



The Weekly Forerunner



St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church

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In memory of Aunt Mary Sveda- Given by Barbara Kolesar

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Liturgical & Events Schedule

Saturday, August 17

9:15-9:45 AM: Confessions by appointment

9:35 AM: Hours

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Council Meeting / Social

Saturday, August 23

5:30 PM: Confessions by appointment

6:00 PM: Vespers

6:30 PM: Confessions

Sunday, August 24

9:15-9:45 AM: Confessions by Appointment

9:35 AM: Hours

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

1 Corinthians 4:9-16 (Epistle)

For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

SOCIALS FOR AUGUST

August 17– Sisterhood

August 24– Pancake and Sausage breakfast

August 31 – OPEN for now

Matthew 17:14-23 (Gospel)

And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him." Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting." Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up." And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

AUGUST Reader Schedule

August 17– Sub-Deacon Donald Tamulonis

August 24– Reader Matthew Vansuch

August 31– Reader Nick Vansuch

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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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Annual Diocesan Retreat Welcomes Fourteen Midwest Seminarians

The Diocese of the Midwest held its third seminarian retreat Monday July 21 through Wednesday, July 23. The retreat gathered current seminarians and those who are entering their first semester in the fall.

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

On Monday, July 21, the seminarians arrived in Chicago and attended Great Vespers at the Cathedral. They then had dinner with the Archbishop and enjoyed fellowship. On the following day, the students attended the feast of St. Mary Magdalene where the Archbishop presided over the Divine Liturgy. Students assisted in serving and singing for the feast.

A formal program and introduction to the diocese was held throughout the afternoon. Later that day, a tour of the Diocesan Cathedral was given and then the seminarians enjoyed touring Chicago before dinner.

On the final day of the retreat, Wednesday, July 23, the students had their final session with the Archbishop and a travel blessing was offered. A tour of St. George Cathedral, and the Chancery were made available throughout the afternoon.

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

Audio Recording of Presentation on St. Tikhon of Moscow Now Available

The audio recording of the presentation on Saint Tikhon of Moscow, delivered at the 21st All-American Council in Phoenix, AZ, is now available.

The presentation, entitled "St. Tikhon of Moscow as a Model of Conciliar Church Leadership," was given on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, as part of the Orthodox Church in America's commemoration of the centennial of the repose of the St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and Enlightener of North America.

Dr. Scott Kenworthy, Professor of Comparative Religion at Miami University of Ohio and expert in Orthodox Christian history, offered the lecture with a panel discussion following after.

Listen to the Recording on the national oca website

Dr. Kenworthy's critical biography of Saint Tikhon is forthcoming from Oxford University Press in November 2025. Those interested may learn more about his book here.

To learn more about the work of the 21st All-American Council, visit oca.org/aac.

It follows that asceticism, which uproots sin and thereby leads man to holiness, is not an unnecessary human invention; it is a powerful means indicated by God Himself for the attainment by man of God's will for him. One who opposes the ascetic life, it goes without saying, is an opponent of the will of God and an enemy of God.

Archbishop Averky (Taushev)

The Struggle for Virtue: Asceticism in a Modern Secular Society

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AUGUST Candle & Bulletin Sponsors

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

- Bulletin:** In memory of Aunt Mary Sveda– Given by Barbara Kolesar / In honor of Michele Basile & Millie Wilfong— Given by Basile family
- Wine:** In memory of my mother & Father John & Olga Zelina– Given by Maureen Koval
- Incense:** In memory of my mom & father John & Olga Zelina– Given by Maureen Koval
- Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light:** In honor of my sister Raissa’s birthday on August 13th.– Given by Tashie Simko
- Altar Candles:** In memory of Michael & Ethel Dudzik- Given by Michael & Lynn Polewan
- Tetrapod Candles:** In honor of my mom & dad John & Olga Zelina– Given by Maureen Koval
- 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:** In honor of my daughter’s (Mary Margaret’s) Birthday on August 18– Given by Nancy Tusinac
- Protection Icon Candles:** For the health of my husband Gary Thompson on the occasion of his birthday– Given by Patty Thompson
- St. John the Baptist Candles:** For the health of my husband Gary Thompson on the occasion of his birthday– Given by Patty Thompson

<u>\$50 per month</u>	<u>\$30 per month</u>	<u>\$25 per month</u>
*Wine	*St. Herman candles	Incense
*Bulletin	*St. Panteleimon Icon candles	
*Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light	*Protection Icon candles	Flowers - \$50 for 2 weeks at a time– <i>Updated</i>
*Altar Candles	*St. John the Baptist candles	
*Tetrapod Candles		

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon to Concelebrate With His Beatitude Archbishop Stefan of Macedonian Orthodox Church

On Tuesday, September 2, 2025, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon will concelebrate the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with His Beatitude Archbishop Stefan of the Macedonian Orthodox Church – Ohrid Archbishopric. This concelebration will mark the Orthodox Church in America’s formal recognition of the world’s newest and youngest autocephalous Orthodox Church.

Preparations for this concelebration have been ongoing following His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon’s first public recognition of the Macedonian Orthodox Church during the 21st All-American Council, July 14-18, 2025, in Phoenix, AZ. Other hierarchs and clergy of the Orthodox Church in America are expected to concelebrate.

The historic service will begin at 9:00 AM at St. Nicholas Cathedral, 3500 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC. Liturgical responses will be offered by the Archdiocesan Choir of Washington, DC.

The Hawaiian Myrrh-Streaming Iveron Icon of the Mother of God and the holy relics of the newly canonized Righteous Olga of Kwethluk will also be present and available for veneration by the faithful.

