



Sunday, November 17, 2019

Gospel: St. Luke 12:16-21

Tone 5

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

St. Gregory the Wonderworker / Ven. Nikon of Radonezh

NOVEMBER Bulletin Sponsor: Fr. Andrew
In memory of his mother Dorothy

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, November 17

9:05 am: Hours followed by Divine Liturgy /
Memorial Sunday / Social

Monday, November 18

6:30 pm: Orthodoxy 101

Wednesday, November 20

6:30 pm: Great Vespers for Feast of Entry of
Mary into Temple

Thursday, November 21

9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
5:30 pm: Monthly Council Meeting

Saturday, November 23

4:00 pm: Great Vespers

Sunday, November 24

9:05 am: Hours followed by Divine Liturgy /
Choir Rehearsal

BUILDING / RESTORATION FUND

Our 125th Anniversary is coming!

Fund Purpose: To collect funds to pay for the
restoration, repair and beautification of the
building and parish room. This will avoid
using general funds which are earmarked for
budgetary items.

Please consider contributing generously to the
Building/Restoration Fund.

40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

November 24: Catherine Beat

December 1: 3 soldiers killed in training in GA

December 8: Serge Mihaly Jr, / John McDonald

December 15: Detective from Dayton

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VIGILS- NOVEMBER 9

Jean Hileman (1) For health of husband Tom

Laura Kovach (4) Safe travel for Jim; Health and
recovery for Joe; Health of Joe Julia, Mark, Lisa,
Dana, Chuck, Steve; Birthday blessings to
Maddie, Amanda and Matt

Sandy Martin (1) Special intentions

Jim Mazur(2) Health of family and friends

Darlene, Nick & Gabe Mazurik (1) Special
intentions

Mike and Diane Tryon (2) In loving birthday
memory of Aunt Mamie and Uncle Tig, Memory
Eternal

Twarek (6) God's blessings to Natalie and Adam;
Health and recovery of Jim Tyminski; Health
and recovery of Chuck, Steve, Heidi, and Bohdi;
Health of Nancy, Judy, Liz, Christine, MaryAnn
and Bob; Health of Joe, Sonya, Julia, Diane,
Stella, Ron, Becky, Jake, Helen; Special inten-
tions

CANDLE / BULLETIN SPONSORS FOR NOVEMBER

Bulletin: (\$50) Fr. Andrew: In memory of his
mother Dorothy on 15th Anniversary of repose

Chandelier: (\$50) Elchisco Family: In loving
memory of our brother, George Michael

Altar Candles: (\$50) Basil: In loving memory of
sister, Marian

Candles on the tomb: (\$25) Diane in loving
memory of Aunt Marion and Uncle Norm

Eternal Light & Icon Screen: (\$25) Tammy in
memory of her dad, William Rentz



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ATTENDANCE - NOVEMBER

Sunday November 3: 32 Total (20 members; 1 non-reg. Member; 2 children; 9 guests; 23 communicants; 6 attended Vespers

Thursday, November 7: 9 for Vespers of St Michael

Sunday, November 10: 25 Total (18 members; 1 non reg. Member; 3 children; 3 guests; 15 Communicants; 12 attended Vespers

Monday, November 11: 8 attended Liturgy

MONTHLY TITHING ONLY FOR NOVEMBER

Goal Pledged per month: \$4,100

Sunday, November 3: \$958

Sunday, November 10: \$860

Iconographer, of Constantinople

Commemorated on [November 17](#)

Saint Lazarus the Iconographer lived in Constantinople. He was a priest, led a strict ascetic life and painted holy icons. He fought against all heresy, enduring many afflictions from the Nestorians, Eutychians, and iconoclasts. Under the iconoclast emperor Theophilus (829-842), he was arrested and after cruel tortures, thrown into prison. Theophilus ordered horseshoes to be placed in a fire until they glowed red with the heat. Then they were put upon the iconographer's hands, because he dared to paint icons of Christ and the saints. He was saved from execution by the intervention of the empress Theodora.

Saint Lazarus died in the year 857 while returning from Rome, where he had been sent in a delegation on church matters to Pope Benedict III (855-858). His remains were taken to Constantinople and buried in the church of Saint Evandrus.

