



Sunday, October 8, 2017

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Gospel: St. Luke 7:11-16

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

18th Sunday after Pentecost / Venerable Pelagia the Penitent

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

Parish Council President: Ronald F. Royhab

Fr. Andrew Bartek, Rector

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, October 8

9:15 am: Hours
9:30 am: D.L. / 40 Day Remembrance / Church Festival Appreciation Dinner

Tuesday, October 10

6:30 pm: Bible Study

Wednesday, October 11

6:00 pm: Village Meeting
6:00 pm: Diocesan Assembly Wine Tasting

Thursday, October 12

7:00 am-5:00pm: Diocesan Assembly

Friday, October 13

6:00 pm: 100th Anniversary Molebein @ St John's in Campbell

Saturday, October 14

10:00 am: Hierarchal Liturgy in Campbell
NO VESPERS HERE

Sunday, October 15

9:15 am Hours
9:30 am: D.L. / 40 Day for Lois T. / Social
1:00 pm: Cocktail Hour in Campbell
2:00 pm: Grand Banquet in Campbell

Danbury Food Pantry: October -> Laundry Detergent

Join the other churches in our community & donate canned fruit.. These food items are then distributed on the third Saturday of each month.

Table with 2 columns: OCTOBER, NOVEMBER. Rows: Laundry Detergent, Jars of spaghetti sauce

VIGIL LAMP OFFERINGS- October 1

Sandy Martin (1): Special Intention

Marguerite Bird (1): Special Intention

Roddie & David Mazurik (3): Special Intentions

Natalie Twarek (5): For the health and recovery of David Bobb; for the health of Sue, Morgan, Nanc, Richie, Jake, Ron, Diane, John, Judy, Helen, Janice; for the health of Father Andrew; In memory of Mary Karniotis; Special Intention

OUR SHUT-INS

Edgewood Manor Nursing Center
1330 Fulton Street
Port Clinton, OH 43452
Anne Kovalik- Room 309

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE RECORD

Oct. 1:
Attendance: 23 people (21 members; 2 children; 14 Communicants)

Total Offerings: \$1,309 (\$1,124 offerings; \$110 for Hurricane Irma; \$25 for Cemetery; \$50 for Bookstore). Total Collected for Hurricane Irma: \$500. God Bless!

KEEPING UP WITH OUR ATHLETES

(updated 10-8)

Cooper & Quincy Kowal
Soccer : 1-4-1

Cole Heffernan
Football: 3-2

Mary Rentz-Blacford
Soccer: 2-1
Volleyball: 6-7



Good Luck to all of you!

NOTE: Please let Fr. Andrew know of any past week updates by Wednesday.



September Schedules

Readers

10-1: Natalie
10-8: Ron
10-15: Wayne
10-22: Tim
10-29: Natalie

Cleaning

10-2: Natalie Twarek
10-9: Margurite Bird
10-16: Bill & Tim Glovinsky
10-23: Julia & Susan Guzy
10-30: Jennifer & Cole Heff.

40 Day Remembrance

Oct 8: Sacramento deputy killed in line of duty & Hurricane Harvey
Oct 15: Lois Tuttamore & Hurricane Irma
Oct 22: Mary Kamiotis
Oct 29: Nora Bird / Those that lost their lives in the Mexico earthquake & Hurricane Maria
Nov 5: Karen Milano & Alison Pinkney
Nov 12: His Grace Bishop Antoun & Massacre in Las Vegas

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The Special collection for the remainder of October will be for our Diocesan Seminarians. Thank you & God bless your donations.

HOLY ASSUMPTION WEBSITE - NEW LOOK

Trudy Ellmore has agreed to be our parish webmaster. Formerly, she was the Diocesan webmaster and has maintained several other Orthodox parish websites.

Please check out the new look of our website at www.holyassumptionmarblehead.org. It is a little more user friendly.

Trudy would like pictures of recent parish events for our on-line photo gallery. You can email her at trellmore@gmail.com. Please copy Father Andrew on the email. The photos will be put on the website and in the weekly bulletin.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to her for any questions. Phone: 610-393-9897 / Email: trellmore@gmail.com

Thank You

Thank you to Quincy, Cooper & Basil for helping Father Andrew change all the linens & candles to Gold.

God Bless you!

