



Sunday, November 24, 2019

Gospel: St. Luke 13:10-17

Tone 6

Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Afterfeast of the Entry Into the Temple / Great Martyr Catherine of Alexandria

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

Liturgical & Events Schedule
TWO WEEK EDITION

Sunday, November 24

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

Wednesday, November 27

7:00 pm: Ecumenical Thanksgiving service - St.
John's Lutheran

Friday, November 29

7:00 pm: Annual Christmas Tree Lighting
Jamestown Park

Saturday, November 30

9:30 am: Liturgy for St Andrew- St Andrew,
Maple Heights

NO VESPERS

Sunday, December 1

9:05 am: Hours followed by social / brief
Woman's Club meeting / Decorate the
church for St. Nicholas & Christmas

Monday, December 2

6:30 pm: Orthodoxy 101 Class

Thursday, December 5

6:30 pm: Great Vespers for St. Nicholas

Friday, December 6

9:30 am: Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas in
Mogadore

3:00 pm: Woman's Club leaves for overnight
stay @ Dormition Monastery in MI

Saturday, December 7

NO VESPERS

Sunday, December 8

9:30 am: Hours followed by Divine Liturgy /
Social / Choir Rehearsal

VIGILS- NOVEMBER 17

Marguerite Bird (1) In memory of my brother
Butch

Basil Glovinsky (2) Loving memory of sister-in-
law, Anne; Loving memory of Father's mother,
Dorothy

Susan Guzy (4) Special intentions

Laura Kovach (3) Safe travel for family; Health
of Joe, Joe Julia, Mark, Lisa, Dana, Chuck,
Steve; 90th Birthday blessings to Betty Kovach;
Birthday blessings to Jake

Sandy Martin (3), Birthday blessings to Cole; In
loving memory of Butch on his 3rd anniversary,
November 23; Special intentions

Jim Mazur(2) Health of family and friends

Darlene, Nick & Gabe Mazurik (1) Special
intentions

Ron and Bobbie Royhab (1) In loving memory of
Linda George Kinder

Janice Timko (2) In blessed and loving memory
of my precious parents, Sophia and Peter Mon-
ak. "Vechnaya Pamyat"; God's blessings, good
health and healing for son Philip (Andy)

Twarek (5) Health and recovery of Chuck ,
Steve, and Bohdi, Jim, Joe Habegger; Health of
Nancy, Heidi, Judy, Liz, Christine, MaryAnn
and Bob; Health of Joe, Sonya, Julia, Diane,
Stella, Ron, Becky, Jake, Helen; Special inten-
tions, Special intentions

**It's snowing on Sunday morning!! Do we
have church services? Why, yes! Yes, we
do. But we may not for other services.
Watch the website for cancellations - but
never on a Sunday! As always, please use
your judgment for traveling the roads.**

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Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

Parish Council President: Matthew Adamcio

Fr. Andrew Bartek, Rector



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

Sunday, November 17: 22 Total (16 members 1 non reg. Member; 1 child; 4 guests; 12 communicants; 7 attended vespers

MONTHLY TITHING ONLY FOR NOVEMBER

Goal Pledged per month: \$4,100

Sunday, November 3: \$958

Sunday, November 10: \$860

Sunday, November 17: \$1,592

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

Sunday, November 17: \$15 Candles; \$50 altar Candles; \$95 Vigils; \$281 Special collection (Holiday B.); \$100 Christmas Flowers

PRAY FOR OUR CATECHUMENS

Tim Heffernan Rachael Adamcio
 Luke Welch Lydia Welch
 Tristen Welch Jake Muscaro

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	Open
10	Natalie	Tim	Open
17	Ed & Irene	Ron	Open
24	Christi	Wayne	Open

CANDLE / BULLETIN SPONSORS FOR DECEMBER

Bulletin: (\$50) **OPEN**

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

Altar Candles: (\$50) **OPEN**

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

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 / Mike Chemorov

December 22: CA school shooting, San Diego shooting; FF Jas from Ma

December 29: Fresno shooting; Nick Hunt / Francis Zatorsky

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*)
Bob Cook (*Twarek*)
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
unborn baby

Other Requests:

Alexia
Dick Biro (*Natalie's friend*)
Anna Burch (*Wayne's friend*)
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 Wiedenhof (*Twarek*)
Rachel (*Darlene M.*)
Tracy (*Cassell*)
Elizabeth McDonald & her
unborn Baby (*Fr's friend*)
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 humanitarian aid workers in & around Syria; Those suffering persecution in Iraq, Syria, Israel, Egypt, Ukraine and throughout 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 Authority of the Fathers

By Fr. Lawrence Farley

We Orthodox are fond of referring to the Church Fathers as authorities within the Church. When faced with a new or controversial issue, an Evangelical Protestant will ask, “What does the Bible say?” A classic Roman Catholic will ask, “What has Rome said?” An Orthodox will respond, “What do the Fathers say?” By this one can correctly conclude that the Fathers function as authorities in the Orthodox Church.

