



# The Weekly Forerunner

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church

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## Liturgical & Events Schedule

### Sunday, September 14

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

9:35 AM: Hours

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Monthly Panachida & 911 remembrance / Social- open now / Choir Rehearsal

*(Only wine & oil are permitted on this day. No meat or dairy)*

### Wednesday, September 17

7:30 PM: City Council Meeting

### Saturday, September 20

5:15-5:45 PM: Confessions by appointment

6:00 PM: Vespers

### Sunday, September 21

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

9:35 AM: Hours

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Social by Sisterhood / Council Meeting / Choir Rehearsal

said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!" Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus and led Him away. And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe.

## John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35 (Gospel, Feast)

Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God." Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid, and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?" Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin." When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate



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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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### 1 Corinthians 1:18-24 (Epistle, Feast)

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent." Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

### SEPTEMBER CHARITY- *Support for our Seminarians* (SOS)

The Diocesan SOS charity was started many years ago. All donations help our own Diocesan Seminarians who will be determined by Archbishop Daniel

## PRAYER LIST

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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.

## SEPTEMBER Candle & Bulletin Sponsors

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

**Bulletin: OPEN**

**Wine: OPEN**

**Incense: OPEN**

**Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light: OPEN**

**Altar Candles: OPEN**

**Tetrapod Candles:** In memory of my mother's, Helene Flahrity, anniversary of Repose– Given by Layne Demkosky

**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: OPEN**

**Protection Icon Candles:** In honor of my Husband Ron's 80th birthday– Given by Nancy Tusinac

**St. John the Baptist Candles:** In honor of my wedding anniversary– Given by Nancy Tusinac

**Monthly Flowers:** to resume October due to how the Exaltation of the Cross falls this year

**CROSS VENERATION FLOWERS**– In memory of my parents Morris & Antonia Pecuszok– Given by Ann Cverko

<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	<b>Flowers</b> - \$50 for 2 weeks at a time– <i>Updated</i>
*Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light	*Protection Icon candles	
*Altar Candles	*St. John the Baptist candles	
*Tetrapod Candles		

### SEPTEMBER Reader Schedule

September 14– George Horodnic  
September 21– Jacob Hyrb  
September 28– Dn. David

### SEPTEMBER SOCIAL

September 14– OPEN for now  
September 21– Sisterhood  
September 28– Council free –will offering Dinner

## St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church CRATES & BASKETS RAFFLE & SLAVIC FOOD FESTIVAL

Sunday, November 9, 2025 1 - 4 PM

Drawings begin at 3 PM. Winners need not be present.

Admission Tickets \$3.00 - At the Door \$5.00

Slavic Foods will be available for dine-in or take-out.



And more.....

For tickets: Church (leave a message) 330-755-2223  
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## September Celebrations

### Birthday



- 1 Dennis Konik
- 3 Lynn Basala
- 4 Deborah Zelinsky
- 6 Dc. David Gemmel
- 7 Michael Simko
- 8 Joshua Rusnak
- 9 Kim Konik
- 11 Fr. John Beskid / Joann Sirilla
- 14 Debbie Perman / Sub-deacon Donald Tamulonis / Chris Baxter
- 17 Barbara Kolesar
- 18 Ron Tusinac / AP David Lis
- 21 Mary Luthern
- 22 Pani Bethany Mihaly
- 23 Gregory Simko
- 27 Tracy Zenko / Jim Johnston

### Anniversary

- 3 Frank & Crystal Batura
- 5 Ron & Nancy Tusinac
- 7 Steven & Karen Simko
- 9 Michael & Martha Centofanti
- 13 Sam & Angie Dardovski / Fr. Peter Zarynow
- 14 Sub-deaconate ordination of Dr. Donald Tamulonis
- 16 Beth & Tom Hull
- 17 Dc James & Mat. Christine
- 28-1990 Retired Bishop Lazar of Ottawa

### Names Day

- 8 Mary Fredericks / Mary Luthern / Mary Ruth Mico
- 17 Sonia Tsvetkoff / Nadine Sabol
- 30 AB Michael of NY & NY & NJ

