



The Weekly Forerunner

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church

301 Struthers Liberty Rd
Campbell, OH 44405



JANUARY Bulletin Sponsor

In memory of my loving husband George Kolesar- Given by Barbara Kolesar

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, January 25

9:15-9:45 AM: Confessions by app't
9:35 AM: Hours
10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Social

Thursday, January 29

6:00 PM: Vespers

Friday, January 30

9:00 AM: Divine Liturgy

Saturday, January 31

3:15-3:45 PM: Confessions by app't
4:00 PM: Vespers

Sunday, February 1

9:15-9:45 AM: Confessions by app't
9:35 AM: Hours
10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Panachida for
George Kolesar / Social
11:30 AM: Vespers w/ Litya / Social

Annual Meeting - Announcement #1

This is the first announcement concerning the Annual Meeting of St. John Orthodox Church to take place fol-

TIME OF LITURGY CHANGE

The time of Liturgy on the Annual Meeting day will be:

Hours @ 8:35 AM

Liturgy @ 9:00 AM

ANNUAL MEETING PACKETS

To save time & money, this year the Financial Reports will be emailed to everyone. Please print them out and bring them to the meeting. The rest of the reports will be provided at the meeting.

Candle Price Increase Beginning February 1

- ◇ Glass candles that are taken home - \$7 each.
- ◇ A case of candles - \$84.
- ◇ Vigils lit in church - \$5 each.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Sunday of Zacchaeus Commemorated on January 25

The paschal season of the Church is preceded by the season of Great Lent, which is also preceded by its own liturgical preparation. The first sign of the approach of Great Lent comes five Sundays before its beginning. On this Sunday the Gospel reading is about Zacchaeus the tax-collector. It tells how Christ brought salvation to the sinful man, and how his life was changed simply because he "sought to see who Jesus was" (Luke 19:3). The desire and effort to see Jesus begins the entire movement through Lent towards Pascha. It is the first movement of salvation.

Our lenten journey begins with a recognition of our own sinfulness, just as Zacchaeus recognized his. He promised to make restitution by giving half of his wealth to the poor, and by paying to those he had falsely accused four times as much as they had lost. In this, he went beyond the requirements of the Law (Ex. 22:3-12).

The example of Zacchaeus teaches us that we should turn away from our sins, and atone for them. The real proof of our sorrow and repentance is not just a verbal apology, but when we correct ourselves and try to make amends for the consequences of our evil actions.

We are also assured of God's mercy and compassion by Christ's words to Zacchaeus, "Today salvation has come to this house" (Luke 19:9). After the Great Doxology and Trisagion at Sunday Matins (when the Tone of the week is in Tone 1, 3, 5, or 7) we sing the Troparion of the Resurrection: "Today salvation is come to the world, let us sing praises to Him Who arose from the tomb, and is the Author of our life. For having destroyed death by death, He has given us the victory and great mercy."

Zacchaeus was short, so he climbed a tree in order to see the Lord. All of us have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). We are also short in our spiritual stature, therefore we must climb the ladder of the virtues. In other words, we must prepare for spiritual effort and growth.

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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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UPCOMING EVENTS—SAVE THE DATE !

FEBRUARY

- ◇ February 8: Church Annual Meeting. Liturgy will begin @ 9:00 AM. Brief social w/ sandwiches & chips. Meeting begins @ 11 AM. Free will offering
- ◇ February 15: Meatfare Pot-luck Social. Bring your favorite meat dishes. (Last day to eat meat until Pascha).
- ◇ February 22: Cheesefare Pot-luck Social. Bring your favorite dairy dishes. (Last day of dairy until Pascha)
- ◇ February 23: Beginning of the Great Fast

JANUARY FINANCIALS

| | |
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| Expenses | \$13,209.71 |
| Income | \$10,235.70 |
| TOTAL | -\$2,974.01 |
| Weekly Tithe | \$8,704.70 |
| Weekly Candles | \$484.00 |
| Unneeded Gifts | \$120.00 |
| Rubric Books | \$120.00 |
| Fr. Andrew's Pension | \$650.00 |
| Altar Candles | \$50.00 |
| Tetrapod Candles | \$50.00 |
| Coffee Hour | \$32.00 |
| Monthly Flowers | \$25.00 |
| Monthly Charity: OCMC | \$386.00 |

