



Sunday, November 19, 2017

Gospel: St. Luke 12:16-21

Tone 7

Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22

24th Sunday After Pentecost

Prophet Obadiah / Martyr Barlaam of Cæsarea in Cappadocia

A Blessed Thanksgiving Day to All!

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, November 19

9:15 am: Hours

9:30 am: D.L. / 40 Day Remembrance / Social

Monday, November 20

5:00 pm: Great Vespers w/ Litya

6:30 pm: Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service @ St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church

Tuesday, November 21

9:30 am: Divine Liturgy For Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos in the Temple

Thursday, November 23

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Friday, November 24

7:00 pm: Annual Tree Lighting

Saturday, November 25

4:00 pm: Great Vespers and Evening Prayers followed by Confessions

Sunday, November 26

9:15 am: Hours

9:30 am: D.L. / 40 Day Panachida for Mary Kobb, Terri Fink, Gori Pietropolo, Virginia Bojan; Military killed in Niger / Social

NEW WOMAN'S MINISTRY

All woman of the church (Orthodox or non-Orthodox), you are invited to attend an organizational meeting Sunday, December 3 to discuss what the mission, purpose and possible accomplishments could be. All will have the opportunity to have input at the January meeting.

December meeting: election of officers.

Meetings: on a quarterly basis or as needed.

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE RECORD

Nov. 5:

Attendance 30 people (22 Members; 2 children; 6 guests; Vespers: 11; Communicants: 23)

Total Offerings: \$1,397 (\$1,160 offerings; \$203 for Seminarian fund; \$34 for bookstore)

Nov. 8: St. Michael Feast Day

Attendance: 10 for Vespers; 9 for Liturgy (Communicants 8)

Nov. 12:

Attendance: 32 people (23 members; 5 children; 4 guests; 22 Communicants)

Total Offerings: \$1,009 (\$797 Offering; \$162 for St Matthew's Antiochian Church; \$50 bookstore)



40 Day Remembrance

Nov. 19: Those that lost their lives in CA Wildfires

Nov. 26: 4 Military soldiers killed in Niger; Mary Kobb, Gori Pietropolo, Virginia Bojan, Terri Fink

Dec 3: Youngstown Police Officer killed in the line of duty

Dec. 10: Terror attack victims in NYC

Dec. 17: 26 people killed in First Baptist Church, Sutherland Springs, TX shooting



**Church Christmas Decorating
DECEMBER 2 @ 1:30 p.m.**

We're decorating early this year so the church is festive for St. Nicholas Day! (And to help lessen the hectic days ahead.)

Saturday December 2 @ 1:30 pm.

Please come and help.

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

Parish Council President: Ronald F. Royhab

Fr. Andrew Bartek, Rector





CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND REMEMBRANCES

Christmas Flowers, In Memory of or For The Health Of a family member, loved one or friend are being offered at \$25 per flower. All names will be remembered during the Christmas Liturgy. Please contact Father Andrew if you are interested.

Fr. Andrew: (5 Flowers):

- For the Health of all Holy Assumption parishioners & their families
- For the health of all my family and friends
- For the health of the Marblehead Police Department, Danbury Fire Department, Summit IL Fire Department and all first responders
- In Memory of His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas, my ordaining Bishop
- In memory of my family, especially my parents George and Dorothy Bartek

Many Years, Your Beatitude! Axios! Eis polla eti despota! May God grant you many, many years, Your Beatitude!

Today—with deep love, respect and heartfelt thanksgiving—we mark the fifth Anniversary of the election of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon at the 17th All-American Council of the Orthodox Church in America, which was held at Holy Trinity Church, Parma, OH on November 13, 2012.

On behalf of the Holy Synod of Bishops and the clergy, monastics and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America, we assure Metropolitan Tikhon of our ongoing love and prayers today and in the many years to come. May our Lord continue to grant him peace, prosperity, safety, honor, health and length of days “rightly dividing” the word of God’s truth as he marks this milestone in his life and in the life of the Church!

