

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

V. Rev. Archpriest Andrew Bartek, Rector

Parish Council President: Matthew Adamcio



Sunday, October 4, 2020

Gospel: St. Luke 6:31-36

Tone 8

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens

OCTOBER Bulletin Sponsor:

From Joe & Valerie Schutt for the Health of this parish and all the parishioners

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, October 4

9:15 am: Hours followed by Divine Liturgy /
Outdoor Social weather permitting

Monday, October 6

6:00 pm Diocesan Council Meeting

Thursday, October 8

5:00 pm Diocesan Assembly (Ron & Fr Andrew)

Friday, October 9

10:00 am Respect Life Meeting

Saturday, October 10

NO VESPERS

Sunday, October 11

9:15 am: Hours followed by Divine Liturgy /
Outdoor Social weather permitting

(NOTE): You must let Fr. Andrew know if you want to attend any service or the social. Right now we are allowed 22 people max. Also, please arrive 15 min prior to any service

TENTATIVE READERS

Sunday, October 4:	Terri
Sunday, October 11:	Joe
Sunday, October 18:	Joe
Sunday, October 25:	Tim

TENTATIVE SINGING

Sunday, October 4:	Natalie & Fred
Sunday, October 11:	Natalie & Susan
Sunday, October 18:	Natalie & Tim
Sunday, October 25:	Natalie & Laura
Saturday, October 31:	Susan & Basil

PRAYERS

Due to the stressful, unsettled and unforgiving times we currently live in, I believe the following prayers are very much needed in our lives.



Prayer of St. Ephrem

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. Amen. *(Full Prostration)*

O God, cleanse me, a sinner *(12 times)*.
And recite prayer one more time.



The Jesus Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God
have mercy on me, a sinner.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**MONTHLY TITHING ONLY
SEPTEMBER**

Goal Pledged per month: \$4,600

Sunday, September 6: \$1,503
Sunday, September 13: \$2,113
Sunday, September 20: \$1,173
Sunday, September 27: \$1,944
TOTAL FOR THE MONTH: \$6,733

OTHER INCOME FROM SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 6: \$12 Tomb Candles; \$45 Vigils; \$100 Special collection; \$225 Interest from Anderson Bond; \$100 No Festival; \$10 festival assessment envelopes

Sunday, September 13: \$57 Candles; \$115 Vigils; \$290 Special Collection; \$150 No Festival

Sunday, September 20: \$22 Candles; \$120 Vigils; \$50 Bookstore; \$25 Food Pantry; \$50 Bulletin; \$50 Special Collection; \$1,000 No Festival; \$4000 Restoration

Sunday, September 27: \$50 Altar Candles; \$50 Chandelier; \$50 Bulletin; \$25 Altar Candles; \$25 Eternal Light & Icon Screen; \$85 Food Pantry; \$10 Special Collection

ON-LINE GIVING UPDATE

(These numbers are not reflected in the "Other Income")

Week of September 20-26: \$0

Archbishop Paul's Travel Schedule:

St. Paul Church, Dayton, OH, October 2nd to 4th

Bishop's Council/Diocesan Council, via on line, Monday, October 5th

Diocesan Assembly, via on line, Thursday, October 8

Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL, October 10th to 11th

Holy Resurrection, Palatine, IL, October 17th to 18th, 50th Anniversary

St. Nicholas, Kenosha, WI, October 24th to 25th

OCTOBER CANDLE AND BULLETIN SPONSORS

Bulletin: (\$50) Joe & Valerie for the Health of Holy Assumption Parish
Chandelier: (\$50) Joe & Family for the health of James Bargdill & Gordon Schutt
Altar Candles: (\$50) Joe & Valerie for the Health of the Archpriest David & Archpriest Andrew
Candles on the Tomb: (\$25) From Fr. Andrew in memory of all his relatives reposed in Oct.
Eternal Light & Icon Screen: (\$25) From Jean in memory of her mother, Helen Pipenur

NOVEMBER CANDLE AND BULLETIN SPONSORS

Bulletin: (\$50) From Father Andrew in memory of his mother, Dorothy
Chandelier: (\$50) From Father Andrew in memory of my grandmother, Mary Billy and all my relatives reposed in the month of November.
Altar Candles: (\$50) Open
Candles on the Tomb: (\$25)
Eternal Light & Icon Screen: (25) Open

Note: If something is already taken and you want to sponsor it, please let Fr know. There can be more than one sponsoring family/individual.