PRAY FOR OUR CATECHUMENS

Tim Heffernan Rachael Adamcio
Luke Welch Lydia Welch
Tristen Welch

Possible Catechumans:

Loreen Welch Cheyenne Welch

May God & the Holy Spirit guide them in their journey in the Orthodox Church and the Orthodox way of Life.

NOVEMBER

	<u>Cleaners</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Social</u>
3	Open	Natalie	<i>Open</i>
10	Natalie	Tim	<i>Open</i>
17	Ed & Irene	Ron	<i>Open</i>
24	Christi	Wayne	<i>Open</i>

CANDLE / BULLETIN SPONSORS FOR DECEMBER

Bulletin: (\$50)

Chandelier: (\$50) Elchisco Family: in loving memory of mom Helen Elchisco

Altar Candles: (\$50)

Candles on the tomb: (\$25) Diane: in loving memory of Aunt Marion & Uncle Norm

Eternal Light & Icon Screen: (\$25) Jean: In memory of her father William Pipenur

NOVEMBER SPECIAL COLLECTION

Holiday Bureau

OTHER WEEKLY INCOME

Sunday, November 3: \$19 Candles; \$25 Extra Candles; \$72 Vigils; \$25 Eternal Light; \$10 Restoration; \$110 Food Pantry; \$125 Special Collection (St Vlad); \$21 Special Collection (Holiday Bureau)

Sunday, November 10: \$19 in candles; \$80 in Vigils; \$50 Bulletin; \$61 Special Collection Holiday Bureau

PRAYER LIST Updated 10-24

Clergy:

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius
His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman
John Duranko (*Father's home pastor*)
James Gleason (*Father's Spiritual Father*)
Moses Barry
Joseph Gibson
Gregory Grivna
Emilian Hutnyan
Josef Von Klarr
Vladimir Lecko
Myron Manzuk
Christopher Phillips
Peter Tutko
Deacon Paul Mitchell
Deacon Mark Sauskojus
Sub-deacon Wylie Meath

Matushkii:

Pani Patricia Duranko
Melania Adamcio
Virginia Lecko
Snezana Ruzic
Sonya Tutko
Victoria Kopistiansky

Parishioners / & their Family:

John Beadle (*Elcishko*)
MaryAnn Cook (*Cousin to Twarek's*)
John Richard Elchisco
Ruthe Flewelling
Debbie Garnek (*Roddie's sister*)
Michael Glovinsky (*Basil's nephew*)
Ernest Gresh (*Basil's nephew*)
Shirley Gresh (*Wife of Ernest*)
Aldin Griffith (*Soski*)
Julia Guzy
Joseph Habegger (*Laura brother-in-law*)
Alice Jackson (*Mazurik*)
William Jappsen (*Diane T.*)
Michael Kouznetsov (*Mary Hiser's son*)
Kristen (*Cassell's daughter*)
David LaValle (*Fr.'s cousin*)
Helen Lis
Greg Mazur
Judy Mazurik (*Paul Mazurik's*)
Baby Stella Miller
Katelyn Pipenur (*Niece of Jean*)

Earl Rindfleisch
Helen Jean Rofkar (*Elchisco*)
Margaret Rose
Steven Schirtzinger (*Soski*)
Christy Schutt (*Joe's sister*)
Peter Truta (*Jean H's cousin*)
Diane Tryon
Greg Tryon
Christine Twarek
Katie and her newborn Bodhi
(*Cassell's daughter-in-law*)
Pani Stacey Mihaley & her un-
born baby

Other Requests:

Alexia
George Bicheler
Dick Biro (*Natalie's friend*)
Anna Burch (*Wayne's friend*)
Mary Ann Cook (*Twarek*)
Bob Cook (*Twarek*)
Ben Franklin (*Laura friend*)
Theodore Geletka
(*St. Michael Broadview Heights'*
choir director)
Brad George (*Christi's friend*)
Donald Gresh (*Basil*)
Elliot Joy (*Police chief's son*)
Scott Kluding (*Twarek*)
Tommy Leonchik (*Fr's friend*)
Jake Lipstraw (*Twarek*)
Mark Ludvik (*Guzy*)
Anna Maiani (*Friend of Wayne*)
Pauline Meath (*Fr's*)
Charlie Nowak (*Avery's*)
Debbie Pribanic (*Golob*)
Beth Reinhard (*Diane friend*)
Elvis Reyes (*Fr's friend*)
Sandy Scafaria (*friend of Jean*)
Scott Smith (*Sammy friend*)
Matthew Sterling (*Tyron*)
Janice Timko
Philip (*Andy*) Timko
Steve Turinsky (*Twarek*)
Chuck Wiedenhoft (*Twarek*)
Rachel (*Darlene M.*)
Tracy (*Cassell*)
Elizabeth McDonald & her
unborn Baby (*Fr's friend*)

