



Saturday, January 17, 2021

Gospel: St. Luke 18:18-27

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Epistle: Colossians 1:12-18

32nd Sunday after Pentecost
Venerable and Godbearing Father Anthony the Great

JANUARY Bulletin Sponsor:

By Father Andrew, In memory of my father, George

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, January 17

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

Monday, January 18

4:00 pm: Respect Life Meeting

Wednesday, January 20

Noon: Akathist

Saturday, January 23

3:00 pm: Great Vespers

Sunday, January 24

9:05 am: Hours followed by Divine Liturgy /
followed by Annual Meeting

(NOTE): You must let Fr. Andrew know if you
want to attend any service. Please arrive 15
minutes prior to any service.



ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Holy Assumption Church will be held Sunday, January, 24 immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

This year due to Covid-19 we will be holding the meeting in the church. You must make a reservation to attend.

We have 24 members in good standing. A quorum is 13.

This year we will be holding a vote on amending the By-law on council members.

Only members in good standing can voice their opinion and vote. Please plan to attend this very special meeting.

JANUARY CANDLE & BULLETIN SPONSORS

Bulletin: (\$50) From Fr. Andrew - In memory of his dad, George

Chandelier: (\$50) From Valerie S.- In memory of her mom, Violet Bargdill

Altar Candles: (\$50) Peter & Judy - In memory of Peter's father & uncles, Peter James, Robert & Michael

Candles on the Tomb: (\$25) Fr. Andrew - In memory of his God-mother, Helen

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

LITURGICAL ATTENDANCE FOR JANUARY 2021

Thursday, Dec. 31: 9 attended the Vespers for the Feast Day & the Molebian of Thanksgiving

Friday, Jan. 1: 6 attended Liturgy

Saturday, Jan 2: 8 attended Vespers

Sunday, Jan. 3: 15 attended Liturgy (2 were guests); 12 received Communion

Monday, Jan. 4: 7 attended Liturgy for Fr. Andrew's father, George

Tuesday, Jan. 5 am : 7 attended Royal Hours & Vespers

Tuesday, Jan. 5 pm: 13 attended Vigil & Great Blessing of Water

Wednesday, Jan. 6: 8 attended Liturgy & 8 received Communion

Saturday, Jan 9: 6 attended Vespers

Sunday, Jan. 10: 17 attended Liturgy (1 was a guest) / 15 Received Communion



JANUARY 2021: MONTHLY TITHE ONLY

Goal Pledged per month: \$4,825

Sunday, Jan. 3: \$1,055

Sunday, Jan 10: \$1,280

JANUARY, 202: OTHER INCOME

Goal for the month in this category: \$2,670

Sunday, Jan. 3: \$10 candles; \$80 Vigils; \$100 Donations; \$25 Candles on the Tomb; \$260 Holy Day Collections; \$50 Bulletin

Week Total: \$525

Sunday, Jan. 10: \$35 Candles; \$85 Vigils; \$320 Holy Day donations; \$41 Bookstore; \$50 Bulletin; \$50 Altar Candles

Week Total: \$581

RESTRICTED FUND MONEY RECEIVED

Sunday, Jan. 10: \$100 Building Fund; \$20 Food Pantry; \$115 OCMC Special Collection

FEBRUARY CANDLE & BULLETIN SPONSORS

Bulletin: (\$50) From Father Andrew - In memory of his Grandmother Justina

Chandelier: (\$50) Open

Altar Candles: (\$50) From Father Andrew - In memory of First Carpatho-Russian Bishop, Metropolitan Orestes

Candles on the Tomb: (\$25) From Father Andrew - In Memory of his relatives deceased in month of Feb.

TENTATIVE READERS

Sunday, Jan 17	Natalie
Sunday, Jan 24	Terri
Sunday, Jan 31	Tim

40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

Jan 3: Luba Johnson / His Eminence, Archbishop David from Alaska

Jan. 17: Adam Borrer / Marylin Luska

Jan. 24: Gene Warren

Feb. 7: Methodist Pastor from TX / Archpriest Rodion

CATASTROPHIC RELIEF FUND

Purpose of fund: To provide some small financial assistance to a parishioner, family member or community member who has suffered a catastrophic event.

Funds will be offered at the discretion & blessing of the Rector and the discretion of the Board.