Glorification of St Tikhon, the Apostle to America Commemorated on October 9

Saint Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and Apostle to America was born as Vasily Ivanovich Belavin on January 19, 1865 into the family of Ioann Belavin, a rural priest of the Toropetz district of the Pskov diocese. His childhood and adolescence were spent in the village in direct contact with peasants and their labor. From his early years he displayed a particular religious disposition, love for the Church as well as rare meekness and humility.

When Vasily was still a boy, his father had a revelation about each of his children. One night, when he and his three sons slept in the hayloft, he suddenly woke up and roused them. He had seen his dead mother in a dream, who foretold to him his imminent death, and the fate of his three sons. She said that one would be unfortunate throughout his entire life, another would die young, while the third, Vasily, would be a great man. The prophecy of the dead woman proved to be entirely accurate in regard to all three brothers.

From 1878 to 1883, Vasily studied at the Pskov Theological Seminary. The modest seminarian was tender and affectionate by nature. He was fair-haired and tall of stature. His fellow students liked and respected him for his piety, brilliant progress in studies, and constant readiness to help comrades, who often turned to him for explanations of lessons, especially for help in drawing up and correcting numerous compositions. Vasily was called "bishop" and "patriarch" by his classmates.

In 1888, at the age of 23, Vasily Belavin graduated from the Saint Petersburg Theological Academy as a layman, and returned to the Pskov Seminary as an instructor of Moral and Dogmatic Theology. The whole seminary and the town of Pskov became very fond of him. He led an austere and chaste life, and in 1891, when he turned 26, he took monastic vows. Nearly the whole town gathered for the ceremony. He embarked on this new way of life consciously and deliberately, desiring to dedicate himself entirely to the service of the Church. The meek and humble young man was given the name Tikhon in honor of Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk.

He was transferred from the Pskov Seminary to the Kholm Theological Seminary in 1892, and was raised to the rank of archimandrite. Archimandrite Tikhon was consecrated Bishop of Lublin on October 19, 1897, and returned to Kholm for a year as Vicar Bishop of the Kholm Diocese. Bishop Tikhon zealously devoted his energy to the establishment of the new vicariate. His attractive moral make-up won the general affection, of not only the Russian population, but also of the Lithuanians and Poles. On September 14, 1898, Bishop Tikhon was made Bishop of the Aleutians and Alaska. As the head of the Orthodox Church in **Con't Page 4**

Prayer List (Updated October 1)

Priests: His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius; His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman; Ted Bobosh; John Duranko (*Father's home pastor*); Joseph Gibson; James Gleason (*Father's Spiritual Father*); Paul Lazor; Myron Manzuk; John Matusiak; Peter Tutko

Matushkii: Laryssa Hutnyan; Carol Janecek; Barbara Kopka; Paula Manzuk; Sonya Tutko; Pani Patricia Duranko

Parishioners / & their Family: Michael Glovinsky (*Nephew to Basil*); Joseph Habegger (*Laura Kovach's brother-in-law*); James Heffernan (*Father-in-law of Jennifer Heffernan*); Rich Kokinda (*Cousin of Greg Twarek*); Stephanie Kowal; Anne Kovalik (*former parishioner*); Helen Lis: Stanley Lis; Dave Martin; John Mazurik (*brother of Paul Mazurik*); Judy Mazurik (*sister-in-law of Paul Mazurik*); Tony Palac (*Brother-in-law of Jean Hileman*); Nancy Pipenur (*sister-in-law of Jean Hileman*); William Rentz (*Father of Tamara Rentz Blackford*); Nancy Sitzler (*Mother of Amber Twarek*); Diane Tryon, Amber & her newborn baby Hayes (*Natalie's daughter*); Rachel & her unborn baby; Jessica Issler & her unborn baby (*Jean Hileman's daughter*)

Other Requests: Brad Biecheler; John Cox (*husband of Pastor Kay Mooney-Cox*); Paul Demkosky (*friend of Father's*); Theodore Geletka (*St. Michael Orthodox Church, Broadview Heights choir director*); Baby Lucas Goodman (*friend of Christi Soski*); Jake Lipstraw (*friend of Natalie Twarek*); Violet Mattingly (*neighbor of Greg Mazur*); Beth Reinhard (*friend of Diane Tryon*); Cheryl Schell (*Co-worker of Jennifer Heffernan*); Nick Shortridge (*Friend of Christi*); Janice Timko; Mat. Carly Koranda & her unborn baby (*Chicago Deanery*); Nicole & her unborn Baby (*Friends of Fr. Andrew*); Gori Pietropolo (*Trudy's father*)

Military: Craig Cassell; Justin Issler, James Jerome

Captives: Metropolitan Paul (*Orthodox Archdiocese of Aleppo*); Archbishop John (*Syriac Archdiocese of Aleppo*); for the UN & IOCC humanitarian aid workers in & around Syria; those suffering persecution in Iraq, Syria, Israel, Egypt, Ukraine and throughout the world; those held captive throughout the world.