Mat. Carley & her newborn-
born Anna Alexandra
(*Cathedral in Chicago*)
Kristina and her unborn baby
(*Fr. Friend*)

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 perse-
cution in Iraq, Syria, Israel,
Egypt, Ukraine and through-
out the world

*NOTE: Please let Fr. Andrew
know when someone needs to
go on or come off the list.*

For Your Prayers

Julia Guzy (96 yrs old)
1601 Church Rd
Marblehead, OH 43440

Please remember her & Susan
(her daughter) in your prayers.
Send a card of greeting.

The Logos' Seed in us!

But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles.

I preached on this verse several weeks ago and it has stuck with me ever since. Bear with me a moment as I share what St. Jerome said about this verse:

If something is revealed to someone, that may be revealed to him which was not in him before; but if it is revealed in him, that is revealed which was previously in him and had been subsequently revealed ... from which it clearly appears that there is natural knowledge of God in all.

As families go about living in this world and facing all kinds of situations among people that are different from what we are familiar with, it is important to remember this verse from Galatians and Jerome's comment on it. Christian revelation and the sacramental life in the Church is not hocus pocus magic. When God makes Himself known, it is not as if he was not there, and now He is. He has been there all along; we just never bother to go looking for Him in us. No matter how messed up we are, how distorted our lives are from what is good and true, this "natural knowledge of God in all" is never snuffed out in us. It is not eradicated.

We need to find a way in our relationships with people to start there, not with intellectual debates on issues. People want to be loved. They want to know that they are being heard, being understood, and being listened to. Might we begin with this when we encounter people that cause us at times to recoil from them because of whatever way they live?

The blessing of the Lord be upon you,
The unworthy +Paul

Venerable Nikon, Abbot of Radonezh, disciple of Venerable Sergius

Commemorated on [November 17](#)

Saint Nikon, Abbot of Radonezh, a disciple and successor of Saint Sergius of Radonezh (September 25 and July 5), was born at Yuriev-Polsk. Having heard of the angelic life of the Radonezh Wonderworker, the young man came to Saint Sergius and requested to be tonsured into the angelic schema.

Saint Sergius did not accept Nikon, whether because of his youth or for some other reason. Instead, he sent him to his disciple Saint Athanasius (September 12) at Serpukhov. But Saint Athanasius would not accept him right away. Only after seeing the young man's persistence did he tonsure him into the monastic schema.

Saint Nikon struggled in prayer, studied Holy Scripture and persevered in virtue and purity. Because of his humility and the way he fulfilled each task assigned him without argument, Saint Nikon was called a "zealot of obedience." When he reached the age of thirty, he was ordained to the priesthood. After a certain while, Saint Athanasius blessed him to go see Saint Sergius. Saint Sergius, catching sight of him, said, "It is good that you have come, my child Nikon," and happily received him.

At first, he gave orders for Saint Nikon to serve the brethren. The disciple passed whole days in monastic matters, and his nights in prayerful conversation with God. Saint Sergius was comforted by his virtuous life. Having received a special insight concerning him, Saint Sergius bade his disciple to dwell with him in his own cell, so that he might share in spiritual attainment. He instructed him in every monastic virtue, and explained much about the essence of spiritual life. Saint Sergius assigned Saint Nikon to the duty of assisting him, but six months before his repose, he appointed his disciple as his successor. Then Saint Sergius withdrew into seclusion.

