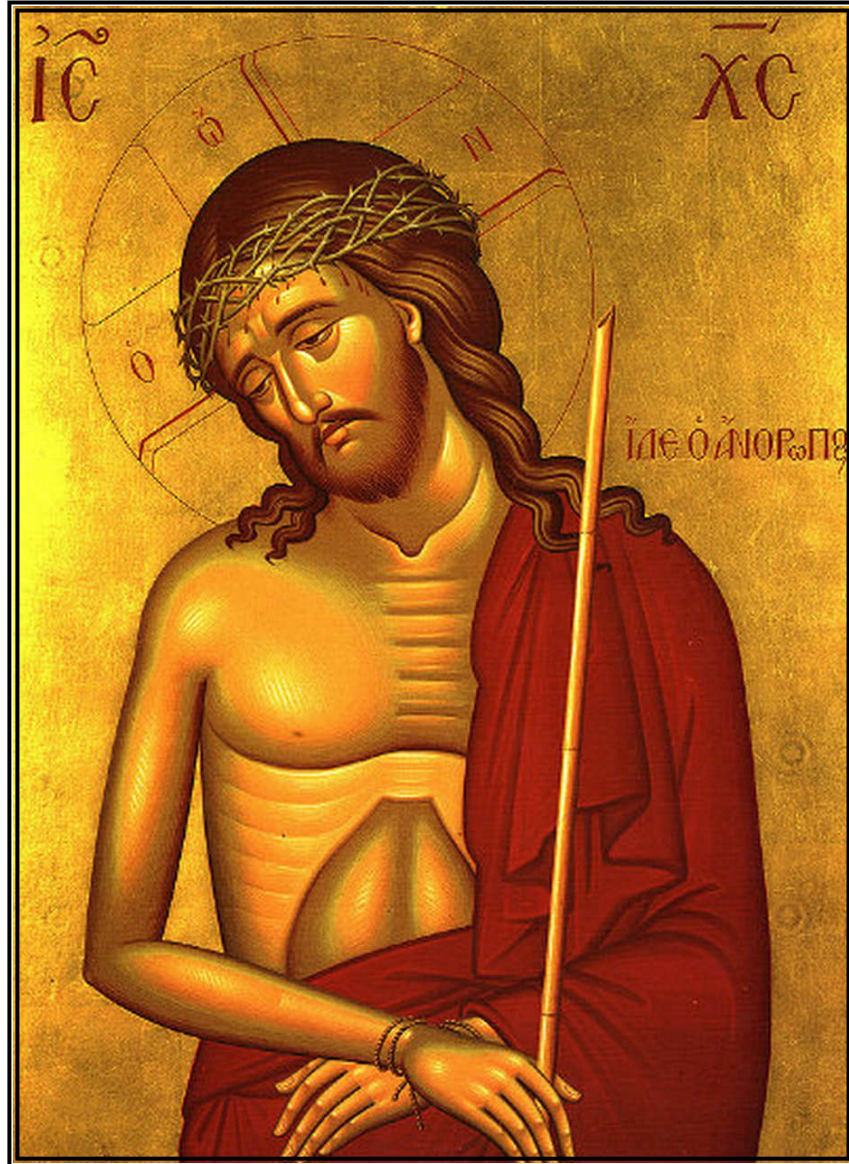


# THE GREAT FAST



**O LORD AND MASTER OF MY LIFE! TAKE FROM ME THE SPIRIT OF SLOTH, DESPAIR, LUST OF POWER AND IDLE TALK. (*FULL PROSTRATION*)**