Martyr Myron the Presbyter of Cyzicus Commemorated on August 17

The Holy Martyr Myron was a presbyter in Achaia (Greece), and lived during the third century. He suffered in the year 250 under the emperor Decius (249-251). The presbyter was gentle and kind to people, but he was also courageous in the defense of his spiritual children.

On the Feast of the Nativity of Christ, he was celebrating the Divine Liturgy. The local governor Antipater came into the church with soldiers so as to arrest those praying there and to subject them to torture. Saint Myron began to plead for his flock, accusing the governor of cruelty, and for this the saint was delivered over to be tortured.

They took Saint Myron and struck his body with iron rods. They then threw the presbyter into a red-hot oven, but the Lord preserved the martyr, but about 150 men standing nearby were scorched by the fire. The governor then began to insist that the martyr worship idols. Saint Myron firmly refused to do this, so Antipater ordered the leather thongs to be cut from his skin. Saint Myron took one of the leather thongs and threw it in the face of his tormentor.

Falling into a rage, Antipater gave orders to strike Saint Myron all over his stripped body, and then to give the martyr to wild beasts to be eaten. The beasts would not touch him, however. Seeing himself defeated, Antipater in his blind rage committed suicide. They then took Saint Myron to the city of Cyzicus, where he was beheaded by the sword.

August Celebrations

Birthday

- 1 Heidi Kuzemchak
- 4 Meiriam Dardovski / Sonja Harvischak
- 5 Linda Livosky
- 7 William Sabo
- 9 Elaine Basala
- 12 Layne Demkosky / Reader Nick Vansuch / Ethan Donofrio / Sue Tamulonis
- 13 Frank Batura, Jr. / Ed Kusinski
- 14 Eli Arvan / Katie (Zelinsky)
- 15 Anthony Cavaliere
- 16 Anthony Jesko, Jr.
- 17 Lauren Koval
- 27 Michael Centofanti
- 29 Archbishop Michael / Gary Thompson Sr
- 31 Sharon LaVallee / Melanie Rusnak

Anniversary

- 7 Stephen & Karen Simko (02) / Dennis & Pamela Tubic
- 10 Fr. John's Ordination (68)
- 18 Nicola & Shelly Nicoloff (96) / Philip & Trudy Ellmore
- 21 Fr. Gregory & Matushka Xenia Burner / Dc. David & Mat. Gemmel (88)
- 27 Fr. Michael & Presbyteria Jessica Ellis
- 28 Fr. Eli Bremer Priestly ordination / Joe & Georgiana Lukehart
- 29 Zoland & Claudia Zile
- 30 Fr. Peter & Pani Bernadette Zarynow

Names Day

- 15 Sonja Harvischak / Sophia Jesko
- 23 AB Irene of Ottawa & the Archdiocese of Canada
- 26 Natalia Simko
- 30 AB Alexander of Dallas, the South & Bulgarian Diocese

AUGUST FINANCIALS

Expenses	\$7,437.40
Income	\$5,302.00
TOTAL	-\$2,135.40
Weekly Tithe	\$4,582.70
Weekly Candles	\$505.00
Tetrapod Candles	\$50.00
Icon Screen / Eternal Light Candles	\$30.00
Incense	\$25.00
Protection Candles	\$30.00
Unneeded Gifts	\$30.00
Coffee Social	\$50.00
Monthly Charity: Holy Trinity School	\$312.00

ATTENDANCE: A Comparison - AUGUST	2024	2025
1st Week		
Vespers	4	13
Liturgy	54 / 36	59 / 39
Transfiguration- Liturgy	Monastery	18 / 15
2nd Week		
Vespers	8	7
Liturgy	68 / 48	47 / 30
Dormition Vespers	17	
Dormition Liturgy	19	
3rd Week		
Vespers	9	
Liturgy	68 / 37	
4th Week		
Vespers	4	
Liturgy	38 / 31	
Beheading Vespers	11	
Beheading Liturgy	18 / 14	
5th Week		
Vespers	No 5th week	
Divine Liturgy	No 5th Week	

CONFESSION CHANGES

Effective beginning next week Confession will be heard :

- ◆ Saturday evenings between 5:15 & 5:45 PM by appointment
- ◆ Saturday after Vespers no appointment needed
- ◆ Sunday mornings between 9:15 & 9:45 AM by appointment

Please come prepared with specific sins you have. Please look over the guidelines that were pasted out last year. Please read the pre-confession prayers.

Further information will be forthcoming. Any questions please see Father Andrew.

Garlic for Sale

Sunday August 24, Michael Centofanti & Steven Simko will be selling garlic for charity at the social.



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Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! You make St. Tikhon's Seminary possible. More specifically, your generosity of \$867 makes it possible for us to train the next generation of leaders for service in Orthodox Churches. Thank You!

Thanks to the Lord, and thanks to you, we enjoyed another noteworthy year of "sending" with commencement. Ten seminarians earned their MDiv degrees—among them, five are married and five are single. Among the married, four are ordained priests, and one is a deacon. Among the single, one is off to teach at St. Herman's Seminary in Alaska.

Further, we were blessed to turn the first soil of our new married student housing project. This summer, we aim, with more than 5.5 million in funds given and pledged, to build our first duplex (two homes). Lord-willing, we continue the following summer with 2 duplexes (4 homes) and then the same next summer, with the possibility of more. Glory to God!

At St. Tikhon's, we say we are "walking with the saints"—with clear reference to the canonized saints who lived, served, prayed, and taught here. But we also mean with YOU. St. Paul began so many of his letters, "to the saints at..." We are happy to be walking with you, dear saints in God, in preparing clergy for ministry. Thank you again for collaborating with us. Come and see All the good God is doing at St. Tikhon's Seminary in and through YOU! Yours very gratefully in the Risen Christ, Fr. John Parker