This money can also be used for outreach programs in the parish

VIGILS - JANUARY 3, 2021

Basil Glovinsky (2) In loving memory of Father Andrew's father, George, Safe travel for Laura & Jim

Susan Guzy (1) Health and best wishes in the new year to all church members, family and friends

Jean Hileman (1) For Tommy

Laura Kovach (4) Thanksgiving to God and blessings to Sarah Kurtz; Safe travel for Ben and other friends; For health of Betty, Fr. Emil, Karla, George, Joe, Julia, Andrea, Wendy, Mark, Dana, Bodhi, Cheryl, Jim, Wayne, David, JC, and Tony; Birthday blessings to Luke.

Sandy Martin (1) Special intentions

Twarek (8) For God's grace and blessings on our country; Health and recovery of Bob Snyder; Health and recovery of JC Geisman; Health and recovery of Father Emil, Betty Kovach and Tony Monastra; God's blessing to Cole; Health of Jewel, Natalie and Morgan and their unborn babies; God's blessings and good health to Ezra Bottoms; Health and recovery of Jim, Cheryl and Laura; Health of Matt, Wayne, Tom, Ron, Mary, Loren, Joe, Sonya, David, Julia, Tom, Jason, Margi & Joe, Betty, MaryAnn & Bob, Judy, Chuck, Bohdi, Liz, Diane, Stella, Jake, Helen.

PRAYER LIST Updated 1-13

HIERARCHS: His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman

CLERGY: John Duranko (Father's home pastor); James Gleason (Father's Spiritual Father); Moses Barry; James Doyle; Joseph Gibson; Gregory Grivna; David Hanes; Emilian Hutnyan; Joseph Von Klarr; Vladimir Lecko; Myron Manzuk; Christopher Phillips; Peter Tutko; John Zabinko / Deacon Paul Gansle

MATUSHKII: Pani Patricia Duranko; Virginia Lecko; Maura McCarntey; Snezana Ruzic; Sonya Tutko; Margaret Zabinko

PARISHIONERS & THEIR FAMILIES: Jonah Adamcio; John Beadle (Elchisco); Trisha (Cassell Daughter); Maryann Cook (cousin to Twarek); John Richard Elchisco; Michael Glovinsky; Shirley Gresh (Glovinsky); Ben Grosik (Hritsko cousin); Judy Hritsko; Julia Guzy; Joseph Habegger (brother-in-law Kovach); Ellie Hritsko (Aunt); Charisee (Hileman); Kris Kollar (Fr.'s cousin); Betty Kovach (Jim's mother); Terri Lariccia (Fr's cousin); David LaValle (Fr's cousin); Helen Lis (fr David's mom); Child Stephanos (Loizos); Jim Mazur; Child Stella Miller (Elchisco); Katelyn Pipenur (Hileman niece); Earl Rindfleisch (Tina's dad); Helen Jean Rofkar (Elchisco); Joe Rose; Ron Royhab; Maryann Royhab; Patricia Schritzing (Christi's mom); Steven Schirtzinger (Christi's brother);,Christy Schutt (Joe's sister); Dacia Snider (Hileman); Christi Soski; Doris Toth (Hritsko cousin); Peter Truta (Jean's cousin); Diane Tryon; Greg Tyron; Tom Twarek; the child Bodhi (Grandson Cassell)

OTHER REQUESTS: Mark Britton (Hritsko); Joel Butcher (Son); Ernest Cornwell (Hritsko); James Crane (Hritsko); Baby Finn (Cassell); Child Ezra Bottoms; Bredan (Child from Norwalk); Marge Dziama Fr's Dziama's daughter; (former pastor); Mary Dziak (Twarek); Ruthe Flewelling, (Former parishioner); Ben Franklin (Kovach); James Geisman (Twarek); Theodore Geletka (Choir director St. Michael's Broadview Heights); Donald Gresh (Glovinsky); Elliot Joy (Former Police chief's son); Andrea Joy (Kovach); Ann Marie Krynock (Timko); Meinda Kuzara (Archbishop's list); Jake Lipstraw (Twarek); Mark Ludvik (Guzy); Mark Masica (Kovach); Pauline Meath (Fr's friend); Karen Muzyka (Fr's friend); Charlie Nowak (Twarek); Rod (Cassell); Sandy Scafaria (Hileman);,Arby Shenesky (Pastor B. Daughter); Bob Snyder (Twarek); Gary Steyer (Twarek); Janice Timko; Philip Andy Timko; George Timko; Cheryl Wieber (Twarek); Chuck Wiedenhof (Twarek); Loren Welch (Fr's friend)

MILITARY: Alex, Nathan Brown, Craig Cassell, Jake Ellithorpe, Jordan Fulton

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



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.*

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.

Venerable and God-bearing Father Anthony the Great

Commemorated on [January 17](#)

Saint Anthony the Great is known as the Father of monasticism, and the long ascetical sermon in *The Life of Saint Anthony* by Saint Athanasius (Sections 16-34), could be called the first monastic Rule.