PRAYER LIST Updated 10-1

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
Joseph Von Klarr
Vladimir Lecko
Myron Manzuk
Christopher Phillips
Peter Tutko
John Zabinko
Dc. Paul Gansle
Dc. Paul Mitchell
Sub-deacon Wylie Meath

Matushkii:

Pani Patricia Duranko
Virginia Lecko
Maura McCartney
Trudi Richter
Snezanna Ruzic
Sonya Tutko
Margaret Zabinko

Parishioners / & their Family:

John Beadle (Elcishko)
Mandy Braccini (Mazurik)
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
Charisse Hileman
Alice Jackson (Mazurik)
William Jappsen (Diane T.)
Kris Kollar (Fr.'s cousin)
Betty Kovach
Kristen (Cassell's daughter)
Terri Lariccia (Fr's cousin)
David LaValle (Fr.'s cousin)
Helen Lis
Stephanos Loizos
Greg Mazur
Judy Mazurik (Paul Mazurik's)
Child Stella Miller

Katelyn Pipenur (Niece of Jean)
Earl Rindfleisch
Helen Jean Rofkar (Elchisco)
Joe Rose
Sonya Rose
Ron Royhab
Maryann Royhab
Steven Schirtzinger (Soski)
Christy Schutt (Joe's sister)
Dacia Snider (Hileman)
Christi Soski
Peter Truta (Jean H's cousin)
Diane Tryon
Greg Tryon
Tom Twarek
Katie and her baby Bodhi
(Cassell's daughter-in-law)
Sarah and her newborn Benjamin
(Laura's daughter)
Brittany And her unborn baby
(Fr's cousin)

Other Requests:

Alexia
Baby Emma (Cassell)
Brendan (From Norwalk)
Delores Danchisen
Betty Dubbert (Kovach)
Marge Dziama
Mary Dziak (Twarek)
Matt Essex
Ben Franklin (Laura friend)
James Geisman (Twarek)
Theodore Geletka
(St. Michael Broadview
Heights' choir director)
Brad George (Christi's friend)
Donald Gresh (Basil)
Elliot Joy (Police chief's son)
Andrea Joy (Kovach)
Ann Marie Krynock (timko)
Jake Lipstraw (Twarek)
Mark Ludvik (Guzy)
Mark Masica (Kovach)
Maryann (Cassell)
Pauline Meath (Fr's friend)
Cole Miller (Cassell)
Doug Millinger (Kovach)
Karen Muzyka (Fr's friend)
Charlie Nowak (Avery's)
Beth Reinhard (Diane friend)
Chris Reinheimer (Bruno's)
Sandy Scafaria (Hileman)
Arby Shenesky (Pastor Bob's sister)

Matthew Sterling (Tyron)
Andrea Szabo (Sonya friend)
Janice Timko
Philip (Andy) Timko
George Timko
Steve Turinsky (Twarek)
Chuck Wiedenhoft (Twarek)
Loren Welch
Rachel (Darlene M.)

Military:

Alex, Nathan Brown, Craig Cassell,
Jake Ellithorpe, Jordan Fulton,
Alena Grabavoy, Joe Stokley

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 through-
out the world

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For Your Prayers

Julia Guzy (97)
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.

