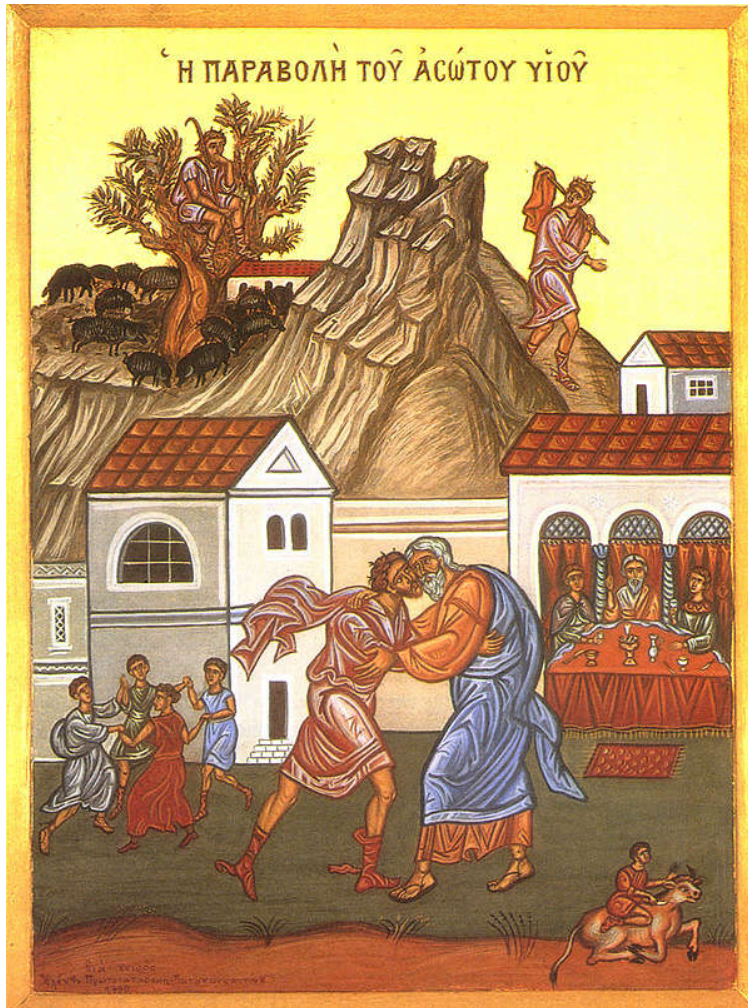


## Lenten Prayer of St. Ephrem

O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk.

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant.

Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages. Amen.



## Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Commemorated on [February 24](#)

The Sunday after the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son. This parable of God's forgiveness calls us to "come to ourselves" as did the prodigal son, to see ourselves as being "in a far country" far from the Father's house, and to make the journey of return to God. We are given every assurance by the Master that our heavenly Father will receive us with joy and gladness. We must only "arise and go," confessing our self-inflicted and sinful separation from that "home" where we truly belong (Luke 15:11-24).

After the Polyeleion at Matins, we first hear the lenten hymn "By the Waters of Babylon." It will be sung for the next two Sundays before Lent begins, and it serves to reinforce the theme of exile in today's Gospel.



**Sunday, February 24, 2019**

**Tone 6**

**Gospel:** St. Luke 15:11-32

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

**39th Sunday after Pentecost / Sunday of the Prodigal Son / First / and Second Finding of the Honorable Head of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord, John Ven. Erasmus of the Kiev Caves**

**February Bulletin Sponsor: Father Andrew**

In honor of my spiritual father, Archpriest James Gleason, on the occasion of his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the Holy Priesthood

*Liturgical & Events Schedule*

**Sunday, February 24**

9:05 am Hours followed by D.L. / Memorial Sunday / B-day prayers / Choir Rehearsal