Additions or removals from the list? Please notify Fr. Andrew

2 Corinthians 9:6-11 (Epistle)

But this I say: "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

OCTOBER Celebrations

BIRTHDAY	ANNIVERSARY	NAME'S DAY
10-2: Marguerite Bird 10-6: Ron Royhab 10-6: Keyondrea Warnke 10-10: Craig Cassell 10-17: Tim Glovinsky 10-20 Helen Lis	10-1-09: The Most Rev Irene, Archbishop of Ottawa & all of Canada 10-1: Luke & Mary 10-7: Mike & Darlene 10-25-77: The Most Blessed Theodosius, Retired Metropolitan (Elected Metropolitan)	10-9: The Most Blessed Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington & Metropolitan of All America & Canada

If there are those names to be added or removed, please contact Fr. Andrew. He would like to list all members of your family Orthodox and non-Orthodox.

Eighth annual Assembly of Bishops' meeting opens in New Jersey

The eighth annual meeting of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America opened on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 with the celebration of Orthros and the Divine Liturgy at Saint George Greek Orthodox Church, Clifton, NJ.

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon and members of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America are among the hierarchs in attendance at the meeting, which continues through Thursday, October 5.

The Episcopal Assembly—comprised of the hierarchs from all canonical Orthodox Christian jurisdictions in the US—is tasked with preserving and contributing to the unity of the Orthodox Church in North America.

The bishops commenced their work with the opening address of the Assembly Chairman, His Eminence, Archbishop Demetrios of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, on Tuesday afternoon. A presentation titled “Youth and American Culture,” offered by Dr. Richard Flory, followed. The hierarchs also viewed the highly acclaimed feature length film, *Becoming Truly Human*, which offers an interesting and important glimpse into the growing number of Americans who consider themselves “religiously unaffiliated.”

On Wednesday, October 4, the bishops will receive an update from the Orthodox Christian Fellowship and attend a presentation by Dr. Ann Bezzerides, titled “Fundamentals for Emerging Leadership: Key Questions to Frame a Hopeful Future.” A session also will be devoted to Canonical Regional Planning.

A statement will be issued after the closing session on Thursday. Additional information will be posted as it becomes available.

FROM THE FATHERS

It is not necessary to roam heaven and earth after God or to send our mind to seek Him in different places. Purify your soul, O son of man, remove from yourself the thought of memories outside of nature; hang the veil of chastity and humility before your impulses. By means of these you will be able to find Him who is within you.

~ St. Isaac the Syrian ~

St Tikhon Con't

America, Bishop Tikhon was a zealous laborer in the Lord's vineyard.

He did much to promote the spread of Orthodoxy, and to improve his vast diocese. He reorganized the diocesan structure, and changed its name from “Diocese of the Aleutians and Alaska” to “Diocese of the Aleutians and North America” in 1900. Both clergy and laity loved their archpastor, and held him in such esteem that the Americans made Archbishop Tikhon an honorary citizen of the United States.

On May 22, 1901, he blessed the cornerstone for Saint Nicholas Cathedral in New York, and was also involved in establishing other churches. On November 9, 1902, he consecrated the church of Saint Nicholas in Brooklyn for the Syrian Orthodox immigrants. Two weeks later, he consecrated Saint Nicholas Cathedral in NY.

In 1905, the American Mission was made an Archdiocese, and Saint Tikhon was elevated to the rank of Archbishop. He had two vicar bishops: Bishop Innocent (Pustynsky) in Alaska, and Saint Raphael (Hawaweeny) in Brooklyn to assist him in administering his large, ethnically diverse diocese. In June of 1905, Saint Tikhon gave his blessing for the establishment of Saint Tikhon's Monastery.

In 1907, he returned to Russia, and was appointed to Yaroslavl, where he quickly won the affection of his flock. They came to love him as a friendly, communicative, and wise archpastor. He spoke simply to his subordinates, never resorting to a peremptory or overbearing tone. When he had to reprimand someone, he did so in a good-natured, sometimes joking manner, which encouraged the person to correct his mistakes.