JANUARY / FEBRUARY

Reader Schedule

January 25– Robert Willison
February 1– George Horodnic
February 8– Dc. Jimmy Hryb
February 15-Proto. Dc David Gemmel
February 22– Natalia Simko

Charity Collection

OCMC - Support a Mission Priest

Social

January 25– Special Social
February 1– O Club
February 8– Annual Meeting Social by officers
February 15– Meatfare Potluck
February 22– Cheesefare Potluck

FEBRUARY 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: OPEN

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: OPEN

St. John the Baptist Candles: OPEN

Monthly Flowers: OPEN

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

PRAYER LIST

PARISHIONERS: Achilles Arvan / Audrey Chengelis / Joan Cross / Ann Cvercko / Pauline Fesz / Mary Fredericks / George Horodnic / Gianna Hryb / Elaine Johnston / Sue Kennedy / George Clark / Matushka Helen Psinka / Nadine Sabo / Dorothy Shirilla / Julia Simko / Deborah Zelinsky

CLERGY: AP James Gleason (Fr.) / AP Michael Rustic / AP Emil Hutyan / Fr. Peter Simko / Fr. Bryan Crivella / Fr. Matthew Nyumu & his family and his faithful at the parish of St Makarios in the Metropolis of Nairobi, Kenya / Fr. Michael Dayang & his family & his parishioners at 3 Hierarchs parish in Cameroon / Fr. Raphael Stephano & his family and parishioners of his 2 mission communities in the Diocese of Western Tanzania

FAMILY & FRIENDS: Mary Ann Bozichovich (Kennedy) / Diane Caban (Sirilla) / George Caban (Sirilla) / Donna Chiarelli / Karen Debiec / Trudy Ellmore / Thomas Hull, Jr. / Ron Hryb / Paula Kennedy / Joe Kollar (Fr.) / Kelly Marie Konya (Candle guy's daughter) / Ginny McCay (Fredericks) / Matushka Raisa (Nicoloff) / Conner (Sabo) Chris Quotap (Fr.) / Bob Smrek (Sirilla) / Matt Turner (Sirilla) / Emilia Yanitto / Catherine Zile (Fr.) / David (Willison) / Drew (Willison) / Eleanor Marie (Vansuch) / Katherine (Steffaro) / Richard (Tusinac) / Genna Koval & her unborn baby / Kelly and her unborn baby / Miranda & her unborn baby / Blaire & her unborn Baby

MILITARY FAMILY & FRIENDS: Cory Deaton (Fr.) / Alena Grabavoy (Fr.) / Liam Garrity (Zelinsky) / Kenneth (Simko)

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.

1 Timothy 4:9-15 (Epistle)

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. These things command and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

JANUARY Celebrations:

Birthday

- 1 Beth Hull
- 2 Stella Jane Zelinsky
- 3 Terri Konik
- 6 Karen Simko / Faith Simko
- 7 Lueleta Dardovski / Luke Clark / Charles Wilfong
- 10 Elizabeth Willison
- 11 Ronald Allen Fredericks
- 12 Patricia Pethtel
- 14 Bobby Kennedy
- 15 James Bufalini / Ron Luthern
- 19 Balaci Kristian / Nicola Nicoloff
- 21 Andrea Stokley
- 22 Stephen Elash / Lorraine Livosky
- 23 Susan Beskid
- 25 Frank Batura
- 26 Mildred Wilfong
- 30 Nadine Todessa
- 31 Julie Dardovski

Anniversary

- 1-2-2005 Deaconate Ordination of AP Andrew Bartek
- 16-2023 His Grace Nikodhim Bishop of Boston & Albanian Diocese
- 24-2015 AB Daniel of Chicago & the Diocese of the Mid-west
- 25-2020 His Grace Bishop Alexis Bishop of Sitka & Alaska
- 26 Fr. James Gleason Anniversary to the Holy Priesthood

Names Day

- 2 Retired Bishop Seraphim of Sendai / Julia Simko

Matushka Julia K. Romanchak

Matushka Julia Romanchak, 100, fell asleep in the Lord on January 11, 2026. A first generation Slovak American, Julia grew up on a farm in Leroy, PA during the Great Depression, and this had a fundamental influence on her values and her path in life. Julia strove for excellence. She was skilled at needlework and had a passion for English and music. She was the only girl among six siblings, and when the boys went out hunting, Julia stayed behind reading. The family eventually moved to Elmira, NY where Julia attended the Elmira Free Academy. She played violin in the high school orchestra, became an officer, and graduated at the top of her class in 1943.