He was born in Egypt in the village of Coma, near the desert of the Thebaid, in the year 251. His parents were pious Christians of illustrious lineage. Anthony was a serious child and was respectful and obedient to his parents. He loved to attend church services, and he listened to the Holy Scripture so attentively, that he remembered what he heard all his life.

When Saint Anthony was about twenty years old, he lost his parents, but he was responsible for the care of his younger sister. Going to church about six months later, the youth reflected on how the faithful, in the Acts of the Apostles (4:35), sold their possessions and gave the proceeds to the Apostles for the needy.

Then he entered the church and heard the Gospel passage where Christ speaks to the rich young man: "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come follow Me" (Mt.19:21). Anthony felt that these words applied to him. Therefore, he sold the property that he received after the death of his parents, then distributed the money to the poor, and left his sister in the care of pious virgins in a convent.

Leaving his parental home, Saint Anthony began his ascetical life in a hut not far from his village. By working with his hands, he was able to earn his livelihood and also alms for the poor. Sometimes, the holy youth also visited other ascetics living in the area, and from each he sought direction and benefit. He turned to one particular ascetic for guidance in the spiritual life.

In this period of his life Saint Anthony endured terrible temptations from the devil. The Enemy of the race of man troubled the young ascetic with thoughts of his former life, doubts about his chosen path, concern for his sister, and he tempted Anthony with

lewd thoughts and carnal feelings. But the saint extinguished that fire by meditating on Christ and by thinking of eternal punishment, thereby overcoming the devil.

Realizing that the devil would undoubtedly attack him in another manner, Saint Anthony prayed and intensified his efforts. Anthony prayed that the Lord would show him the path of salvation. And he was granted a vision. The ascetic beheld a man, who by turns alternately finished a prayer, and then began to work. This was an angel, which the Lord had sent to instruct His chosen one.

Saint Anthony tried to accustom himself to a stricter way of life. He partook of food only after sunset, he spent all night praying until dawn. Soon he slept only every third day. But the devil would not cease his tricks, and trying to scare the monk, he appeared under the guise of monstrous phantoms. The saint however protected himself with the Life-Creating Cross. Finally the Enemy appeared to him in the guise of a frightful looking black child, and hypocritically declaring himself beaten, he thought he could tempt the saint into vanity and pride. The saint, however, vanquished the Enemy with prayer.

For even greater solitude, Saint Anthony moved farther away from the village, into a graveyard. He asked a friend to bring him a little bread on designated days, then shut himself in a tomb. Then the devils pounced upon the saint intending to kill him, and inflicted terrible wounds upon him. By the providence of the Lord, Anthony's friend arrived the next day to bring him his food. Seeing him lying on the ground as if dead, he took him back to the village. They thought the saint was dead and prepared for his burial. At midnight, Saint Anthony regained consciousness and told his friend to carry him back to the tombs.

Saint Anthony's staunchness was greater than the wiles of the Enemy. Taking the form of ferocious beasts, the devils tried to force the saint to leave that place, but he defeated them by trusting in the Lord. Looking up, the saint saw the roof opening, as it were, and a ray of light coming down toward him. The demons disappeared and he cried out, "Where have You been, O Merciful Jesus? Why didn't You appear from the very beginning to end my pain?" *Con't*

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JANUARY Celebrations

Anniversary	Birthday	
11- Missy & Andy Schlotterer 1-24-2015: Bishop Daniel of Santa Rosa 26- 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 3- Samuel Koren 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 30- Bob Whitham Jr. 31- Julie Dardovski

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.

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon offers statement on recent events

On Thursday, January 7, 2021, His Beatitude [Metropolitan Tikhon](#) offered the following statement:

“In the aftermath of yesterday’s troubling events in Washington, DC, may we all keep this country and one another in prayer. Let us ask the Lord to grant peace, unity, and hope to all the people of the United States of America. As the Apostle Paul exhorts, ‘Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor’ (Rom 12:9–10).

O Lord Jesus Christ, who have descended into the waters of the Jordan, sanctifying the whole creation and offering us a new life, protect and keep this country. Grant it peace, tranquility, and reconciliation!”