**Monday, February 25**

6:30 pm: Orthodoxy 101 Class

**Wednesday, February 27**

6:00 pm: Public Village Meeting

**Thursday, February 28**

5:30 pm: Monthly Council Meeting

**Friday, March 1**

6:00 pm: Full Panachida Service for Soul Saturday w/ the reading of the Dyptics

**Saturday, March 2**

4:00 pm: Great Vespers

**Sunday, March 3- Last Day for Meat**

9:05 am: Hours followed by D. L. / Pot Luck Meat Social / Choir Rehearsal

**CANDLE / BULLETIN SPONSORS OFFERED FOR FEBRUARY**

**Chandelier:** Laura: (\$50) In loving memory of her mother Margaret Mazur Malfara

**Altar Candles:** (\$50) Susan Guzy: In Loving Memory of the Felenchak and Guzy Families

**Candles on the Tomb:** (\$25) Basil: In Loving memory of grandparents Lucas and Mary and Uncle Michael Yuhas

**Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** (\$25) Mike & Diane Tryon: In loving memory of Tina Chavez, my Dialysis friend!

**Bulletin:** (\$50) Open Fr. Andrew: In honor of my Spiritual Father on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his ordination

**February**

	<u>Cleaners</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Social</u>
3	Wayne	Wayne	Open
10	Susan	Ron	Terri C
17	Jen / Cole	Tim	Open
24	Jean	Natalie	Open

**CANDLE / BULLETIN SPONSORS OFFERED FOR MARCH**

**Chandelier:** (\$50) Fr. Andrew in memory of Metropolitan Nicholas

**Altar Candles:** (\$50) Fr. Andrew: in memory of his father George

**Candles on the Tomb:** (\$25) Open

**Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** (\$25) Diane Tyron: In loving memory of her brother Richard

**Bulletin:** (\$50) Basil: In loving memory of wife Jean



**FEBRUARY SPECIAL COLLECTION ZOE FOR LIFE**

*Please be generous!*

**40 DAY REMEMBRANCE**

Feb. 17: Police officer Dale from OH

Feb. 24: Terror attack victims in Syria

March 3: Two military soldiers killed in Afghanistan / Officer Sean from AL / Jane Naiser

March 10: Pani Patricia Patrick / Archpriest John Mason / Police officer killed in Ohio

March 17: State Trooper from VA / Police officer from Milwaukee

**Holy Assumption Orthodox Church**

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

Parish Council President: Matthew Adamcio

Fr. Andrew Bartek, Rector



## Prayer List (Updated Feb. 13)

**Clergy:** His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius; His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman; William Bass; Ted Bobosh, John Duranko (*Father's home pastor*); Joseph Gibson; James Gleason (*Father's Spiritual Father*); Emilian Hutnyan; John Jones; Josef Von Klarr; Vladimir Lecko; John Matusiak; Peter Tutko; Deacon Paul Mitchell; Sub-deacon Wylie Meath

**Matushkii:** Pani Patricia Duranko; Barbara Kopka; Virginia Lecko; Sonya Tutko; Marsha Mitchell

**Parishioners / & their Family:** Carol Chevenger (*Roddie's mom*); Kristi Clabaugh (*Andy's mom*); Christopher Dixon (*son-in-law of Mary H.*); Victoria Dixon (*Mary H. Daughter*); John Richard Elcishko; Debbie Garnek (*sister of Roddie*); Michael Glovinsky (*Basil's Nephew*); Ernest Gresh (*Basil's nephew*); Julia Guzy; Joseph Habegger (*Laura Kovach's brother-in-law*); Margi Habegger (*Laura's sister*); James Heffernan (*father-in-law of Jennifer Heffernan*); Judy Heffernan; Maria (*Terrie's mom*); Michael Kouznetsov (*Son of Mary Hiser*); Helen Lis; Stanley Lis; Walter Litzie (*Fr.'s Cousin*); David Martin; Greg Mazur; Judy Mazurik (*sister-in-law of Paul Mazurik*); Helen Jean Rofnar (*Cousin to Rose's*); John Rofnar (*Cousin to the Rose's*); Joe Rose; Margaret Rose (*daughter*); Steven Schirtzinger (*Christi's brother*); Nancy Sitzler (*mother of Amber Twarek*); Baby Stella Miller (*Chico's granddaughter*); Mason (*granson of the Cassell's*); Peter Truta (*cousin of Jean H.*); Diane Tryon; Greg Tryon; Larry Twarek (*Greg's T. Uncle*); Kristen (*Daughter of the Cassell's*); Eleanor W; Lauren Jerome & her unborn baby (*Daughter of Jean H*); Nikki and her unborn baby; Brianna and her unborn baby (*Trudy's daughter*)

