



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. **25 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 Yuhak 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

Martin Family: (2 flowers)

- For the health of family & friends
- In Loving memory of our family & friends

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)

Sunday, Dec. 17

Attendance: 19 Total people (16 members; 1 child; 2 guests; 12 Communicants; 13 attended Vespers)

Collection: \$2,799 (offerings: \$2,427; \$142 Special Collection OCA Stewardship; \$30 Christmas Flowers; \$100 to Holiday Bureau; \$100 to Christmas donation)

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Prayer List (Updated December 24)

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, Demetri Vincent / Protodeacon Theodore Rose

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*); 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



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 24- Darlene Mazurik 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.

In Memoriam: Julie Ann Voytovich

Julie Ann Voytovich, beloved mother of Archpriest Steven Voytovich, Dean of Saint Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary, South Canaan, PA, fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, December 15, 2017.

Born in Gilman, WI on September 26, 1940, the oldest of three children of George and Julia Victory, Julie Ann grew upon the family farm. Prior to her marriage to Tony Voytovich of Huron, WI on August 4, 1962, she converted to Orthodox Christianity. They moved to the Minneapolis area in 1963, where they worked together in the real estate field. They were members of Saint Mary's Cathedral and sang in the cathedral choir. After her husband's repose from cancer on July 6, 1989, she worked for Universal Title Association until her full retirement. Most recently, she relocated to Gilman, WI, where she faithfully served as choir director at Saint John Church for many years.

Julie Ann is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Father Steven and Matushka Cindy [Shakun] Voytovich; her daughter and son-in-law Anne and Attorney John Del Vecchio; two grandchildren, Anna and Alexei Del Vecchio; and two younger brothers, Donald of Bloomer, WI and Thomas of Gilman, WI.

Memorial donations may be made in Julie Ann's memory to Saint Tikhon's Seminary, PO Box 130 South Canaan, PA, 18459.

May Julie Ann's memory be eternal!

Matthew 1:1-25 (Gospel, Sunday Before)

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers. Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram. Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon. Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa. Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and Joram begot Uzziah. Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah. Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah. Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon. And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor. Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud. Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob. And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, 'God with us.'" Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

JANUARY COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

Jan. 7 Open
 Jan. 14 Open
 Jan. 21 Open
 Jan. 28 Open

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)		

Metropolitan Tikhon presides at patronal feast of OCA's Representation Church of St. Catherine

In conjunction with his visit to Moscow during the first week of December 2017, His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon presided at the Divine Liturgy at the Orthodox Church in America's [Representation Church of Saint Catherine](#) in Moscow on Thursday, December 7.

Concelebrating with Metropolitan Tikhon were His Grace, Bishop John of Naro-Fominsk, Administrator of the Patriarchal Parishes in the USA; His Grace, Bishop Daniel of Santa Rosa; Archpriest Nikolai Balashov, Deputy Chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations; Archpriest Nikolai Krechetov, District Dean; Archimandrite Theoktistos [Dimitrov], Representative of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church to the Patriarchate; Archimandrite Seraphim [Shemyatovsky], Representative of the Orthodox Church of the Czech Lands and Slovakia to the Patriarchate; Archpriest Daniel Andrejuk, Rector of Saint Tikhon of Moscow Church, Anchorage, AK; clergy members of the OCA delegation; Archdeacon Joseph Matusiak; the clergy of Saint Catherine Church; and clergy from neighboring parishes.

The diplomatic corps was well represented by His Excellency, John R. Kur, Ambassador of Canada to Russia; Her Excellency, Mrs. Norma Bertha Pensado Moreno, Ambassador of Mexico in Russia; Christopher T. Robinson, Minister-Counselor for Political Affairs Embassy of the United States of America in the Russian Federation; and Stefan Gabenom, Minister-Counselor of the Embassy of Canada in Russia.

On the eve of the feast, Metropolitan Tikhon, Bishop Daniel and the OCA delegation participated in the festal Vigil service.

After the Divine Liturgy, Metropolitan Tikhon warmly welcomed the concelebrating clergy, the diplomatic corps, and the faithful who filled the church beyond capacity. He also expressed deep gratitude to His Holiness, Patriarch Kirill of Moscow, who had invited him, along with the other Primates of the Local Orthodox Churches, to participate in celebrations marking the [100th Anniversary of the Enthronement of Saint Tikhon as Patriarch of Moscow and the Restoration of the Patriarchate](#) in 1917.

