by boat and flew back to Anchorage, where the celebration of St. Olga's glorification will continue this weekend at the Diocesan Cathedral.

Recordings of the livestreams for the Vigil and the Divine Liturgy are available on the Diocese of Alaska's YouTube channel.

Holy and Righteous Mother Olga of Kwethluk, Wonderworker, Matushka of All Alaska, pray to God for us!

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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.

Rehearsal and Music Update for the 21st All-American Council

The rehearsal schedule for singing at the 21st All-American Council (AAC), to be held in Phoenix, AZ, July 14-18, 2025, is now available. In addition to the Liturgical services (see schedule here), there will be three rehearsals. All singers attending the AAC are encouraged to participate in the rehearsals and sing in the choir for the liturgical services.

Monday, July 14, from 4-5pm, there will be a short introduction to the week's activities, followed by a rehearsal for Tuesday's Panikhida, directed by Dr. Vladimir Morosan (DOW), and the two daily liturgies. The rehearsal will begin with everyone together and then split into a men's choir for Tuesday's Liturgy, under the direction of Dn. Harrison Russin (SVS), and a women's choir for Wednesday's liturgy, directed by Mother Macrina (Holy Assumption Monastery). The opening Molieben will be served Monday evening.

On Tuesday, July 15, from 6:30-8pm, there will be a rehearsal for the All-Night Vigil to be served on Wednesday. This Vigil will be sung by two choirs: a mixed choir under the direction of Matushka Juliana Woodill (AWDC), and a male choir led by Fr. Caleb Lewis (STM). The Vigil and Hierarchical Liturgy will be celebrated for the newly canonized Righteous Olga of Kwethluk, Wonderworker, Matushka of All Alaska.

The final rehearsal for Thursday's Hierarchical Liturgy with the Holy Synod will be held on Wednesday, July 16, from 1:45-2:45pm. A large mixed choir will sing for this service, under the direction of Dn. Anthony Stokes (DOS). During this service, there will be two opportunities to sing in women's trios. Any singers interested in participating in a trio should contact Dn. Anthony (email below). There is also a Google Drive

Folder with recordings and a playlist of some of the pieces for the Thursday Liturgy.

Friday morning will feature the Akathist to the North American Saints, directed by Christine Adam (DOW). The Closing Molieben will occur during the final plenary session.

In addition to the rehearsals and services, there is a plan to gather church musicians for fellowship and conversation after the All-Night Vigil on Wednesday evening. More information to come at the AAC.

Due to the number of services and limits on rehearsal time, singers are asked to look over as much music as possible before the AAC. PDFs of the music can be found below:

Opening Molieben (coming soon)
Tuesday Liturgy-Men's Choir
Panikhida
Wednesday Liturgy-Women's Choir
All-Night Vigil (coming soon)
Thursday Hierarchical Liturgy
Akathist to All Saints of North America
Closing Molieben (coming soon)

If you have any questions, please reach out to Dn. Anthony Stokes (dnanthonystokes@gmail.com).

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June 29 – Council - Strawberry Festival
July 6 – O Club

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Holy Synod confirms appointment of Priest David Bozeman as Secretary of the Orthodox Church in America

During a special session held via teleconference on Tuesday, June 17, the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America confirmed His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon's nomination of Priest David Bozeman as Secretary of the Orthodox Church in America. Father David's appointment was made in accordance with Article VI, Section 2 of the Statute of the Orthodox Church in America. His nomination was endorsed by the Metropolitan Council during a special session earlier the same day. He succeeds Archpriest Alessandro Margheritino, who was recently appointed Chancellor.

Fr. David brings to the role of Secretary pastoral experience and a diverse professional background. A graduate of St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary (M.Div., magna cum laude), he has served as the founding priest of St. Nektarios Mission in Texas and is currently the priest-in-charge of St. John of Damascus Orthodox Church in Tyler, TX. As Dean of the Southcentral Deanery of the Diocese of the South, Fr. David has demonstrated pastoral leadership and administrative ability. His broad experience in ministry, combined with prior work in administration, finances, and communications, positions him well to contribute positively to the work of the Chancery and to the life of the Church. Fr. David is expected to officially begin his tenure as Secretary at the end of the summer.

