

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

Parish Council President: Matthew Adamcio

Fr. Andrew Bartek, Rector



Sunday, June 30, 2019

Gospel: St. Matthew 4:18-23

Tone 1

Epistle: Romans 2:10-16

2nd Sunday after Pentecost / All Saints of America

Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles

JUNE Bulletin Sponsor: Diane Tryon

In loving memory of Mom and Aunt Jeanie on their Anniversaries

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, June 30

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

Monday, July 1

6:30 pm: Orthodoxy 101 Class

Saturday, July 6

4:00 pm: Great Vespers

Sunday, July 7

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

JULY

	<u>Cleaners</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Social</u>
7	Fred & Teri	David	Open
14	Tim & Basil	Tim	Open
21	Wayne	Wayne	Open
28	Susan	Ron	Open

JUNE SPECIAL COLLECTION

Bistro 163 - Restaurant is one of 50 community Cafes throughout the US which addresses hunger issues in a dignified way while providing an avenue for building relationships. Located in Port Clinton.

JULY SPECIAL COLLECTION

St Herman's Seminary in Alaska!

DANBURY FOOD PANTRY - JULY

Suggested donation of Mac & Cheese (and other non-perishable goods) will be collected through July 14.

July donations will be delivered to the food pantry Thursday July 18. Thank You & God Bless

VIGILS- 6-23

Susan Guzy(3) health and healing of mother, Julia, special intentions, in memory of father, Frank, Godfather Peter, and grandfathers John & Michael

Laura Kovach (4) In memory of mom & dad, safe travels, Health of Joe, Joe, Greg, Dana, Nancy & Rachel, Anniversary blessings to Matt & Amanda

Sandy Martin (2) health of Joe, Special intentions

Jim Mazur(1) health of family and friends

Darlene, Nick and Gabe Mazurik (1) special intentions

Diane Tryon(5) In loving memory of dad, In loving memory of mom on her anniversary, 24 years, In loving memory of Aunt Jeannie on her anniversary, 3 years, for health of Joe and Julia

Twarek (8) birthday blessings to Carter (6/26), Health of Nikki, Sean and unborn baby, Health and healing to Rachel, Christine, MaryAnn and Bob, Strength and healing for Sue, Health and recovery of Joe, Sonya, Nancy, Julia, Diane, Heidi, Stella, Ron, health of Morgan, Steve, John, Becky, Jake, Helen, Heidi, special intentions, special intentions



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Metropolitan Tikhon guest of Ecumenical Patriarchate at annual pilgrimage to Cappadocia

Orthodox Christian faithful who trace their roots to Cappadocia filled the Church of the Mother of God here on the Sunday of All Saints—June 23, 2019—as His All-Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople and His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon concelebrated the Divine Liturgy.

Metropolitan Tikhon and a delegation representing the Orthodox Church in America that included Archpriest Alexander Rentel, Chancellor, and Archdeacon Joseph Matusiak had been invited by His All-Holiness to participate in the annual pilgrimage to Cappadocia in conjunction with a three-day pilgrimage to the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

His Eminence, Metropolitan Paisius of Lerou Kalimnou also concelebrated with His All-Holiness, His Beatitude, and the OCA delegation.

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, His All-Holiness warmly welcomed His Beatitude, recalling the many occasions on which Metropolitan Tikhon, representing the Orthodox Church in America, had visited the Patriarchate of Constantinople. He also spoke of the close friendship that has been built as a result of those visits.

His Beatitude responded by thanking His All-Holiness for the invitation, and especially for the opportunity to experience the martyric witness of the deserted caves and church ruins across the Cappadocian region. The complete text of Metropolitan Tikhon's address appears below.

During the pilgrimage, Metropolitan Tikhon and the OCA delegation had the opportunity to visit the ancient cave churches and monasteries that dot the region, as well as churches that had been closed following the exchange of populations between Greece in Turkey in 1922.

