

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

Parish Council President: Matthew Adamcio

V. Rev. Archpriest Andrew Bartek, Rector



Saturday, February 21, 2021

Tone 4

Gospel: St. Luke 18:10-14

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15

37th Sunday after Pentecost / Sunday of the Publican & the Pharisee
Beginning of Lenten Triodion

February Bulletin Sponsor:

By Father Andrew, In memory of my Grandmother Justina

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, February 21

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

Friday, February 26

6:30 pm: Akathist to St Raphael of Brooklyn

Saturday, February 27

3:00 pm: Great Vespers / Confessions

Sunday, February 28

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

(NEW NOTE): You must let Fr. Andrew know if
you want to attend any service.

FEBRUARY CANDLE & BULLETIN SPONSORS

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

Chandelier: (\$50) From Basil for his parents
Anthony & Martha / Fr. Andrew for Fr. James
for his b-day (his spiritual Father)

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

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

Eternal Light & Icon Screen: (\$25) From
Athanasia - In memory of Kurtis, Bobbie,
Margaret, Gori, Jeanette, DorothyAnn,
Edward, and unborn infants Michael, George,
& Alexander.

TENTATIVE READERS

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| Sunday, Feb. 21 | Terri |
| Sunday, Feb 28 | Tim |
| Sunday, Mar 7 | Terri |
| Sunday, Mar 14 | Tim |
| Wednesday, Mar 17 | Natalie |
| Friday, Mar 19 | Terri & Tim |
| Saturday, Mar 20 | Tim |
| Sunday Mar 21 | Terri |
| Wednesday, Mar 24 | Tim & Terri |
| Thursday, Mar 25 | Natalie |
| Saturday, Mar 27 | Tim |
| Sunday, Mar 28 | Terri |
| Wednesday, Mar 31 | Tim & Terri |

MARCH CANDLE & BULLETIN SPONSORS

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

Chandelier: (\$50) Diane Tryon in loving
memory of her father on his 100th Birthday

Altar Candles: (\$50) Fr. Andrew in memory
of his father George on the occasion of his
birthday

Candles on the Tomb: (\$25) Fr. Andrew in
memory of my deceased relatives & Pani
Jeanette

Eternal Light & Icon Screen: (25) Open

PRAY FOR OUR NEW CATECHUMEN

Austin

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



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JANUARY 2021: MONTHLY TITHE ONLY

Goal Pledged per month: \$4,825

Sunday, Feb. 7: \$4,880

Sunday, Feb. 14: \$1,230

**JANUARY, 2021: OTHER INCOME
Goal for the month in this category: \$2,670**

Sunday, February 7: \$115 candles; \$270 Vigils; \$525 in Holy Day donations; \$50 Bulletin; \$50 Chandelier; \$25 Candles on the Tomb

Week Total: \$1,035

Sunday, February 14: \$45 Candles; \$55 Vigils; \$155 Holy Days; \$100 Chandelier; \$200 Donation

Week Total: \$555

Month Total to date: \$1,590

**RESTRICTED FUND DONATIONS
RECEIVED**

Sunday, February 7: \$750 Building Fund; \$150 Cemetery; \$100 Flower; \$175 in Food Pantry; \$10 Halupki Festival; \$250 Catastrophic Fund; \$150 St Herman's House Special Collection

Sunday, February 14: \$20 St Herman's house

**LITURGICAL ATTENDANCE FOR
FEBRUARY 2021**

Monday & Tuesday- Services cancelled

Saturday, Feb. 6: 7 attended Vespers

Sunday, Feb 7: 12 attended Liturgy / 10 Communicants

Wednesday, Feb. 10: 4 attended Akathist

Saturday, Feb. 13: 7 attended Vespers (1 was a visitor)

Sunday, Feb. 14: 13 attended Liturgy / 9 Communicants

VIGILS - FEBRUARY 14, 2021

Father Andrew (1) Cousin Jimmy and Christine Billy on occasion of wedding anniversary

Basil Glovinsky (1) Health of ArchPriest Father Peter and Matushka Sonya

Laura Kovach (4) In loving birthday memory of mom; For healing of Joe, Andrew, and JC; For health of Betty, Ben, Julia, Andrea, Wendy, Mark, Dana, Bodhi, Wayne, and David; In thanksgiving for all good things.

