



**Sunday, October 1, 2017**

**Gospel:** St. Luke 6:31-36

**Tone 8**

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

**17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / The Protection (Pokrov) of our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary / Apostle of the Seventy Ananias Ven. Romanus the Melodist ("Sweet-singer")**

**Holy Assumption Orthodox Church**

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

Parish Council President: Ronald F. Royhab

Fr. Andrew Bartek, Rector

*Liturgical & Events Schedule*

**Sunday, October 1**

9:15 am: Hours  
9:30 am: D.L. / Panachida for Peter Rindfleisch & 40 Day for Howard Schutt / Social / Change Altar Linens  
3:00 pm: Father to attend clergy event in Cleveland

**Monday, October 2**

2:00 pm: Police Association Meeting

**Tuesday, October 3**

10:00 am: Russian Festival @ St Nicholas in Mogadore, OH

**Saturday, October 7**

3:30 pm: Confessions  
4:00 pm: Great Vespers followed by Confessions

**Sunday, October 8**

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

**KEEPING UP WITH OUR ATHLETES**

*(updated 10-1)*

**Cooper & Quincy Kowal**

Soccer : 1-4-1

**Cole Heffernan**

Football:3-2

**Mary Rentz-Blacford**

Soccer: 1-1  
Volleyball: 4-5



Good Luck to all of you!

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



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**VIGIL LAMP OFFERINGS- September 24**

**Marguerite Bird:** (2) Memory Eternal to Norah Bird

**Basil Glovinsky:** (2) In loving Memory of Jean; For the health & recovery of Diane.

**Laura Kovach:** (3) For the Health & recovery of Briar and Harry; Birthday blessings to Jack and Silas; In Memory of Norah Bird & Denise Vodica

**Sandy Martin:** (3) In Memory of Norah; For the Health of Vada; Special Intentions

**David & Roddie Mazurik:** (2) In Memory of Norah Bird; Safe travels

**Joe & Sonya Rose:** (2) For the health of Margaret & Vada

**Natalie Twarek:** (7) In Memory of Norah Bird & Dan Thompson; Birthday blessings to Nikki (9-25), Greg (9-26), & Amber (9-26); Health & recovery of Sue, Morgan, Nancy, Richie, Jake, Ron, Diane, John, Judy, Helen, & Janice; Special Intentions.

**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.

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
Laundry Detergent	Jars of spaghetti sauce

**OUR SHUT-INS**

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

Rectory 419-798-4591 / Cell 570-212-8747  
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## 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

September 24: Terrorist attacks in Spain & the mudslide victims in Sierra Leone

October 1: Howard Schutt

October 8: Sacramento deputy killed in line of duty

October 15: Lois Tuttamore

October 22: Mary Kamiotis

October 29: Nora Bird / Those that lost their lives in the Mexico earthquake

## FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

### July 2017

Expenses: \$5,505  
Income: \$6,241  
TOTAL: +\$ 736

### August 2017:

Expenses: \$6,479  
Income: \$4,470  
TOTAL: -\$2,009

### September 2017:

Expenses: \$7,067  
Income: \$5,833  
TOTAL: -\$1,234

## New Police Chaplain

With the approval of the Police Chief, the Mayor and Board Members of the Village of Marblehead Fr. Andrew was appointed the chaplain of the the Police Department of Marblehead. This is the first time the Police Department has had a chaplain. He is still waiting to hear back from the Fire Department of Danbury Township about becoming their chaplain.

Father Andrew was the Fire Chaplain of the Summit, IL Fire Department for over two years before being transferred to Marblehead.



## MONTHLY ATTENDANCE RECORD

### Sept. 3:

Attendance: 39 People (24 adults; 4 children; 10 guests , 33 Communicants)

Total Collection: \$765-offerings

### Sept 10:

Attendance: 20 People (16 adults; 2 children; 2 guests, 13 Communicants)

Total Collection \$1,815: (\$636 - offerings; \$1,039 - in fundraising; Special Collection for Hurricane Harvey - \$140)

### Sept 13: Attendance: 7 people Vespers (Feast Day)

### Sept 14: Attendance: 9 people Liturgy (Feast Day)

### September 17:

Attendance: 32 People (26 Adults; 3 children; 3 guests; 20 Communicants)

Total Collection \$3,143: (\$2,913 offerings; Special Collection for Hurricane Harvey - \$230)