Metropolitan Tikhon noted that the OCA Representation Church of Saint Catherine has, for many years, been a center of pastoral care for English-speaking Orthodox Christians in Moscow and beyond and evidence of the close fraternal relations between the Russian Orthodox Church and the Orthodox Church in America.

It was 25 years ago, in early 1992, that Protopresbyter

Daniel Hubiak was appointed to serve as the OCA's first Representative to the Moscow Patriarchate. Father Daniel initially celebrated English-language services in the bell tower Church of Saint Symeon the Stylite at Moscow's Danilov Monastery while a suitable church for the OCA's use could be identified. Two years later, Saint Catherine Church—formally known as the Church of the Great Martyr Catherine In-The-Fields—was selected as the site of the OCA's Representation Church due to its location and size. During communist times, the church was used for secular purposes and has since undergone extensive renovations, especially in its interior. On the feast of Saint Catherine in 1994, the first prayer service in the church in over 60 years was celebrated jointly by His Holiness, Patriarch Aleksy II and His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius, now retired. Father Daniel Hubiak, now retired, was appointed the parish's Rector and served with distinction for many years.

Metropolitan Tikhon went on to introduce Father Daniel Andrejuk as the OCA's new Representative to the Patriarchate and Rector of Saint Catherine Church. Father Daniel was appointed to the position by Metropolitan Tikhon and the Holy Synod of Bishops of the OCA. Born on January 11, 1976 in Bialystok, Poland, Father Daniel at the age of 12 relocated with his family to the US. After graduating from Saint Tikhon's Seminary, South Canaan, PA in 1999, he continued theological studies at the Moscow Theological Academy, Sergiev Posad, Russia, graduating in 2002. He was ordained to the diaconate at Saint Catherine Church on June 9, 2002 and to the priesthood at Saint Tikhon's Monastery, South Canaan, on August 15 of the same year. For several years, Father Daniel has served as Rector of Saint Tikhon of Moscow Church, Anchorage, AK. He and his wife, Matushka Vera, and their three daughters Paraskeva, Ephimia and Fevronia, will relocate to Moscow during the last week of January 2018.

An official reception in honor of the visit of Metropolitan Tikhon and the OCA delegation followed the Divine Liturgy.

A photo gallery is now available on the OCA [web site](#) and [Facebook page](#).



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.



“Let Us Commend Ourselves...”

by Matushka Valerie Zahirsky

We hear the song “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas” so often during this season that we may not think much about the words. But among the variety of things on the internet is the story of the song’s original lyrics, which are quite different from the ones we hear today.

Written for the movie *Meet Me in St. Louis*, the song has to do with the reaction of the daughters in the Smith family to their father’s announcement that they are moving from St. Louis to New York for his new job. They are all deeply distressed at this unexpected upheaval. The youngest daughter, Tootie, expresses her impotent grief and anger by rushing out into the night and destroying all the snowmen she had happily built in the backyard.

Her older sister, played by Judy Garland, comforts her by singing the song with lyrics that acknowledge the sorrow of leaving familiar places and people. The one comforting line is: “But at least we all will be together, if the Lord allows.”

When Garland and others involved with the movie deemed the song’s original version too depressing, most of the words were changed, and this line became, “Through the years we all will be together, if the fates allow.”

The changes were intended to make the song more cheerful, but it’s hard to see how replacing “the Lord” with “the fates” could cheer anybody. The fates are classically depicted as goddesses who sit and weave a tapestry in which human destinies are determined. Why would anyone choose these grim deities over a loving Lord Who allows us to determine our own destinies, Who only asks us to come to Him, and Who leaves us perfectly free to respond to His invitation?

Fearful of having a “religious-sounding” word in the song, Hollywood bigwigs replaced it with a word that’s scary in its deterministic implications. But we know better. We know — and we should tell everyone we know — that the Lord gives us free will. We know and should tell everyone we know that with perfect confidence, we can “commend ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God.”

Matushka Valerie Zahirsky chairs the Orthodox Church in America’s [Department of Christian Education](#). She and her husband, Archpriest Michael Zahirsky, reside in Steubenville, OH. She may be contacted at mandzahirsky@gmail.com.