Address of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon to His All-Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople Sunday of All Saints

Your All-Holiness, Patriarch Bartholomew,

It is a great joy for me to concelebrate the Divine Liturgy with Your All-Holiness, together with His Eminence, Metropolitan Paisios, and the brothers who serve with us, on this great day of the Feast of All Saints, when in the glory of Pentecost we honor the great cloud of witnesses offered to us in the holy men and women of our Orthodox Christian faith.

When I travel abroad, I normally bring the prayers and greetings of the faithful of North America to the place where I am travelling. But after these days, when I have had the honor of walking — at the invitation of Your All-Holiness — in the lands of Cappadocia, I feel that it is rather I who am receiving, on behalf of North Americans, the prayers and embrace of the martyric witness which resound from the deserted caves and the ruins of church temples around us.

In today's Gospel, the Lord said to us: "And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life." These lands echo with the trials and loss of the past, but these clouds of past sufferings are made brighter by the hope offered to us by Jesus Christ, the Author and Finisher of our faith, Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

It is this hope, this faith, this joy which we find fulfilled as we gather as brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration of this Divine Liturgy, which is the goal of our pilgrimage in life. We have all come here because we are seeking that which was lost: our homeland, our families, and our churches. But this seeking is also for something deeper in our hearts, as the Psalmist says: "As the deer pants after the fountains of water, so pants my soul after Thee, O God. My soul thirsted for God, the mighty, the living; when shall I come and appear before the face of God" (Psalm 41:1).

I come from America, the land of freedom, the land of abundance, the land of hope. It is to this land that many from Anatolia fled, and it is the land to which many emigrated from Eastern Europe, from the Middle East, *Con't Pg 6*

PRAYER LIST Updated 6-26

Clergy:

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius
His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman
Archbishop Nikon from New England
John Duranko (*Father's home pastor*)
James Gleason (*Father's Spiritual Father*)
Joseph Gibson
Emilian Hutnyan
Josef Von Klarr
Vladimir Lecko
John Matusiak
Zachariah Trent
Peter Tutko
Deacon Paul Mitchell
Sub-deacon Wylie Meath

Matushkii:

Pani Patricia Duranko
Virginia Lecko
Sonya Tutko
Victoria Kopistiansky

Parishioners / & their Family:

Rachel Adamcio
John Beadle (*Elcishko*)
Nancy Bunge
Carol Chevenger (*Roddie's mom*)
MaryAnn Cook (*Cousin to Twarek's*)
John Richard Elchisco
Trudy Ellmore
Debbie Garnek (*Roddie's sister*)
Michael Glovinsky (*Basil's nephew*)
Heidi Golob
Ernest Gresh (*Basil's nephew*)
Shirley Gresh (*Wife of Ernest*)
Julia Guzy
Joseph Habegger (*Laura brother-in-law*)
Michael Kouznetsov (*Mary Hiser's son*)
Kristen (*Cassell's daughter*)
Helen Lis
Walter Litzie (*Fr.'s cousin*)
Maria (*Terrie's mom*)
Greg Mazur
Jim Mazur
Judy Mazurik (*Paul Mazurik's*)
Baby Stella Miller
Katelyn Pipenur (*Niece of Jean*)
Helen Jean Rofkar (*Elchisco*)

Joe Rose
Margaret Rose
Steven Schirtzinger (*Soski*)
Christy Schutt (*Joe's sister*)
Joe Schutt
Peter Truta (*Jean H's cousin*)
Diane Tryon
Greg Tryon
Christine Twarek
Valentin (*Cassell*)
Lauren Jerome & her unborn
baby (*Jean H's daughter*)
Nikki and her unborn baby
Brianna and her unborn baby
(*Trudy's daughter*)
Katie and her unborn child
(*Cassell's daughter-in-law*)

Other Requests:

Alexia
Dick Biro (*Natalie's friend*)
Anna Burch (*Wayne's friend*)
Mary Ann Cook (*Twarek*)
Bob Cook (*Twarek*)
Danielle (*Cassell's friend*)
Ben Franklin (*Laura friend*)
Theodore Geletka
(*St. Michael OC-Broadview
Heights' choir director*)
Brad George (*Christi's friend*)
Donald Gresh (*Basil*)
Tom Hutnyan (*Fr. Emil*)
Elliot Joy (*Police chief's son*)
Jake Lipstraw (*Twarek*)
Andy Kukay (*Village resident*)
Tommy Leonchick (*Fr's friend*)
Anna Maiani (*Friend of Wayne*)
Pauline Meath (*Fr's friend*)
Charlie Nowak (*Avery's*)
Marsha Ontko (*Sonya's friend*)
Beth Reinhard (*Diane friend*)
Sandy Scafaria (*friend of Jean*)
Matthew Sterling (*Tyron*)
Janice Timko
Becky Yatsko (*Twarek*)
Rachel (*Darlene M.*)
Bonnie (*Cassell*)
Kim (*Cassell*)
Sharon (*Cassell*)

Dominic (*Cassell*)
Allison Spoerl (*Cassell*)
Troy (*Cassell*)
Cheyenne Welch & her two
newborn babies (*our
catechumens*): Luke & Lydia
Katie & her unborn baby
(*manager at Bruno's wife*)
Mat. Carley & her unborn
baby

Military:

Craig Cassell
Nathan Brown

Captives:

Metropolitan Paul
(*Orthodox Archdiocese of
Aleppo*)
Archbishop John
(*Syriac Archdiocese of
Aleppo*)
The UN & IOCC humanitar-
ian aid workers in & around
Syria; Those suffering persecu-
tion in Iraq, Syria, Israel,
Egypt, Ukraine and through-
out the world
**NOTE: Please let Fr. Andrew
know when someone needs to
go on list and come off.**

For Your Prayers

Julia Guzy (95 ½ yrs old)
1601 Church Rd
Marblehead, OH 43440
Please remember her & Susan
(her daughter) in your prayers.
Send a card of greeting.

Bishop Paul's Travel Schedule

St. John the Forerunner, Indianapolis, IN
June 29th to 30th

- Ordination of Sub Deacon Darrell Rentsch to *the Diaconate*

Chicago Deanery Camp, East Troy, WI.
July 1st to July 3rd

St. Nicholas Church, Pella, IA, July 5th to 7th

Baking Schedule:

Monday, July 15: Kolachke
Wednesday, July 17: Kolachke
Monday, July 22: Kolachke
Wednesday, July 24: Kolachke



OTHER WEEKLY INCOME

Sunday, June 2: \$12 Candles; \$50 Altar Candles; \$35 Vigils / **TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$254**

Sunday, June 9: \$32 Candles; \$115 Vigils; \$10 Cemetery; \$100 Building Fund; \$35 (Baby Bottles); \$105 Special Collection (Bistro 163)/ **TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$4,848**

Sunday, June 16: \$32 candles; \$10 Tomb Candles; \$90 Vigils; \$100 Building restoration; \$105 Special Collection (Bistro); \$10 Festival assessment / **TOTAL DEPOSIT \$1,365**

Sunday, June 23: \$27 candles; \$110 Vigils; \$25 Building fund; \$41 Special Collection Bistro; \$200 Cemetery; \$10 Food Pantry/ **TOTAL DEPOSIT \$1,083**

JULY Reposed List

2- John Danchisen (2009)	14- John Gulla (1968)	29- Robert Zgonc (2018)
6- Anna Mazur (1969)	20- Fr. Dc. John Youhas (2012)	29- Charles Hagmaier (2018)
6- Joseph Golob Jr	20- Mitered Archbishop Sava Chaly (1991) Former Pastor	Triantafilos Lefas (1995)
7- Mary Martha Glovinsky (1975)	21- Anna Mazurik (1973)	Mary Danchisen (1927)
9- Andrew Holodnak (1971)	27- Father Vladimir Meschersky (1937) Former Pastor	Michael Wolf (1929)
10- Gretta Gresh (2018)	29- Sally Franklin (2018)	

40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

June 30: Police officer killed in Alabama
July 21: Deputy Joseph from Los Angeles
July 28: Police officer Tara From Sacramento / Police Officer Jose from TX/ Dan

MONTHLY TITHING ONLY

Goal Pledged per month: \$4,100

Sunday, June 2: \$ 157
 Sunday, June 9: \$4,848
 Sunday, June 16: \$1,365
 Sunday, June 23 \$ 946