## 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4 (Sunday, Epistle)

Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand. But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me? And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

ATTENDANCE: A Comparison - September	2024	2025
<b>1st Week</b>		
Vespers	No Vespers	7
Liturgy	57 / 47	57 / 42
Vespers– Nativity right after Sun. Lit.	No Record	41
Liturgy– Nativity	No Record	11 / 6
<b>2nd Week</b>		
Vespers	9	
Liturgy	53 / 37	
<b>3rd Week</b>		
Vespers	No Vespers	
Liturgy	68 / 42	
<b>4th Week</b>		
Vespers	No Vespers	
Liturgy	43 / 32	
<b>5th Week</b>		
NO 5TH WEEK	No record	

## Matthew 22:1-14 (Sunday, Gospel)

And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: “The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. Again, he sent out other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, ‘See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.’” But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.’ So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for providing meals, shelter, and care to people facing hunger and homelessness this summer!

In a season when support often slows, you chose to stand by our neighbors in need. They are deeply grateful-and so am I!

Your generosity of \$981, is already making a difference in the lives of men, women, and children who are struggling. Because of you, they're receiving hot meals, a place to sleep, emotional and spiritual support, life-skills classes, and much more.

Every dollar you give to the Rescue Mission matters. Your generous gift is fueling meaningful change and offering hope and healing across Mahoning Valley.

Thank you once again for your compassion and care for those who are hurting. Your kindness is touching lives...and strengthening our whole community.

In His Name,

John Muckridge III, CEO/President

### MATTHEW 25

Then the King will say to those on His right hand...for I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me...

Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to Me!...

## **His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon Concelebrates with His Beatitude Archbishop Stefan of Macedonian Orthodox Church**

On Tuesday, September 2, 2025, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon concelebrated the primatial Divine Liturgy with His Beatitude Archbishop Stefan of the Macedonian Orthodox Church – Ohrid Archbishopric, marking the formal recognition of the newest local autocephalous church by the Orthodox Church in America.

Upon the arrival of Archbishop Stefan in Washington on Monday, September 1, Metropolitan Tikhon hosted him and part of his delegation for a private dinner, at which the two Primate had an opportunity to discuss the life of their two Churches, future cooperations, and issues of common interest, especially in the area of external affairs.

On Tuesday, September 2, the service began at 9:00 AM at St. Nicholas Cathedral, where the two Primate were greeted by the concelebrating bishops, clergy, and faithful. Concelebrating with the Primate were His Grace Bishop Seraphim of Kostajnica, representing His Holiness Patriarch Profirije of the Serbian Orthodox Church; His Eminence Archbishop Melchisedek of Pittsburgh; His Eminence Archbishop Irénée of Ottawa; His Eminence Archbishop Michael of New York; His Eminence Archbishop Daniel of Chicago; His Grace Bishop Nikodhim of Boston; and His Grace Bishop Vasily of San Francisco. Other concelebrating clergy included Igumen Nikodhim, Acting Chancellor of the Patriarchal Parishes, who represented His Grace Bishop Matthew of Sourozh. Also in attendance were His Eminence Metropolitan Metodij of Toronto and Mr. Zoran Popov, Macedonian Ambassador to the United States of America.

Metropolitan Tikhon offered the homily, in which he reflected on the holy apostles, who worked together to spread the Gospel and plant churches throughout the earth. His Beatitude referred to the concelebration as “only the beginning of a good and bright relationship between the Orthodox Church in America and the Macedonian Orthodox Church-Ohrid Archbishopric.” He went on to say, “I pray that our sister Churches may enrich each other with our respective unique gifts, collaborating and assisting one another for the greater glory of God and the proclamation of his kingdom.”

The liturgical responses were sung by the Archdiocesan Choir of Washington, D.C. The Hawaiian Myrrh-Streaming Iveron Icon of the Mother of God and the relics of the newly canonized St. Olga of Kwethluk were also present for veneration.