When Saint Tikhon was transferred to Lithuania on December 22, 1913, the people of Yaroslavl voted him an honorary citizen of their town. After his transfer to Vilnius, he did much in terms of material support for various charitable institutions. There too, his generous soul and love of people clearly manifested themselves. World War I broke out when His Eminence was in Vilnius. He spared no effort to help the poor residents of the Vilnius region who were left without a roof over their heads or means of subsistence as a result of the war with the Germans, and who flocked to their archpastor in droves. After the February Revolution and formation of a new Synod, Saint Tikhon became one of its members. On June

**Metropolitan Tikhon sends condolences to
Antiochian Patriarch John X, Metropolitan
Joseph on repose of Bishop Antoun**

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, sent letters to His Beatitude, Patriarch John X of Antioch and All the East, and His Eminence, Metropolitan Joseph of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, expressing condolences and offering prayers on the repose of His Grace, Bishop Antoun [Khoury].

Bishop Antoun fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, October 2, 2017. His repose was announced in a statement issued by Metropolitan Joseph, who is attending sessions of the Holy Synod of Antioch in Shwayya, Lebanon.

“Words cannot begin to describe our debt of gratitude to His Grace nor our sense of loss at his falling asleep,” Metropolitan Joseph wrote. “As our senior, and for many years our only, auxiliary bishop, he traveled the width and breadth of our God-protected Archdiocese. He was sincerely loved by all—young and old—and he will be greatly missed.... We are comforted and assured that he will eternally pray for his people at the throne of God.”

Bishop Antoun was born in Damascus, Syria on January 17, 1931. At the age of 14, he entered Minor Seminary at Lebanon’s Balamand Monastery, from which he received his diploma in theology. In 1983, he was consecrated to the episcopate at Saint Nicholas Cathedral, Brooklyn, NY, after which he faithfully served for many years as Auxiliary to His Eminence, the late Metropolitan Philip [Saliba], and later as Bishop of the Antiochian Diocese of Miami and the South. He retired in July 2017.

**Letter of Condolence of Metropolitan Tikhon to
Patriarch John X of Antioch and All the East
on the Repose of Bishop Antoun
October 2, 2017**

His Beatitude John X
Patriarch of Antioch and All the East
Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch
PO Box 9, Damascus
SYRIA

Your Beatitude, Beloved Brother in the Lord and Concelebrant,

It is with sorrow that I learned today of the falling asleep of His Grace, Bishop Antoun.

His Grace was a very good friend of the Orthodox Church in America. As a graduate of, and instructor at, Saint Vladimir’s Seminary, Bishop Antoun took a keen interest

in the formation and education of the students from the Antiochian Archdiocese. His kindness and love for all those under his pastoral care earned him respect among his brother bishops and all those whom he served so faithfully.

On behalf of the Holy Synod of Bishops, the clergy, and the faithful of the Orthodox Church in America, I offer my prayers for the newly departed servant of God, Bishop Antoun, that his soul may find peace in the mansions of the righteous, and that Your Beatitude as well as the hierarchs, clergy, and faithful who loved His Grace will receive the consolation of our Lord as we mourn the passing of our brother hierarch.

With sincere condolences and in the hope of the Resurrection,
+ Tikhon
Archbishop of Washington
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

St Tikhon Con’t

21, 1917, the Moscow Diocesan Congress of clergy and laity elected him as their ruling bishop. He was a zealous and educated archpastor, widely known even outside his country.

On August 15, 1917, a local council was opened in Moscow, and Archbishop Tikhon was raised to the dignity of Metropolitan, and then elected as chairman of the council. The council had as its aim to restore the life of Russian Orthodox Church on strictly canonical principles, and its primary concern was the restoration of the Patriarchate. All council members would select three candidates, and then a lot would reveal the will of God. The council members chose three candidates: Archbishop Anthony of Kharkov, the wisest, Archbishop Arseny of Novgorod, the strictest, and Metropolitan Tikhon of Moscow, the kindest of the Russian hierarchs.