ATTENDANCE - JUNE

Sunday, June 2: 24 Total (14 members; 2 non members reg; 3 children; 5 guests; 17 Communicants; No Vespers

Sunday, June 9: 29 Total (23 members; 1 non-member reg; 1 child; 4 guests; 18 communicants; 12 Attended Vespers

Friday, June 14- Memorial Service: 6 people attended

Sunday, June 16: 25 total (16 members; 1 non member reg. ; 8 guests; 19 communicants; 9 attended Vespers

Sunday, June 23: 28 Total (20 members; 3 children; 5 guests; 22 Communicants; 7 attended Vespers

JULY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAY	ANNIVERSARY
2- Matt Essex 4- Stephanie Kowal 8- Ed Vangeloff 12- Justin Stokley 12- Joe Stokley 12- Joey Hileman 13- Police Chief Casey Joy 17- Jonah Bremer	10- Matt & Rachel Adamcio 16- Peter & Stephanie Kowal 7-22-2002: Retired Metropolitan Herman (Elected as Primate) 24- Frank & Laurie Batura 27- Greg & Natalie Twarek 30- Tim & Jennifer Heffernan <p style="text-align: center;">NAMESDAY</p> 7-31: Archbishop Benjamin of San Francisco

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.

CANDLE / BULLETIN SPONSORS FOR JULY

Chandelier (\$50) Basil: in loving memory of his mother, Mary Martha and his father, Anthony
Altar Candles (\$50) OPEN
Candles on the Tomb (\$25) OPEN
Eternal Light & Icon Screen (\$25) Susan : Memory of grandfathers Michael & John, Father Frank, God father Peter & brother William Peter
Bulletin: Diane Tryon in B-day memory of her mom

CANDLE / BULLETIN SPONSORS FOR JUNE

Chandelier: (\$50) Tina: In memory of Cristina M Rindfeisch (6-9-06)
Altar Candles: (\$50) Basil: Memory of wife Jean
Candles on the Tomb: (\$25) OPEN
Eternal Light & Icon Screen: (\$25) Susan: In memory of grandmothers Victoria, Julia; Godmother Eva; Aunt Mary & Carole
Bulletin: (\$50) Diane Tryon: In loving memory of mom & aunt Jeannie for their anniversaries.

Romans 2:10-16 (Epistle)

but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For there is no partiality with God. For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

Matthew 4:18-23 (Gospel)

And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." They immediately left their nets and followed Him. Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

Address by Met. Tikhon Con't

and from other places where difficulties were to be found. But there are difficulties to be found in America as well, and we have been working, through the process of the Assembly of Bishops, to find solutions by which all the Orthodox in our lands might offer a strong and united witness to Christ and His Holy Church, in imitation of the great saints that we celebrate today and in fulfillment of the exhortation made by Your All-Holiness, that we all need “to move beyond what is mine and yours, to what is ours.” This is the goal for us as Orthodox Christians: to move beyond what is mine and yours, to what is ours – and what is ours is Jesus Christ and the communion of the saints.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking, as our parents and grandparents did, to Jesus Christ, Who gives us life and Who gives us hope. Thank you, Your All-Holiness, for your prayers and for your hospitality.

OCA represented at patronal feast of Metropolitan Onufry of Kyiv

With the blessing of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, Archpriest Nazari Polataiko, Rector of Los Angeles' Holy Virgin Mary Cathedral and member of the OCA's [Office of External Affairs and Interchurch Relations](#), represented the Orthodox Church in America at the celebration of the patronal feast of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Onufry of Kyiv and All Ukraine June 24-25, 2019. The occasion also marked Metropolitan Onufry's fifth anniversary as Primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and 75th birthday.

Thousands of hierarchs, clergy and faithful filled the square in front of the Monastery of the Caves' Dormition Cathedral in the Ukrainian capital for the festal Divine Liturgy on June 25—the feast of Saint Onuphry the Great—at which Metropolitan Onufry presided. Concelebrants included official delegations representing the Churches of Alexandria, Jerusalem, Russia, Romania, Serbia, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Poland, the Czech Lands and Slovakia, and America. According to the [web site of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church](#), the delegation from the Georgian Church, which was expected to attend, was unable to do so at the last minute.