After the death of Saint Sergius (September 25, 1392), Nikon carried out his duties exactly as he was instructed by the founder of the monastery. He had the habit of attending all the monastic services, and never did he forsake common tasks, working on a equal footing with all the brethren. *Con't Pg 8*

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

ANNIVERSARY	BIRTHDAY	BIRTHDAY
11-13-2012: The Most Blessed Tikhon (Elected as Primate) 14- Fr. Matthew Moriak priestly ordination 11-15-1980: Archbishop Nathaniel of Detroit <p style="text-align: center;">NAMESDAY</p> 11-6: Bishop Paul of Chicago 11-6: Retired Bishop Varlaam 11-25: Retired Bishop Lazar of Ottawa	1- Fr John Zdinak 7- Philip Sokolov 11- Amanda Kovach 16- Valerie Schutt 16- Madelyn 17- Kim Sorrentino 17- Cole Heffernan 17- Roddie Mazurik	18- Angie Kukay 19- Fr. Andrew Groom 19- Kristen Cassell 23- Cheyanne Welch 23- Joe Samilenko 28- Darryl Whitham 30- Kristen Basala

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.

NOVEMBER REPOSED

1-Peter Felenchak (1974)	11- Dorothy Bartek (2005)	23- George Michael Elchisco (2016)
2- Donald Sennich (1994)	11- Protodeacon Dennis Lucak (2018)	26- Janet Elchisko (2018)
3- Marian Glovinsky (2001)	11- Matushka Helen Lucak (2018)	28- Anna Grabonsky (1972)
5- Margaret Pietropolo (2009)	18- Archpriest George Timko (2000)	29-Alexander Mazur (2003)
6- Joseph Guzy (1974)	Former Pastor	Michael Guzy (1927)
6- William Rentz (2018)	19- Evelyn Biecheler (2002)	Mary Lou Hobson (2015)
8- Ann G Stretchberry (2003)	19- Fr. John Dolhy (2006)	Mary Hritsko (1948)
8- Anne Catherine Glovinsky (2004)	21- Ann S. Ratica (1991)	Anna Holodnak (1951)
9- Ann Golob	21- FR. Joseph Mihaly (1975)	John Danchisen (1951)
	22- Joann Carender	

Bishop Paul's Travel Schedule

Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL,

November 16th to 17th

Holy Trinity/St. Elizabeth the New Martyr,

St. Paul, MINN, November 21st to 24th
(Ordinations of Luke Freeman, Craig Jarrell, and Sub Deacon Dan Bassett to the Diaconate)

THE SALVATION ARMY'S 16th ANNUAL TREE-A-RAMA CHARITY AUCTION

Sunday, December 8 2019

Mon Ami Historic Restaurant and Winery
 3845 East Wine Cellar Road
 Port Clinton, OH 43452

Silent Auction: 2:00pm

Live Auction: 4:00pm

For more information call the Salvation Army @ 419-732-2769 & ask for the Director, Maureen Saponari or Amanda.

The fliers are on the bulletin Board in Church Basement

Holy Synod Elects Auxiliary Bishops

The [Holy Synod of Bishops](#) of the Orthodox Church in America, meeting under the presidency of His Beatitude at its [Regular Fall Session](#), Tuesday, November 12, 2019, elected Archimandrite Alexis (Trader) as Bishop-elect of Bethesda, Auxiliary to the Metropolitan for [Stavropegial Institutions](#), and Hieromonk Andrei (Hoarste) as Bishop-elect of Cleveland, Auxiliary to His Eminence Archbishop Nathaniel of the [Romanian Episcopate](#).

Archimandrite Alexis [Trader] is a Great-schema hieromonk who has returned from Greece to the United States on His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon's invitation and with the blessing of his abbot, Archimandrite Philotheos, in order to serve the Orthodox Church in America. He was received into the Orthodox faith at the [Monastery of Saint Tikhon](#) where he became a monk and lecturer in patristics. After ten years at the monastery, he went to the Monastery of Karakallou on the Holy Mountain in order to deepen his experience of the monastic life. There, he immersed himself in the life of community and was ordained to the holy priesthood. He also wrote "In Peace Let us Pray to the Lord", translated several Greek books into English, and edited other books in both Greek and English for publication. For health reasons, he was transferred to a women's monastery that was also a dependency of Karakallou. There, the local bishop blessed him to be a spiritual father for the community that also served as a parish for many Greeks in the area. At this time, he completed his doctoral dissertation in Greek at the University of Thessaloniki which was later published in Greek and English as "Ancient Christian Wisdom and Aaron Beck's Cognitive Therapy". He has also engaged in further studies in clinical psychology, but his chief work has been pastoral, building up the parish growing around the monastery and offering one-on-one assistance to those in need through the mystery of holy confession and counseling. Since 2019, Archimandrite Alexis has been in residence at the Monastery of Saint Tikhon. During this past year, he has given a talk on the ascetic ethos of Orthodox liturgical art for a music conference at Jewel College, lectures on the Prophet Isaiah at [Saint Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary](#) [STOTS], in Alaska for their [continuing education](#) programs, a lecture on beauty in Church architecture at the Orthodox Inter-Seminary Movement's

[OISM] [latest gathering at STOTS](#), and sermons in parishes and at the monastery Church.