### September 24:

Attendance: 27 people (24 adult members; 1 child, 2 guests 19 Communicants)

Total Collection: \$1,499 (\$1,064 offerings; \$10 Cemetery Funds; \$25 food pantry; \$130 for Hurricane Harvey; \$270 for Hurricane Irma)

## Hurricane Relief Collection

Thank you for your love & support in our Special collection for Hurricane Harvey. We collected \$500. Plus the donation of the church for \$500, a check in the amount of \$1,000 to IOCC. GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

To date, we have collected \$270 for Hurricane Irma. This Sunday a collection will be taken for Irma. The rest of the month of October will be for our Seminarians. Thank You!

## 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 (Epistle)

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty." Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

## 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 ( Fathers Spiritual Father); Paul Lazor; Myron Manzuk; John Matusiak

**Matushkii:** Laryssa Hutnyan; Carol Janecek; Barbara Kopka; Paula Manzuk; 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*); 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*); Rachyl & 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*)

**Military:** Craig Cassell; Justin Issler

**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.

### Luke 6:31-36 (Gospel)

And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

### 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.*

## Coming Events ~ Save the Date

St. John the Baptist in Campbell, OH will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary the weekend of October 13-15.

### Friday, October 13

6:00 pm: Vespers followed by a Service of Thanksgiving (Molieben)

### Saturday, October 14

9:30 am: Procession into church, vesting of His Beatitude, and the hours.

10:00 am: Main Centennial Divine Liturgy presided by His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon and His Grace Bishop Paul and visiting clergy

4:00 pm: Panikhida (Memorial Service) for the departed members of the parish.

5:00 pm: Great Vespers

### Sunday, October 15

9:30 am: Procession into church, Vesting of His Beatitude, and the hours.

10:00 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy presided by His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon and His Grace Bishop Paul

### Centennial Banquet

1:30 pm: Cocktails

3:00 pm: Grand Banquet (Palermo Center, Campbell, OH)

Please RSVP to Mrs. JoAnn Sirilla @ 330-881-6775 or by email: josirilla@yahoo.com

### Lodging:

Holiday Inn, 7410 South Ave., Boardman, OH  
(330-726-1611)

Mention "St John the Baptist Orthodox Church" and rate will be \$105 (Deadline October 1)

## 45th ANNUAL

### "SOMETHING RUSSIAN" FESTIVAL

**WHEN:** Tuesday & Wednesday October 3

from 10:00am to 9:00pm

**WHERE:** St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, 755 S Cleveland Ave., Mogadore, OH 44260 (@ Rt 532 & US 224)

Homemade ethnic foods & baked goods; Purchase beautiful & unique Russian imports & religious items; Performances by the St. Nicholas Balalaika Orchestra and Russian Youth Dancers; Sip tea in the cozy "Something Russian Tea Room"; Watch intricate egg decorating demonstrations & more! FREE Admission / FREE Parking.

Proceeds will benefit many outreach programs which include: Portage County Habitat for Humanity, the Rundolph / Suffield Food Shelf and more. Last year St. Nicholas donated over \$30,000 to help others.



## ANNUAL MIDWEST DIOCESAN RETREAT FOR 6th-12th GRADERS

Dear Brothers and Fathers,

Christ is in our midst!

His Grace, Bishop Paul has asked me to share with you some updates about the work of our diocesan youth team.

On the evening of Friday, October 28, His Grace will lead our first ever virtual discussion with pre-teens and teens across the diocese. We're starting with four host pilot parishes connecting via tele-conference with His

Grace in Chicago:

- St. Innocent Church, Olmsted Falls, OH
- St. Luke Church, Palos Hills, IL
- Holy Trinity Church, Overland Park, KS
- St. Mary's Cathedral, Minneapolis, MN

Can you please encourage youth in your parishes and deanery who are in grades 6 - 12 to register (<http://bit.ly/mw-oct2017-retreat-registration>) for the overnight retreat at one of the four host parishes?

With your support to make this event a success, our plan is to host similar events in the future where His Grace can connect with youth in more parishes from each deanery.

In related news, the six-question survey (<http://bit.ly/mw-parent-survey2017>) for parents and families to share their thoughts about our diocesan youth programs will be available until Sunday, October 1.