That said, we must still examine in exactly what way the Fathers function as authorities. This is not a straightforward or easy as it may first appear. The very use of the term “the Fathers” may lead the unwary to think that “the Fathers” were all carbon copies one of another, that they all marched in a kind of exegetical lock-step, and that there existed an untroubled unanimity of viewpoint and opinion among them. One might perhaps imagine that the Fathers are authoritative because they were so holy that each one had a hotline to heaven, and that the Holy Spirit within them bestowed an immunity from making mistakes and a supernatural insight not granted to us lesser mortals. If one adopts this view of the Fathers and believes that their authority was rooted in their personal closeness to God, one will be surprised when reading Church history. For there one will discover that the Fathers could be subject to personal weaknesses and sins rather like the rest of us, and that they often disagreed and even quarrelled with each other.

One does not need to read very much church history to confirm this. St. Augustine and St. Jerome, for example, conducted a very public exegetical quarrel about the meaning of Paul’s rebuke of Peter at Antioch mentioned by Paul in Galatians 2:11. St. Jerome (whom no one ever accused of being easy-going) famously quarrelled with his friend Rufinus over the theology of Origen so vociferously that it became a public scandal. St. Epiphanius and St. John Chrysostom found themselves at personal loggerheads in Constantinople to the point where they heartily detested each other. Nobody bats a thousand, not even the Fathers. None of this should be taken as a denial that the Fathers were holy. But holiness is found in real people, and the Fathers were real people. As such, they could make mistakes and sometimes find reasons for repentance.

So, what does the fact that the Fathers were real people mean regarding their authority in the Church? In what does their authority consist and where does it reside? First of all, let us examine two places where their authority does *not* reside.

Their authority does not reside in the details and minutiae of their Biblical interpretation. We are not, therefore, bound by all of their exegetical conclusions, and our task as exegetes today is not to simply parrot and reproduce what the Fathers wrote. Indeed, we could not do so even if we wanted to, for in their detailed exegesis of Biblical passages they often disagreed with one another. This is not surprising, since we are talking about the exegesis of thousands of verses done by men of different abilities, living in different countries, and writing in different centuries. Given this immense army of exegetes and preachers, it is hardly surprising that they disagreed about the details of exegesis.

And it is not as if the Holy Spirit fell asleep after the death of St. John of Damascus (often hailed as the last of the Fathers) and ceased to guide and illumine devout Christians in their examination of the sacred text. If the Spirit is still active in the Church we may expect a growth in our understanding of the sacred text, especially as new tools are placed in our hands—tools, for example, like a knowledge of Hebrew and literary artefacts of the Ancient Near East. There is a true and godly ministry of scholarship which differs from the merely destructive liberalism sometimes found in some universities, and the insights of these godly scholars should not be disdained. To reject these insights because they cannot be found in the days prior to St. John of Damascus is folly—a folly the Fathers would be the first to decry. Fidelity to the Fathers’ love of the Scriptures should lead us to embrace the insights of true scholarship if these help us to better understand the Scriptures.

Secondly, the authority of the Fathers does not reside in the details of their cosmology or their scientific worldview. The Fathers, being real people, accepted the scientific insights and cosmology of their day. How could they have done otherwise? Therefore they believed in a geocentric universe, and that the sun revolved around the earth. St. John of Damascus, for example, taught that the sun, moon, and stars, after they had set, moved from the *Con’t Pg 6*

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)
	21- FR. Joseph Mihaly (1975)	John Danchisen (1951)
9- Ann Golob	22- Joann Carender	

Bishop Paul's Travel Schedule

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)

St. Theodosius Cathedral, Cleveland, OH,

November 29th to December 1st

St. Mary's Cathedral, Minneapolis, MINN,

December 6th to 8th

- *Ordination of the Reader Philip (Carston) Wagner 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