At the conclusion of the liturgy, His Beatitude greeted Archbishop Stefan, welcoming the latter to his primatial See and to St. Nicholas Cathedral. He expressed

the joy of all the clergy and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America at the restoration of full communion with the Macedonian Orthodox Church and wished many years to His Beatitude and all the clergy and faithful of the Macedonian Orthodox Church. In reply, His Beatitude Archbishop Stefan greeted Metropolitan Tikhon and offered his wish that “this day mark the beginning of fruitful cooperation between our two sister Churches. For the world around us is in need of a living witness of unity and love.”

Metropolitan Tikhon also presented Archbishop Stefan with a gift of an icon of St. Olga and her relics.

After the liturgy, the two Primate, the bishops, and a number of other clergy, together with Mr. Dragan Šutanovac, Serbian Ambassador to the United States of America, attended a private reception at the Macedonian Embassy hosted by Ambassador Popov.

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## **New Project Manager Appointed for the Departments of the Orthodox Church in America**

The Orthodox Church in America announces the appointment of Archpriest Justin Patterson as Project Manager for the Departments of the Church. Father Justin succeeds Archpriest Thomas Soroka, who has faithfully served in this capacity for more than five years.

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon expressed gratitude to Father Thomas for his dedicated service. During his tenure, Father Thomas helped guide the Church through the transition from the former departmental model to the current structure.

“We are thankful for Father Thomas’ commitment and pastoral care in overseeing the work of the Departments during a period of renewal and restructuring,” said Archpriest Alessandro Margheritino, Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America. “On behalf of His Beatitude and the entire Church, we extend our gratitude for his faithful service.”

Father Justin now assumes responsibility for coordinating the work of the Departments as the Chancery continues its own transition. “We are grateful for Father Justin’s willingness to step into this important role, and we look forward to working closely with him in the years ahead,” added Father Alessandro.

Father Justin may be contacted at [jpatterson@oca.org](mailto:jpatterson@oca.org).

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## **The Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross Commemorated on September 14**

The pagan Roman Emperors tried to obliterate the holy places where our Lord Jesus Christ suffered and rose from the dead, so that they would be forgotten. Emperor Hadrian (117-138) ordered that Golgotha **Con’t page 8**

**ARCHPASTORAL APPEAL OF  
ARCHBISHOP DANIEL  
2025 ANNUAL SUPPORT OUR  
SEMINARIANS (SOS) APPEAL  
September 2025**

Beloved in Christ,

The first Great Feast of the new liturgical year is the Feast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos, two days from now. Whenever we honor our Sovereign Lady the Theotokos, especially when we celebrate her feasts, we immediately think of the role she plays in the history of Salvation. We reflect upon her role in the life of her Son and in the life of the Church and recognize her as the first and most faithful Disciple of Her Divine Son. We also turn to her in prayer, asking her prayers for ourselves, our loved ones, and all who are dear to us. As I write this, I have in mind our diocesan seminarians—those who are preparing themselves, God willing, for eventual ordination or for other roles of service in the Church, and whom I entrust to the prayers and protection of the Mother of God.

Our diocesan seminarians recently gathered at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, for our third annual seminarians’ retreat. Among those participating were those who are just now beginning their seminary career and those who are returning to continue or to complete their theological studies, four of them having already been ordained to the Holy Diaconate. This now-annual gathering offers the opportunity for our seminarians to spend time together in fellowship, to pray together, and to strengthen the bonds they share as seminarians of the Diocese of the Midwest. They also have the chance to hear from diocesan leadership and to spend more time with me personally. Having met each of them as part of the diocesan admissions process, I am happy to say that I have great confidence in their abilities and great hope for their future service in the Church, whatever form that service might eventually take.

These men and, and in most cases, their families, have taken a great leap of faith as they uproot themselves from their usual lives, leave their employment and main sources of income, their social and family support structures, sometimes sell their homes, and move to the seminary. Such sacrifices indicate their deep trust in us, the Church which they hope to someday serve.