**BUT GIVE RATHER THE SPIRIT OF CHASTITY, HUMILITY, PATIENCE AND LOVE TO THY SERVANT. (*FULL PROSTRATION*)**

**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. (*FULL PROSTRATION*)**

**O GOD, CLEANSE ME, A SINNER. (*12 TIMES WITH 12 DEEP BOWS*)**



**Sunday, March 8, 2020**

**Tone 5**

**Gospel:** St. John 1:43-51

**Epistle:** Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2

**38th Sunday after Pentecost / Sunday of Orthodoxy**

**St. Theophylactus, Bishop of Nicomedia**

**MARCH Bulletin Sponsor:** *Father Andrew in memory of His Eminence, Metropolitan Nicholas, my ordaining Hierarch*

## *Liturgical & Events Schedule*

### **Sunday, March 8**

9:05 am: Hours followed by Divine Liturgy / Procession of Icons / Social

5:00 pm: Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers @ our Deanery Church of St. John the Baptist in Campbell. OH w/ His Grace Bishop Paul

### **Tuesday, March 10**

6:30 pm: Orthodoxy 101 Class

### **Wednesday, March 11**

6:30 pm: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Meal

### **Thursday, March 12**

9:30 am: Lenten Prayers

6:30 pm: Lions Club Meeting

### **Friday, March 13**

10:00 am: Respect Life Meeting

6:30 pm: Akathist

### **Saturday, March 14**

9:30 am: Memorial Saturday Liturgy w/ the reading of the Diptychs of the parish

4:00 pm: Great Vespers

### **Sunday, March 15**

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

### **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.



## **VIGILS -MARCH 1**

**Laura Kovach (3)** Birthday blessings to Tony; Health and recovery of Margi, Joe and Betty; Safe travel for family

**Sandy Martin (2)** Special intentions

**Ron & Bobbie Royhab (1)** In commemoration of 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of George and Marianne Royhab

**Diane Tryon (1)** In loving memory of my dialysis friend Pam Yoder, Memory Eternal

**Twarek (8)** Health and recovery of Betty Kovach; Birthday Blessings to Andy (2/27);, Birthday remembrance Aunt Martha, God's Blessings and Peace; Health of Carter; Health and recovery of Nancy, Mary Dziak, Claudia McDonald; Health of Margi & Joe, Tom, MaryAnn and Bob, Christine, Judy, Chuck, Steve, Bohdi, Heidi, Liz, Joe, Sonya, Julia, Diane, Stella, Ron, Jake, Helen; Special intentions

## **READER SCHEDULE**

|                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Sunday, March 8:     | Ron                 |
| Wednesday, March 11: | Natalie (Pre-Sanc.) |
| Saturday, March 14:  | Tim (Liturgy)       |
| Sunday, March 15:    | Wayne               |
| Wednesday, March 18: | Ron (Pre-Sanc.)     |
| Saturday, March 21:  | Natalie (Liturgy)   |
| Sunday, March 22:    | Tim                 |
| Wednesday, March 25: | Natalie (Liturgy)   |
| Friday, March 27:    | Tim (Pre-Sanc.)     |
| Sunday, March 29:    | Natalie             |



## ATTENDANCE - MARCH

**Friday, February 28:** 4 attended the Akathist to St Raphael

**Sunday, March 1:** 25 Total (19 members; 3 children; 3 guests; 10 Communicants; 18 attended Forgiveness Vespers; 8 Attended Sat. Vespers

**Monday, March 2:** 3 attended morning services; 12 attended Canon of St Andrew

**Tuesday, March 3:** 4 attended Morning services; 11 attended Canon of St Andrew

**Wednesday, March 4:** 3 attended Morning services; 13 attended Canon of St. Andrew

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## MONTHLY TITHING ONLY MARCH

Goal Pledged per month: \$4,600

**Sunday March 1:** \$1,045

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## OTHER WEEKLY INCOME

**Sunday, March 1:** \$10 Candles; \$50 Vigils; \$50 Bulletin; \$50 Special Collection (Food Pantry)

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## SPECIAL COLLECTION MARCH

Mission Boxes for the Food Pantry.

