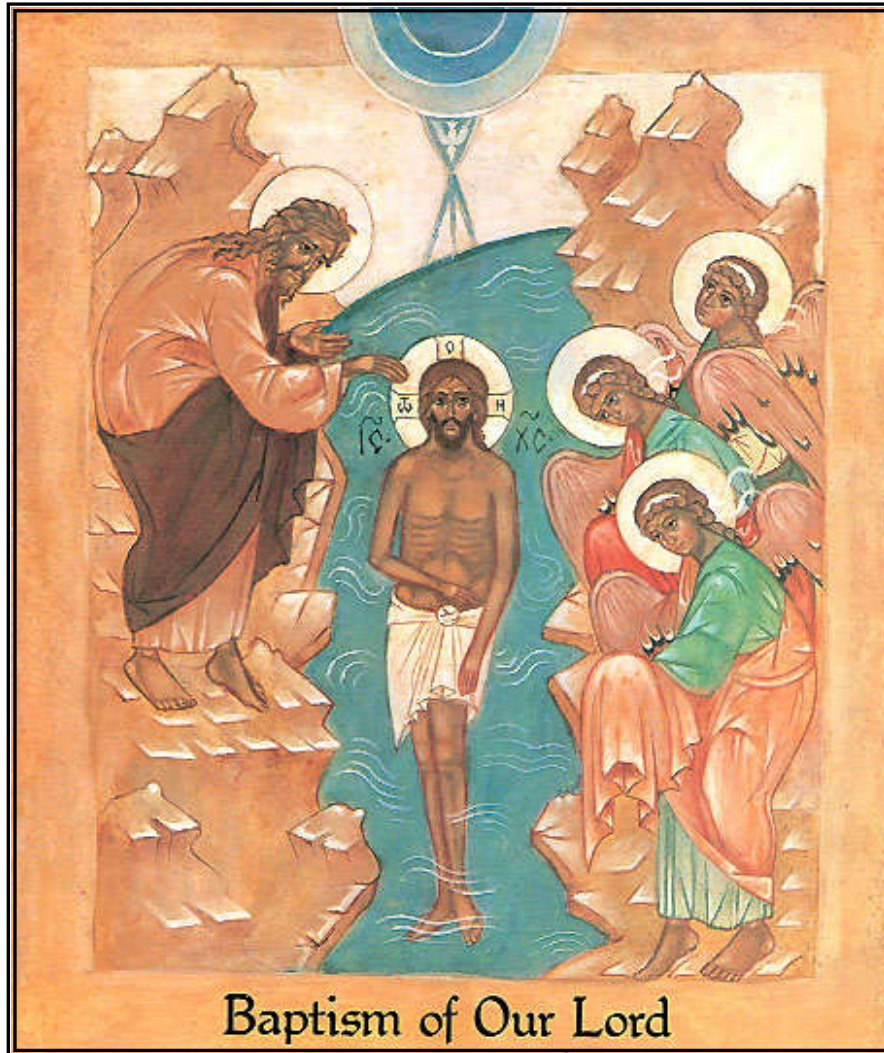


CHRIST IS BAPTIZED



IN THE JORDAN!



Sunday, January 12, 2020

Gospel: St. Matthew 4:12-17

Tone 5

Epistle: Ephesians 4:70-13

30th Sunday after Pentecost
Martyr Tatiana of Rome / St. Save, Abp. Of Serbia

January Bulletin Sponsor: *Father Andrew in memory of his father, George*

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, January 12

9:05 am Hours followed by Divine Liturgy / Social

Tuesday, January 14

6:30 pm: Orthodoxy 101 Class

Saturday, January 18

4:30 pm: Great Vespers

Sunday, January 20

9:05 am: Hours followed by Divine Liturgy / Potluck Social w/ANNUAL MEETING

READER SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY SERVICES

Sunday, January 12:	Ron
Sunday, January 19:	Tim
Wednesday, January 22:	Natalie
Sunday, January 26:	Ron
Thursday, January 30:	Natalie

ANNUAL MEETING 2ND Announcement

The Annual Meeting will take place on **Sunday, January 19** following the Divine Liturgy. There will be a pot luck social.

Members in good standing spiritually and financially are able to attend, voice opinions and vote.

Members not in good standing are able to attend but not voice opinions or vote.

If you are unsure if you are a member in good standing, please speak to Fr. Andrew ASAP to try and resolve the situation.