Metropolitan Tikhon was born in Boston, MA on July 15, 1966, the son of Francois and Elizabeth Mollard. After brief periods residing in Connecticut, France, and Missouri, he and his family settled in Reading, PA, where he graduated from Wyomissing High School in 1984. In 1988, he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in French and Sociology from Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA, after which he moved to Chicago.

In 1989, he was received into the Orthodox Church from the Episcopalian tradition and, in the fall of the same year, he began studies at Saint Tikhon’s Seminary. The following year he entered the monastic community at Saint Tikhon’s Monastery as a novice.

After receiving his Master of Divinity degree from Saint
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[Tikhon’s Seminary](#) in 1993, he was appointed instructor in Old Testament at the school. He subsequently served as Senior Lecturer in Old Testament and taught Master level courses in the Prophets and the Psalms and Wisdom Literature. He also served as an instructor in the seminary’s Extension Studies program, offering courses in the lives of the Old Testament saints, the liturgical use of the Old Testament, and the Old Testament in patristic literature. He collaborated with then-Igumen Alexander [Golitzin] in the publication of *The Living Witness of the Holy Mountain*, published by Saint Tikhon’s Seminary Press.

In 1995 he was tonsured to the Lesser Schema and given the name Tikhon, in honor of Saint Tikhon, Enlightener of North America and Patriarch of Moscow. Later that year, he was ordained to the Holy Diaconate and Holy Priesthood at Saint Tikhon’s Monastery. In 1998, he was elevated to the rank of Igumen, and in 2000 to the rank of Archimandrite. In December 2002, he was appointed Deputy Abbot of Saint Tikhon’s Monastery.

After his consecration to the episcopacy, he served as Auxiliary to the Metropolitan. He was nominated to fill the vacant See of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania at a special diocesan assembly on May 25, 2005. Two days later, he was elected to that ministry by the members of the Holy Synod of Bishops. He was installed as ruling hierarch of the Diocese at Saint Stephen Cathedral on October 29, 2005. He served as Bishop and later Archbishop of the Diocese until his election as Primate of the Orthodox Church in America on November 13, 2012.

Ephesians 2:14-22 (Epistle)

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.



Prayer List (Updated November 19)

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

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

Parishioners / & their Family: Debbie Garnek (*sister of Roddie*); Michael Glovinsky (*Nephew to Basil*); Wayne GolobJoseph Habegger (*Laura Kovach's brother-in-law*); James Heffernan (*Father-in-law of Jennifer Heffernan*); Rich Kokinda (*Cousin of Greg Twarek*); Anne Kovalik; Helen Lis; Stanley Lis; Walter Litzie (*Fr.'s Cousin*); Dave Martin; John Mazurik (*brother of Paul Mazurik*); Judy Mazurik (*sister-in-law of Paul Mazurik*); Darlene Mazurik; Tony Monastra; 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; Greg Tryon; Rachel & her unborn baby; Jessica Issler & her unborn baby (*Jean Hileman's daughter*)

Other Requests: Victor Abrahamowicz (*Friend of Mary Hiser*); Brad Biecheler; David Bobb (*friend of Nikki Twarek*); John Cox (*husband of Pastor Kay Mooney-Cox*); Dominic (*friend of the Cassell's*); Theodore Geletka (*St. Michael Orthodox Church, Broadview Heights choir director*); Mike Jacobson (*Fr.'s friend*); Michael Kouznetsov (*friend of Mary Hiser*); Victoria Kousnetsov (*friend of Mary Hiser*); Baby Lucas Goodman (*friend of Christi Soski*); Jake Lipstraw (*friend of Natalie Twarek*); Violet Mattingly (*neighbor of Greg Mazur*); Pauline Meath (*Friend of Fr. Andrew's*); Beth Reinhard (*friend of Diane Tryon*); Cheryl Schell (*Co-worker of Jennifer Heffernan*); Nick Shortridge (*Friend of Christi*); Karen Simonsen (*friend of David Mazurik*); Janice Timko; Brian Turner (*Fr.'s friend*); Mat. Carly Koranda & her unborn baby (*Chicago Deanery*); Nicole & her unborn Baby (*Friends of Fr. Andrew*)