We've gotten a lot of great responses, and now that summer is over, wanted to ask for your help in encouraging more to parents share what they feel is important for the spiritual growth and formation of their children in the Orthodox Faith. Attached is a graphic which can be shared via email or in your parish bulletin.

Thank you for your assistance and may you have a blessed feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos later this week. If you have any questions, please email me at [frbentucci@gmail.com](mailto:frbentucci@gmail.com).

In Christ,  
Father Ben, *Director*  
Diocesan Youth Department

## OCA Diocese of Mexico assessing earthquake damage in parishes, missions

As central Mexico slowly embarks on the long road to recovery in the aftermath of the massive 7.1 earthquake that struck the region on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, early reports from the Orthodox Church in America's Diocese of Mexico indicate that, while no major damage has been experienced at Mexico City's Ascension Cathedral or other parish properties, many faithful have suffered damage to—or the complete loss of—their homes.

While communications have been understandably slower than usual due to power outages and infrastructure damage, His Eminence, Archbishop Alejo reported that Ascension Cathedral had suffered a number of cracks. Whether they are structural or not has yet to be determined. The cathedral is located near the Mexico City airport, which was closed for several hours after the earthquake struck. Archbishop Alejo added that a mission chapel had suffered significant damage, the extent of which had yet to be fully assessed as of Wednesday, September 20.

The parish in Cuernavaca, the earthquake's epicenter, also did not suffer major damage, although the homes of some parishioners were damaged or destroyed. Details are still being gathered.

"We thank God for all His blessings, but we also pray for those who suffered greatly and for the lives that were lost," Archbishop Alejo said. It will take time to fully assess how the earthquake has affected the faithful in each parish and mission throughout the expansive diocese.

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon and members of the OCA Chancery staff will be working in conjunction with Archbishop Alejo to determine and assess the needs of Mexican faithful most impacted by the earthquake. Further information will be made available as it is received.

## Homily of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon at the Divine Liturgy marking the Patronal Feast Day of Saint Sergius Chapel, Syosset, NY Saturday, September 23, 2017

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Today we celebrate the Patronal Feast of our chapel, the Repose of our Father among the Saints, the Venerable Sergius of Radonezh, whose commemoration we have transferred from September 25.

It is a blessing to have serving with us His Grace, Bishop Irinej of the Serbian Orthodox Church and His Grace, Bishop John of the Russian Orthodox Church and to be joined by so many clergy, seminarians and faithful for this Divine Liturgy.

In the scriptures appointed for this day, we see expressed the foundations for our Church life and particularly our brotherhood and unity in Christ. In his first Epistle to the Corinthians, the Holy Apostle Paul exhorts his listeners to look to do what is helpful and what builds up: "Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor." This is in the context of ancient questions about what to do about meat offered to idols — to eat or not to eat — but the principle works as well today. If we are in Christ, the test we are called to use in making decisions is our neighbor's good, not just our own. We have to ask the question individually and as communities: "How much am I willing to give — and to give up — for the sake of my neighbor?"

The epistle reading from Galatians also gives a picture of brotherhood built on noticing the needs and interests of others and bearing one another's burdens. "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." Here too we have to ask ourselves a question: "Do I even know what burdens those next to me are carrying? Am I willing to find out? Am I willing to help bear them?" This, says Saint Paul, is the new law of Christ.

## The Protection of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary

*Commemorated on October 1*

The Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos: "Today the Virgin stands in the midst of the Church, and with choirs of Saints she invisibly prays to God for us. Angels and Bishops venerate Her, Apostles and prophets rejoice together, Since for our sake she prays to the Eternal God!"

This miraculous appearance of the Mother of God occurred in the mid-tenth century in Constantinople, in the Blachernae church where her robe, veil, and part of her belt were preserved after being transferred from Palestine in the fifth century.

On Sunday, October 1, during the All Night Vigil, when the church was overflowing with those at prayer, the Fool-for-Christ Saint Andrew (October 2), at the fourth hour, lifted up his eyes towards the heavens and beheld our most Holy Lady Theotokos coming through the air, resplendent with heavenly light and surrounded by an assembly of the Saints. Saint John the Baptist and the holy Apostle John the Theologian accompanied the Queen of Heaven. On bended knees the Most Holy Virgin tearfully prayed for Christians for a long time. Then, coming near the Bishop's Throne, she continued her prayer. **Con't Page 6**

## Metropolitan Tikhon celebrates Synaxis of All Saints of Alaska at St. Vladimir's Seminary

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon made his first archpastoral visit of the new academic year to Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary [SVOTS] here on Sunday, September 24, 2017—the Synaxis of All Saints of Alaska.