JANUARY Reposed

3- Mat. Marilyn Federoff (2019) 3- Larry Naiser (2019) 4- Margaret Reavley (1965) 4- George Bartek (1983) 4- Baby Clyde Madison (2020) 5- Russell (2019) Heidi’s relative 5- Donald (2019) Wayne’s Relative 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)	21- Fr. Michael Shuster (2020) 22- Fr. John Stefanik (2000) 23- Helen Beadle (1988) 23- Fr. Michael Sopoliga (2009) 23- Deborah Pribanic (2020) 25- Jane (2019) Ron’s Aunt 29- Anna Kravetz (1973) 29- Marjorie Kowal (2003) 29- Ernest Gresh (2020) 29- Rick Schlotterer (2020) 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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Father Anthony Con't

The Lord replied, "I was here, Anthony, but wanted to see your struggle. Now, since you have not yielded, I shall always help you and make your name known throughout all the world." After this vision Saint Anthony was healed of his wounds and felt stronger than before. He was then thirty-five years of age.

Having gained spiritual experience in his struggle with the devil, Saint Anthony considered going into the Thebaid desert to serve the Lord. He asked the Elder (to whom he had turned for guidance at the beginning of his monastic journey) to go into the desert with him. The Elder, while blessing him in the then as yet unheard of exploit of being a hermit, decided not to accompany him because of his age.

Saint Anthony went into the desert alone. The devil tried to hinder him, by placing a large silver disc in his path, then gold, but the saint ignored it and passed by. He found an abandoned fort on the other side of the river and settled there, barricading the entrance with stones. His faithful friend brought him bread twice a year, and there was water inside the fort.

Saint Anthony spent twenty years in complete isolation and constant struggle with the demons, and he finally achieved perfect calm. The saint's friends removed the stones from the entrance, and they went to Saint Anthony and besought him to take them under his guidance. Soon Saint Anthony's cell was surrounded by several monasteries, and the saint acted as a father and guide to their inhabitants, giving spiritual instruction to all who came into the desert seeking salvation. He increased the zeal of those who were already monks, and inspired others with a love for the ascetical life. He told them to strive to please the Lord, and not to become faint-hearted in their labors. He also urged them not to fear demonic assaults, but to repel the Enemy by the power of the Life-Creating Cross of the Lord.

In the year 311 there was a fierce persecution against Christians, in the reign of the emperor Maximian. Wishing to suffer with the holy martyrs, Saint Anthony left the desert and went to Alexandria. He openly ministered to those in prison, he was present at the trial and interrogations of the confessors, and accompanying the martyrs to the place of execution. It

pleased the Lord to preserve him, however, for the benefit of Christians.

At the close of the persecution, the saint returned to the desert and continued his exploits. The Lord granted the saint the gift of wonderworking, casting out demons and healing the sick by the power of his prayer. The great crowds of people coming to him disrupted his solitude, and he went off still farther, into the inner desert where he settled atop a high elevation. But the brethren of the monasteries sought him out and asked him to visit their communities.

Another time Saint Anthony left the desert and arrived in Alexandria to defend the Orthodox Faith against the Manichaean and Arian heresies. Knowing that the name of Saint Anthony was venerated by all the Church, the Arians said that he adhered to their heretical teaching. But Saint Anthony publicly denounced Arianism in front of everyone and in the presence of the bishop. During his brief stay at Alexandria, he converted a great multitude of pagans to Christ.

People from all walks of life loved the saint and sought his advice. Pagan philosophers once came to Abba Anthony intending to mock him for his lack of education, but by his words he reduced them to silence. Emperor Constantine the Great (May 21) and his sons wrote to Saint Anthony and asked him for a reply. He praised the emperor for his belief in Christ, and advised him to remember the future judgment, and to know that Christ is the true King.

Saint Anthony spent eighty-five years in the solitary desert. Shortly before his death, he told the brethren that soon he would be taken from them. He instructed them to preserve the Orthodox Faith in its purity, to avoid any association with heretics, and not to be negligent in their monastic struggles. "Strive to be united first with the Lord, and then with the saints, so that after death they may receive you as familiar friends into the everlasting dwellings."

The saint instructed two of his disciples, who had attended him in the final fifteen years of his life, to bury him in the desert and not in Alexandria. He left one of his monastic mantles to Saint Athanasius of Alexandria (January 18), and the other to Saint Serapion of Thmuis (March 21). *Con't Next Page*

St Anthony Con't

Saint Anthony died peacefully in the year 356, at age 105, and he was buried in the desert by his disciples.

The Life of the famed ascetic Saint Anthony the Great was written by Saint Athanasius of Alexandria. This is the first biography of a saint who was not a martyr, and is considered to be one of the finest of Saint Athanasius' writings. Saint John Chrysostom recommends that this Life be read by every Christian.