Military: Craig Cassell; Justin Issler; James Jerome

Captivzs: 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 12:16-21 (*Gospel*)

Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods.' And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'" But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAY	ANNIVERSARY	NAME'S DAY
11-16: Valerie Schutt 11-17: Cole Heffernan 11-17: Roddie Mazurik 11-19: Kristen Cassell 11-19: Fr. Andrew Groom	11-14-05 Fr. Matthew Moriak 11-15-80 His Eminence Archbishop Nathaniel of Detroit & the Romanian Archdiocese	11-6: His Grace Bishop Paul of Chicago & retired Bishop Varlamm of Vancouver 11-10: Retired Bishop Mark of Boston 11-25: Retired Bishop Lazor of Ottawa

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.

REPOSED LIST FOR NOVEMBER

- 2- Donald Sennich (1994)
- 3- Marian Glovinsky (2001)
- 8- Ann G Stretchberry (2003)
- 8- Anne Catherine Glovinsky (2004)
- 11- Dorothy Bartek (2005)
- 18- Archpriest George Timko (2000) Former Pastor
- 19- Evelyn Biecheler (2002)
- 19- Fr. John Dolhy (2006)
- 21- Ann S. Ratica (1991)
- 28- Anna Grabonsky (1972)
- 29-Alexander Mazur (2003)

The Parish Diptychs

A note from Father Andrew

The last two months I have been composing a list of the deceased (by month) from the church's Diptychs. There are some written in Russian. If anyone can translate them for me, please let me know.

Also, I have put together a Soul Saturday Diptychs book by family name. It will be sitting on the back table in the vestibule. Please review it, note any corrections and initial it when done. That will let me know it has been reviewed.

Please let me know of any corrections or additions, as well as names of living friends & relatives.

I use this book during Proskemdia to pray for every single name before Liturgy.

2017 OTTAWA COUNTY HOLIDAY BUREAU

2017 Giving Sundays: November 12, 19 and 26.

Needed: Soap, hygiene products, toiletry items, paper products, cleaning items, non-perishable foods, money.

The Holiday Bureau volunteers wish to thank everyone who helped brighten Christmas mornings for the past 55 years and for years to come. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Ways you've helped in the past: canned goods collected by Scout groups; Toys or gifts for children; You had mitten trees; You were check writers; Food bringers; Volunteers; Sorters; pickup and delivery people.

Christmas comes but once a year, And we ask of you to spread the cheer. For without your kindness and good will a family's wish we could not fill. Our pledge to help all those in need is the Holiday Bureau creed!

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

- Nov. 12: Fred & Terri
- Nov. 19: Joe Rose
- Nov. 26: Basil & Tim
- Dec. 03: Sandy & Marguerite
- Dec. 10: Greg
- Dec. 17: Ron & Bobbie
- Dec. 24: Open
- Dec. 31: All day Social @ Rectory sponsored by Fr Andrew
(Please RSVP by 12-1)

During the Nativity Fast:

From Nov. 19- Dec 24th there will be no meat products served.

VIGIL LAMP OFFERINGS- November 12

Marguerite Bird: (1) Special Intention

Natalie Twarek: (6) For the Health and recovery of Roddie's sister Debby; For health and recovery of Darlene; For health of Robin, David, Margi and Joe; Health and recovery of Nancy; Health of Sue, Morgan, Richie, Jake, Ron, Diane, John, Judy, Helen, Janice, Pete; For Special Intention

Ron & Bobbie Royhab: (2) In memory (35 years) of mother, Thalia Libb on occasion of her birthday. In memory of passing of friend Maureen



Danbury Food Pantry: November -> Jars of Spaghetti Sauce

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

OUR SHUT-INS

Edgewood Manor Nursing Center

1330 Fulton Street
Port Clinton, OH 43452
Anne Kovalik- Room 309

November

Readers

- 5-Ron
- 12-Wayne
- 19-Tim
- 26-Natalie

Cleaning

- 6-Laura Kovach
- 13-Sandy Martin
- 20-Roddie Mazurik
- 27-Ron/Bobbie Royab

Remembering our Veterans [Archpriest Theodore Boback]

Two holidays are brought to us in the Orthodox Church in America on November 11— Veterans Day in the United States of America and Remembrance Day in Canada.