With courage and determination, Julia enrolled in Elmira College. An honor student, she obtained her Associate Degree in secretarial studies in 1947. She subsequently left Elmira for New York City and was employed as a stenographer and notary public at the Waldorf Astoria. At that time, she met Michael Romanchak, and it was love at first sight. Michael and Julia were married in 1951, after which Michael was ordained to the priesthood. Assigned first to Saints Peter and Paul in Syracuse, NY and then to the Holy

| ATTENDANCE: A Comparison - JANUARY | 2025 | 2026 |
|---|--------------------------|-------------|
| 1st Week | | |
| Circumcision | No Service | No Service |
| Vespers | 6 | 10 |
| Lit. / Communion | 43 / 24 | 50 / 33 |
| Theophany Eve Lit | No Service | 9 / 5 |
| Theophany Vigil | 29 | 18 |
| Theophany Liturgy | Weather Canceled Service | 16 / 9 |
| 2nd Week | | |
| Vespers | 6 | 10 |
| Lit. / Communion | 55 / 33 | 43 / 28 |
| 3rd Week | | |
| Vespers | 6 | 9 |
| Liturgy / Communion | 42 / 20 | 46 / 28 |
| 4th Week | | |
| Vespers | 8 | |
| Lit / Communion | 59 / 43 | |
| Feast of 3 Hierarchs Vespers | 6 | |
| Feast of 3 Hierarchs Liturgy | 14 | |
| 5th Week | | |
| | No Record | No Record |

Trinity in Catasauqua, PA. Devoted to her faith, Julia directed the choir, did the secretarial work, taught Saturday school, sewing, arts and crafts, Russian dancing, catechism, and reading in English and Russian, all while lovingly raising two children.

Despite leading a full life, Julia's dream was to complete her college degree, so she began night school at Moravian University. Having made the dean's list, she received a Bachelor of Arts in English in 1972 and was accepted at Lehigh University where she nearly finished her Master's. She taught English at Catasauqua High School and Middle School but ultimately went back to secretarial work at the Bethlehem Steel from which she retired in 1990. She then conducted the choir at Saint Mary's Orthodox church in Allentown and only fully retired in 2012 at the age of 87.

Predeceased in 2012 by her husband, Archpriest Michael, of 60 years, Julia is survived by her son, Sergius and his wife, Louise, grandsons, Hierodeacon Marc, Eli and his wife, Salome, and great grandsons, Geele and Ayrick. She is also survived by her daughter, Paula, and granddaughter and namesake, Arianna Julia Cagli.

JANUARY Reposed List

- Margaret Graban (1978) ©
Judith Banas (2019)
1- Katherine Kristian (1994) © / Anna Harvischak (2013) ©
2- Nicholas Libertin (2021) © / Nicholas Bohac (1921) © / Elia Dudin (1949) ©
3- Mitred Archriest Stavros Rousos / Anna Roman (1978) © / Elizabeth Kuzma (1925) © sub-deacon Vladimir (Walter) Rusnak (2025) ©
4- George Bartek (1983) / Archpriest Michael Slovesko / Peter Fatholitis (1937) © / Ed Kusinski (2026)
5- Ann Marie Petroff (2006) ©
6- Helen Pender (2016) / John Timkovich (1951) © / Infant Klimis (still born) (1964) Mother Elizabeth (2024)
7- Mary Vansuch (1971) © / Mike Felt (1920) ©
8- Bishop Mark of Boston (2018) / Sub-deacon John Zeling (2012) © / John Voytilla (1945) © Mary Graban (1995) ©
9- Katherine Trovers (1980) © / Carolyn Weil (1998) © / Vasil Kovach (1925) © George Ontko (1943) © / William Boldish (1968) ©
11- Alan James Cole (2017) ©
12- AP Moses Berry (2024)
14- George O'Shanie (1981) © / John Graban (1990) © / Helen Papach (1929) © Michael Harvey (1958) © / John Genaros (1960) ©
15- Augustine Shima (1928) © / Fedor Chulik (1943) ©
16- Elizabeth Mariniak (1927) © / Infant Nicholas Harvischak (1996) ©
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20- Joshua Zdinak (2016) / Marie Borsic (1984) © / Catherine Cochran (2011) © Diamada Patellis (1929) © / Irene Horodnic (2024)
21- George Evans (1984) © / Fr. Michael Shuster (2020) / Ann Shirilla (2012) © Charles Patellis (1928) © / Catherine Vojtilla (1942) ©
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25- Steve Sirihla (1977) © / Helen Graban (1992) © / George Magriplis (1931) © Veronica Shirilla (1995) ©
26- Nate DiPero (1985) © / Baby Brown (1939) © / Vasil Maximor (1957) ©
27- Joe Vansuch (1998) © / Michael Guorgiadis (1952) ©
28- John Anos (1936) © / Vasil Vasilagas (1959) © / Helen Lis (2024)
29- George O'Shenic, Jr. (1986) ©
30- Archpriest John Mason (2019) / Stephen Kurtos (1965) ©
31- Edward Bartek (1983) / Olga Venslavsky (2003) ©