OCTOBER SPECIAL COLLECTION

*Respect Life of
Port Clinton*

LITURGICAL ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 5: 5 Attended Vespers
Sunday, September 6: 22 attended Liturgy /
19 Communicants (21 parishioners & 1 guest)
Monday, September 7: 11 attended Vespers for
Feast
Tuesday, September 8: 6 attended Liturgy /
5 communicants
Saturday, September 12: 8 attended Vespers
Sunday, September 13: 13 attended Liturgy /
10 Communicants (12 members & 1 guest)
Sunday, September 13: 10 attended Vespers for
Feast Day
Monday, September 14: 7 attended Liturgy /
6 Communicants
Saturday, September 19: 6 attended Vespers
Sunday, September 20: 14 attended Liturgy
(11 Members / 3 guests) / 8 Communicants
Saturday, September 26: 3 attend Vespers
Sunday, September 27: 19 attended Liturgy /
(12 members / 7 guests) / 13 Communicants

40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

October 4: Matushka Mary Maksimoff /
Matushka Janet Mihalick / Sergeant Ricardo
from P.R. / Army paratrooper who died in
training accident
October 11: Police officer Tamarris St. Louis /
Police officer Brian from AZ / Police officer
Corporal Bryant from Detroit / Police officer
from Cleveland / Det. From Cleveland / Cap-
tain Stanley from GA / Trooper Thomas from
MA / Police officer Sean from NJ
October 18: Police officer Luis from NE / Cody
from the Army division of the military / 3 Na-
tional guardsmen from TN / Deputy Sheriff
from NC / Lisa Monak
Oct. 25: Bob Whitham
Nov. 1: Pastor Kevin Brown / Theodore
Nov. 8: Tommy Leonchik

The Protection of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary Commemorated on [October 1](#)

The Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos: “Today the Virgin stands in the midst of the Church, and with choirs of Saints she invisibly prays to God for us. Angels and Bishops venerate Her, Apostles and prophets rejoice together, Since for our sake she prays to the Eternal God!”

This miraculous appearance of the Mother of God occurred in the mid-tenth century in Constantinople, in the Blachernae church where her robe, veil, and part of her belt were preserved after being transferred from Palestine in the fifth century.

On Sunday, October 1, during the All Night Vigil, when the church was overflowing with those at prayer, the Fool-for-Christ Saint Andrew (October 2), at the fourth hour, lifted up his eyes towards the heavens and beheld our most Holy Lady Theotokos coming through the air, resplendent with heavenly light and surrounded by an assembly of the Saints. Saint John the Baptist and the holy Apostle John the Theologian accompanied the Queen of Heaven. On bended knees the Most Holy Virgin tearfully prayed for Christians for a long time. Then, coming near the Bishop’s Throne, she continued her prayer.

After completing her prayer she took her veil and spread it over the people praying in church, protecting them from enemies both visible and invisible. The Most Holy Lady Theotokos was resplendent with heavenly glory, and the protecting veil in her hands gleamed “more than the rays of the sun.” Saint Andrew gazed trembling at the miraculous vision and he asked his disciple, the blessed Epiphanius standing beside him, “Do you see, brother, the Holy Theotokos, praying for all the world?” Epiphanius answered, “I do see, holy Father, and I am in awe.”

The Ever-Blessed Mother of God implored the Lord Jesus Christ to accept the prayers of all the people calling on His Most Holy Name, and to respond speedily to her intercession, “O

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OCTOBER Celebrations

Anniversary	Birthday	
10-1-2009: Archbishop Irenee of Canada	1-Trudy Ellmore	12- Fred Soski
2- Fr. Matthew & Pani Eleni Stagon	2- Marguerite Bird	13- Mary Hiser
3- Fr. Matt Stagon Priestly ordination	3- Ethan Chendorain; Alicia Calzone	14- Fr. Andrew Groom
7- Fr. Eli & Mat. Larissa Bremer	4- Fr. Michael Macura	16- Fr George Lardas
9- Sub-deacon Wylie & Pauline Meath	5- Lydia Guerrero	17- Tim Glovinsky
19- Archpriest Chancellor Fr. John & Mat. Cynthia Zidinak	6- Brian Lariccia; Ron Royhab	20- Matushka Jodi Moriak; Helen Lis; Hayden Issler
23- Fr. Matthew & Mat. Jodi Moriak	10- Walter Litzie; Craig Cassell	25- Sam Dardovsky; Elliot Joy
10-25-1977: Retired Metropolitan Theodosius (Elected as Primate)	11- Karen Muzyka	31- Fr. Peter Zarynow

NAMESDAY

10-9: The Most Blessed Tikhon

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.