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## 40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

**March 8:** Ernest Gresh & Rick Schlotterer

**March 15:** Police officer from AL & FL

**March 22:** Soldiers killed in Afghanistan / His Grace Bishop Varlaam

**March 29:** Mountain Apache officer David

**April 5:** Victims from the Milwaukee Shooting

## Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America makes a Statement regarding COVID-19

With the blessing of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America, the Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America, Archpriest Alexander Rentel, made the following statement:

In the act of our liturgical gathering, Orthodox Christians, by the Grace of God, enact the sacred mystery of becoming the visible Body of Christ. The Holy Spirit forms and knits us together with other Orthodox Christians throughout the world, working with us and through us to fulfill the saving dispensation. Nothing can affect or change this sacred mystery. Indeed, according to the testimony of the Lord himself, he has established the Church and the very gates of hell shall not prevail against it (cf., Mt 16:17).

In recent days, the outbreak of COVID-19, known popularly as the Corona Disease 2019, or simply the Corona Virus, continues to generate interest in the media and cause feelings of fear and anxiety within society and our communities. At this point, the situation as it exists in the United States, Canada, and Mexico does not warrant extreme measures, as have been called for in other parts of the world. Nonetheless, it is important that our parish communities and their faithful be vigilant in keeping our parishes safe. The best advice is for Churches to adopt common sense measures: members of the Church should become familiar with the symptoms of the Corona Virus (fever, cough, shortness of breath), and, if these symptoms present themselves, both seek medical help immediately and self-quarantine. In terms of preventing the spread of this virus, again, the best advice is to adopt common sense practices: wash hands thoroughly and frequently, cover your coughs and sneezes, and avoid sharing personal items. Additionally, Church leaders should see to the routine cleaning of frequently touched objects such as, icons or the blessing cross.

In cities and communities where this virus is discovered, the diocesan bishop should be consulted for the blessing to adopt additional temporary measures to prevent the spread of disease *Con't PG 5*

# PRAYER LIST Updated 3-4

## Clergy:

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius  
His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman  
John Duranko (*Father's home pastor*)  
James Gleason (*Father's Spiritual Father*)  
Moses Barry  
Steven Frase  
Joseph Gibson  
Gregory Grivna  
Emilian Hutnyan  
Josef Von Klarr  
Dan Kovolick  
Vladimir Lecko  
David Lis  
Myron Manzuk  
Philip Lasbrook  
Christopher Phillips  
Benjamin Tucci  
Peter Tutko  
Deacon Nicholas Denysenko  
Deacon Paul Gansle  
Deacon Gregory Krutchak  
Deacon Paul Mitchell  
Sub-deacon Wylie Meath

## Matushki:

Pani Patricia Duranko  
Myra Kovolick  
Virginia Lecko  
Maura McCartney  
Jillian Rettig  
Snezana Ruzic  
Sonya Tutko

## Parishioners / & their Family:

John Beadle (*Elcishko*)  
Newborn Samuel Calzone (*fr.s cousin*)  
MaryAnn Cook (*Cousin to Twarek's*)  
John Richard Elchisco  
Ruthe Flewelling  
Debbie Garnek (*Roddie's sister*)  
Michael Glovinsky (*Basil's nephew*)  
Heidi Golob  
Shirley Gresh (*Wife of Ernest*)  
Julia Guzy  
Joseph Habegger (*Laura brother-in-law*)  
Barb Heffernan  
Tom Hileman

Alice Jackson (*Mazurik*)  
William Jappsen (*Diane T.*)  
Michael Kouznetsov (*Mary Hiser's son*)  
Kris Kollar (*Fr.'S cousin*)  
Betty Kovach  
Kristen (*Cassell's daughter*)  
David LaValle (*Fr.'s cousin*)  
Helen Lis  
Greg Mazur  
Judy Mazurik (*Paul Mazurik's*)  
Toddler Stella Miller  
Katelyn Pipenur (*Niece of Jean*)  
Earl Rindfleisch  
Helen Jean Rofkar (*Elchisco*)  
Joe Rose  
Maryann Royhab  
Steven Schirtzinger (*Soski*)  
Christy Schutt (*Joe's sister*)  
Peter Truta (*Jean H's cousin*)  
Diane Tryon  
Greg Tryon  
Christine Twarek  
Tom Twarek  
Carter Twarek  
Delaine Ward (*Ron's sister*)  
Katie and her baby Bodhi (*Cassell's daughter-in-law*)  
Pani Stacey Mihaley & her newborn Azariah (*Fr.'s Cousin*)  
Nikki & her unborn baby  
Katherine & her unborn baby (*Fr.'s cousin*)