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**JUNE CELEBRATIONS
Birthday**

- 1 Anthony Jesko, Sr.
- 2 Sue Kennedy
- 5 Peter Adzima / Michael Simko / Ryan Konik / Alex Vansuch
- 6 Zach Livosky
- 11 Elaine Johnston
- 13 Fr. Nick Mihaly / Sarah Wilson
- 15 Emily Kusinski / Aijire Dardovski / Alex Vansuch
- 19 Emily Sarisky / Victoria Elash
- 22 Donna Chiarelli
- 24 John Koval III
- 25 Ron Zenko
- 26 John Rusnak
- 28 Vincent Cavaliere

Anniversary

- 10 Joey & Mary Ruth Mico
- 14 Sub-deacon Donald & Susan Tamulonis
- 21 V.R. Archpriest Dave Lis priestly ordination 27-2009 AB Melchisedek of Pittsburgh & Western, PA
- 29-2021 His Grace Bishop Gerasim of Forth Worth

Names Day

- 3 Archpriest Andrew Bartek
- 4 Martha Centofanti
- 24 Gianna Hryb / Joann Biros
- 27 Joan Cross / Heidi Kuzemchak / Joann Sirilla
- 29 Pauline Fesz / Mat. Pauline Gemmel

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deemed worthy by the Savior to hear in answer, "Blessed art thou, Simon ... I tell thee, that thou art Peter [Petrus], and on this stone [petra] I build My Church" (Mt.16:16-18). On "this stone" [petra], is on that which thou sayest: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God" it is on this thy confession I build My Church. Wherefore the "thou art Peter": it is from the "stone" [petra] that Peter [Petrus] is, and not from Peter [Petrus] that the "stone" [petra] is, just as the Christian is from Christ, and not Christ from the Christian. Do you want to know, from what sort of "rock" [petra] the Apostle Peter [Petrus] was named? Hear the Apostle Paul: "Brethren, I do not want ye to be ignorant," says the Apostle of Christ, "how all our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and all were baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ" (1 Cor.10: 1-4)...

Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the final days of His earthly life, in the days of His mission to the race of man, chose from among the disciples His twelve Apostles to preach the Word of God. Among them, the Apostle Peter for his fiery ardor was vouchsafed to occupy the first place (Mt.10:2) and to be

ATTENDANCE: A Comparison - JUNE	2024	2025
1st Week		
Vespers	7	11
Liturgy	62 / 38	47 / 32
2nd Week		
Vespers	7	8
Liturgy	65 / 43	41 / 28 Pentecost
3rd Week		
Vespers	6 (Fathers Day)	6
Liturgy	54 / 43	56 / 37
Kneeling Prayers	21	30
4th Week		
Vespers	5	9
Liturgy	54 / 43 (Pentecost)	50 / 36
Kneeling Prayers	21	31
Nativity Of St John		
Vespers	No Record	9
Nativity Liturgy	No Record	7 / 6
Peter & Paul Ves	7	Is 5th week #'s
Peter & Paul Lit.	12	Is 5th week #'s
5th Week		
Vespers	5	
Divine Liturgy	72 / 53	

as it were the representative person for all the Church. Therefore it is said to him, preferentially, after the confession: "I will give unto thee the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth, shall be bound in the heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth: shall be loosed in heaven" (Mt.16: 19). Therefore it was not one man, but rather the One Universal Church, that received these "keys" and the right "to bind and loosen." And that it was actually the Church that received this right, and not exclusively a single person, turn your attention to another place of the Scriptures, where the same Lord says to all His Apostles, "Receive ye the Holy Spirit" and further after this, "Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them: and whose soever sins ye retain, are retained" (John 20: 22-23); or: "whatsoever ye bind upon the earth, shall be bound in Heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth, shall be loosened in heaven" (Mt.18:18). Thus, it is the Church that binds, the Church that loosens; the Church, built upon the foundational cornerstone, Jesus Christ Himself (Eph 2:20), doth bind and loosen. Let both the binding and the loosening be feared: the loosening, in order not to fall under this again; the binding, in order not to remain forever in this condition. Therefore "Iniquities ensnare a man, and everyone is bound in the chains of his own sins," says Wisdom (Prov 5:22); and except for Holy Church nowhere is it possible to receive the loosening.