**Other Requests:** Victor Abrahamowicz (*Friend of Mary Hiser*); David Bobb (*friend of Nikki*); Steven Brancho (*friend of Fr*); Anna Burch (*friend of Wayne*); Frank Cannon; Diane Cannon (*Friends of Halupki festival*); Linda Crockett (*Vendor*); Danielle (*friend of the Cassell's*); Shawntee Day (*Friend of Christi*); Chris Fallon (*Bishop Matthias's sister-in-law*); Ben Franklin (*friend of Laura Kovach*); Theodore Geletka (*St. Michael Orthodox Church, Broadview Heights choir director*); Tom Hutnyan (*Brother of Fr. Emil*); Baby Lucas Goodman (*friend of Christi Soski*); Donald Gresh (*neighbor to Basil*); Elliott Joy (*Police chief's son*); Alicia Kelly (*friend of Tammy B.*); Tommy Leonchick (*Friend of Fr's*); Jake Lipstraw (*friend of Natalie*); Michael Lucak (*son of the Protodeacon Dennis*); Dana Mahler (*Friend of Christi*); Jim Mahler (*neighbour of Laura*); Dan Mallory (*neighbor of Basil*); Violet Mattingly (*neighbor of Greg Mazur*); Pauline Meath (*Friend of Fr.'s*); Todd Pollick (*Friend of the Twarek's*); Beth Reinhard (*friend of Diane Tryon*); Ethan Ross (*co-worker to Joe S.*); (Emily Sarisky (*Fr's friend*); Cheryl Schell (*Co-worker of Jennifer Heffernan*); Nick Shortridge (*Friend of Christi*); Matthew Sterling (*neighbor of Diane T*); Janice Timko; Becky Vermillion (*friend of Laura*); Donald Williams (*Friend of Joe S.*); Alisha Zura & new born Evelyn (*friend of Natalie*); Cheyenne Welch & her two unborn babies (*wife of Former Sgt. of Marblehead Police Dept*); Katie & her unborn baby (*manager at Bruno's*)

**Military:** Craig Cassell; Nathan Brown

**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.

## MEDITATION

A journey, a pilgrimage! Yet, as we begin it, as we make the first step into the 'bright sadness' of Lent, we see—far, far away—the destination. It is the joy of Easter, it is the entrance into the glory of the Kingdom. And it is this vision, the foretaste of Easter, that makes Lent's sadness bright and our Lenten effort a "spiritual spring." The night may be dark and long, but all along the way a mysterious and radiant dawn seems to shine on the horizon. "Do not deprive us of our expectation, O Lover of humankind!"

Fr. Alexander Schmemmann (Great Lent, pp.14-15)

## ATTENDANCE

### Sunday, February 3

22 Total (19 members, 2 children, 1 guest; 14 Communicants; Vespers - no attendance taken)

### Sunday, February 10

23 Total (18 members; 2 non-regulars; 2 children; 1 guest; 15 Communicants; Vespers - 10)

### Sunday, February 17

16 Total (15 members; 1 child; 11 Communicants; No Vespers)

## WEEKLY TITHING ONLY

Goal Pledged per month: \$4,100

Sunday, Feb. 3:	\$644
Sunday, Feb. 10:	\$834
Sunday, Feb. 17:	\$435

## OTHER INCOME

Sunday, Feb. 3: \$50 Altar Candles for Feb., \$10 Lampada, \$10 Candles, \$50 Vigils, \$25 Eternal Light; \$40 Special Collection (Zoe for Life); \$100 Food Pantry; \$50 towards office supplies

Sunday, Feb. 10: \$50 for chandelier; \$15 in candles; \$90 in Vigils; \$10 restoration; \$331 Special collection (Zoe for Life)

Sunday, Feb. 17: \$50 Chandelier; \$10 in candles; \$45 in Vigils; \$105 Special Collection (Zoe); \$50 Bulletin; \$225 in Food Pantry; \$50 in Building Fund

## PASSION & PURPOSE FOR MARRIAGE

What's the most important word in marriage? What is really going on in your wife's head? What do you wish your husband knew about you? Discover key ingredients to a healthy & happy marriage. Take your relationship to a whole new level.