New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia / Commemorated on January 25

On the Sunday closest to January 25, the Church commemorates the Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia, remembering all those Orthodox Christians who suffered for Christ at the hands of the godless Soviets during the years of persecution. These include the royal Passion Bearers Tsar Nicholas II and his family, and the Grand Duchess Elizabeth. Countless thousands of martyrs, both clergy and laity also suffered, some of whose names are known, as well as millions of simple believers whose names have been lost to history. It is estimated that the number of the New Martyrs of Russia, who were glorified by the Russian Orthodox Church at the Jubilee Council of 2000, far exceeds that of all the martyrs who died for Christ during the first three centuries of Christianity. The Russian Church lost millions of its sons and daughters, not only at the hands of external enemies, but also those of their own country. Among those who were murdered and tortured in the years of persecution were countless Orthodox: laity, monks, priests, and bishops, whose only "crime" was their unshakable faith in God. In the long history of the world, never have so many new heavenly intercessors been glorified by the Church in such a way (more than one thousand New Martyrs were numbered among the saints). Among those who suffered for their faith were some who labored in America before the Russian Revolution: St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia (April 7); St. Alexander Hotovitzky (Dec. 4); St. John Kochurov (Oct. 31).

Archpriest Andrew Moulton

Archpriest Andrew Moulton fell asleep in the Lord in on Friday, January 9, 2026, in his home in Granite City, IL, surrounded by his wife and children after an 18-month struggle with cancer.

Father Andrew was born on March 12, 1950, Ralph Allan Moulton, in Rural Englewood, CA, the youngest child of Colonel Ralph and Mary Moulton. With a father in the Air Force, Father Andrew's childhood with his two sisters Georgia and Colleen, was spent never living in one place for more than four years. He had fond memories of life in Cleveland, OH, St. Petersburg, FL, and even Spain. The family attended church every Sunday at the Protestant base chapels. In Spain, where the US Air Force bases were in early development, Father Andrew was the only non-Catholic student at his elementary school, and the priest there gave him lots of attention as the sole opportunity for spreading the Catholic faith. Father would later say that he had never thought of being a pastor but was interested in being a priest, long before he knew of the Orthodox Church.

After graduating from Northeast High School in Saint Petersburg, FL, Father took an Air Force ROTC scholarship at Michigan State University in East Lansing and studied Mechanical Engineering. There he met Joan Yarbrough, the love of his life. They married in 1971. Once when traveling home for winter break, Joan received a ride from a kind stranger, Father Photius Donahue, who introduced himself as a Professor of Religion, when her flight was re-routed through Detroit. Father Andrew and Joan started taking classes on Eastern Christianity from Father Photius at Michigan State, and he and Joan eventually converted to Orthodoxy and were Chrismated by Father John Bohush (Captain USAF) at Chanute Air Training Center, IL.

