



Sunday, December 17, 2017

Tone 3

Gospel: St. Luke 14:16-24

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11

28th Sunday After Pentecost / Sunday of the Forefathers

Holy Prophet Daniel and the Three Holy Youths: Ananias, Azarias and Misael

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

Parish Council President: Ronald F. Royhab

Fr. Andrew Bartek, Rector

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, December 17

9:15 am: Hours

9:30 am: D.L. / 40-day remembrance / Social /
Change Altar linens to Gold

Tuesday, December 19

11:30 am: Marblehead Clergy Meeting @ the Bistro

Friday, December 22

6:00 pm: Royal Hours

Saturday, December 23

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

Sunday, December 24

9:15 am: Hours

9:30 am: D.L. / 40-Day Remembrance / followed by
Vespers for Christmas / Social

40 Day Remembrance

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

Dec. 24: Pa. Police officer killed in line of duty

Dec. 31: MI Police deputy killed in line of duty

Jan. 14: Ann Dahulich / Mat. Valerie Herrick

Jan. 21: Ryliegh Myosky & Archpriest John
Klembara

DECEMBER

Readers

3-Ron
10-Wayne
17-Tim
24-Natalie
31-Ron

Cleaning

6-Natalie Twarek
13-Marguerite Bird
20-Bill & Tim Glovinsky
27-Julia & Susan Guzy

THANK YOU

Thank you Cole for helping Father Andrew
shovel & put salt down last Sunday morning.

VIGIL LAMP OFFERINGS- December 10

Marguerite Bird: (1) Special Intention

Natalie Twarek: (7) For the Health & recovery of
Julia Guzy; Health & recovery of Gage Fink; For
the health & God's blessing for John & Judy; For
the Health and recovery of Annette Stewart;
Health & recovery of Darlene & Debbie; Health of
Robin, David, Margi and Joe, Nancy; Health of
Sue, Ron, Morgan, Richie, Jake, Diane, John,
Judy, Helen, Janice, Pete; For Special Intention

Sandy Martin: (2) Health of Julia Guzy; Special
Intention

Susan Guzy: (4) Health & healing of mom; birth-
day blessings to brother Gary; Special Intention;
Special Intention

Laura Kovach: (3) For health of Margi & Joe;
Health & healing of Julia & Darlene; In memory
of Skip McDougall

Ron & Bobbie Royhab: (2) Health & recovery of
Julia Guzy; health & recovery of Charles
Hagmaier (Bobbie's brother-in-law)

Christmas Tree Decorating

Thank you to those who helped decorate the church:

Basil Glovinsky

Irene Vangeloff

Tim Glovinsky

Natalie Twarek

Greg Mazur

Bobbie Royhab

Ed Vangeloff

Roddie Mazurik

Joe Rose

Laura Kovach

Marguerite Bird

Sandy Martin



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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. **23 Flowers Purchased as of 12-17.**

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

Basil Glovinsky: (5 Flowers)

- Health of Fr. Andrew & Holy Assumption Church Family
- Memory of Glovinsky Family
- Memory of Monak Family
- Memory of Yuhas Family
- Memory of Kaperak Family

Hiser Family: (1 Flower)

- In memory of her grandfather, George Simko

Rose Family: (2 Flowers)

- In Memory of both of their Mom & Dad

Royhab & Libb Families (2 Flowers)

- For the Health of the Royhab & Libb Families
- In loving memory of Halim, Elizabeth, Emerson, Thalia, David, Randall, & William

Guzy Family: (2 Flowers)

- For the Health of Mother Julia & the all the parish family
- In Loving Memory of Felenchak & Guzy Family members

Twarek Family: (2 Flowers)

- For the health of family & friends
- In Loving Memory of Family & friends

Bird Family: (1 Flower)

- In memory of the Elchisco & Bird Families

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Tryon Family: (2 Flowers)

- In loving Memory of Mom & Dad & Rick
- In Loving Memory of my aunts, uncles, & cousins

Kovach Family: (1 Flower)

- In memory of departed Mazur & Kovach family members

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS: WASHINGTON, DC OR CHICAGO

Bus trip to Washington, D.C. January 18-20, 2018 (Thursday morning departure -Saturday night return)

The bus departs from Port Clinton. It is being sponsored by Respect life Ministry of Port Clinton / Marblehead. Includes: Bus, Hotel, Breakfast, Vigil Mass at Basilica (I'm sure we can go to OCA Cathedral), March for Life Rally, Sightseeing Saturday Morning.