PRAY FOR OUR CATECHUMENS

Rachael Adamcio Luke Welch
Lydia Welch Tristen Welch

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

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.

OCTOBER Reposed

2- His Grace Bishop Antoun (2017)	15- John Kovach (1983)
3- Anna Tomko (1990)	16- Mary Kobb (2017)
4- William Peter Guzy (1974)	18- Nadexda Kaitsa (1992)
5- John Elchisco Sr. (1982); Mark Conroy (2018)	19- Archpriest Sergei Garklavs (2015); Gori Pietropolo (Trudy's dad) (2017)
6- Andrew Tomko (1970); Helen Elchisco (1956)	21- Alex Mazur (1920); Terry (Bobbie's cousin) (2017)
7- Michael Gresko (1963)	25- Serge Mihaly Jr (2019)
8- Archpriest Michael Kostyk (1964) Former Pastor	28- George Elchisco (1996); Anthony Glovinsky (1946)
11- Helen Pipenur (2009)	30- Joseph Malchisky (1993)
12- Pauline Mary Gresh (1981)	31- Margaret Basala (2002); George Rusincovitch (1994)
13- James E Jump (2011); Tom Grgich (2018); Mary Basala (2006); Michael Mazurik (2018)	Joseph L. Mazurik (1944)
14- George Kaitsa (1991)	Anna Mazur (1945)
15- Michael Mazurik (1972)	Anna Danchisen (1945)
	William Martin (1982)

Benedict Sheehan Liturgy to be Released October 23

SOUTH CANAAN, PA [STM Communications]

The Saint Tikhon Choir is pleased to announce the October 23 release of Benedict Sheehan's *Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom*, the world première recording of a major new choral work of elegance and beauty. The *Liturgy* is conducted by the composer. Sheehan's *Liturgy* will be released on the Cappella Records label and was produced by multi-GRAMMY® Award winner Blanton Alspaugh and the engineering team at Soundmirror. Soundmirror's outstanding orchestral, solo, opera, and chamber recordings have received more than 100 GRAMMY® nominations and awards, with releases on every major classical label. The recording is [now available for pre-order](#).

The Choir recently recorded a collaboration on Naxos with three other choirs and the Orchestra of St. Luke's conducted by Leonard Slatkin, which debuted at #1 on Billboard. They also previously recorded the sacred works of Benedict Sheehan for [Saint Tikhon's Monastery Press](#).

In his listening notes, Cappella Records executive director Mark Powell writes, "Sheehan's music seems to transfigure the words of the Liturgy into doors to eternity for those willing to open them, setting the listener—regardless of background—on a musical and spiritual pilgrimage of discovery." Sheehan's Liturgy is the first-ever complete setting of the Divine Liturgy by a composer associated with the Orthodox Church in America (OCA), and has been called "a new milestone for Orthodoxy in America" by [His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon](#).

The 2-disc deluxe set features both CD and PureAudio Blu-ray media with high-resolution 2.0 Stereo and 5.0 Surround versions (DSM192K/24bit), recorded in DSD and downloadable to audio servers and devices. The Blu-ray also contains three video performances: two concert selections from the [world première performance](#), and the [complete liturgical première sung at St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral](#) in Washington, DC. The accompanying booklet provides an extensive essay by the composer, the full text of the Divine Liturgy, and beautiful photography. Distributed by Naxos USA.