## Other Requests:

Alexia  
Dick Biro (*Natalie's friend*)  
Anna Burch (*Wayne's friend*)  
Paul Demkosky (*Fr's friend*)  
Marge Dziama  
Mary Dziak (*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*)  
Claudia McDonald (*Twarek*)  
Pauline Meath (*Fr's*)  
Charlie Nowak (*Avery's*)  
Beth Reinhard (*Diane friend*)  
Chris Reinheimer (*Bruno's*)  
Sandy Scafaria (*friend of Jean*)  
Matthew Sterling (*Tyron*)  
John Sutko (*Fr.'S Friend*)  
Devin Thomson (*Jamestown*)  
Janice Timko  
Philip (Andy) Timko  
Steve Turinsky (*Twarek*)  
Bob Van Osdol (*Twarek*)  
Chuck Wiedenhoft (*Twarek*)  
Rachel (*Darlene M.*)  
Kristina and her newborn  
Michal (*Fr.'s friend*)  
Molly & her unborn baby  
Mollie & her unborn baby (*Fr.'s friend*)

## Military:

Craig Cassell  
Nathan Brown  
Alena Grabavoy  
Alex  
Jake Ellithorpe

## 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

## The First Week of Great Lent

I must confess it is really hard for me to come up with any pearls of wisdom for families during this first week. There is so much good material out there about observing Lent in family life that people should check out. My own Cathedral, Holy Trinity in Chicago, is posting daily reflections and articles on observing Great Lent. Please click on this link to learn more: <https://mailchi.mp/859d0c49050c/the-40-day-journey-begins?e=dd92410fe7>

If there is one thought I would like to offer, it is that we don't observe fasting rules, go to church services, and pray just to show people what kind of good Orthodox Christians we are. Heed our Savior's call and keep those practices secret from people. If there is anything we don't fast from, it is love for those persons the Lord brings to our life each day. The goal of fasting and prayer is to drive self-centeredness and self-will from our lives. It is to teach us that there is so much in life we want but don't really need. It is to lead us to reconciliation with the Lord and with one another. Take the time as a family to read and discuss the 1<sup>st</sup> Epistle of John sometime during the Great Fast. This letter is so important in teaching us that our professed love for God is tied to how we treat one another.

The gospel reading on Forgiveness Sunday begins with our Lord saying, "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." These words immediately follow the "Our Father..." the Lord gives to his disciples when they ask Him to teach them how to pray. Out of that entire prayer, His words on forgiveness are the only commentary he offers.

If we can't experience reconciliation and forgiveness in our churches or in our families as icons of little churches, then we are not being the Church. In Matthew 5 our Lord says, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men." Let this not be our experience during Lent. Let us restore the saving preservative of salt in our lives by repenting from those things that have caused us to lose this

taste of salt. Let us instead "bear one another's burdens and fulfill the law of Christ."

Please forgive me a sinner and pray for me.

With love in Christ,  
The unworthy +Paul

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### Chancellor Con't

in the context of liturgical gatherings.

Please note that in our efforts we should pay special attention to those who might be at risk of more serious complications from this virus: the young, the elderly, and those who already have respiratory or cardiac illnesses.

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon and members of the Chancery staff have consulted this past week with members of the Department of Health and Human Services who have advised us that the most prudent action that individuals and communities can take in addition to what is listed in this communication are those [listed at the website for the Center for Disease Control](#) [CDC].

His Beatitude asks that all Orthodox Christians pray fervently that our Lord may comfort and heal those already affected by this virus, and grant strength and wisdom to those working to combat and control the virus. He also reminds the faithful of the Orthodox Church in America that plans and preparation to combat the spread of the virus should not inadvertently serve to isolate or stigmatize members of our communities. In fact, our common work should be an opportunity to come together, being united in purpose, and care for those who in need in imitation of our Great Physician of souls and bodies.