In the United States, Veterans Day originally was celebrated as Armistice Day beginning in 1918, celebrating the end of World War I, the “War to end all Wars.” In 1954, the emphasis changed and the celebration and remembrance became known as Veterans Day.

Throughout US history, men and women in the US Armed Forces have served in various wars, conflicts, and humanitarian efforts. Chaplains have been assigned within the US Armed Forces to perform and to provide for the religious accommodation of the service members. During World War I, Father John Ovsyanitsky served as the first Orthodox priest in the Armed Forces of Canada, while during World War II, Father Vladimir Borichevsky became the first Orthodox priest to serve in the US Army. There are currently Orthodox priests serving in the Active, Reserve Components and National Guard of our military and over 25 Orthodox Church in America chaplains who have retired from the military after completing 20-plus years of service for our Church in ministry in the military. The Orthodox chaplains have served during World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam War, Cold War, “peacetime environments,” peacekeeping missions, conflicts, the Global War on Terrorism, and currently in the Wars of Afghanistan and Iraq.

Orthodox Chaplains celebrate the sacraments and worship of the Orthodox Church for our Orthodox service members and their families and provide for those of other faiths and those who have no religious affiliation. The Orthodox Church in her worship has petitions in litanies for those who serve in our armed forces.

From the time of the Revolutionary War, the Civil War and other conflicts and wars, especially in the last century, there are times when our nation’s sons and daughters are called upon to serve and to give the ultimate sacrifice. Some others would return from the battle, and others would serve in years of peace time. Many, if not all, would be in need of physical, psychological and spiritual care. Upon return to their communities, many would

receive care from military or veterans’ medical centers and chapels.

I am certain that each of us has a unique remembrance or feeling as we celebrate Veterans Day in the US and Remembrance Day in Canada. It is most appropriate and fitting that we rededicate our lives to the work of peace, justice, good will, and fulfillment of the Commandments and, above all, loving God and our neighbors as we offer thanksgiving to God for all the blessings He continues to bestow upon us.

Our military personnel are prayed for within the context of the Orthodox Church’s worship. Let us lift up hearts in prayer, and especially let us remember the Orthodox priests who serve—and have served—in the military, together with their families and the VA chaplains who provide ministry to veterans and their families. May God grant His grace and blessing upon them and grant them many years. And to the veterans who have departed this life, especially those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, may God grant them rest eternal in His Heavenly Kingdom. Memory Eternal!

Father Theodore Boback, Lieutenant Colonel, USA-Retired, is Dean and Executive Director of Orthodox Military and Veterans Administration Chaplains. [Additional information on Orthodox chaplains](#) is available on-line.

Everyday Thanksgiving

Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings each morning -- Thank you, Lord, that I can hear, for many are deaf.

Even though I keep my eyes tightly closed against the morning light as long as possible – Thank you, Lord, that I can see, for many are blind.

Even though I huddle in my bed and put off the physical effort of rising --Thank you Lord, that I have the strength to rise, for many are bedfast.

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned and tempers are short -- Thank you, Lord, for my family, for many are lonely.

Even though our breakfast table never looks like the pictures in magazines and the menu is often unbalanced -- Thank you, Lord, for our food, for many are hungry.

Even though the routine of my job is often monotonous -- Thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work, for many have no job.

Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day, and wish my circumstances were not quite so modest -- Thank you, Lord, for the gift of life!

OCA participates in Tenth Annual Orthodox Prayer Service for UN community

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon was one of several Eastern and Oriental Orthodox hierarchs who attended the annual Orthodox Prayer Service and reception for the United Nations community at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Cathedral here on Wednesday, November 8, 2017.