BENEDICT SHEEHAN

Composer and conductor Benedict Sheehan is described as "an up-and-coming conductor" (*The Oregonian*), "a rising star in the choral world" (*Catholic Sentinel*), and as having "set the bar for Orthodox liturgical music in the English-speaking world" (*Orthodox Arts Journal*). He is Director of Music at St. Tikhon's [Seminary](#) and [Monastery](#) in Pennsylvania, Artistic Director of professional vocal ensemble [The Saint Tikhon Choir](#), and CEO and co-founder of the [Artefact Institute](#), a collective of "culture creators." Sheehan has become one of the most sought-after clinicians for Orthodox sacred music in America. He has also appeared regularly as a guest conductor with Cappella Romana, leading works from the Slavic tradition, and is in high demand as a composer. His works have been performed by the GRAMMY®-nominated Skylark Vocal Ensemble, the GRAMMY®-nominated PaTRAM Institute Singers, Cappella Romana, the William Jewell Choral Scholars, Te Deum, the Pacific Youth Choir, and many others. His "story score" to two classic fairy tales, *Once Upon a Time*, was released in 2020 by Skylark, and has been called "evocative" (*Gramophone*), "quite extraordinary" (*Limelight*), "brilliant" (*MetroWest Daily News*), and "otherworldly" (*Boston Musical Intelligencer*). His new carol, Gabriel's Message, was released in 2020 by The Oxford Choir, conducted by Bob Chilcott. Sheehan's music is published by Oxford University Press, Artefact Publications, and Musica Russica.

THE SAINT TIKHON CHOIR

The Saint Tikhon Choir was founded in 2015 by its artistic director Benedict Sheehan and Abbot Sergius of St. Tikhon's Monastery. It is the first professional vocal ensemble connected with an Orthodox monastery in America, founded with a mission to foster and build up the American Orthodox choral tradition at the highest artistic level. Its début recording, *Till Morn Eternal Breaks: Sacred Choral Music of Benedict Sheehan* (2015), was heralded as "delicate and subtle ... at other times powerful and opulent ... [a] cause for joy and hope" (*Orthodox Arts Journal*). In 2018, The Saint Tikhon Choir [took part in the world première of Alexander Kastalsky's monumental Requiem for Fallen Brothers](#), written in 1917 to commemorate the dead of **Con't Pg 8**

VIGILS - 9-20

Laura Kovach (4) God's healing to everyone battling or suffering during the COVID-19 pandemic; God's blessings of peace and healing for our country; For healing or health of Sarah and her unborn baby, Betty, Betty, Julia, Andrea, Mark, Jim, Dana, Bodhi, Steve, Justin, and Cole; Memory eternal to Fr. Andrew's cousin.

Sandy Martin (2) Health and recovery of Cole; Special intentions

Jim Mazur(2) In memory family and friends; For health of family and friends

Janice Timko (1) In blessed and loving memory of my precious parents, Sophia and Peter Monak. "Vechnaya Pamyat!"

Diane Tryon (3) In loving memory of my mom and dad on their 70th wedding anniversary (9/23); Anniversary blessing to Mike (9/24); God's blessings to Greg & Kat

Twarek (6) In loving memory of Dad, anniversary 9/16; Health and recovery of Cole Heffernan and Steve Turinsky; Health of Sarah, Jewel and Natalie and their unborn babies; Health and recovery of Laura; Health and recovery of Ron, Mary, JC, Loren, Sonya, David; For the health of Julia, Tom, Sarah, Jason, Nancy, Margi & Joe, Betty, MaryAnn & Bob, Judy, Chuck, Bohdi, Liz, Joe, Diane, Stella, Jake, Helen; Special intentions

2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 (Epistle)

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty." Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

VIGILS 9-27

Laura Kovach (4) In thanksgiving for the healthy birth of Benjamin and health of Sarah; Birthday blessings to Jack and Chloe; For healing or health of Betty, Betty, Julia, Andrea, Mark, Jim, Dana, Bodhi, Steve, Justin, and Cole; Memory eternal to Walt Windisch