I call upon all of you, as clergy, faithful, parish communities, and missions and chapels of the Diocese of the Midwest, to respond to this trust by helping and supporting our seminarians and their families throughout their time at the seminary. Of course, I ask you to pray for them. Pray that the Lord will bless and strengthen them throughout their days at the seminary. Ask the Most Pure Mother of God, the Protectress of our Diocese, invoked in her Tikhvin icon, to guard and protect them.

As the name of this annual Support our Seminarians (SOS) appeal implies, I also ask you to support them financially. The annual budget of the Diocese of the Midwest contains a line item to provide financial assistance. However, these funds remain insufficient to realistically provide for tuition, books, and other school-related expenses, let alone food and housing for seminarian families. Our seminarians do not complain, even though in most cases they need to make use of food stamps and often go into debt. Quite the opposite, in place of grumbling about the sacrifices required of them, they willingly embrace these challenges and discomforts so that they can serve the Church.

I ask that you reflect thoughtfully and deeply upon your support of our seminarians. Kindly open your hearts to them, pray for them, and financially support their education through this annual appeal. Parishes are asked to respond generously, whether by having special collections or fundraisers or, like our Diocese, by placing a line item in their annual budgets. Think of this as an investment- and investment for the future of our parishes and an investment for our families and those who will follow us. Most especially, as an investment in the preaching of the Gospel and the work of the Church—for many years to come.

In advance, I thank you for your thoughtful and generous support. May Christ the Eternal High Priest and Shepherd of our Souls continue to bless you. May His Most Pure Mother continue to guard and protect you and your loved ones. Be assured of my continuing prayers for you all.

+DANIEL

Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest

**SEPTEMBER FINANCIALS**

Expenses	\$2,988.72
Income	\$4,546.70
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,557.98</b>
Weekly Tithe	\$4,183.70
Weekly Candles	\$121.00
Tickets sold for Fundraiser in Nov.	\$24.00
Donation	\$13.00
Other Income ( Sale of chairs & tables)	\$205.00
Monthly Charity: SOS	\$344.00

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and the Lord's Sepulchre be buried, and that a temple in honor of the pagan "goddess" Venus and a statue of Jupiter be placed there.

Pagans gathered at this place and offered sacrifice to idols. Eventually after 300 years, by Divine Providence, the Christian holy places, the Sepulchre of the Lord, and the Life-giving Cross, were discovered and opened for veneration. This took place under Emperor Constantine the Great (306-337) after his victory over Maxentius (in 312), who ruled the Western part of the Roman Empire, and over Licinius, the ruler of its Eastern part. In the year 323 Constantine became the sole ruler of the vast Roman Empire.

In 313 Saint Constantine issued the Edict of Milan, by which Christianity was legalized and persecutions against Christians in the Western half of the Empire were stopped. Although Licinius had signed the Edict of Milan in order to oblige Constantine, he continued his cruel persecutions against Christians. Only after his conclusive defeat did the Edict of Milan extend also to the Eastern part of the Empire. The Holy Equal of the Apostles Emperor Constantine, triumphing over his enemies in three wars, with God's assistance, had seen the Sign of the Cross in the heavens. Written beneath were the words: "By this you shall conquer."

Ardently desiring to find the Cross upon which our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified, Saint Constantine sent his mother, the pious Empress Helen (May 21), to Jerusalem, providing her with a letter to Saint Makarios, the Patriarch of Jerusalem. Saint Helen journeyed to the holy places connected with the earthly life of the Savior, building more than 80 churches, at Bethlehem the birthplace of Christ, and on the Mount of Olives where the Lord ascended to Heaven, and at Gethsemane where the Savior prayed before His sufferings, and where the Mother of God was buried after her Dormition.

Although the holy Empress Helen was no longer young, she set about completing the task with enthusiasm. In her search for the Life-giving Cross, she questioned both Christians and Jews, but for a long time her search remained unsuccessful. Finally, she was directed to a certain elderly Jew named Jude who stated that the Cross was buried beneath the temple of Venus. They demolished the pagan temple and, after praying, they began to excavate the ground. Soon the Lord's Tomb was uncovered. Not far from it were three crosses, and a board with the inscription ordered by Pilate, and four nails which had pierced the Lord's Body (March 6).

