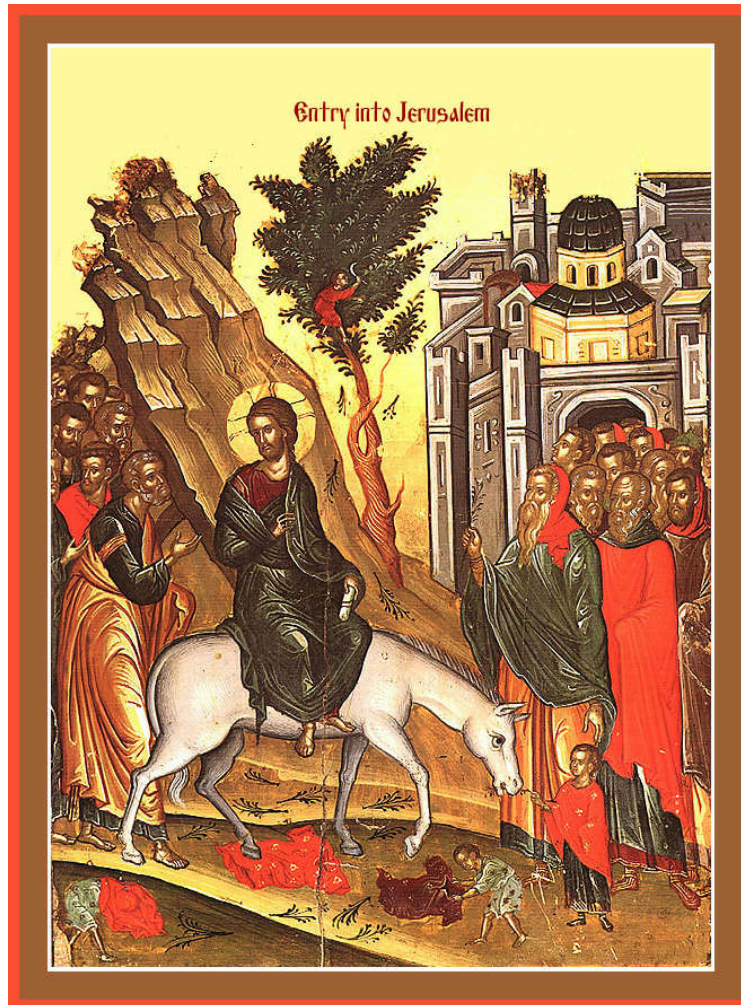


ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM



**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, April 12, 2020

Gospel: St. John 12:1-18

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9

Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem / Palm Sunday

APRIL Bulletin Sponsor: *Father Andrew in memory of his mother, Dorothy*

Liturgical & Events Schedule

FOR WEEK OF APRIL 12TH

Due to the Corona Virus all services are suspended until further notice.



June 12 - 13

Deanery celebration of 50th 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.

APRIL BULLETIN AND CANDLE SPONSORS

Bulletin: (\$50) Fr. Andrew: In memory of my mother, Dorothy on the occasion of her b-day

Chandelier: (\$50) Basil: In loving memory of Jean

Altar Candles: (\$50) Laura: In loving memory of her mother Margaret

Candles on the Tomb: (\$25) From Basil

Eternal Light & Icon Screen: (\$25) Open

For Your Prayers

Julia Guzy (96 ½ yrs old)
1601 Church Rd
Marblehead, OH 43440

Diane Tryon
109 Joslyn Street
Arcadia, OH 44804

Please remember our shut-ins especially now during this National Crisis.

40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

March 29: Mountain Apache officer David

April 5: Victims from the Milwaukee Shooting

April 12: FF Tommy from AZ

April 26: 2 marines Moises & Diego killed in Iraq and 2 Americans killed in Iraq / Police officer from Philadelphia

May 3: Police officer killed in Ohio

May 10: Police officer from Phoenix

CONFESSIONS / HOME VISITS UPDATED APRIL 7

Effective immediately Home visits are to cease, unless extreme emergency, until further notice.

Due to the current situation, Confessions can be heard by phone with absolution. Please call Father Andrew to set up a time for confession before Great and Holy Friday, April 17.

God designed us as social being. Thus, this time of of required isolation, for some it can be difficult. If you need to talk or If you need the bulletin mailed to you please let me know.

If there is anything one needs, or an extreme emergency please contact me. I an available for anything, 24/7 seven days a week.