Following graduation from MSU, the young couple spent three and a half years completing Father Andrew's tour with the Air Force, mostly at Pope Air Force Base, NC, where their first child Christian was born, while Father worked as an aircraft maintenance officer on C-130 transport planes. After completing his service, they returned to Michigan where he earned an M.S. in Computer Science. Attending Saint Andrew Orthodox Church, where Father Photius was the priest, he was tonsured reader and subdeacon, and ordained a deacon, and then ordained a priest by His Grace Bishop Clement of Sourozh at Saint Nicholas Cathedral in New York City, NY, on January 24, 1979. Over the years, Father Andrew was blessed with several dedicated and loving mentors who helped guide him in his pastoral work, including Father Photius Donahue, Father Raphael Biernacki, Father Roman Braga, and Father Don Freude. In 1983, Father Andrew was assistant to Father Photius, when he departed this life.

Father Andrew and his family transferred to the Bulgarian Diocese of the OCA in 1988, through the great kindness and support of His Eminence Archbishop

Kyrill (Yonchev). By this time their son Christian had other siblings, James, Mark, and Elizabeth. In 1987, Father received his first and only independent pastoral assignment at Saints Cyril and Methody Orthodox Church in Granite City, IL, a beloved role from which he finally retired due to illness on December 31, 2024. During his pastorate, Father was assisted by Father Kiril Antonoff in retirement and Subdeacon George Bakan. While acting as pastor at Saints Cyril and Methody, he also worked a full-time job as a Computer System's Engineer, working initially with his own start-up software company and then later for Cerner Corporation. In 2017 he retired from his secular career after 17 years at the Radiology Department at Washington University School of Medicine. His work in the parish continued beyond his secular retirement, not only at his own parish but also helping to establish Saint Nicholas Orthodox Mission in Lawrence, KS, during the early 2000s. He supported the work of FOCUS in St. Louis, MO. He was a spiritual support and guide for many Orthodox Christians in St. Louis and beyond.

Over 38 years, Father Andrew raised his family in Granite City, IL, while also faithfully pastoring at Saints Cyril and Methody, where he brought many converts to the Orthodox faith. He was blessed to see decades of life for many parishioners and to marry his children and baptize his grandchildren at his parish. He was known for his charming children's sermons, often featuring a quirky or surprising prop brought from home each Sunday. He loved to take orders at the monthly fish fry in the parish hall as people came in. He would quote his favorite movie lines in sermons or coffee hour and was a voracious reader, remembering his younger days when so few good Orthodox books were available in English. Father Andrew was a particular fan of reading the ancient church fathers. He enjoyed watching St. Louis Cardinals baseball and Friday Night Fights on TV as well as helping his wife with home projects.

Father Andrew loved to serve the Divine Liturgy and often talked about the beauty and mystery of the liturgy. He was dedicated wholly to making sure that a Divine Liturgy was served for his people every Sunday. His love for serving the liturgy was evident in the final years of his life when he struggled to serve far beyond the physical strength of his body.

He leaves his beloved wife Popadia Joan, children Christian (Erin) of Lawrence, KS; James (Catherine) of Plano, IL; Mark (Dee) of Bastrop, TX; Elizabeth Sparks (Nathan) of Lake Stevens, WA; grandchildren Alexis, Simeon, Emily, Nicholas, Luke, and Basil; sisters Georgia Moulton and Colleen Kirkland and husband Dennis; as well as beloved nephews, nieces, parishioners, and friends.

Donations in Father Andrew's memory may be made to Saints Cyril & Methody Orthodox Church, Granite City, IL and FOCUS Gateway City.

May Father Andrew's memory be eternal!

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon Makes Archpastoral Visit to the Diocese of Mexico

On Friday, January 16, 2026, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon travelled to Mexico City at the invitation of His Eminence Archbishop Alejo for an archpastoral visit to the Diocese of Mexico. Travelling with His Beatitude was Archpriest Alessandro Margheritino, Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America, and Protodeacon Peter Ilchuk.

Upon arrival at the Benito Juarez International Airport, His Beatitude was greeted by His Eminence Archbishop Alejo, Archbishop of Mexico City and the Diocese of Mexico, along with diocesan clergy and faithful.

On Saturday, January 17, His Beatitude travelled to Hidalgo, where the St. Basil Academy Pastoral College is located, for the 16th Annual Diocesan Assembly, attended by the diocesan clergy and lay representatives from parishes across the Diocese. In addition to diocesan and department reports, His Beatitude offered a presentation on the "Liturgical Life of a Christian."