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After His Resurrection the Lord entrusted the Apostle Peter to shepherd His spiritual flock not because, that among the disciples only Peter alone was pre-deserved to shepherd the flock of Christ, but Christ addresses Himself chiefly to Peter because, that Peter was first among the Apostles and as such the representative of the Church; besides which, having turned in this instance to Peter alone, as to the top Apostle, Christ by this confirms the unity of the Church. "Simon of John" -- says the Lord to Peter -- "lovest thou Me?" -- and the Apostle answered: "Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I love Thee"; and a second time it was thus asked, and a second time he thus answered; being asked a third time, seeing that as it were not believed, he was saddened. But how is it possible for him not to believe That One, Who knew his heart? And wherefore then Peter answered: "Lord, Thou knowest all; Thou knowest that I love Thee." "And sayeth Jesus to him" all three times "Feed My sheep" (John 20:15-17).

Besides this, the triple appealing of the Savior to Peter and the triple confession of Peter before the Lord had a particular beneficial purpose for the Apostle. That one, to whom was given "the keys of the kingdom" and the right "to bind and to loose," bound himself thrice by fear and cowardice (Mt.26:69-75), and the Lord thrice loosens him by His appeal and in turn by his confession of strong love. And to shepherd literally the flock of Christ was acquired by all the Apostles and their successors. "Take heed, therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock," the Apostle Paul urges church presbyters, "over which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood" (Acts 20:28); and the Apostle Peter to the elders: "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof not by constraint, but willingly: not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind: neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock. And when is appeared the Prince of pastors, ye will receive unfading crowns of glory" (1 Pet. 5:2-4).

It is remarkable that Christ, having said to Peter: "Feed My sheep," did not say: "Feed thy sheep," but rather to feed, good servant, the sheep of the Lord. "Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?" (1 Cor.1:13). "Feed My sheep". Wherefore "wolfish robbers, wolfish oppressors, deceitful teachers and mercenaries, not being concerned about the flock" (Mt.7:15; Acts 20:29; 2 Pet 2:1; John 10:12), having plundered a strange flock and making of the spoils as though it be of their own particular gain, they think that they feed their flock. Such are not good pastors, as pastors of the Lord. "The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep" (John 10:11), entrusted to Him by the chief Shepherd Himself (1 Pet 5:4). And the Apostle Peter, true to his calling, gave his soul for the very flock of Christ, having sealed his apostleship by a martyr's death, is now glorified

throughout all the world.

The Apostle Paul, formerly Saul, was changed from a robbing wolf into a meek lamb. Formerly he was an enemy of the Church, then is manifest as an Apostle. Formerly he stalked it, then preached it. Having received from the high priests the authority at large to throw all Christians in chains for execution, he was already on the way, he breathed out "threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord" (Acts 9:1), he thirsted for blood, but "He that dwells in the Heavens shall laugh him to scorn" (Ps 2:4). When he, "having persecuted and vexed" in such manner "the Church of God" (1Cor.15:9; Acts 8:5), he came near Damascus, and the Lord from Heaven called to him: "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?" and I am here, and I am there, I am everywhere: here is My head; there is My body. There becomes nothing of a surprise in this; we ourselves are members of the Body of Christ. "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me; it is hard for thee to kick against the goad" (Acts 9:4-5). Saul, however, "trembling and frightened", cried out: "Who art Thou, Lord?" The Lord answered him, "I am Jesus Whom thou persecutest."