MONTHLY TITHING ONLY MARCH

Goal Pledged per month: \$4,600

Sunday March 1: \$1,045
Sunday, March 8: \$1,071
Sunday, March 15: \$ 584
Sunday, March 22: \$1,340
Sunday, March 29: \$1,260
MONTH TOTAL: \$5,300

OTHER WEEKLY INCOME

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

Sunday, March 8: \$11 Candles; \$50 Altar candles; \$105 Vigils; \$25 Eternal Light; \$30 bookstore; \$50 Special Collection (Food Pantry)

Sunday, March 15: \$12 Candles; \$40 Vigils; \$1 Special Collection (Food Pantry)

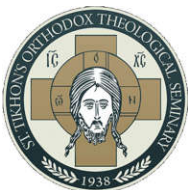
Sunday, March 22: \$25 Candles; \$25 Tomb candles; \$35 Vigils; \$175 for Special Collection (Food Pantry); \$125 Special Collection (OCMC) \$200 Restoration.

Sunday, March 29: \$30 Vigils; \$25 for flowers; \$25 Special Collection (Food Pantry)

VIGILS -MARCH 29

Twarek (6) Birthday blessings to Father Andrew, God's Blessings and Peace; Good health for our parish family and our family and friends; Health of Father David, Carter, Nancy, Mary, Health of Margi & Joe, Tom, MaryAnn and Bob, Christine, Judy, Chuck, Steve, Bohdi, Heidi; Health of Liz, Joe, Sonya, Julia, Diane, Stella, Ron, Jake, Helen; Special intentions, Special intentions

APRIL SPECIAL COLLECTION



Saint Tikhon's Seminary

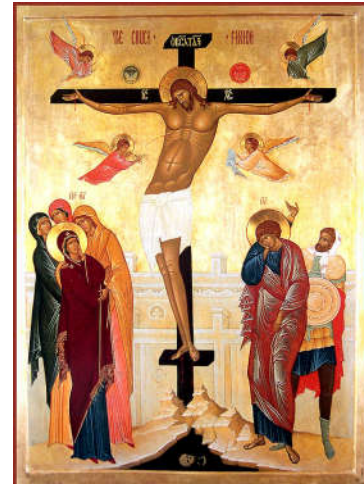
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No Pussy Willows, Palms or Paschal Flowers No public blessing of Paschal Baskets

As difficult and sad as this is, it is for the protection of all. For this year only, you are permitted to bless your own Paschal basket. After Bishop Paul sends me the appropriate prayer, I will send it out to all. *Fr. Andrew*



HOLY WEEK



CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS

Words for Our Time: The Spiritual Words of Matthew the Poor

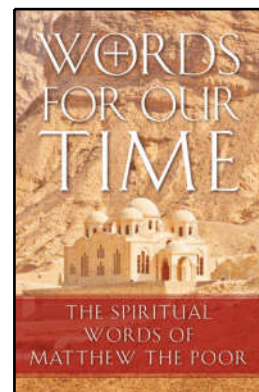
- A Book Review by T. Ellmore

You know you're reading a good book worthy of your time when you underline every sentence on the first page because the words contained therein make your heart squeeze so tight you can barely stand it.

In this translation of Abba Matta el-Meskeen's informal talks with his spiritual children and visitors of his monastery, James Helmy captures the simple, yet deeply profound truths spoken by this holy monk. Abba Matta's deep connection with God through his life of prayer comes through so clearly in the wisdom he shares. The reader easily transcends time to sit at the feet of this great monk and receive the words and love God has given him to share. Though they were uttered after World War 2, they are no less applicable to today and the difficulties of this millennium.

I highly recommend this book* to Everyone. It can be purchased at Ancient Faith Store

(www.store.ancientfaith.com)
 *This book was provided free of charge in exchange for an honest review.



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PRAYER LIST Updated 4-7

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
Dan Ring (St Joes)
Benjamin Tucci
Peter Tutko
Deacon Nicholas Denysenko
Deacon Paul Gansle
Deacon Gregory Krutchak
Deacon Paul Mitchell
Sub-deacon Wylie Meath

Matushkii:

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*)
Terri Lariccia (*fr's cousin*)
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
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:

Sandra Alex (*Muzyka*)
Alexia
Infant Baylor
Dick Biro (*Natalie's friend*)
Anna Burch (*Wayne's friend*)
Breeana (Kowal) Teenager who ran away from foster home
Delores Danchisen
Layne Demkosky
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*)
Tim Nash (*Royhab*)
Charlie Nowak (*Avery's*)
Beth Reinhard (*Diane friend*)
Chris Reinheimer (*Bruno's*)
Sandy Scafaria (*friend of Jean*)
Arby Shenesky (*Pastor Bob's sister*)
Betty (Elizabeth) Slanta (*sister-in-law of Kathy Jacob*)
John Slanta (*brother of Kathy Jacob*)
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

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The Sign of the Prophet Jonah in our days by His Grace Bishop Alexis

“For those with eyes to see and ears to hear,” these days of being in the belly of the whale, physically separated not only from one another, but also from our beloved Churches and places of prayer, we have a rare opportunity for spiritual growth. In this crisis that has overcome the entire inhabited world, we are given the sign of Jonah that calls forth a response from us all. Saint Ephraim the Syrian writes, “the sign of Jonah served the Ninevites in two ways. If they would have rejected it, they would have gone down to Sheol alive like Jonah, but they were raised from the dead like him because they repented.” The sign of Jonah that is given to us in our forced isolation out of love for our neighbor is a call to repentance, a call to change the way we look at the world around us, the world within us, and the world beyond us. As I suggested in an earlier reflection, it is an opportunity to become men and women of deep prayer who have learned to serve the Divine Liturgy on the altar of their hearts.

There are many books about how to pray from which believers can learn the art of prayer. There are many prayer books that have morning prayers, evening prayers, services of supplication, and akathists that the faithful can read on a daily basis. There are the Psalms of David that we can chant throughout the day enabling us to pour out our entire heart before God. And of course, there is the Jesus Prayer, “Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me,” that every God-loving soul can say, again and again and again, so that it falls like a droplet of pure water upon our stony hearts refashioning them into hearts of flesh that can welcome the King of glory. But all these beautiful, holy words will enable us to touch the hem of Christ’s garment and to become more Christlike in the process only if we say them with the proper disposition of the heart, a heart that is humble, a heart that yields, a heart that can effortlessly utter the words of the Most Pure Virgin, “Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word” (Luke 1:38).

This Holy Week and Pascha, the Covid-19 pandemic has given the faithful a hard saying. They will be deprived of celebrating these high and holy days in their parishes. They will be deprived of receiving

holy communion. Nevertheless, they need not, now or ever, be deprived of Christ, for nothing, neither death nor life, neither things present nor things to come, can ever “separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:39). It may be tempting to become angry or despondent, but neither of these states will enable us to pray to God or permit God to approach us. Neither of these responses will help us to receive the sign of Jonah given to our generation. What will enable us to pray is a humble acceptance of our condition in which we make peace with this world as it is, a willingness to yield before that which we cannot control, and then even further to give thanks for the fact that our own will, no matter how good and holy it may seem to us, is being cut off by the severe sanctions now in place. This may sound strange to those unfamiliar with our monastic tradition, but truly when the will is cut off, “the holy soul steadily ascends to heaven as upon golden wings” (Saint John of the Ladder) by virtue of holy obedience. In other words, gently, graciously, and gratefully yielding to this situation with humble acceptance will enable us to pray as we have never prayed before.

Obedience is not easy. It is “the tomb of the will,” but it is also “the resurrection of humility,” (Saint John of the Ladder), humility, which is “the very raiment of the Godhead” (Saint Isaac the Syrian). In humble obedience, we are following not only the path of the holy fathers of old, we are walking not only in the footsteps of the Apostles who strove to be obedient to every commandment of their beloved Lord, but we are also imitating our Lord Himself, who “as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross” (Phillipians 2:8). **Con’t Pg 6**