“These things are insignificant compared with Anthony's virtues,” writes Saint Athanasius, “but judge from them what the man of God Anthony was like. From his youth until his old age, he kept his zeal for asceticism, he did not give in to the desire for costly foods because of his age, nor did he alter his clothing because of the infirmity of his body. He did not even wash his feet with water. He remained very healthy, and he could see well because his eyes were sound and undimmed. Not one of his teeth fell out, but near the gums they had become worn due to his advanced age. He remained strong in his hands and feet.... He was spoken of everywhere, and was admired by everyone, and was sought even by those who had not seen him, which is evidence of his virtue and of a soul dear to God.”

The following works of Saint Anthony have come down to us:

Twenty Sermons on the virtues, primarily monastic (probably spurious).

Seven Letters to various Egyptian monasteries concerning moral perfection, and the monastic life as a spiritual struggle.

A Rule for monastics (not regarded as an authentic work of Saint Anthony).

In the year 544 the relics of Saint Anthony the Great were transferred to Alexandria, and after the conquest of Egypt by the Saracens in the seventh century, they were transferred to Constantinople. The holy relics were transferred from Constantinople in the tenth-eleventh centuries to a diocese outside Vienna. In the fifteenth century they were brought to Arles (in France), to the church of Saint Julian.

Colossians 1:12-18 (Epistle)

giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.



Luke 18:18-27 (Gospel)

Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’” And he said, “All these things I have kept from my youth.” So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” And those who heard it said, “Who then can be saved?” But He said, “The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.”

Archbishop Performs Great Blessing of Water on Theophany

The great feast of Theophany was celebrated with immense joy on Wednesday, January 6, at the Diocesan Cathedral, Holy Trinity Cathedral. Archbishop Paul of Chicago and the Midwest presided over services for the feast. His Eminence was joined by Priest Alexander Koranda, Dean of [Holy Trinity Cathedral](#), Priest Philip Maikkula, Priest-in-charge of [St. Makarios Mission](#), Chicago, IL, and Protodeacon Thomas Keith of the cathedral.

His Eminence offered the sermon which focused on the feast of Theophany, particularly concentrating on the intimacy and community within the Holy Trinity and how that was revealed to the world by this feast. Archbishop Paul called on the faithful to examine this perfect community and love of the Holy Trinity and to draw closer to one another in this love. The entire sermon may be viewed below.

Following the Divine Liturgy, the Great Blessing of Water was held in the center of cathedral. At the conclusion of the blessing of the water, the entire temple, along with the faithful were blessed with the newly sanctified water. His Eminence expressed his gratitude for the strong attendance during the week and congratulated all those who were gathered for the feast.

Archbishop Paul's Travel Schedule: January 11 to February 8

Ss. Peter & Paul, Burr Ridge, IL

January 16th to 17th

- *Participation in Local Right to Life Activity*

St. Makarios Mission, Hyde Park, IL,

January 18th

- *Vesperal Liturgy for Patronal Feast Day*

Christ the Savior, Chicago, IL,

January 23rd to 24th

- *Ordination of Sub Deacon Andrew Bender to the Diaconate*

St. Nicholas, Joliet, IL, January 30th to 31st

First DOM Music Ministry Roundtable Discussion Scheduled – UPDATED

The newly formed St. Andrew of Crete Music Ministry of the Midwest Diocese is holding its first event inviting musicians from around the diocese to participate. A Zoom Roundtable is being held in a couple of weeks which will focus on various topics and solicit feedback from participants to help form the ministry.

Protinica Michelle Jannakos, the head of the newly formed diocesan ministry shared that members of this committee have been meeting monthly since August and have been able to start moving in a positive direction. “In September, a survey was sent to all parish priests and choir directors. The responses indicated several major areas of interest including: Music Selection (Both 4 part less than 4 parts); Improving Vocal Techniques; and Music Sight Reading Skills. Opportunities to network with other musicians, gather and produce online resources and provide mentorship to directors are other activities that were suggested.”

As part of this new initiative a Zoom Roundtable is planned for Saturday January 23, from 12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. CST. “Most of the discussions will take place in small break out rooms to allow for more interaction, questions and suggestions to move this ministry forward.”

A Zoom invitation will be sent out to all choir directors of the diocese. Those diocesan directors and /or church musicians that would like to be a part of this virtual gathering are asked to contact Protinica Michelle Jannakos at michellejannakos@gmail.com.

“We pray that our musical ministry will be fruitful in ‘Uniting the faithful of the Diocese of the Midwest to discover, live, and share the life in Christ!’”

The formation of the liturgical music committee is part of an ongoing effort by His Eminence Archbishop Paul in “Equipping the Saints for the Work of Ministry” (Ephesians 4:12).