If anyone is interested in going please let me know and maybe we can get a group from here to go. RSVP by Dec 12: \$220 a person & \$240 after that.

Or if anyone is interested we can go to the March for Life in Chicago the weekend before. (Saturday Jan. 13-14). It would be cheaper and closer.

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE: DECEMBER

Sunday Dec. 3:

Attendance: 24 total people (18 members; 2 children; 4 guests; 15 Communicants; 11 for Vespers)

Collections: \$6,579 (Offerings \$1,279; Anonymous \$5,000; \$200 for Christmas Flowers; \$100 for the Holiday Bureau)

Wednesday, Dec. 6 (St Nicholas Feast Day)

Attendance for Vespers: 18 / Attendance for Liturgy 12

Sunday, Dec. 10

Attendance: 24 total people (20 members; 4 children; 16 Communicants; 9 for Vespers)

Collections: \$6,385.75 (Offerings \$6,385.75; Christmas Flowers \$225)

FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL'S TO DATE

October numbers

Income: \$4,821
Expenses: \$5,784
TOTAL: -\$ 963

November numbers

Income: \$4,373
Expenses: \$7,407
TOTAL: -\$3,034

Third quarter ended: -\$2,507

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Prayer List (Updated December 17)

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*); Julia Guzy; Joseph Habegger (*Laura Kovach's brother-in-law*); Charles Hagmaier (*Brother-in-law to Roberta Royhab*); James Heffernan (*Father-in-law of Jennifer Heffernan*); Baby Jaxson (*grandson of the Cassell's*); Rich Kokinda (*Cousin of Greg Twarek*); Michael Kouznetsov (*Son of Mary Hiser*); Victoria Kousnetsov (*Daughter of Mary Hiser*); Anne Kovalik; Helen Lis; Stanley Lis; Walter Litzie (*Fr.'s Cousin*); 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*); Baby Lucas Goodman (*friend of Christi Soski*); Jake Lipstraw (*friend of Natalie Twarek*); Dana Mahler (*Friend of Christi*); 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*); Lavone Silverwood (*Student of Jen*); 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.

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

Colossians 3:4-11 (*Epistle*)

When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAY		ANNIVERSARY
1-Ileana Bruner 4- Steven Calzone 5- Mat. Laryssa Bremer 8- Joe Rose 9- Pauline Meath 9- Angie Dardovsky	11- Tina Rindfleisch 11- Emmelyn Monschein 13- Gabe Mazurik 23- Teri Cassell 28- Carol Mazurik	5- Archbishop Mark of Philadelphia (13 th) 21- Ed & Irene Vangeloff 27- Bishop Paul (3 rd) 31- Fred & Christi Soski

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.

Metropolitan Tikhon, OCA delegation received by Patriarch Kirill of Moscow

During their visit to Russia during the first week of December 2017 in conjunction with celebrations marking the 100th Anniversary of the Election and Enthronement of Saint Tikhon as Patriarch of Moscow and the Restoration of the Moscow Patriarchate, His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon and the members of the Orthodox Church in America's delegation were received by His Holiness, Patriarch Kirill at the Patriarchal Residence in the Danilov Monastery.