Sandy Martin (1) Special intentions

Jim Mazur (1) Special intentions

Ron & Bobbie Royhab (1) For blessed repose of newly departed Christopher Ghareeb

Diane Tryon (1) Birthday blessings for Mike

Twarek (8) Health and recovery of Ann Turinsky, Bob Snyder, JC Geisman; God's blessing to Cole; God's blessing to Natalie and Adam and newborn Brynnee; Health of Jewel and Morgan and their unborn babies; God's blessings and good health to Ezra Bottoms; Birthday blessings to David; Health and recovery of Jim, Cheryl and Laura, Matt, Wayne, Tom, Ron, Mary, Loren, Joe, Sonya, Julia, Jason, Margi & Joe, Betty, MaryAnn & Bob, Judy, Chuck, Bohdi, Liz, Diane, Stella, Jake, Helen; Special intentions

**Mary Eleanor Trader, Mother of Bishop Alexis of
Bethesda**

Mary Eleanor Trader of Dover, Delaware, mother of His Grace Bishop Alexis of Bethesda, fell asleep in the Lord at her home on Friday, January 22, 2021. She was 83 years old. Mary was born to the late Purnal and Mary Friedel in Viola, DE on December 15, 1937.

Mary was a graduate of Felton High School and the Milford School of Nursing. She was a caring, thoughtful woman with a sunny disposition **Con't Page 8**

PRAYER LIST Updated 2-17

HIERARCH'S: His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman

CLERGY: John Duranko (Father's home pastor); James Gleason (Father's Spiritual Father); Moses Barry; Gregory Grivna; David Hanes; Emilian Hutnyan; Joseph Von Klarr; Vladimir Lecko; Peter Pawlack; 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); Kristen (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); 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; Sonya Rose; Ron Royhab; Maryann Royhab; Patricia Schritzinger (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); Madelyn (Trudy); Elliot Joy (Former Police chief's son); Andrea Joy (Kovach); Ann Marie Krynock (Timko); Melinda 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); 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 Wiedenhoft (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)
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Diane Tryon
109 Joslyn Street
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Please remember our shut-ins, especially now during this National crisis.

A New Presence of Prayer – Holy Resurrection Monastery in our Diocese

The Diocese of the Midwest has recently opened its only monastery, Holy Resurrection Monastery, in Niangua, Missouri. The Department of Communications conducted an interview with the Abbots of the monastery, Mother Alexandra.

This interview serves as a brief introduction to the newly formed community and provides valuable information as to how one can support the monastery and stay informed on updates.

Mother Alexandra, it is a pleasure to speak with you about the new monastery that has recently been (re)established in the diocese. Can you share with our audience a bit of the monastery's history and how it came to be?

Thank you, Father Alexander. I am glad to have the opportunity to speak with you. His Eminence Archbishop PAUL blessed the (re)establishment and new name of Holy Resurrection Monastery on November 1, 2020. Having our Risen Lord as patron is a firm foundation to revitalize the monastic witness in our Diocese. In 1998, the monastery was first established, and in 2017, the monastics (there were two of them) decided to move to another monastery. I remember both in prayer here: one lives now in another monastery and the other has fallen asleep in the Lord. They accomplished so much, especially the construction and adornment of a beautiful chapel. The residence was vacant for a while, in the care of one of our parishes, and then occupied by caretakers. Almost a year ago, at the beginning of the covid-19 pandemic, I returned from missionary work in Guatemala to the United States and to the Diocese of Chicago and the Midwest, my original home. At that time, I was unaware that His Eminence desired to (re)establish this holy monastery. We began to discuss the possibility and to pray about it. He then invited me to visit the site. I was struck by the beauty of the chapel and the desire of the faithful to have a monastery and monastics in their midst. God's plans are amazing, and when these are revealed to us, we must respond with our whole heart.

For those who may be new to understanding monastic life, what is the significance of having a monastery within diocesan territory?

From a historical perspective, many of our great saints were monastics. They began as ordinary, faithful people who desired more. This provides courage for all of us. Saint John of the Ladder wrote that the reason a person remains in the monastic life is different from the reason they first came. I mention this because it is at the root of the significance of having a monastery within the diocese. Because of their necessary interactions, our faithful are surrounded by and at times enmeshed in this corrupt world that ensnares us. They come with a desire to remove themselves from that and to seek a haven of prayer and peace. This is wonderful, but what our Lord has in store is always dynamically more, and that is for each person to discover. The reason they return to the monastery may be different from their first visit. No one can predict what that will be.