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west to the north and then to the east; that there were seven planets (of which the sun and moon were two), and that these moved from west to east though the heavens in which they were set moved from east to west (Expos. 2:6, 7). He also taught that there were waters above the sky, and that God placed them there to shield the earth from the burning heat of the sun and the ether (Expos. 2:9). St. Basil in his Hexameron taught that flying insects, grasshoppers, and mice were produced by rainfall, which accounted for the multitude of mice in Egypt after a heavy rainfall, and that eels did not come from parent eels, but from the mud (Hex. 9:2)

None of this is scientifically true, but that is irrelevant to the question of the Fathers' authority, including the authority of St. John of Damascus and St. Basil. They taught what they knew, including what turned out to be a scientifically erroneous cosmology. But our fidelity to the Fathers does not mean that we are bound by the limits of their scientific knowledge. Where science confidently leads to other conclusions, we may follow.

In what then does the Fathers' authority consist? In their understanding of Christian theology and their teaching of the basics of doctrine. The apostles handed down orally and in writing the basics of the Faith—things such as the nature of God, the deity of Jesus, the plight of mankind, God's provision for our plight in His Son, the place of Israel in His dealings with men, and how His people should live so as to please Him. It included things like the nature of sin, order in the Church, the meaning of baptism and the Eucharist, and authority of the Old Testament Scriptures, and how Christians should worship and live. It even included such things as facing east in prayer and making the Sign of the Cross. These things were handed down by tradition in the Church, and the consensus of the Fathers across the miles and the centuries regarding these things reflects and reveals the fact that they were handed down to the Church by the apostles themselves. How else to explain such an impressive consensus among men who otherwise held such diverse opinions? This is what is meant by the *consensus patrum*.

We value *consensus patrum* therefore because it

witnesses to the faith delivered to us by the apostles, and it is *the apostles* who are the ultimate human authorities in the Church. In the Creed we do not confess "one, holy, catholic, and *patristic* Church", but "one, holy, catholic, and *apostolic* Church". The Fathers are not authorities in themselves, but are authorities because and insofar as their consensus reveals the teaching of the apostles—as they themselves confessed. Their authority lies in their witness to the apostles' teaching and in their faithful transmission of this teaching. The Fathers are not the sources of the Church's teaching, but its faithful guardians, witnesses, and transmitters. We are not free to dissent from the Fathers, because we are not free to dissent from the apostles and still identify ourselves as the apostolic Church.

We must be clear, therefore, and realize to what the *consensus patrum* refers. It does not refer to everything on which the Fathers agreed, for they all agreed that the sun revolved around the earth, and a geocentric universe is not a part of the *consensus patrum*. Rather, the term refers exclusively to the Fathers' agreement in matters of basic doctrine and theology. Insisting that we adhere to their opinions in all matters of science and exegesis is to misunderstand and misapply the authority of the Fathers. We are faithful to their spirit and *fronema*, to their love for Christ, to their veneration for the authority of the Scriptures, and to their rule of faith, for these things they received from the apostles. In lesser things (such comparative trivialities as science and exegesis) we are free to learn from others and follow elsewhere.

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

Holy Synod Issues Anniversary Proclamation; Celebrates Seventh Anniversary of Election

On Wednesday, November 13, the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America [celebrated the Divine Liturgy](#) for the feast of Saint John Chrysostom, and commemorated the seventh anniversary of the election of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon.

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy His Eminence, Archbishop Michael of New York and New Jersey, Secretary of the Holy Synod, read the following [proclamation of the Holy Synod](#) announcing the anniversary celebrations for the Canonization of Saint Herman of Alaska, and the reception of the *Tomos* of Autocephaly.

Proclamation of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America Announcing the Anniversary Celebrations for the Canonization of St. Herman of Alaska, and the Reception of the *Tomos* of Autocephaly

To the beloved clergy, venerable monastics, and pious laity of the Orthodox Church in America; to all Orthodox Christians sojourning in North America; to all men and women of goodwill!

We beseech our heavenly Father, the Author of every good gift, to grant to everyone who hears and reads these words an outpouring of the great and manifold gifts of faith, knowledge, and salvation that can only be found in Him. Through the revelation of Him in the person of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, may our faith in Him become ever greater, our knowledge of him more profound, and may we all attain unto the salvation that He alone offers. From of old the great Prophet David has exhorted God's faithful people, "Know that the Lord is God! It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture (Ps 100.3)." Our Great God has created us, and made himself known to us, and we have become his people, the Church. While the members of our Church live and work in Canada, the United States, and Mexico, they and we are united with the men and women throughout the world and from all the ages

who share the same Catholic faith that was delivered to the Apostles once for all time. On behalf of this faith, we labor; for this knowledge, we rejoice; to this salvation, we hope.