After celebrating a Service of Thanksgiving in the Patriarchal Chapel of All Saints of Russia, Patriarch Kirill extended a warm welcome to Metropolitan Tikhon and the OCA delegation, which included His Grace, Bishop Daniel of Santa Rosa; Archpriest Daniel Andrejuk, Rector of Saint Tikhon of Moscow Church, Anchorage, AK; Melanie Ringa OCA Treasurer; Archdeacon Joseph Matusiak; and Subdeacon Roman Ostash. Also present were His Eminence, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, Chair of the Patriarchate's Department of External Church Relations [DECR]; His Grace, Bishop John of Naro-Fominsk, Administrator of the Patriarchal Parishes in the USA; Archpriest Nikolai Balashov, DECR Deputy Chairman; Archpriest Igor Jakimchuk, DECR Secretary for Inter-Orthodox Relations; and DECR staff member D. I. Petrovsky.

"Your Beatitude, I welcome you to Moscow and thank you for participating in the 100th Anniversary of the Restoration of the Patriarchate," Patriarch Kirill said in his welcoming remarks. "It is a very important occasion, not only because it brings together Primates and representatives of the Orthodox Churches, but also because it gives us an opportunity to contemplate on the role of Orthodoxy."

Reflecting on the importance of Saint Tikhon for the Churches of Russia and America, Patriarch Kirill continued by saying, "the election of Patriarch Tikhon to the Patriarchal See has a special relevance [for us]. It marks a special occasion for the American Church, because he was instrumental in its establishment, and for many years he headed the American Church. It was under him

that the first seminaries opened in North America, and the people who lived there enjoyed the light of Orthodoxy shed upon them. We can also recall that many of the uniate immigrants came home to Orthodoxy, which was largely due to the work of Saint Tikhon. I am aware that Saint Tikhon is deeply venerated in North America, and I deeply appreciate the fact that you visited Saint Nicholas Cathedral in New York, which was established by Saint Tikhon, and celebrated the Divine Liturgy there.

"Your Beatitude, you bear the name Tikhon, which means that this celebration is of special relevance to you and to all those who join their voices in prayer with you, Patriarch Kirill concluded. "Because relations between the US and Russia are difficult, contact between our two Churches gains special relevance because these are the ties that link people who share common beliefs, people who share history, and actually can serve as a connective link and contribute to reconciliation and establishment of true partnership. I very much appreciate this opportunity to meet with you and your delegation."

Metropolitan Tikhon in turn offered greetings on behalf of the OCA delegation. "Your Holiness, I extend my heartfelt thanks for the warm hospitality that has been shown to me and to my delegation from the Orthodox Church in America during our time here in Moscow," Metropolitan Tikhon said. "It has been a great joy to participate in all the celebrations marking the Centennial of the Restoration of the Moscow Patriarchate, an event which remains significant not only for the Russian Orthodox Church, but for world Orthodoxy.

"It is world Orthodoxy that, in large part, is represented here in Moscow this week, and I congratulate Your Holiness on your initiative in gathering representations from thirteen of the Local Orthodox Churches in a spirit of unity and brotherhood," Metropolitan Tikhon continued. "This spirit was tangibly felt in our common celebration of the Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God and in the many opportunities for dialogue and conversation amongst the brothers.

"The Orthodox Church in America takes particular joy in sharing in this celebration because of the veneration that our bishops, clergy, monastics, and faithful have for the person and holiness of Saint Tikhon, who so nobly and humbly assumed the heavy yoke of the

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Reposed List - December

1-Helen Elchisco (90)	20- Julia Brosojah Millie (53)	26- Fr. Robert Sally (2002)
7- Ann Dahulich	21- Mary Sennich (85)	28- Mary Sennich (85)
12- Anna Bretz (2002)	22- Antonima Vecsey (72)	29- Alexandra Dotsenko (80)
13- Joseph Mazurik (86)	23- Steven Danchisen (82)	30- Bishop Boris (2000)
13- Archimandrite Seraphim Oblivantseff (54) Former Pastor	23- Fr. David Sedor (2008)	31- Jevgeny Cernonok (80)
15- Michael W. Belenky (71)	24- Alexandra Turkul (80)	
18- Archbishop Job (2009)		