May our Lord, the Physician of our souls and bodies, grant us protection, health, and peace!

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### CONFESSIONS

Confession will be heard on Saturday before & after Vespers as always. Confessions will also be heard before or after the Friday evening Lenten Service.

## MARCH Celebrations

| NAMES DAY   | BIRTHDAY   |  |
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| 3-1: Bishop David of Alaska<br>3-4: Bishop Daniel of Santa Rosa<br>3-17: Archbishop Alejo of Mexico | 1-Marilynn Calzone<br>2- Lori Batura<br>3- Tony Monastra<br>7- Tamera Blackford<br>8- Rachel Adamcio<br>8- Ruth Sheller<br>11- Jason Monschein<br>16- Paul Bojan | 16- Claudia Zile<br>22- Ariana Holmes<br>23- Mason Monschein<br>26- Rachel Sumner<br>30- Bobbie Royhab<br>30- Fred Cassell<br>31- Greg Mazur |

*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.*

## MARCH Reposed

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| 1- George Danchisen (2018)<br>3- Anna Stoyka (2018)<br>4- Andrew Mazur (2001)<br>6- Frank Guzy (2002)<br>11- Ella Mazur (1918)<br>13- Metropolitan Nicholas (2011)<br>13- Richard Michael Benya (1983) | 17- Frank Holodnak (1961)<br>23- Eva Pondillo (2001)<br>23- Ella Mazurik (1985)<br>23- Francis Mitchell (2008)<br>23- Barbara Ann Wasylenko (2017)<br>25- Pani Janette Moriak (1997)<br>25- David Chikerotis (2019) | 29- Todd Pollack (2019)<br>29- Carolyn Woodward (2000)<br>30- John Rofkar (2019)<br>Helen Hritsko (1908)<br>Alexandra Brendza (1909)<br>Steve Danchisen |
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### John 1:43-51 (Gospel)

The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

### SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

As the prophets beheld, as the Apostles have taught—as the Church has received,—as the Teachers have dogmatized,—as the Truth has revealed,—as falsehood has been dissolved,—as Wisdom has presented,—as Christ awarded,—thus we declare,—thus we assert,—thus we preach Christ our true God, and honor His Saints in words, in writings, in thoughts, in sacrifices, in churches, in Holy Icons; on the one hand worshipping and reverencing Christ as God and Lord; and on the other hand honoring as true servants of the same Lord of all and accordingly offering them veneration.

**THIS IS THE FAITH OF THE APOSTLES,  
 THIS IS THE FAITH OF THE FATHERS,  
 THIS IS THE FAITH OF THE ORTHODOX,  
 THIS IS THE FAITH WHICH HAS ESTABLISHED THE UNIVERSE!**

## PRAY FOR OUR CATECHUMENS

Rachael Adamcio                      Luke Welch  
Lydia Welch                              Tristen Welch

### Possible Catechumens:

Loreen Welch                      Cheyenne Welch

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



### June 12 - 13

Deanery celebration of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of OCA.

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church  
Parma, OH

### Friday, June 12

6:30pm: Akathist to All American Saints followed by a talk about the journey of the OCA.

### Saturday, June 13

9:00am: Greeting of the Bishop followed by Divine Liturgy and a All American Breakfast Buffet. RSVP required. Watch for sign up sheet.

## MARCH BULLETIN AND CANDLE SPONSORS

**Bulletin: (\$50)** Fr. Andrew: in memory of my ordaining Bishop His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas

**Chandelier: (\$50)** Susan: in memory of her father Frank, God-father Peter, and brother Bill

**Altar Candles: (\$50)** Fr. Andrew: In memory of my father, George

**Candles on the Tomb: (\$25)** Basil: in loving memory of my nephew Richard Benya

**Eternal Light & Icon Screen: (25)** Open

## Bishop Paul's Travel Schedule

**St. Andrew Orthodox Church**, Maple Hts, OH,  
March 6<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers**, at **St. John the Baptist**, Campbell, OH, March 8<sup>th</sup>

**St. Nicholas Church**, Mogadore, OH, March 11<sup>th</sup>,  
Pre-sanctified

**St. Nicholas Church**, Mogadore, OH, March 11<sup>th</sup>,  
Pre-sanctified

**St. Gregorv Palamas Monastery**, Perrysville,  
OH, March 9<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>

**St. Nicholas Church**, Mentor, OH, March 14<sup>th</sup>

- *Ordination of Deacon Brian Crivella to the Priesthood*



## DANBURY FOOD PANTRY - MARCH

Suggested donation of Peanut Butter or Jelly (and other non-perishable goods) will be collected through March 15.