In order to discover on which of the three crosses the Savior had been crucified, Patriarch Makarios alternately touched the crosses to a corpse. When the Cross of the Lord touched the dead man, he was restored to life. After witnessing the raising of the dead man, everyone was convinced that the Life-giving Cross had been found.

Christians came in a huge crowds to venerate the Holy Cross, beseeching Saint Makarios to lift the Cross, so that those far off could see it. Then the Patriarch and other spiritual leaders lifted the Holy Cross, and the people prostrated themselves before the Honorable Wood, saying "Lord have mercy." This solemn event occurred in the year 326.

During the discovery of the Life-giving Cross another miracle took place: a woman who was close to death was healed by the shadow of the Holy Cross. The elderly Jude (October 28) and other Jews believed in Christ and were baptized. Jude was given the name Kyriakos, and later he was consecrated as the Bishop of Jerusalem. He suffered a martyr's death for Christ during the reign of Emperor Julian the Apostate (361-363).

Saint Helen took part of the Life-giving Wood and nails with her to Constantinople. Saint Constantine ordered a majestic and spacious church to be built at Jerusalem in honor of the Resurrection of Christ, also including under its roof the Life-giving Tomb of the Lord and Golgotha. The church was built in ten years. Saint Helen did not survive until the dedication of the church, she reposed in the year 327. The church was consecrated on September 13, 335. On the following day, September 14, the festal celebration of the Exaltation of the Honorable and Life-giving Cross was established.

Another event connected to the Cross of the Lord is remembered also on this day: its return to Jerusalem from Persia after a fourteen year captivity. During the reign of the Byzantine Emperor Phokas (602-610) the Persian king Khosrōēs II attacked Constantinople defeated the Greek army, plundered Jerusalem, capturing both the Life-giving Cross of the Lord and the Holy Patriarch Zachariah (609-633).

The Cross remained in Persia for fourteen years, and only under Emperor Herakleios (610-641), who defeated Khosrōēs and concluded peace with his successor and son Syroes, was the Lord's Cross returned to the Christians.

With great solemnity the Life-giving Cross was transferred to Jerusalem. Emperor Herakleios, wearing a crown and his royal purple garments carried the Cross of Christ. The Emperor was accompanied by Patriarch Zachariah. At the gates by which they ascended Golgotha, the Emperor stopped suddenly and was unable to proceed. The holy Patriarch explained to the Emperor that an Angel of the Lord was blocking his way. Herakleios was told to remove his royal trappings and to walk barefoot, since He Who bore the Cross for the salvation of the world had made His way to Golgotha in all humility. Then Herakleios donned plain clothes, and without further hindrance, carried the Cross of Christ into the church.

In a sermon on the Exaltation of the Cross, Saint Andrew of Crete (July 4) says: "The Cross is exalted, and everything true is gathered together, the Cross is exalted, and the city makes solemn, and the people celebrate the feast."

## 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARCHANGEL MICHAEL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH IN CAMPBELL / METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH

Archangel Michael is overjoyed to announce the celebration of our 70th anniversary. As chairwomen of the planning committee we invite all parishioners, friends and Orthodox faithful to join us in the celebration that will culminate in the 70th Anniversary Celebration Gala on the weekend of November 7-8, 2025.

Please join us at our church Greek Festival weekend of September 26-28, 2025, as we begin our celebrating.

The tentative schedule for our November Celebration will include:

Friday, November 7– Great Vespers in the Church sanctuary @ 6pm & Meet, greet & reconnect Get together at the historical Hellenic Hall @ 7:00 pm

Saturday, November 8– Orthros & Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, presided by His Eminence Metropolitan Savas, honoring Archangel Michael Feast Day, from 9:00am-noon.