Hieromonk Andrei Hoarste was born in 1982 into an Orthodox Christian family in Făgăraș, Romania. At the age of 15, he moved with his family to the United States where they established their home in Dearborn Heights, Michigan, becoming members of Sts. Peter & Paul Romanian Orthodox Church. While completing his high school and undergraduate studies, he was active in the life of the parish and Episcopate. In September 2004, with the blessing of His Eminence, Archbishop Nathaniel, he began pursuing theological studies at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, Massachusetts, graduating in 2008 with a Master of Divinity Degree and working at the same time for the Master of Theology Degree. In October 2010, he commenced doctoral studies at the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome, Italy, earning a Doctorate of Theology Degree in June 2019 in the field of dogmatic/liturgical studies. He was ordained into the Holy Diaconate in September 2012 and then the Holy Priesthood that December by Archbishop Nathaniel, who subsequently appointed him to lead the Episcopate's [Department of Youth & Young Adult Ministry](#) in 2013 and then as Vicar of Canada in 2014 to assist with the administrative and pastoral responsibilities of the Episcopate. At the request of Archbishop Nathaniel and in accordance with the ROEA By-Laws, the Church Congress of the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America in Special Electoral Session elected him as a candidate for the office of Auxiliary Bishop on August 31, 2019. On October 13, 2019, he received the monastic tonsure and was given the name Andrei.

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."

Reading the Old Testament

By Fr. Lawrence Farley

Though Marcion has been dead for a long time, his legacy is still among us. Marcion was a heretic in the second century who said that the Old Testament was un-Christian, and that the God of the Old Testament was not the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that Christians should avoid the Old Testament since it was the work of an inferior deity. The Church of his day rejected his approach, and said that the Old Testament was the work of the Christian God and that we should accept the Old Testament Scriptures as a part of the Christian Bible. But despite the Church's emphatic and decisive rejection of Marcion, we still tend to shy away today from the Old Testament.

This unfortunate tendency is not helped by our current Orthodox lectionary. In the days of St. Justin Martyr in the second century, the Old Testament was read along with the New Testament Scriptures when the Church met together on Sunday morning for their celebration of the Eucharist. Later these Old Testament readings were dropped, and now the Church reads only from the New Testament Epistles and Gospels. The Old Testament, known to the apostles simply as "the Scriptures", is now scarcely read liturgically at all. Once in a while, at the Twelve Great Feasts, we read three Old Testament lessons at Vespers. Often they are the same Old Testament lessons, and anyway, many people do not attend Vespers to hear them read. Marcion may well smile at us from wherever he is. It is almost as if we agreed with him, and banished the Old Testament from our public reading of the divine scriptures. Our Orthodox laity are not as well served liturgically in the lectionary as they could be regarding the Old Testament.

If you doubt this, try this simple test: when next the bishop visits your parish and the choir sings the customary hymn, "The prophets proclaimed you from on high, O Virgin: the Jar, the Staff, the Tables of the Law, the Ark, the Candlestick, the Mount Uncloven, the Golden Censer, the Tabernacle, the Gate Impassable, the Palace and Ladder, and the Throne of Kings!", ask anyone present to explain why the Virgin is proclaimed to be the Jar, the Staff, and all those other things. It

is possible that the person asked may immediately respond, "The Jar? Oh, that's because the jar in Exodus held the manna, and Christ is the divine manna and bread of God, whom the Virgin held in her womb." Possibly, but not likely. Odds are most present will have no idea why the hymnographer would describe the Virgin using these titles, and I suspect that most of them have never really read the Old Testament where these stories are told. The Old Testament remains for most Orthodox a closed book, as if the Bible began not with Genesis, but with the Gospel of Matthew.