Sandy Martin (1) Special intentions

Jim Mazur(2) In memory family and friends; For health of family and friends

Twarek (7) Health and recovery of Cole Heffernan and Steve Turinsky; Gods blessings to Sarah and Ben and newborn Fin; Health of Jewel and Natalie and their unborn babies; Health and recovery of Laura; Health and recovery of Ron, Mary, JC, Loren, Sonya, David; For the health of Julia, Tom, Sarah, Jason, Nancy, Margi & Joe, Betty, MaryAnn & Bob, Judy, Chuck, Bohdi, Liz, Joe, Diane, Stella, Jake, Helen; Special intentions; Special intentions

Luke 6:31-36 (Gospel)

And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. herefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

OTHER NEWS

Diocesan and Bishop's Councils, November 30th to December 2nd, Burbank, IL (Father will be attending)

Benedict Sheehan Liturgy Con't

World War I across national borders. This concert took place at Washington's National Cathedral, performing in collaboration with the Clarion Choir, the Kansas City Chorale, the Cathedral Choral Society, and the Orchestra of St. Luke's under the baton of Leonard Slatkin. The project was heralded as one of the "Top Ten Performances of 2018" (*Washington Classical Review*) and "an unforgettable performance" (*Washington Post*). The world première recording of this historic project was released in August of 2020 on the Naxos label, debuting at #1 on Billboard, and hailed in early reviews as "tremendously dignified" (*MusicWeb International*) and "powerful" (*Kansas City Star*). Benedict Sheehan's *Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom* is The Saint Tikhon Choir's third recording.

Call for Photos Depicting Orthodox Life in America

A new project compiling photographic images presenting Christian life as practiced in the Orthodox Church in America is now underway. The effort will be led by Archdeacon Joseph Matusiak, former Secretary to [His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon](#) and currently residing in Poland with his family. This important project will culminate in a publicly available album and a proposed exhibition of photos. Widespread participation in this project presenting the diversity and beauty of Orthodoxy in the Orthodox Church in America is sought and encouraged from all interested faithful.

High quality images are requested in the following categories:

- Churches (architecture, frescos, crosses, tombs, landscape, etc.)
- People (ordained and lay, portrait, etc.)
- Reportage (Church events, pilgrimages, feasts, etc.)

To participate, submit your photos by Monday, October 26 to Archdeacon Joseph at matusiakj@gmail.com with a title for each photo including author name and parish. Submissions are limited to a maximum of six (6)

photos in each category. Images should be no smaller than 2,000 pixels in either width or height and each file size should be no greater than 20MB. Please send only original images. Questions may be directed to Archdeacon Joseph at the above address.

Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens Commemorated on [October 4](#)

The Hieromartyr Hierotheus, the first Bishop of Athens, was a member of the Athenian Areopagos and was converted to Christ by the Apostle Paul together with Saint Dionysius the Areopagite (October 3).

The saint was consecrated by the Apostle Paul to the rank of bishop. According to Tradition, Bishop Hierotheus was present with Saint Dionysius at the funeral of the Most Holy Theotokos.

Saint Hierotheus died a martyr's death in the first century.

Martyr Domnina with her daughters of Syria Commemorated on [October 4](#)

Saint Domnina was a woman with two daughters named Verine (Saint John Chrysostom calls her Vernike, or Berenice) and Prosdoce. Leaving their home and family, they settled in Edessa on the plain of Mesopotamia.

Berenice's father and her husband, who were pagans, took the women to Hieropolis in Syria. When the soldiers stopped to rest and eat, they became drunk with wine. Taking advantage of this opportunity, the women fled and were drowned in the river.

According to Saint John Chrysostom (PG 50, 629-640), Domnina stood in the middle of the river and pulled her daughters under the water with her, for she was afraid that the soldiers were going to rape them. Saint John praises Domnina for her courage, and Berenice and Prosdoce for their obedience.