Donations will be delivered to the food pantry Thursday, March 19.

## BUILDING / RESTORATION FUND

Our 125<sup>th</sup> 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*.

## **Metropolitan Tikhon Participates in Executive Committee Meeting of the Assembly of Bishop**

On Thursday, February 27, 2020, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon participated in the spring meeting of the Executive Committee of the [Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America](#). The meeting was hosted by His Eminence Metropolitan Joseph of the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America at the headquarters of the archdiocese in Englewood, New Jersey.

The meeting, convened by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, Archbishop of New York of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and Chairman of the Assembly of Canonical Bishops in the United States also included His Eminence Metropolitan Joseph, His Eminence Metropolitan Nicolae of the Romanian Metropolia of the United States, His Grace Bishop Saba of the Georgian Orthodox Church, His Eminence Metropolitan Gregory of Nyssa of the American Carpatho-Russian Diocese of the United States, secretary of the assembly, and His Eminence Archbishop Michael of New York and New Jersey of the Orthodox Church in America, treasurer of the assembly.

The Executive Committee heard reports on the budget, committee work and ongoing projects as well as plans for the 10th meeting of the assembly slated to be convened May 2-5 in Washington D.C. The anniversary weekend will include a reception for clergy families on the evening of May 2nd, and concelebration of the Divine Liturgy of all bishops of the assembly on Sunday, May 3rd.

Of particular note was the report of a task force that was commissioned by the Executive Committee to identify and develop programs to address the crisis of homelessness. The task force recommended the creation of an Orthodox Volunteer Corps (OVC) which will provide young adults the opportunity to serve in a humanitarian organization for one year after collegiate or graduate studies. The Executive Committee looks forward to the launch of this new endeavor in 2021.

Read the [official press release from the assembly's communications office](#) on their website.

In related news from the assembly, this Sunday has been designated [Mission Sunday](#) by the Hierarchs of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States. “The Church has sent missionaries (beginning with the Apostles themselves) into the world to bear witness to the Faith”, said His Grace Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos, Episcopal Liaison of the assembly to the Orthodox Christian Mission Center and Father Martin Ritsi, Executive Director of the mission center in a letter announcing Mission Sunday. “This year, we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the canonization of one such missionary – St. Herman of Alaska. His inspirational life is an example of how we too can share the Truth of Orthodoxy to the ends of the earth. As we begin Great and Holy Lent, journeying steadily toward Christ’s triumphant Resurrection, please remember that His sacrifice was for the salvation of all humankind. Please also remember that there are still over one billion people in the world who have yet to hear about Christ in a meaningful way. Pray that these people may be reached, and prayerfully consider all you can do to make this possible.” To read more about the work of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center [OCMC], or to make a donation to the mission center, [visit their website](#).

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### **His Beatitude’s Sermon on Forgiveness Sunday, the Casting Out of Adam and Eve Sermon on Forgiveness Sunday, the Casting Out of Adam and Eve**

**Metropolitan Tikhon  
March 1, 2020**

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.  
Glory to Jesus Christ!

As we set out today on the eve of the Great Fast, we begin our journey with forgiveness on this Forgiveness Sunday, starting out in the same way we hope to end it: calling everyone brothers in the Resurrection. We greet each other, asking forgiveness of one another and granting forgiveness, reconciling our differences and returning to unity with one another. Our unity with one another leads us to unity with God, Who created us for union with Him.

God created the Paradise of delight for us, giving us everything we needed for earthly life, *Con’t Pg 9*