During the visit, His Beatitude and all those in attendance witnessed substantial progress in the construction of the new church, which has been partially funded by donations from many parishes and faithful across the Orthodox Church in America. His Eminence Alejo hopes to invite His Beatitude for the consecration of the Church within the next year.

Following the assembly, a festive meal was prepared, which was then followed by Great Vespers served by Archpriest John Parker, Dean of St. Tikhon's Theological Seminary, and Protodeacon Peter. His Beatitude, His Eminence, and all the clergy and faithful then returned to Mexico City.

On Sunday, His Beatitude presided at the celebration of the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Holy Ascension Cathedral in Mexico City. Concelebrating with His Beatitude was Archbishop Alejo, Fr. Alessandro, Priest Demetrio Azocar Martinez, Chancellor of the Diocese of Mexico, Fr. John, Priest David Wooten, Rector of St. Anthony Orthodox Church in San Antonio, TX, and other Diocesan Clergy.

Following the Liturgy, His Beatitude presided at the Great Blessing of Water, blessing the Cathedral and the faithful, and then led a procession to the local park.

At the end of the service, His Eminence welcomed His Beatitude and his delegation, and presented him with a new wooden primatial staff, hand-carved in Mexico by one of the Cathedral's parishioners.

In the afternoon, the commencement ceremony for the pastoral school's graduating class of 2025 took place, with diplomas conferred to the students. His Beatitude addressed the graduates and encouraged them to place love at the center of their ministry. His Beatitude returned to Washington, DC, on Monday.

Luke 19:1-10 (Gospel)

Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

40-DAY REMEMBRANCE

February 15– Ed kusinski

February 22– Joanne Biros

Submit Written Reports

All Parish Organizations must submit a written report so they can be included with the Annual Meeting Minutes to the Diocese. Thank You.

Chapter 6: A Lenten Reading

Orthodox Christianity calls us to live in two different but intimately related levels. One is the level of daily experience: life in family and on the job, paying bills and doing the shopping, cutting the grass and getting the kids to their various activities.

Yet there is another level, another reality that can radically transform our daily routine and even the tenor of the word around us. It is the level of our faith,...enabling us to participate already here and now in the coming glory of the kingdom of God.

This second level...is one of prayer and silent meditation, of life-giving communion, of joyous celebration, and of healing, reconciling love.

A major reason for the Lenten journey is to equip us for the spiritual warfare necessary to hold these two levels together.

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Reading cont'd

Either we give in to the secularizing pressures of the society we live in and pay mere lip service to the faith, power and authority of Orthodox Christianity; or we reject the reality of this world by seeking solace in the esthetically beautiful worship of a comfortable church of our own making. Either of these choices merely deepens the compartmentalization of our life and activity.

**Longing for God: Orthodox Reflections
on Bible, Ethics, and Liturgy**
By John Breck

FUNDRAISER FOR CARMELA CIRCELLI & FAMILY

Sunday, February 15—12 noon to 3pm
at St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Hall
405 Robinson Rd, Campbell

Chicken Parm Dinner-\$15
Pasta & Meatball Dinner- \$10
Eat in or take out.
Basket—Auction prizes—Meet beautiful Carmela.

Carmela, age 3, is the youngest daughter of Sarah & Patsy Circelli & sister of Maria & Dominic. The Circelli Family reside in Lowellville. She was born with Atrial Septal Defect, a congenital heart anomaly (hole in the heart). St. Michael's Parish Family would like to help the Circelli Family defray some of the expenses incurred during and after surgery in closing the ASD.

For dinner tickets contact Annette: 330-540-4334 or tickets available at entry.

SAINT MICHAEL'S BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Night at the races on
Saturday January 31st.

Admission is \$20 per person & includes Food:
Pulled pork sliders
Chicken Parm
Halusky
Hot Dogs
Kieibasa bites & desserts.
Beverages: Pop, beer & BYO.

The cost of a race ticket is \$2 per ticket; individuals can purchase numerous tickets.

There will also be a basket raffle & 50 /50

Doors open @ 6pm & the races start @ 7pm

For more info visit website <http://stmichaelbyzcampbell.org>.

To purchase tickets in advance call Silvia Dubos @ 412-452-8707.