Thus it is all the more important for Orthodox to begin their private and devotional Bible reading with Genesis and to continue their reading so that they have a familiarity with the Old Testament. The writer of the hymn, "The prophets proclaimed you" clearly assumed that this was the case, which is why he multiplied his typological descriptions of the Virgin as he did. Using our present Orthodox lectionary in our private reading of the Bible is fine. It beats not reading the Bible at all. But even better is reading the Old Testament as well. For then we will not only be able to understand the hymns of the Church such as "The prophets proclaimed you", but also the New Testament, since the New Testament clearly assumed familiarity with the Old Testament. Our Bible is thicker than some might think, and contains riches and revelations we might scarcely expect.

Galatians 6:11-18 (*Epistle*)

See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Venerable Nikon con't

But the burden of being the igumen of the monastery weighed upon Saint Nikon. Recalling his quiet life in the Serpukhov Vysotsk monastery with Saint Athanasius, and later with Saint Sergius, he gave up his position and retired to his own cell.

For six years the monastery was guided by Saint Sava of Storozhevsk (December 3). In the year 1400 Saint Sava founded his own monastery near Zvenigorod, and the brethren entreated Saint Nikon to again take over its direction. He consented, but allotted himself a certain time each day for silence, so as to stand alone before God.

When reports began to spread about an invasion of the Russian land by Khan Edigei (1408), Saint Nikon zealously prayed to God to spare the monastery. In a dream the Moscow hierarchs Peter (December 21) and Alexis (February 12) together with Saint Sergius appeared to him and said that he should not grieve over the destruction of the monastery, since it would not become desolate, but would flourish all the more.

The monks left the monastery, taking with them relics, books, and consecrated vessels. When they returned, they saw that their beloved place had been reduced to ashes. But Saint Nikon did not despair, and the brethren began to restore the monastery. First of all a wooden church was built in honor of the Most Holy Trinity. It was consecrated on September 25, 1411, the anniversary of the repose of Saint Sergius.

The monastery was restored, and Saint Nikon began construction of a stone church over the grave of his spiritual Father, Saint Sergius. The work crew digging the foundations uncovered the incorrupt relics of Saint Sergius on July 5, 1422. Amidst universal rejoicing they placed the relics in a new reliquary and at the new site a wooden church was built (now the church in honor of the Descent of the Holy Spirit is at this place). Saint Nikon later built a new stone church in the Name of the Most Holy Trinity. In honor and memory of his spiritual Father, he transferred the holy relics into this newly built church.

Saint Nikon brought in the finest iconographers, Saints Andrew Rublev (July 4) and Daniel Cherny (June 13) for the adornment of the temple. Then Saint

Andrew painted the Icon of the Most Holy Trinity (Hospitality of Abraham), embodying what was revealed to Saint Sergius. Saint Nikon was occupied with the construction of the Trinity church until the end of his life.

Saint Nikon's final resting place was revealed to him in a vision before his death. He summoned the brethren and gave them instructions. After receiving the All-Pure Body of Christ and His Precious Blood, Saint Nikon gave the brethren a last blessing and said, "Go forth, my soul, with joy to the place where repose is prepared for you. Christ is calling you."

Having made the Sign of the Cross, Saint Nikon died on November 27, 1426. He was buried near the reliquary of Saint Sergius. Under the hierarch Jonah (1448-1461), the hieromonk Pachomius the Logothete wrote the Service and Life of Saint Nikon. In the year 1547 a generally observed celebration to him was established. In the year 1548 a church named for him was built over the grave of Saint Nikon. In 1623 a new one was constructed in its place, in which the relics of Saint Nikon rest in a crypt. The 500 year anniversary of the repose of Saint Nikon was solemnly observed in 1976 at the Trinity-Sergeev Lavra.

New Hieromartyr Demetrius (Benevolenskii) of Tver

Commemorated on [November 14](#)

Demetrius Mikhailovich Benevolenskii was born on October 10, 1883 in Vishny Volochyok, Tver province. After his ordination to the priesthood in 1911, he was assigned to the Church of the Great Martyr Demetrius in the village of Ostrovno and, in 1919, to the Church of All the Afflicted in the village of Panoshino [today Udomlya]. He later served at the Church of the Tikhvin Icon of the Mother of God in the village of Sinev in the Dubrovo Sonkovskii District of the Tver region. As a result of his intense dedication to his pastoral duties, he had been arrested and imprisoned several times by the communist regime. After his final arrest, he was shot on November 27, 1937. On September 19, 1999, he was numbered among the new martyrs and confessors of Russia.