In addition to the seminary faculty, staff, student body, and area faithful, participants in a three-day conference organized by the recently established Orthodox Vision Foundation [OVF] on the seminary campus gathered for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, at which Metropolitan Tikhon presided in Three Hierarchs Chapel. See related story.

Saint Vladimir's Seminary, together with Saint Tikhon's Seminary, South Canaan, PA, are the two graduate schools of theology under the direction of Metropolitan Tikhon. A third school—Saint Herman's Seminary, Kodiak, AK—also faithfully serves the needs of the faithful, particularly in the Diocese of Alaska. SVOTS' 2017 incoming class numbers 25 men and women desiring to devote their lives to the Church. Defying most trends in theological education, the OCA's seminaries continue to experience a steady influx of students from the OCA and other jurisdictions in North America and abroad.

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, Metropolitan Tikhon addressed the student body and their families and participants in the OVF conference.

"I would like to offer one final exhortation to both the seminarians and their families as they begin this new year, and to the participants of this week's conference," Metropolitan Tikhon said. "Often in the business and administrative world, forward progress is measured by aggressive attempts to forge ahead against the waves of difficulties. In the Church, we also know that we are navigating the 'sea of life,' as we hear in our liturgical hymnography and in the writings of the Fathers. One of the great desert fathers, Abba Dorotheos, offers Christians a helpful image for passing through these temptations of life, by drawing a contrast between a good swimmer and a bad swimmer. A bad swimmer, says Abba Dorotheos, will try to make his way forward by swimming over the waves. Unfortunately, anyone who has gone swimming in the ocean knows well how powerful the waves can be, and the tactic of trying to fight through the waves by going over them not only does not provide any forward movement, but actually pushes the swimmer even further back. A good swimmer knows that, to make forward progress, the best approach is to swim under the waves. This movement under the waves is, for Abba Dorotheos, an image of the humility required to pass through the temptations of life. Only with Christ-like humility can we safely pass through the temptations and difficulties of life.

"All of us, whether we are laboring in the world and preparing ourselves through seminary training, will face temptations and struggles," Metropolitan Tikhon concluded. "I encourage you to follow the advice of Abba Dorotheos and to strive to attain the humility and the love needed to fulfill the work that the Lord has placed on your shoulders."

## Protection Con't

After completing her prayer she took her veil and spread it over the people praying in church, protecting them from enemies both visible and invisible. The Most Holy Lady Theotokos was resplendent with heavenly glory, and the protecting veil in her hands gleamed "more than the rays of the sun." Saint Andrew gazed trembling at the miraculous vision and he asked his disciple, the blessed Epiphanius standing beside him, "Do you see, brother, the Holy Theotokos, praying for all the world?" Epiphanius answered, "I do see, holy Father, and I am in awe."

The Ever-Blessed Mother of God implored the Lord Jesus Christ to accept the prayers of all the people calling on His Most Holy Name, and to respond speedily to her intercession, "O Heavenly King, accept all those who pray to You and call on my name for help. Do not let them go away from my icon unheard."

Saints Andrew and Epiphanius were worthy to see the Mother of God at prayer, and "for a long time observed the Protecting Veil spread over the people and shining with flashes of glory. As long as the Most Holy Theotokos was there, the Protecting Veil was also visible, but with her departure it also became invisible. After taking it with her, she left behind the grace of her visitation."

At the Blachernae church, the memory of the miraculous appearance of the Mother of God was remembered. In the fourteenth century, the Russian pilgrim and clerk Alexander, saw in the church an icon of the Most Holy Theotokos praying for the world, depicting Saint Andrew in contemplation of her.

The Primary Chronicle of Saint Nestor reflects that the protective intercession of the Mother of God was needed because an attack of a large pagan Russian fleet under the leadership of Askole and Dir. The feast celebrates the divine destruction of the fleet which threatened Constantinople itself, sometime in the years 864-867 or according to the Russian historian Vasiliev, on June 18, 860. Ironically, this Feast is considered important by the Slavic Churches but not by the Greeks.

The Primary Chronicle of Saint Nestor also notes the

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