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VIGILS -JANUARY 5

Sandy Martin (2) In loving memory of Aunt Peg; Special intentions

Twarek (9) Health and recovery of Rick Schlotterer; Health and recovery of Mary Dziak; Health and recovery of Claudia McDonald; Health and recovery of Christian Maple & Maria Rodrigues; Health of Margi & Joe, Tom Twarek; Health of Carter; Health of Matushka Melania, Chuck , Steve, Bohdi, Joe, Margi, Betty, Nancy, Heidi, Judy, Liz, Christine, MaryAnn and Bob, Joe, Sonya, Julia, Diane, Stella, Ron, Jake, Helen; Safe return of Harley; Special intentions

Reflections on Autocephaly: Introductory Letter of His Grace, Bishop Paul

January 7, 2020

To all Rectors, Priest-in-charge, Deacons, Monastics and Laity of the Diocese of the Midwest.

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Each month starting in January, we will be posting to our Diocesan website a series of reflections on the 50th Anniversary of the Autocephaly of the Orthodox Church in America. I mentioned this in my letter dated October 1,2019, (https://www.midwestdiocese.org/news_1910011).

As you read the thoughts of various people who are or have been in our diocese, please remember that they are not speaking as official spokespersons of the Church. They are sharing their own observations and thoughts on how the original vision of the autocephaly has played out over these first 50 years, and the impact the autocephaly itself has had on them and on their own personal experience in the Church.

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ATTENDANCE - DECEMBER

Wednesday January 1: 9 attended Liturgy

Sunday, January 5: 22 Total (18 members; 1 non-reg member; 2 children; 1 guest; 9 communicants; Vespers for Sat were canceled; 13 attended the Vigil Sunday night)

Monday, January 6: 10 attended liturgy

OTHER WEEKLY INCOME

Sunday, January 5: \$26 Candles; \$90 Vigils; \$50 Bulletin; \$50 Chandelier; \$10 Special Collection -Police Dept

**MONTHLY TITHING ONLY
JANUARY**

Goal Pledged per month: \$4,600

Sunday, January 5: \$496

40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

- January 12:** Shooting victims from Pearl Harbor & FL Naval stations
- January 19:** Mary (Marika) Lefas; Jersey City shooting victims; Police officer killed in NJ, Ben the 8 yr old boy accidentally killed in Sandusky
- January 26:** Solider killed in Afghanistan; Susan La Valle
- Feb. 2:** TX Church shooting victims / Ed Pehanich, Sr / Police officer killed in TN

PRAY FOR OUR CATECHUMENS

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

Possible Catechumens:

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

Reflections Con't

We have senior and newly ordained priests offering their reflections, as well as laypersons. We wanted different perspectives; and so, we invited reflections from people who were there in the beginning and before, and from those who came into the church between the 1990's and the 2000's.

With some of the essays that you read you may agree; with others you may not. The point of these monthly reflections is not to offer essays in which every writer hits a home run. The goal is to stimulate your own thinking as to what the Autocephaly of the Orthodox Church in America means to you. These essays can be used as the springboard for further discussion with your parish priest and in your parishes. To facilitate that purpose, they are uploaded to the Diocesan website as PDFs. As such, they can be downloaded, printed and distributed for use as discussion guides, or in any other useful way.

The first reflection from Fr. Thaddeus Wojcik will be forthcoming shortly.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming deanery celebrations throughout the year in the Midwest. Asking your forgiveness for my inadequacies, I remain.

The unworthy +Paul
May the blessing of the Lord be upon you.



**DANBURY FOOD PANTRY -
JANUARY**

Suggested donation of TUNA (and other non-perishable goods) will be collected through January 12. November donations will be delivered to the food pantry Thursday, January 16.

Thank You & God Bless.