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restored Patriarchal throne,” Metropolitan Tikhon concluded. “It has been an honor for our delegation to be accompanied this week by His Grace, Bishop John, of Naro-Fominsk, with whom I had the pleasure of concelebrating a few weeks ago on the occasion of the centennial of Saint Tikhon’s Election, which coincided also with the 115th Anniversary of the Saint Nicholas Cathedral in New York City, for which Saint Tikhon laid the cornerstone. I wish Your Holiness many years on the recent celebration of the First Anniversary of your 70th anniversary and I look forward to our discussions today.” During the formal meeting that followed the Service of Thanksgiving, Patriarch Kirill and Metropolitan Tikhon affirmed the positive relations shared by the Churches of Russia and America, exemplified by the respective visits of Bishop Daniel to Russia for the celebration of the 220th Anniversary of the birth of Saint Innocent [Veniaminov] and the visit of Metropolitan Hilarion to the US, at which time he met with Metropolitan Tikhon.

“These mutual visits and meetings and the sharing of experiences and information are of great importance as they help us to better understand what is happening in our Churches,” Patriarch Kirill remarked. “I am satisfied that at the last meeting in Moscow between the leadership of the Church-wide post-graduate and doctoral studies and the Department of Theological Education of the Orthodox Church in America, an agreement was reached to continue student exchanges between theological educational institutions.”

Patriarch Kirill also spoke of initiating summer camps, the exchange of professors between US and Russian theological schools, and opportunities for US Orthodox faithful to make pilgrimages to the Russian Church.

“We have much to show those who are interested in Orthodoxy, especially those Orthodox living in the North American continent,” Patriarch Kirill said, adding that “with joy and love we would welcome pilgrims from the United States.

Various current issues affecting Orthodox Christianity around the world also were discussed, including the situation of the Church in Ukraine.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Patriarch Kirill presented a special edition cross and panagia set designed to mark the 100th Anniversary of Saint Tikhon’s Enthronement—exact copies of a set worn by Saint Tikhon himself—to Metropolitan Tikhon. In turn, Metropolitan

Tikhon presented a hand-painted icon of Saint Tikhon to Patriarch Kirill. The unique icon depicts Saint Tikhon with the Kremlin’s Dormition Cathedral, in which he was enthroned in 1917, and Saint Tikhon’s Monastery, South Canaan, PA, which he founded while serving as Bishop and later Archbishop of North America from 1898 until 1907.

A video of Metropolitan Tikhon’s greetings is available online, as is a photo gallery of the meeting.

Nuns return to St. Barbara Monastery as fires spread across LA region

Mother Victoria and the nuns of Saint Barbara Monastery some 65 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles, who had been evacuated as the Thomas Fire broke out late Monday, December 4, 2017, have returned to their monastery.

“I received word this morning from Mother Victoria that the sisters will be able to return to the monastery today,” His Eminence, Archbishop Benjamin reported on Saturday, December 9. “While there will be no running water or heat due to the lack of electricity, they are grateful that they and their buildings, including the recently completed chapel, were spared the destruction others have faced. They expect there will be ash and other byproducts of the fire to clean but, and there is still considerable smoke in the air for now.”

As widely reported, fires have been moving rapidly during the past week, especially to the south of Santa Paula, and have already destroyed nearly 1000 homes and other structures near Los Angeles.

“I have not heard if any others from among the southern California clergy or their parishioners have been forced to evacuate or if any of their homes were destroyed,” added Archbishop Benjamin. “The weather reports indicate that the Santa Ana winds will continue to drive the various fires throughout the coming week.”

Archbishop Benjamin and the monastic sisterhood are thankful for the prayers of so many during the past week, and request ongoing prayers in the days ahead.

DECEMBER COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

- Dec. 03: Sandy & Marguerite
- Dec. 10: Greg
- Dec. 17: Ron & Bobbie
- Dec. 24: Open
- Dec. 31: All day Social @ Rectory sponsored by Fr. Andrew

Registration opens for 2018 CrossRoad program for HS juniors and seniors

High school juniors and seniors from the Orthodox Church in America are invited to participate in the summer 2018 CrossRoad program sponsored by Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology/Hellenic College, Brookline, MA.