The gathering was hosted by the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America and the Standing Conference of Oriental Orthodox Churches in America [SCOOCCH].

Accompanying Metropolitan Tikhon were His Eminence, Archbishop Michael; Archdeacon Joseph Matusiak; and Subdeacon Roman Ostash.

Among the other hierarchs in attendance were His Eminence, Archbishop Demetrios of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, Chair of the Assembly of Bishops; His Eminence, Archbishop Daniel, President of the Consistory of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA; His Grace, Bishop Irinej of the Serbian Orthodox Diocese of Eastern America; His Grace, Bishop Sevastianos of Zela, Greek Archdiocese; and His Grace, Bishop John of Naro-Fominsk, Administrator of the Patriarchal Parishes in the US, Moscow Patriarchate.

Also in attendance were His Eminence, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian of the Armenian Church, Eastern Diocese of America, SCOOCCH President; His Eminence, Archbishop Mor Dionysius John Kawak, Syriac Orthodox Church of Antioch; His Eminence, Archbishop Mor Titus Yeldho, Malankara Syrian Orthodox Church; His Grace, Bishop David, Coptic Orthodox Church; Very Rev. Melake Hayel Made Tsion-Durden, Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church; and Very Rev. Ghebremichael Yohannes, Eritrean Orthodox Church.

In addition to the cathedral choir, the choir of Saint Tikhon's Seminary, South Canaan, PA graciously accepted the invitation to sing the liturgical responses and received a warm welcome from Archbishop Demetrios. Numerous ambassadors, dignitaries and members of the UN community, including UN President Miroslav Lajčák of Slovakia, also were present.

The focus of this year's gathering was the growing plight of refugees and migrants. It was noted that there are at present 65 million displaced persons and 22.5 million refugees world wide, of which fewer than 200,000 were resettled in 2016.

In his address, Mr. Lajčák, who was sworn in as

President of the 72nd Session of the UN General Assembly on September 11, 2017, observed that the prayer service reflects and shares the concern of the UN with respect to refugees and migrants. Since medieval times, he said, religious communities have provided a safe haven, together with food, financial support, and shelter, to those "on the move."

"Communities not only act to help people on the move, they help to address root causes," Mr. Lajčák explained. He exhorted the faith community to "preach messages of peace, build bridges, and work for peace through peace... putting people first, [as] nothing should come before humanity.... Thank you for putting the focus on people. And thank you for reminding us that we are all working for the same ends."

In his welcoming remarks, Archbishop Demetrios expressed gratitude for the "invitation to join our voice in prayer for the people who bring peace, justice and reconciliation to the world. We recognize the need to be engaged in and encourage the transformative work of all people, especially those workers of the UN.

"This year we have as our focus the refugee and migrant crisis," Archbishop Demetrios continued. "Together with my brothers it is a distinct privilege to welcome you to our cathedral. As we lift up our thoughts and prayers to God for His blessings, we are reminded that as beings, we are created by God and called to draw closer to one another by establishing a community of people who care in tangible and transformative ways. We come together to grow in love and charity for the least of our brothers, especially for those who find themselves on the move because of conditions beyond their control."

Turning his attention to the UN community, Archbishop Demetrios closed by stating, "we beseech you to take advantage of your position as agents of positive change," calling on them to address the root cause of mass migration, poverty, war violence and hostile living conditions. "Each country, according to capacity, has a responsibility to assist in resettling people. We must show mercy, and we must do our best to be a united global community that cares for the marginalized.... They are not just numbers; they are our mothers and fathers, [and] we must move beyond self interest and self centeredness to self sacrifice. Showing love to our neighbors means accepting that they are just like you and me."

Archbishop Barsamian echoed a similar sentiment. "Tonight we pray for our Christian brothers and sisters throughout the world who are persecuted, [and] in the company of UN leaders, we pray for peace, where all God's children can live with respect and dignity."

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