On November 5, following the Divine Liturgy and a Mollen in the Cathedral of Christ the Savior, a monk removed one of the three ballots from the ballot box, which stood before the Vladimir Icon of the Mother of God. Metropolitan Vladimir of Kiev announced Metropolitan Tikhon as the newly elected Patriarch. Saint Tikhon did not change after becoming the primate of the Russian Orthodox Church. In accepting the will of the council, Patriarch Tikhon referred to the scroll that the Prophet Ezekiel had to eat, on which was written, “Lamentations, mourning, and woe.” He foresaw that his ministry would be filled with affliction and tears, but through all his suffering, he remained the same accessible, unassuming, and kindly person.

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St Tikhon Con't

All who met Saint Tikhon were surprised by his accessibility, simplicity and modesty. His gentle disposition did not prevent him from showing firmness in Church matters, however, particularly when he had to defend the Church from her enemies. He bore a very heavy cross. He had to administer and direct the Church amidst wholesale church disorganization, without auxiliary administrative bodies, in conditions of internal schisms and upheavals by various adherents of the Living Church, renovationists, and autocephalists.

The situation was complicated by external circumstances: the change of the political system, by the accession to power of the godless regime, by hunger, and civil war. This was a time when Church property was being confiscated, when clergy were subjected to court trials and persecutions, and Christ's Church endured repression. News of this came to the Patriarch from all ends of Russia. His exceptionally high moral and religious authority helped him to unite the scattered and enfeebled flock. At a crucial time for the church, his unblemished name was a bright beacon pointing the way to the truth of Orthodoxy. In his messages, he called on people to fulfill the commandments of Christ, and to attain spiritual rebirth through repentance. His irreproachable life was an example to all.

In order to save thousands of lives and to improve the general position of the church, the Patriarch took measures to prevent clergy from making purely political statements. On September 25, 1919, when the civil war was at its height, he issued a message to the clergy urging them to stay away from political struggle.

The summer of 1921 brought a severe famine to the Volga region. In August, Patriarch Tikhon issued a message to the Russian people and to the people of the world, calling them to help famine victims. He gave his blessing for voluntary donations of church valuables, which were not directly used in liturgical services. However, on February 23, 1922, the All-Russian Central Executive Committee published a decree making all valuables subject to confiscation.

According to the 73rd Apostolic Canon, such actions were regarded as sacrilege, and the Patriarch could not approve such total confiscation, especially since many doubted that

the valuables would be used to combat famine. This forcible confiscation aroused popular indignation everywhere. Nearly two thousand trials were staged all over Russia, and more than ten thousand believers were shot. The Patriarch's message was viewed as sabotage, for which he was imprisoned from April 1922 until June 1923.

His Holiness, Patriarch Tikhon did much on behalf of the Russian Orthodox Church during the crucial time of the so-called Renovationist schism. He showed himself to be a faithful servant and custodian of the undistorted precepts of the true Orthodox Church. He was the living embodiment of Orthodoxy, which was unconsciously recognized even by enemies of the church, who called its members "Tikhonites."

When Renovationist priests and hierarchs repented and returned to the church, they were met with tenderness and love by Saint Tikhon. This, however, did not represent any deviation from his strictly Orthodox policy. "I ask you to believe me that I will not come to agreement or make concessions which could lead to the loss of the purity and strength of Orthodoxy," the Patriarch said in 1924.

Being a good pastor, who devoted himself entirely to the church's cause, he called upon the clergy to do the same: "Devote all your energy to preaching the word of God and the truth of Christ, especially today, when unbelief and atheism are audaciously attacking the Church of Christ. May the God of peace and love be with all of you!"

It was extremely painful and hard for the Patriarch's loving, responsive heart to endure all the Church's misfortunes. Upheavals in and outside the church, the Renovationist schism, his primatial labors, his concern for the organization and tranquility of Church life, sleepless nights and heavy thoughts, his confinement that lasted more than a year, the spiteful and wicked baiting of his enemies, and the unrelenting criticism sometimes even from the Orthodox, combined to undermine his strength and health.

In 1924, Patriarch Tikhon began to feel unwell. He checked into a hospital, but would leave it on Sundays and Feast Days in order to conduct services. On Sunday, April 5, 1925, he served his last Liturgy, and died two days later. On March 25/April 7, 1925 the Patriarch received Metropolitan Peter and had a long talk with him. In the evening, the Patriarch slept a little, then he woke up and asked what time it was. When he was told it was 11:45 P.M., he made the Sign of the Cross twice and said, "Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee." He did not have time to cross *Con't Page 7*