In 2020, the Orthodox Church in America will celebrate the anniversary of two foundational events in her history: [the reception](#) of the *Tomos of Autocephaly* from the Venerable Russian Orthodox Church, and the canonization of [Our Venerable Father Herman, Elder and Wonderworker of Alaska](#). We, the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America, give glory to God for these wonderful gifts that have allowed the Church to take root in North America, and invites all Orthodox Christians, indeed, every person of goodwill to join our Church in our celebrations.

Throughout this anniversary year, the Orthodox Church in America will honor our Venerable Father Herman of Alaska. The Psalmist assures us that "God is glorified in the council of his saints (Ps 89.7)," and so as we celebrate this holy man, St. Herman, as we come to know his deeds, and works, and words, all of us will come to know evermore the glory of God revealed in him. We exhort everyone to come to this same knowledge, to have their faith strengthened and nourished by honoring this great saint for all Orthodox Christians. Our Venerable Father Herman of Alaska stands as a patron for all Orthodox Christians in America according to the inscrutable providence of God. He was a simple monk, but he serves as a great example for all Christians. He was well versed in the scriptures and the traditions of the Church. He maintained an ardent faith in Jesus Christ. He acted as a protector and defender of the downtrodden, the weak, the widows, the orphans. He labored in the fields of evangelization of the native Alaskans – people of this continent. Blessed is our God who has raised up this simple monk, our Father Herman, as a great and highly exalted man of God, who even now serves the faithful as the brilliantly shining North Star, guiding the Church to the salvation given by our Lord Jesus Christ.

The autocephaly of the Orthodox Church in America also provides a moment for all Orthodox Christians to celebrate. The venerable Russian Orthodox Church gave the *Tomos* of Autocephaly to the Orthodox Church in America with the hope that this *Tomos* and the autocephaly it gave "might serve the good" of Orthodox Christians in North America. **Con't Pg 8**

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The Orthodox Church in America remains committed to this good, the canonical normalization of our common ecclesial situation in North America, as a mandate. And it is to this good, the promise of the unity of all Orthodox Christians, we hope, but also, in these fractured times, we put forward as a reason for all the Orthodox Churches in North America to *celebrate*. There is one flock, because there is one Church. With this in mind, the Holy Synod of Bishops welcomes all Orthodox Christians to celebrate together with the Orthodox Church in America by recommitting to Orthodox unity in North America.

Since receiving the gift of autocephaly the Orthodox Church in America has continued to hold firm the faith of the Apostles, the faith of the Fathers, the faith of the Orthodox, the faith that makes fast the inhabited world. In our Churches, homes, Chapels, monasteries, seminaries, and institutions throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico, our communities give glory, honor, and worship to the one God and Father, to our Holy Lord Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Synod oversees Church life, ministering to the flock entrusted to it by the grace of God, with all canonical order and in fidelity to the tradition of the Church. At every level of ecclesial experience, our Church seeks to resolve its internal problems in a conciliar manner with the fullness of the Church according to the tradition it has received. The Orthodox Church in America gives thanks to God for the great blessings he has given us, and also to the communion he has allowed us to maintain through our common faith with the other local Orthodox Churches.

In this coming year, the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in America is pleased to announce that these anniversaries will be marked by three Divine Liturgies concelebrated by the Holy Synod and guest hierarchs and clergy. The first will be at the Memorial Day Pilgrimage at St. Tikhon's Monastery, May 25, 2020. The second will be take place during the annual pilgrimage to Spruce Island, Alaska, August 9, 2020. The third will be at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Washington, D.C., in conjunction with the Fall Regular Meeting of the Holy Synod, November 14, 2020. In addition to these Churchwide celebrations, dioceses and deaneries will also celebrate these

anniversaries in different ways. We also look toward the publication of educational and liturgical works to mark these anniversaries.

Finally, we give thanks to God for His rich gifts he has bestowed upon us so that we might serve his glory: St. Herman, autocephaly, and the communion we have with all Orthodox Churches. We ask him to bless the Church we have been entrusted with as the Holy Synod, so that we might evermore praise, bless, and worship our One God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Luke 13:10-17 (Gospel)

Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound – think of it – for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

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.