Our Lord explains in the Gospel of St John that we are in the world but not of the world; then He prays that we may be consecrated in truth. Monasteries are holy places where we can immerse ourselves in prayer and in all that has been resurrected to the Glory of God. This occurs not from us but from the Life-Giving Spring of the Holy Sacraments and the entire life of the Church that permeates every place, word and action in the monastery. Here is one example: often people struggle with their work or busy life at home because there seems to be a dichotomy between times of prayer and times of work. This is because the consequence of the Fall in Paradise is: "in toil you shall eat your bread." Through prayer, monastics strive to overcome that dichotomy. By aspiring to pray at all times, work is transfigured into obedience, humility, prayer, and hopefully, faith, love, hope, and a holy, paradisiacal joy. These are the vital signs of the Church's spiritual life.

Moreover, while the faithful are making their way through their own wilderness with all the uncertainties, struggles, stress, and hurry of daily life, in every moment they can count on the asceticism and prayers at the monastery. Monastics, removed from the hustle and bustle of the world, immersed now in the discipline of a monastic schedule that is training them in true freedom, stand before the Tree of Life, the Cross, all day, every day. We wear a reminder of this on our habits, but we are reminded of it also by engaging our mind and body in the battles of the spiritual warfare, and in the constant redirecting of our spirit toward God. In other words, our focus is on the inner struggle, and the words of the LORD, "Do this in remembrance of Me" take on new meaning and life.

FEBRUARY Celebrations

| Anniversary | Birthday | |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2-10-1973: Retired Metropolitan Herman | 4- Nathaniel Bremer | 16- David Mazurik |
| 2-14-2004: The Most Blessed Tikhon | 5- Christi Soski | 16- Silas Issler |
| 14- Jim & Rita Mazur | 5- Thomas Hileman | 19- Jonah Adamcio |
| 18- Joe & Sonya Rose | 5- Zoland Zile | 20- Julianna Kusinski |
| | 6- Alex Zarynow | 22- Wayne Golob |
| | 8- Thomas Hileman | 24- Sonya Rose |
| | 10- Fr. Eli Bremer | 25- Heidi Golob |
| | 12- Fr. James Gleason | 26- Basil Glovinsky |
| | 12- Michael Sumner | 26- Pani Bernadette Zarynow |
| | 14- Sandy Martin | 27- Andy Schlotterer |
| | 14- Mat. Ann Lardas | |

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.

Archbishop Paul's Travel Schedule:

February 8 to March 7

St. Raphael Mission, Quincey, IL

February 19th to 21st

Holy Assumption, Canton, OH,

February 26th to 28th

Ss. Peter & Paul, Lorain, OH,

March 5th to March 7th

Fr. Basil Stoyka to be awarded the St. John of Chicago Cross

40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

Feb. 7: Methodist Pastor from TX / Archpriest Rodion / Police officers killed in Capitol riots / Rod Rodney

Feb. 21: James Doyle

Feb. 28: Rosie Foster / Police officer from Toledo / Archpriest Joseph Gibson / Mitred Archpriest Daniel Resselar / Mary Trader

March 7: Archimandrite Alexander [Cutler] / Jane / William Alber / Anna Schofield

March 14: Two FBI agents killed in FL / Mitred Protopyresbyter Daniel Hiubiak

March 21: Christopher Ghareeb

FEBRUARY Reposed

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| 2- Nancy Pipenur (2018) | 20- Dc. Mike Cinalli (2020) |
| 3- Ann Sature (2012) | 21- Mary Tomka Matso (1956) |
| 5- Peter Kowal (2004) | 21- Fr. Michael Shuster (2020) |
| 6- Steve Michael Mazur (1970); | 22- Metro Mazur (1973) |
| 6- Elizabeth Kravetz Mc Mahon (1984) | 22- Fr. Andrew Hutnyan (2004) |
| 12- Glenn Schoonaker (2002) | 23- George Elchisco Sr. (1961) |
| 12- Lawrence Beck (2018) | 25- William "Bill" Alber (2021) |
| 13- Bishop Varlaam (2020) | 26- Elizabeth Millie (1998) |
| 14- Rose Polosky (1953) | 27- Steve Basala (1985) |
| 15- Justina Popodich (grandmother) | 29- Mary Uka Kosteary (1996) |
| 16- Albert Bartek (1952) | 30- Anna Schofield (2021) |
| 17- Metropolitan Orestes (1977) | Helen Hritsko (1908) |
| 17- Stanley Guzy (1986) | Alexandra Brendza (1909) |
| 20- Linda Sue Alber & infant (1969) | Steve Danchisen (1909) |

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It is commonly known that prayer is the center of every monastery, but what are some other ministries that are unique to your monastery or ways in which the monastery supports itself?