PRAYER LIST CONTINUED

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

APRIL Celebrations		
ANNIVERSARY	BIRTHDAY	
20- Ron & Bobbie Royhab 4-30-2011: Retired Bishop Matthias of Chicago NAMESDAY 4-22: Archbishop Nathaniel of Detroit 4-25: Archbishop Mark of Philadel- phia	1-Shawn Lariccia 2- Fr. Andrew 4- His Grace Bishop Matthias 5-Fr. Herman Kincaid 5- Nicholas Schutt 10- Jean Hileman 13- Jennifer Heffernan 13-Margarita Leso 17- Natalie Twarek	18- Nancy Bunge 18- Diane Tryon 22- Greg Tryon 23- Paul Demkosky Jr 24- Jim Mazur 24-Matt Lariccia III 27- William Jerome 27- Katie Cassell 29- Katie Twarek
<i>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.</i>		
APRIL Reposed		
1-Andy Basala (1982) 1-Larry Twarek (2019) 4- Sophia Jump (2012) 4- Rose Bartek (1986) 4- Harry Flewelling (2018) 6- John Sabol (2017) 7- Louis M. Benya (1976) 7- Mitered Archpriest Basil Dziana (1969) Former Pastor 7- Bob Mazur (2018) 11- Archbishop John (1982) 11- LaVerne Schutt (2014)	12- Helen Tomko (1989) 14- Paul Glovinsky (1978) 15- Stephen Brooks (2005) 16- Mary Wright (2005) 17- Lois Mazurik (1999) 22- Olga Belenky (1971) 22- John Beadle (1988) 22- Fred Millie (1996) 24- Demasthony Ballan (1968) 24- Fr. Stephen Dutko (2009) 26- Margaret Mazur (1987)	26- Russell Kovach (1981) 28-Ann Kovalick (2018) 29- Olga Kollmeier (1972) 30- Anthony Hubicki (1977) Dolores Martin (1974) Herb Hobson (2004) Charles Rose (2015) Michael Elchisco (1913) Andrew Kopchock (1914) Anna Onyock (1916)

His Grace Bishop Alexis con't

But death is never the last word with respect to obedience, the final word is always life, abundant life, life everlasting. “Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Phillipians 2:9-11).

Let us receive humbly the sign of the Prophet Jonah in a way that leads to the light and life that are ours in Christ Jesus. This Pascha, let’s sanctify our homes and lives in wonderful ways. Let’s humbly do whatever is necessary to make one room in our home into a Church. If we don’t have an oil lamp burning before the icon of the Most Pure Virgin Theotokos, let’s try to acquire one. If we don’t have a hand censer, charcoal, and incense, let’s decide to order them. And then with a humble, but grateful heart, let’s worship the holy Lord Jesus Christ, the only sinless One. Let’s venerate the icons in our homes, let’s light our vigil light, let’s cense our icons, let’s make our prostrations, and let’s make the words of whatever prayers we offer our own. Let’s mean what we say. Let’s trust in the Lord. Saint Isaac the Syrian once wrote, “The prayer of a humble man is like a word spoken from the mouth into an ear.” Let’s speak to God now as his humbled children, for in this time of trial, He will surely “hearken unto the voice of our cry” (Psalm 5:2) and in turn make our peace as a river and our righteousness as the waves of the sea (Isaiah 48:18).

SCRIPTURE READINGS

GREAT & HOLY MONDAY

Matthew: 21:18-43
Matthew: 24:3-35
Ezekiel: 1:1-20
Exodus: 1:1-20
Job: 1:1-12

GREAT & HOLY TUESDAY

Matthew: 22:15-23:39
Matthew: 24:36-26:2
Ezekiel: 1:21-2:1
Exodus: 2:5-10
Job: 1:13-22

GREAT & HOLY WEDNESDAY

Matthew: 26:6-16
John: 12:17-50
Ezekiel: 2:3-3:3
Exodus: 2:11-22
Job: 2:1-10

GREAT & HOLY THURSDAY

Matthew: 26:2-27:2
Luke: 22:1-45
John: 13:1-17
1 Corinthians: 11:23-32
Jeremiah: 11:18-12:5, 9-11, 14-15
Isaiah: 50:4-11
Exodus: 9:10-19
Job: 38:1-23; 42:1-5

GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY

12 PASSION GOSPELS

1-John: 13:31-18:1
2-John: 18:1-28
3-Matthew: 26:57-75
4-John: 18:28-19:16
5-Matthew: 27:3-32
6-Mark: 15:16-32
7-Matthew: 27:33-54
8-Luke: 23:32-49
9-John: 19:25-37
10-Mark: 15:43-47
11-John: 19:38-42
12-Matthew: 27:62-66

ROYAL HOURS- First Hour

Zechariah: 11:10-13
Galatians: 6:14-18
Matthew: 27:1-56



**HOLY THURSDAY
MYSTICAL SUPPER**



**HOLY THURSDAY
WASHING OF THE FEET
BY JESUS TO THE
APOSTLES**



**HOLY SATURDAY
JESUS DESCENDS INTO
HADES**

Third Hour:

Isaiah: 50:4-11
Romans: 5:6-11
Mark: 15:16-41

Sixth Hour:

Isaiah: 52:13-54:1
Amos: 8:9-12
Hebrews: 2:11-18
Luke: 23:32-49

Ninth Hour:

Jeremiah: 11:18-12:5, 9-11, 14-15
Hebrews: 10:19-31
John: 18:28-19:37

VESPERS

Exodus: 33:11-23
Job: 42:12-17
Isaiah: 52:13-54:1
1 Corinthians: 1:18-2:2
Matthew: 27:1-61
Luke: 23:39-43
John: 19:31-37

GREAT & HOLY SATURDAY

Ezekiel: 37:1-14
1 Corinthians: 5:6-8 &
Galatians: 3:13-14
Matthew: 27:62-66

VESPERS:

1-Genesis: 1:1-13
2-Isaiah: 60:1-16
3-Exodus: 12:1-11
4-Jonah: 1:1-4:11
5-Joshua: 5:10-15
6-Exodus: 13:20-15:19
7-Zephaniah: 3:8-15
8-3(1) Kings: 17:8-24
9-Isaiah: 61:10-62:5
10-Genesis: 22:1-18
11-Isaiah: 61:1-9
12-4(2) Kings: 4:8-37
13-Isaiah: 63:11-64:5
14-Jeremiah: 31:31-34
15-Daniel: 3:1-66
Romans: 6:3-11
Matthew: 28:1-20

Holy Synod, Metropolitan Council Issue Coronavirus Statements

Following from their [Monday, March 30, 2020, special meeting](#), His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon and the members of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America have today issued an [Archpastoral letter](#) concerning the Coronavirus, COVID-19 outbreak, and [Directives for the Clergy and the Parish, Mission, and Monastic Communities](#) of the Orthodox Church in America.

On Tuesday, March 31, 2020, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon convened by teleconference a special session of the Metropolitan Council of the Orthodox Church in America. Following from that meeting a [Joint Communique of the Holy Synod of Bishops and the Metropolitan Council](#) has been issued, and can be read below.

JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE HOLY SYNOD BISHOPS AND THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA

To the Clergy, Monastics, and the Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America:

Over the past several weeks His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon and members of the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in America, as well as individual members of the Holy Synod of the Church, have been in almost constant communication with each other regarding a myriad of critical and pressing issues presented to our Church and stemming from the current pandemic unleashed on our society by the presence among us of the Novel SARS-CoV-2. While many of these issues present novel and unprecedented theological and liturgical challenges, many of these issues have also implicated constitutional, legal, administrative and financial questions which are virtually unprecedented in the history of the Orthodox Church in America.

Throughout this process your Bishops have unceasingly sought the advice and counsel of professional experts, especially those in the fields of theological and liturgical matters as well as public health administrators and legal advisors regarding questions within the parameters of their particular expertise.

This process is, of course, of a continuing nature, with new issues and challenges arising on a daily – even hourly – basis.

To consider these matters even further, there was a special session of the Holy Synod of Bishops on Monday, March 30, 2020 to provide further and more defined guidance, particularly with respect to instructions regarding the liturgical commemoration of Holy Week and the celebration of the Pascha of our Lord on April 19, 2020. Likewise, the Metropolitan Council met on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 in order to discuss and coordinate further the response of the Church to this difficult crisis.

Certain aspects of the current crisis are, however, woefully apparent even at this point in time.

We are informed that litigation – none of which currently involves the Orthodox Church in America – has already erupted in a variety of civil jurisdictions which have at their core issues of compliance with those governmental directives which have already been issued by civil authorities at the national, state, and local levels. We can certainly anticipate that legal proceedings of this nature will only multiply in the coming weeks and months. Preliminary indications are that civil claims of this nature will not be covered by existing insurance contracts to which our Church and its affiliated entities are parties.

For many, many decades now, the insurance industry in the United States has been, and remains to this day, a stalwart friend and supporter of American churches, particularly with respect to both private and public assertions of church liability in a variety of contexts, including liability for statutory and common law claims, worker's compensation claims, unemployment compensation issues and many others. However, claims relating to liability arising from COVID-19 related events are new, unexpected, unanticipated and unanticipated within the insurance industry, and we can anticipate with some certainty that insurance carriers may contest insurance coverage for such claims in future Coronavirus-connected litigation. At this point in time we can only speculate as to the judicial resolution of such coverage issues in the future. All of this suggests that coverage is, at best, uncertain, and that it is in the best interest of the Church to proceed on the basis that there is no coverage in place under any of these circumstances. To further confuse and aggravate the situation ***Con't Pg 10***