And Saul suddenly undergoes a change: "What wantest Thou me to do?" -- he cries out. And suddenly for him there is the Voice: "Arise, and go to the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do" (Acts 9:6). Here the Lord sends Ananias: "Arise and go into the street" to a man, "by the name of Saul," and baptize him, "for this one is a chosen vessel unto Me, to bear My name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel" (Acts 9: 11, 15, 18). This vessel must be filled with My Grace. "Ananias, however, answered: Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he hath done to Thy saints in Jerusalem: and here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Thy Name" (Acts 9:13-14). But the Lord urgently commands Ananias: "Search for and fetch him, for this vessel is chosen by Me: for I shall show him what great things he must suffer for My name's sake" (Acts 9:11, 15-16).

And actually the Lord did show the Apostle Paul what things he had to suffer for His Name. He instructed him the deeds; He did not stop at the chains, the fetters, the prisons and shipwrecks; He Himself felt for him in his sufferings, He Himself guided him towards this day. On a single day the memory of the sufferings of both these Apostles is celebrated, though they suffered on separate days, but by the spirit and the closeness of their suffering they constitute one. Peter went first, and Paul followed soon after him. Formerly called Saul, and then Paul, having transformed his pride into humility. His very name (Paulus), meaning "small, little, less," demonstrates this. What is the Apostle Paul after this? Ask him, and he himself gives answer to this: "I am," says he, "the least of the Apostles... but I have labored more abundantly than all of them: yet not I, but the grace of God, which was with me" (1 Cor.15:9-10).

And so, brethren, celebrating now **Con't Next Pg**

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the memory of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, remembering their venerable sufferings, we esteem their true faith and holy life, we esteem the innocence of their sufferings and pure confession. Loving in them the sublime quality and imitating them by great exploits, "in which to be likened to them" (2 Thess 3: 5-9), and we shall attain to that eternal bliss which is prepared for all the saints. The path of our life before was more grievous, thornier, harder, but "we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses" (Heb 12: 1), having passed by along it, made now for us easier, and lighter, and more readily passable. First there passed along it "the author and finisher of our faith," our Lord Jesus Christ Himself (Heb 12: 2); His daring Apostles followed after Him; then the martyrs, children, women, virgins and a great multitude of witnesses. Who acted in them and helped them on this path? He Who said, "Without Me ye can do nothing" (John 15: 5).

Archbishop Daniel participates in the Canonization of St. Olga of Alaska

The Diocese of Alaska of the Orthodox Church in America officially canonized St. Olga of Alaska on Thursday, June 19 and Friday, June 20. His Eminence Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the Midwest traveled to Alaska for the historic celebration.

Services were held at St. Nicholas Church, Kwethluk, AK, the village of of the saint where she labored and served. The All Night Vigil was served on Thursday evening, and the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on the following day. His Eminence joined members of the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in America as well as clergy and faithful from throughout the world. Throughout the pilgrimage, the Archbishop was accompanied by Archpriest Herman Kincaid, Chancellor.

Parishes of the Diocese of the Midwest ire called to serve a moleben in honor of St. Olga on Sunday, June 22, the Feast of All Saints of North America.

St. Olga of Alaska pray to God for us!

THANK YOU RECEIVED

Thank you again so much for all the church has done to get the kids bikes and new toys for the summer. They are very grateful! We appreciate everything.

This is from a family who had a fire here in Campbell and our church helped out. Thank you very Much.

Matthew 6:22-33 (Gospel)

The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Romans 5:1-10 (Epistle)

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.



Missouri Mission Completes New Building

On Saturday, June 7, Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Mission in Saint James, MO blessed a newly constructed home built for the worship services and social space of their growing community.

With great joy, the parish held its first services in the new space for the Great Feast of Pentecost. "God's love for us, coupled with our participation, tithes, alms, prayers, faith, work, sweat, tears, and love have made this possible," Priest Joel Wilson, Priest-in-Charge at Annunciation, shared in a message to the parish before the blessing of the building.