The short answer is retreats and spiritual food. At this time, the Faithful may come for the day, spend time in the Chapel, enjoy the grounds, or help out as they are able to and as they desire. God willing, soon the monastery will be able to offer overnight hospitality for anyone wishing to spend some time in retreat. Currently, the rooms are being restored; hopefully they will be furnished. We also want to be able to offer a room to a person desiring to spend the day. Discussions are already underway to have overnight youth retreats and activities at the monastery. God willing, what a joy that will be! With the collaboration of parish clergy, there are endless possibilities. I also welcome invitations to worship with and visit the clergy and faithful in our parishes.

Additionally, the monastery has continued making liturgical candles. Being able prayerfully to dip and produce such beautiful 100% beeswax candles for prayer in Orthodox Churches is a blessing. It is another way the monastery can be connected to the spiritual life of our parishes. Mother learned the process from faithful of our diocese who continue to come to the monastery, and who enjoy working prayerfully in the candle shop.

Supporting our monasteries is important! Can you share with us how our parishes might be able to start ordering candles from you?

Yes, we are gladly receiving orders. Currently, parishes may call 417-943-2070 or send an email to nuns@holysurrectionmonastery.org. The candles are 12" tapers, sold by the pound at \$10.50 per pound plus shipping. (There are approximately 32 candles in a pound.) An online store is in the works and soon will be available, but calls and emails will always be welcome. Thank you in advance for supporting the monastery!

Finally, what is the best way for people to find information about the monastery and ways to support your efforts?

Holy Resurrection Monastery recently launched a

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new website at holysurrectionmonastery.org. The site includes information about the monastery, the liturgical schedule, location, contact resources, the first publication of a tri-annual journal with an email signup form for future issues, a prayer list submission form, and secure donation portal. Additional pages are being prepared. They include: information about monasticism and monastic life at Holy Resurrection Monastery, an online gift shop, news, and a resource page.

Thank you all for your prayers. Nothing happens without them! Thank you to His Eminence Archbishop PAUL and to the faithful of the Diocese of Chicago and the Midwest for their support, to all who offered their time and energy for the initial cleanup of the residence and grounds, to the donors of the mortgage payoff, a vehicle, a mower, a mixer for prosfora, food and other necessities, assistance with the website, and so much more. Moving forward, there is a mountain to tackle, especially to restore and furnish the monastic cells and guest rooms, repair the front and back stairs, repair the water leak, power wash the exterior of the residence and chapel, repair gutters and direct water from downspouts, paint the chapel entry way, furnish the chapel with two large matching rugs, clean and cultivate the grounds, etc. In addition, we need to provide health insurance for monastics. Anyone desiring to offer their support or to help out at the monastery, please contact Mother Alexandra to discuss particulars or skills that you would like to offer. Women who are interested in monastic life, continue to pray for this spark within and do not hesitate to reach out to Mother Alexandra.

Again, thank you Fr Alexander for your time in preparing and conducting this interview, but especially for your prayers, attention and support of the growth of Holy Resurrection Monastery. May it continue to be blessed!

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

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Interview with the Newly Appointed Chancellor

February 1, 2021 marks the first day of appointment for Archpriest Paul Jannakos as the Chancellor of the Diocese of the Midwest. As the chancellor, Fr. Paul will be responsible for assisting the Archbishop in managing more than 70 parishes within the diocese, along with the clergy, and other various operations of the canonical territory.

Fr. Paul Jannakos was born in E. St. Louis Ill., and grew up in Golden Colorado. In September of 1976 he began his studies as a pre-theological student at St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary in NY, also taking courses at Concordia College/NY in Bronxville. In 1980 he graduated from Concordia College with a B.A. in Music. He graduated in 1983 with a M. Div. (cum laude) degree from St. Vladimir's and was married to Michelle (Julylia) Jannakos in Cleveland Ohio, the year before, in 1982.