PRAYER LIST Updated 12-30

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
Philip Lasbrook
Christopher Phillips
Benjamin Tucci
Peter Tutko
Deacon Paul Gansle
Deacon Gregory Krutchak
Deacon Paul Mitchell
Sub-deacon Wylie Meath

Matushkii:

Pani Patricia Duranko
Melania Adamcio
Virginia Lecko
Snezana Ruzic
Sonya Tutko

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*)
Heidi Golob
Ernest Gresh (*Basil's nephew*)
Shirley Gresh (*Wife of Ernest*)
Aldin Griffith (*Soski*)
Julia Guzy
Joseph Habegger (*Laura brother-in-law*)
Tom Hileman
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*)
Rick Schlotterer (*Twarek*)
Christy Schutt (*Joe's sister*)
Peter Truta (*Jean H's cousin*)
Diane Tryon
Greg Tryon
Christine Twarek
Tom Twarek
Carter Twarek
Katie and her newborn Bodhi
(*Cassell's daughter-in-law*)
Pani Stacey Mihaley & her
unborn baby
Nikki & her unborn baby

Other Requests:

Alexia
Dick Biro (*Natalie's friend*)
Anna Burch (*Wayne's friend*)
Mike Cinalli (*Schutt*)
Mary Dziak (*Twarek*)
Ben Franklin (*Laura friend*)
Theodore Geletka
(*St. Michael Broadview Heights'*
choir director)
Brad George (*Christi's friend*)
Donald Gresh (*Basil*)
Harley (*Missing Boy from Port*
Cliton)
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*)
Debbie Pribanic (*Golob*)
Beth Reinhard (*Diane 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*)
Christopher (*Bishop Paul*)
Devon (*Bishop Paul*)
Marissa (*Bishop Paul*)
Nathan (*Bishop Paul*)
Kristina and her unborn baby
(*Fr. Friend*)
Molloy & her unborn child

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 Holy Synod Proclaims 2020 as a Year of Anniversaries for the Orthodox Church in America

A message from Archpriest Alexander Rentel, Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America:

On Wednesday, November 13, 2019, the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America [concelebrated the Divine Liturgy for the feast of Saint John Chrysostom](#). At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy His Eminence Archbishop Michael of New York and New Jersey, Secretary of the Holy Synod, [read a 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.

In its proclamation, the Holy Synod announced a number of official events that would take place over the course this year to mark these anniversaries, as well as the publication of educational and liturgical materials. All members of the Orthodox Church in America should take note of these plans, and seek to participate in them as they are able. Additionally, following the direction of the Holy Synod, all Churches, Missions, Monasteries, Institutions, indeed, all the faithful of the Orthodox Church in America should seek ways to mark these anniversaries in ways that are appropriate and well-pleasing to God.

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 **Con't Pg 7**

January Celebrations

ANNIVERSARY	BIRTHDAY	
1-24-2015: Bishop Daniel of Santa Rosa 1-26-1969: Fr. James Gleason, Anniversary to the Holy Priesthood <p style="text-align: center;">NAMESDAY</p> 1-2: Retired Bishop Seraphim of Sendai	1- Jim Kovach 4- John Starcher 7- Susan Guzy 7- Lueleta Dardovski 8- Fr Silouan Rolando 8- Mat. Melania Adamcio 8- Barbara Mazurik 11- Toussaint Jones	13- Mary Elizabeth Blackford 14- Lauren Jerome 15- Brent Jones 23- Susan Beskid 25- Frank Batura 30- Stephanie Warnke 31- Julie Dardovski
<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>		

January Reposed

3- Mat. Marilyn Federoff (2019) 3- Larry Naiser (2019) 4- Margaret Reavley (1965) 4- George Bartek (1983) 5- Russell (2019) 5- Donald (2019) 5- Maria Semionow (1981) 6- Helen Pender (2016) 8- Bishop Mark of Boston (2018)	11- Anna Tomko (1960) 15- Archpriest Pavel Soucek (2009) Former Pastor 20- Joshua Zdinak (2016) 21- Daniel Kowal (2006) 21- Philip Kobb (2018) 22- Fr. John Stefanik (2000) 23- Helen Beadle (1988) 23- Fr. Michael Sopoliga (2009) 25- Jane (2019)	29- Anna Kravetz (1973) 29- Marjorie Kowal (2003) 30- Archpriest John Mason (2019) 31- Edward Bartek (1983) Sara Rose (2005) Andrew Matway (1906) William Gratson (1908) Eva Hritsko (1908)
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Ephesians 4:7-13 (Epistle, Sunday After)

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." (Now this, "He ascended" – what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Matthew 4:12-17 (Gospel, Sunday After)

Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

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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. 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.

January 19 is “Sanctity of Life Sunday”

January 19, 2020, will be observed as “Sanctity of Life Sunday” in parishes of the Orthodox Church in America. Special liturgical petitions and prayers are available on the [Prayers for Orthodox Christians page](#) and in [PDF format](#). A message from His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon for Sanctity of Life Sunday will be available early next week for download.