AMC 70th Anniversary Youth vs Alumni Basketball fellowship games from 12:30-4:00pm

Archangel Michael 70th Anniversary Gala featuring ASTERI Entertainment from NYC, at Archangel Michael Church Rev. George T. Pappas Community Center @ 5:30pm

Tickets to the anniversary Gala are pre-sale only. The Gala celebration will take place at the Rev. George T. Pappas Community Center and seating is limited. We encourage you to purchase soon and encourage friends and relatives to do so as well. Tickets are \$100 per person.

### 70TH ANNIVERSARY APPAREL SALE

t-Shirt- \$15  
Long Sleeve- \$20  
Sweatshirt- \$30  
Hoodie- \$35  
Full Zip Hoodie- \$35  
Women's V-Neck- \$20  
Qtr. Zip Long Sleeve- \$32

Sizes: Youth (small to XL) / Adult (small to 4-XL) all others XXL & up add \$3.00 per short sleeve T-shirt & XXL & up add \$5 for all long sleeve items & women's V-neck

Colors: Oatmeal, White or Black)

### ANNIVERSARY SPONSORSHIP

Corporate / Family / Individual (\$5,000, \$4,000, \$3,000, \$2,000) Includes:

Tickets with preferred reserved table @ Gala event full color page in the commemorative album & on banners

Please contact Irene Mallias @ 330-519-8873 or Kathryn Pantelakis Schlosser @ 330-338-6744

#### Commemorative Album

Full Page \$200 / Half Page \$100 / Quarter Page \$50 / Patron \$25 (Deadlines for submission October 1st

Further information contact Maria Frangos @ 330-884-8018 or

Tina Tsagaris @ 330-559-8569

Please include photos, layout, clipart, well wishes, tributes, etc. May submit in PDF format to

**Frangos\_m@yahoo.com** or send hard copy to AMC, c/o 70th Anniversary Committee, POB 607, Campbell, OH 44405

#### GALA DINNER-DANCE TICKETS

Saturday, November 8, 2025 at the Rev. George T Pappas Community Center

Pre-Sale Tickets only will be sold \$100

Deadline for purchase October 25th.

To Purchase or reserve Table contact Chris Triveri @ 330-717-8188 or

Karen Paradise @ 330-519-3959

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## 2025 COUNCIL MEMBERS

### **Nancy Tusinac, President**

(Sub-committee Chairman for all social events)  
Phone- 724-456-7366

### **Cindy Ferrick, Treasurer**

(Sub-committee Chairman of the Sunshine Club)  
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### **Joann Sirilla, Financial Secretary**

(Sub-committee Chairman on all fundraisers)  
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### **Sub-deacon Dr. Donald Tamulouis, V. President**

(Sub-committee Chairman on all Maintenance issues).  
He will be working with Michael Simko  
Phone 330-774-8860

### **Sherrie Fredericks, Secretary**

(Sub-committee Chairman on sending articles & pictures of events to the Diocese)  
Phone: 330-881-5087

### **Natalia Simko, Council Member**

(Sub-committee Chairman on all Cemetery issues)  
Phone- 330-980-3033

### **David Konik, Council Member**

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### **David Dionisio, Council Member**

(Sub-committee Chairman on all organizational issues in the church (including safety issues)  
Phone: 425-241-7825

## NEW COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEES

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.

### **Maintenance Issues:**

Sub-Deacon Donald, VP  
Michael Simko - 330-565-0084  
Michael Centofanti - 330-544-3518

## LANDSCAPING

The Parish Council has found a company to do the badly needed landscaping work around the Parish and Rectory. The cost is estimated to be over \$4,000.

By God' Grace, there is a parishioner, who has pledged to match any donation towards this effort.

We are seeking donors willing to contribute to this endeavor.

God has appointed us stewards and caretakers of this parish and the grounds. Won't you please contribute to the beautification of our parish home?

Thank you & God bless your generosity.

*Never condemn anyone. Greet everyone with a good disposition, whoever he may be, with the hope of finding in him only good, seeing before you the image of God.*

St. Nikon of Optina

*Every man condemns those sins of his neighbor by which he himself is censured.*

Elder Joseph of Optina