In early 2012, then-Deacon Joel received a blessing from His Grace, Bishop Matthias to plant a mission in Rolla, MO in cooperation with Saint Thomas the Apostle Church in Springfield, MO. This new community celebrated their first Liturgy on February 9, 2013, and with the blessing of His Grace Bishop Alexander, was named in honor of the Annunciation. Shortly after, Father Joel was ordained to the Holy Priesthood.

In these early days, the small but growing Annunciation community gathered in a Knights of Columbus hall and then, after the generous offering of the space by one of the church's families, in part of an office building. In early 2014, after a miraculous series of donations, Fr. Joel and his family purchased property in St. James, MO, which included a house, a separate outbuilding, and five acres of land. By February of 2015, members of Annunciation finished renovating the outbuilding to use as a temporary chapel.

For over 10 years, Annunciation continued gathering in this temporary temple. After losing nearly all its membership during Covid in 2020, by the grace of God, beginning in 2021 the mission began experiencing exponential growth. The community outgrew the space of the temporary temple, and it was not uncommon to find the faithful participating in services from the back of the narthex or even by standing outside next to open windows.

Plans for a permanent temple were initially drawn up in 2021. However, by early 2023, the parish had already outgrown these plans. In July of 2024, Annunciation purchased an adjacent plot of 15 acres of land and immediately began work on a multipurpose building which would serve as a transitional space for the growing community. Future plans are to have this multipurpose building serve as the fellowship hall upon completion of the permanent limestone temple, but as of June 7, it now serves as the church itself.

Remarkably, this new building was completed in 9 1/2 months due to extreme generosity and tireless efforts of the mission community, each seeking, according to their abilities, to become "founders of this holy church," and desiring also to provide space for the growing number of those heeding the call of God to

come and see. For more information on life and growth at Annunciation Church in Saint James, please visit <https://annunciationoca.org>

Feast of the Holy Spirit and Noted Late Musician, John Sutko, Commemorated at the Cathedral

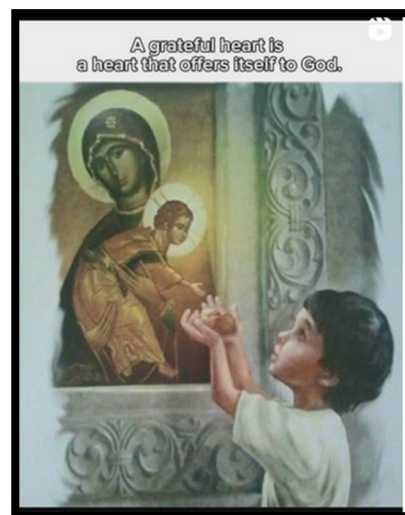
On Monday June 9, the Day of the Holy Spirit, was celebrated at the Diocesan Cathedral, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL, by His Eminence Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the Midwest. This feast is a continuation of the altar feast of the Cathedral bringing together the clergy and faithful of the Chicago Deanery.

His Eminence was assisted by Archpriest Herman Kincaid, Chancellor, Priest Alexander Koranda, Cathedral Dean, Priest Esteban Vazques, Mitered Archpriest Vladimir Kovalchuk, Priest Nikolai Lochmatow, Priest John Kennerk, Priest Daniel Greeson, Priest Anthony Saunders, Priest Joseph Whittaker, Deacon Paul Garklavs, Deacon Nikola Tambur, and Deacon Timothy Heimbokel.

June 9th also marked the fifth anniversary of the repose for noted church musician, and St. Romanus Award recipient, John Sutko. Under the direction of Reader Philip Sokolov, a special choir was formed with singers that had a personal connection from throughout Chicagoland with Mr. Sutko. Throughout the service, compositions and arrangements of the late musician were sung.

A Cross Procession was held following the Divine Liturgy.

At the conclusion of the Divine Services, Fr. Herman offered a reflections on the gifts that God bestows upon his creation and how John was an example of such a great gift and how he shared it in many ways. Fr. Alexander, the grandson of John, offered gratitude to His Eminence and those gathered for offering such a memorial. The family of John sponsored a memorial meal in honor of the festive day, where pictures and musical works of the musician's career were displayed.



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