The day serves as a prelude to the annual March for Life marking the 48th Anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion in the United States, in the US Capital on Friday, January 24. As in past years, Orthodox Christians from across the country will gather to proclaim the sanctity of God’s precious gift of life and to remember the millions of victims abortion has claimed over the past four decades.

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon will lead a delegation of bishops, clergy, monastics, seminarians and faithful from the Orthodox Church in America as they join other Orthodox Christian bishops, clergy, and faithful participating in the annual March for Life.

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Among the other members of the Orthodox Church in America's Holy Synod of Bishops expected to participate are His Eminence Archbishop Melchisedek of Pittsburgh, His Eminence Archbishop Michael of New York, His Grace Bishop Paul of Chicago, and His Grace Bishop Daniel of Santa Rosa.

Events on Friday, January 24 will begin with the Divine Liturgy at 8:30 am at [Saint Nicholas Cathedral](#) celebrated by His Grace Bishop Daniel of Santa Rosa. Following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy marchers will make their way to the National Mall for the pre-March rally and March. The pre-March rally will begin at noon at [12th St. on the National Mall](#). Among those scheduled to address the rally will be His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia, of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, who will offer a prayer on behalf of the Assembly of Bishops.

At the conclusion of the rally, Metropolitan Tikhon will preside at a prayer service for those who have fallen victim to abortion. The exact location of the prayer service is yet to be determined but will be announced here, on the social media outlets of the Orthodox Church in America, and at the [Orthodox March for Life Facebook page](#). Those planning to participate are asked to text "MARCHFORLIFE" to 844-334-5548 to receive text messages for day-of updates.

The Lord's Prayer: "Forgive Us our Trespases" By Fr. Lawrence Farley

We come now in our series on the Lord's Prayer to the petition, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us". This rendering could perhaps use a little help. It might be more accurately and literally rendered, "Forgive us our debts as we have forgiven our debtors". It is a brief enough petition, but within it hide two bits of counsel for us as we strive to live the Orthodox life.

Firstly, this petition presupposes that we need forgiveness every day. If the Lord teaches us in this prayer to pray for our daily bread, then arguably we also need to ask for daily forgiveness. And as any

Christian knows, forgiveness is only offered to us on the basis of our repentance of the sin for which we ask forgiveness. It is nonsense to say to God, "I refuse to repent of this sin, but please forgive it anyway". That is not asking for forgiveness of sin (which is always forthcoming from the Lover of Mankind), but for *indulgence* of sin (which, mercifully, is never forthcoming). If we ask for forgiveness, we must first repent. This is assumed.

That means that repentance is not something we do just once (for example when we become a Christian if converting as an adult), but every single day. It is not an historical event to which we can look back, like our first day of school, but a life-style. And this life-style sets us radically apart from the surrounding world, which usually lives by the maxim "I'm okay and you're okay" (or, if people are honest, "I'm certainly okay, and you may be okay, especially if you vote for my favourite political party"). But anyway, in the secular world, constant repentance is excluded.

I remember listening to someone being interviewed on the CBC (the Canadian Broadcast Corporation) who said, "I really can't say I'm sorry for anything I've ever done, for it has all made me the person I am today". This struck me as commendably honest. Breathtakingly horrifying, but commendably honest. And it is probably the unthinking posture adopted by most of the young secular population today. Most people never think of radical repentance as a life-style.

As disciples of Jesus, we are committed to a living in a different way. We look into our hearts and, under the illumination of the Holy Spirit, begin to see ourselves as we really are, and to see in our hearts the mess that is really there. This insight might lead us to despair if it were not the work of the Holy Spirit. The Enemy tells us of our sins to condemn us; the Spirit shows us our sins to heal us. When the Spirit shows us our sins, we may be sad, but it is a bright sadness (in Schmemmann's memorable phrase) because it leads us to forgiveness and healing. In the words of St. Paul, it produces a sorrow leading to repentance, a sorrow without regret, unlike the sorrow of the world, which produces death (2 Corinthians 7:8f). This sorrow produces hope and joy.

Each day, therefore, we look into our own hearts and make an examination of conscience. When our conscience, enlightened by the Spirit, shows us our sins, we repent and offer our repentance to God, *Con't Pg 9*