Father Nazari read Metropolitan Tikhon's congratulatory message to Metropolitan Onufry, the text of which appears below. He also presented, on behalf of Metropolitan Tikhon and the Orthodox Church in America, a relic of Saint Sebastian Dabovich. Each delegation representing the Sister Orthodox Churches also offered appropriate festive greeting

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OCA Chancellor meets with Patriarch Theophilos III of Jerusalem

At the direction of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, Archpriest Alexander Rentel, Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America, traveled from Constantinople to Jerusalem in order meet with His Beatitude, Patriarch Theophilos III of Jerusalem, on Tuesday, June 25, 2019.

As [reported earlier](#), Father Alexander had accompanied Metropolitan Tikhon to Constantinople, where they participated in the annual pilgrimage of His All-Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, to Cappadocia.

During their meeting at the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem in the Old City of Jerusalem, Father Alexander conveyed the greetings of Metropolitan Tikhon to Patriarch Theophilos III. He also expressed the gratitude of Metropolitan Tikhon to Patriarch Theophilos III for receiving so many pilgrims from the Orthodox Church of America over the years. Patriarch Theophilos III and Father Alexander also discussed the status of relations between the Patriarchate of Jerusalem and the Orthodox Church in America, and the state of affairs in world Orthodoxy.

At the end of their meeting, Father Alexander presented gifts from Metropolitan Tikhon to Patriarch Theophilos III.

Benedict Sheehan Premieres Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

On May 26, Benedict Sheehan's setting of the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom received its World Premiere Performance at St. Stephen's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral in Wilkes-Barre. The composition is among the first of its kind; a complete musical setting of the text of the Liturgy in English. Mr. Sheehan is assistant professor and director of music at [St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary](#) [STOTS].

When composing the setting, Mr. Sheehan sought to bring together such varied influences as Byzantine Chant, Georgian Chant, Gregorian Chant, American Sacred Harp, and English Choral Music, while remaining grounded in the Russian Choral Tradition, in order to express the cultural diversity of Orthodoxy in America. All of these influences coalesced to form a coherent and beautiful whole that succeeded brilliantly in elevating the minds and hearts of all those present to the contemplation of the very Source of Beauty – God Himself.

Mr. Sheehan's rendition of the Liturgy was performed by a 39-voice ensemble of the St. Tikhon Choir and members of the PaTRAM Institute Singers. Featured among the talented choral musicians were the well-known countertenor and conductor Timothy Parsons, bass-baritone singer and trumpet player Michael Hawes, and bass and professor of music Dr. Jason Thoms, along with current students and students' wives from STOTS, and recent graduates and graduates' wives of STOTS.

The concert was preceded by a discussion led by Mr. Sheehan, Director of Music and STOTS Assistant Professor of Liturgical Music, and Dr. Peter Jermihov, Artistic Director of the PaTRAM Institute Singers. The performance was dedicated to the memory of Benedict's father, the late Donald Sheehan, Ph.D., university professor and author. Excerpts from his soon-to-be-released *The Shield of Psalmic Prayer* were read within the setting of the Liturgy.

At the end of the performance and following an encore, the filled-to-capacity cathedral audience rose to their feet twice with several minutes-long standing ovations. A formal reception in the cathedral auditorium followed the concert.

FOCA Announces Upcoming Events

The Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America [FOCA] recently released information on their upcoming events this year.

2019 National Summer Sports Tournament (Golf)

July 26-27, 2019 in Canonsburg, PA. [More information](#) on the golf tournament can be found on the FOCA's website.

2019 Celebrations of Faith: "What does Jesus see when he looks at me?"

The FOCA is calling all Orthodox youth to celebrate their Orthodox faith and participate in the 2019 "Celebration of Faith" contest. The contest is open to all youth who are communicants in a parish or mission of a canonical Orthodox Church in North America. Youth are asked to create and submit art projects in the following areas: literature, musical Composition, photography, or the visual arts. The deadline for submissions is July 22, 2019. [Click here for more information](#).