Author & Speaker: Dr. Allen Hunt  
March 17 from 1-5 pm  
St Mary of the Snows Catholic Church  
1630 Asland Rd  
Mansfield, 44905  
\$25 per person 859-980-7900

## Luke 15:11-32 (Gospel)

Then He said: "A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'" And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'"

## FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

Birthday		Anniversary
4- Nathaniel Bremer 5- Christi Soski 6- Alex Zarynow 10- Fr. Eli Bremer 12- Fr. James Gleason	14- Sandy Martin 16- David Mazurik 22- Wayne Golob 24- Sonya Rose 26- Bill Glovinsky 26- Pani Bernadette Zarynow	22-10-1973: Retired Metropolitan Herman 14- Jim & Rita Mazur 2-14-2004: The Most Blessed Tikhon 18- Joe & Sonya Rose 2-21-2014: Bishop David of Alaska

*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.*

### 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (Epistle)

All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.

### VIGILS- FEBRUARY 17

**Laura Kovach (1)** In loving memory of Mom on her birthday

**Sandy Martin (1)** Special intention

**Darlene, Nick & Gabe Mazurik (1)** Special intentions

**Janice Timko (1)** In blessed and loving memory of my precious parents, Sophia and Peter Monak - mother's birthday 2/28 and Blessed and loving memory of husband Phil, 12 years 2/25. "Vechnaya Pamyat"

**Twarek Family (7)** Health and recovery of Mariah; God's blessings and healing to Todd; Safe travel for family and friends; Health of Diane, Brad, Ida, Betty, Health of Steve, John, Stella, Julia, Ron, Jake, Helen; Special intention, Special intention

**Ruthe Flewelling** In Loving of mother, Sophia Monak, on her birthday, February 28

### FEBRUARY Reposed List

2- Nancy Pipenur (2018) 5- Peter Kowal (2004) 6- Steve Michael Mazur (1970) 6- Elizabeth Kravetz Mc Mahon (1984) 12- Glenn Schoonmaker (2002) 12- Lawrence Beck (2018)	17- Metropolitan Orestes (1977) 17- Stanley Guzy (1986) 20- Infant Linda Sue Alber (1969) 21- Mary Tomka Matso (1956) 22- Metro Mazur (1973) 22- Fr. Andrew Hutnyan (2004)	23- George Elchisco Sr. (1961) 26- Elizabeth Millie (1998) 29- Mary Uka Kosteary (1996) 14- Rose Polosky (No Year provided) Helen Hritsko (1908)- (No Date) Alexandra Brendza (1909)-(No date) Steve Danchisen (1909)-(No date)
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## The 15th Anniversary of the Episcopal Consecration of Metropolitan Tikhon

It is with deep and heartfelt love, respect and gratitude that we mark the Anniversary of the Episcopal Consecration of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, which took place at the Monastery Church of Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk, South Canaan, PA 15 years ago, on February 14, 2004. He had been elected to the episcopacy by the members of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America at their Fall Session in October 2003.

Born in Boston, MA on July 15, 1966, the son of Francois and Elizabeth Mollard, he and his family settled in Reading, PA after brief periods living in Connecticut, France, and Missouri. After his graduation from Wyomissing High School in 1984, he enrolled in Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA, from which he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in French and Sociology before relocating to Chicago, IL.

Raised in the Episcopal tradition, he was received into the Orthodox Church in 1989, after which he enrolled in [Saint Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary](#). The following year he entered the monastic community at [Saint Tikhon Monastery](#) as a novice.

After receiving his Master of Divinity degree from Saint Tikhon Seminary in 1993, he was appointed Instructor in Old Testament at the school. He subsequently served as Senior Lecturer in Old Testament and taught 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 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 diaconate and 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 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, Philadelphia, PA 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 at the [17th All-American Council](#), held in Parma, OH on November 13, 2012.

On behalf of the hierarchs, clergy, monastics and lay faithful of the Orthodox Church in America, we pray that our Lord, Jesus Christ will continue to bless, guide and strengthen His Beatitude in his ongoing ministry "in behalf of all and for all" now and for many years to come!

See related photo gallery on the OCA [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

### THANK YOU FROM STEIN HOSPICE

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Marge Basilone, Donor Relations Coordinator.

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