Online applications are now being accepted for one of three programs slated to be held in Boston and Chicago during June and July. Application deadline is February 1, 2018. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance into the program by mid-March. Scholarships and financial aid will be available to all accepted applicants.

Ninety-six students will be accepted into the 2018 program. Session One will be held in Boston from June 16-26, while Session Two, also in Boston, will take place July 2-12. Both programs will be based at Holy Cross/Hellenic College. North Park University will be the base for Session Three, which will be held in Chicago July 21-31.

The pan-Orthodox program is designed to best meet the needs of Orthodox Christian teens who desire to deepen their faith in an Orthodox setting. Students will be afforded unique opportunities to explore their vocations, encounter service in a new way, take theology and Scripture courses with top professors and make lifelong friendships while exploring Boston or Chicago.

Informational packets with complete details on the CrossRoad program are available online.

Remembering Fr. Alexander Schmemmann

Wednesday, December 13, 2017—the Feast of Saint Herman of Alaska—marks the 34th anniversary of the repose of Protopresbyter Alexander Schmemmann, Dean of Saint Vladimir’s Seminary and a leading 20th century Orthodox Christian theologian.

Father Alexander was born in Estonia in 1921 to a family of Russian emigres. He spent his youth in France, where he completed his secondary and university educations. He also finished theological studies at the Orthodox Theological Institute of Saint Sergius in Paris, which at that time was the center of Russian Orthodox scholarship after the turmoil of the Russian Revolution of 1917.

Ordained to the priesthood in 1946, he taught Church history at Saint Sergius Institute until 1951, when he was invited to join the faculty of Saint Vladimir’s Seminary, at that time located in New York City. He was soon recognized as a leading exponent of Orthodox liturgical

theology, which sees the liturgical tradition of the Church as a major sign and expression of the Christian faith.

Father Alexander received his doctorate on July 5, 1959 from Saint Sergius Institute, having defended his dissertation, “Tserkovny Ustav: Opyt Vvedeniia v Liturgicheskoe Bogoslovie” [“The Church’s Ordo: Introduction to Liturgical Theology”]. He held honorary degrees from Butler University, General Theological Seminary, Lafayette College, Iona College, and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology.

In addition to teaching at Saint Vladimir’s, Father Alexander held positions as adjunct professor at Columbia University, New York University, Union Seminary, and General Theological Seminary and was a popular guest lecturer at many universities throughout the country. He was also active as a representative of the Orthodox Church in the ecumenical movement, and held positions in the Youth Department and the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches.

Appointed Dean of Saint Vladimir’s Seminary in 1962 – a position he held until his repose – he was instrumental in educating a generation of Orthodox Christian priests. During his tenure, the seminary achieved widespread recognition as a center of Orthodox theological studies.

Father Alexander was active in the establishment of the Orthodox Church in America as an autocephalous Church in 1970, at which time the former “Metropolia” became officially independent from the Russian Orthodox Church, dedicating itself to the unity of the Orthodox Church in North America. While committed to the cause of an Orthodox Church that would be united and American, he always remained concerned with the fate of believers in the Soviet Union. For 30 years, his sermons were broadcast in Russian on “Radio Liberty,” gaining Father Alexander a broad following across the Soviet Union and elsewhere. Alexander Solzhenitzyn, while still in the Soviet Union, was one of his auditors and remained his friend after emigrating to the West.

Over a dozen books written by Father Alexander have been published in multiple languages and continue to be widely circulated, including *For the Life of the World; Introduction to Liturgical Theology; Ultimate Questions; Church, World, Mission*; and numerous articles and tracts. *For the Life of the World*, a popular volume on Christian faith as reflected in liturgy, has been translated into numerous languages and remains one of the most popular works on Christianity for the general public. The title of this work has been selected as the theme of the Orthodox Church in America’s 19th All-American Council, slated to convene in Saint Louis, MO July 23-27, 2018. He completed a major study on the Eucharist only weeks before his death.

May Father Alexander’s memory be eternal!
For a wealth of additional information and links, including writings, photos and memorials to Father Alexander, please visit www.schmemmann.org.