2019 National Junior Summer Sports Tournament (Junior Olympics) [NJSST]

The 2019 Camp season is rapidly approaching! This year's NJSST dates are July 7-13, 2019. Registration is already full and further registrations are no longer being accepted. His Grace, Bishop Paul of Chicago and the Diocese of the Midwest will be joining the campers for three days during the week.

2019 National Convention

The 2019 National Convention will be held August 30 to September 3, 2019 in Columbus, OH. The National Convention is held annually to discuss business matters of the FOCA. Vespers, Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, and prayer services will be an integral part of the weekend event. Various social activities will be held in conjunction with the business meetings to encourage fellowship among members. Youth activities are also planned for junior participants. [Click here for more information](#).

2019 FOCA Leadership Conference

The FOCA Leadership Conference will take place October 10-12, 2019, in Cleveland, OH.

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**Congratulatory Greeting of His Beatitude,
Metropolitan Tikhon to
His Beatitude, Metropolitan Onufry of
Kyiv and All Ukraine
Feast of Saint Onufry the Great
Tuesday, June 25, 2019**

Your Beatitude,

Dear Brother in Christ and Concelebrant:

On this, the feast day of Saint Onufry the Great, we congratulate Your Beatitude on behalf of all the hierarchs, clergy, and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America.

Looking forward to Your Beatitude's 75th Jubilee, we ask our Lord and Savior to strengthen in you the good cheer, health, wisdom and peace needed to persevere in your archpastoral ministry. May your ministry bring the love of Jesus Christ to all those given to Your Beatitude's care. We pray that you and your faithful people—the bishops, parish clergy, monastics, and laity—may nurture reconciliation, peace, and mutual love in the Ukrainian nation.

Your ministry as a monastic and priest, as a diocesan bishop and now as first hierarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church followed the example given by your heavenly patron. Your Beatitude has met the challenges and the struggles of this world with love, peace and patience, truly being a man who is "continually good." Our prayer is that our God, Who is merciful to all, will grant to you, as he did to Saint Onufry in the desert, shade from the heat and tribulations of this world, nourishment from the love of the faithful who surround you for the continuation of your ministry, and a guardian angel to lead you in all your endeavors.

With our representative to the Feast of Saint Onufry the Great we are sending to you the holy relic of Saint Sebastian Dabovich, the holy missionary priest canonized by His Holiness, Patriarch Irinej of Serbia. Archimandrite Sebastian served as a missionary in America in collaboration with Saint Patriarch Tikhon of Moscow during the years of Patriarch Tikhon's episcopal service in America. Continuing his priestly ministry in Yugoslavia, Saint Archimandrite Sebastian reposed there in 1940 and was buried at the Monastery of

Zicha. In 2007 his remains were brought back to California for reburial. Saint Sebastian's journey is a sign of the connections between the Orthodox peoples of the Old World and the New World, a sign of the missionary calling of the Holy Orthodox Faith, a sign of the unity of Orthodoxy.

The history of the Orthodox Church in America is deeply connected to Orthodoxy in Ukraine. Among the many Orthodox clergy and bishops who came to America from Ukraine is our late Metropolitan Leonty (Turkevich), born in a priestly family in Kremenez and educated in the Kyiv Theological Academy. Today, many of those who emigrate to America from Ukraine are now parishioners of the Orthodox Church in America. Our participation in the major Orthodox events and celebrations in Ukraine is an important way to symbolize that we are not strangers and aliens to one another, but members together of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit unite us all—in America, in Ukraine, and in the whole world.

With love and brotherly affection,
+ Tikhon
Archbishop of Washington
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

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The two day workshop will be aimed at current and aspiring clergy and lay leaders within the Orthodox church and in secular business leadership roles. Attendees will gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be Christian Leaders and how Christian leadership means working together to discover and do the will of God. The keynote workshop will be supplemented by additional parish focused breakout sessions under the topics of Parish Council Effectiveness, Parish Future, and Engaging and Fostering Young Adults Leaders. [Click here for more information on the conference.](#)