Fr. Paul was ordained to the holy priesthood on March 3rd, 1985 by Bishop Boris in Chicago at Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral. Since his ordination, Fr. Paul has served in parishes in Minnesota (St. Mary's Cathedral), Montana (St. Nicholas), and Michigan (Sts Peter & Paul, St. Nicholas, and St. Mary Magdalene). After his four children graduated from high school, he began studies in professional counseling at the University of Detroit/Mercy and graduated with a Dual Master Degree (MA) in Counseling (2010). Fr. Paul also works part time as a licensed professional counselor (LPC) for Ethos Counseling Group. He loves to compose music, garden, and fly-fish.

The Department of Communications of the Diocese of the Midwest met with Fr. Paul to offer readers a closer look at the new Chancellor.

Q1: Father, you are now being appointed as the first priest of the Diocese of the Midwest. Given this large responsibility, what are you looking forward to the most?

To begin, I have to say thank you to Fr. John Zdinak for his encouragement, support and guidance these last 3 months during the transition. Fr. Zdinak has left an amazing mark on the diocese, especially in

the area of building up our priestly fraternal brotherhood (among many, many, other things) – which has helped to lessen the feeling of isolation that we as clergy often face in our ministry.

I look forward, most of all, to the new opportunities of being able to serve Christ as the “least, last, and lowest” of all, which it seems to me, is the first condition of ministry in the life of the Church – no matter what our calling may be.

Unlike worldly structures which measure success in terms of ascendance, influence and power, the Church turns all this on its head (or perhaps turns it “right side up”) by presenting Christ as our living Icon of humble service.

So, in a way, being Chancellor simply means the opportunity “to wash more feet.” For this I am grateful.

Q2: You have been a priest in the Orthodox Church in America for 36 years, is there anything specific that you feel has helped prepare you for this task?

The Orthodox Priesthood is a ministry that is “traditioned” in the literal sense of the word. I spent 7 years at St. Vladimir's learning Orthodox theology. These years were irreplaceable, of course.

But when it came to the actual practicing of the priesthood after my ordination in March of 1985, I was blessed to have spent my first 3 years as a priest at our Cathedral of St. Mary's in Minneapolis – from 1985 to 1988 – being mentored by two extraordinary priests: Fr. Thaddeus Wojcik and Fr. Vladimir Lecko.

In a way, the spiritual “DNA” of my priesthood has been both formed and replicated for these last 36 years by these two men. There is not a feast day, a sermon, a council meeting, etc, that I experience without thinking, consciously or subconsciously, “How would Fr. Ted or Fr. Vladimir do this?” Fr. Ted was a model of patience and good will to all. Fr. Vladimir, well, here's a man who embodies all the best of priestly love and service.

Two other lay persons who were also a wonderful benefit to me were Mr. Jack Novak, the council president at the Cathedral, and + Mr. Bud Kalina of blessed memory. Jack took me under his wing and treated me like another son. Mr. Kalina had been the treasurer of the Cathedral for many years: everything I know about good financial management of *Con't next Page*

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parishes and the Church at large I learned from him. I think and pray for them often.

Q3: Archbishop Paul and his staff have done a lot of work over the past several years bringing in new ministries and energy in the diocese. In what ways do you feel you will be able to assist His Eminence and build on the current momentum?

Yes, I have to agree that the Archbishop has brought to our Midwest diocese an amazing vigor and sense of forward motion. What amazes me the most is that as our Chief Shepherd and Hierarch, His Eminence does all this without any “personal agenda.” For example, we all know that in the OCA there are those who would like things to “lean” right with more “traditional” modes of Orthodox expression, and those who want the Church to “lean” left by moving things down the road more progressively.

But for our Hierarch, these two ways of thinking, which are both extremely problematic especially in their polarizing effects, do not exist! His only concern is that the Church be the Church and that it continues Christ’s work in this fallen world.

We see this especially in His Eminence’s love for the Holy Eucharist. Everything begins at this mysterious “nexus” of being and practice where the Body of our Lord is broken and His Blood is spilled and shed. His Eminence is very insistent that for us, having received these same Holy Gifts, we go on “breaking and spilling ourselves out” in further directions – as is evident in the Book of Acts, with education, mission, philanthropy, etc.

So I hope and pray to assist His Eminence in the furthering of these good ministries, especially in the work of priestly formation and development and the building up of lay ministries.

Q4: Finally Father, what is one thing that you would like to share with our readers as we get to know you better?

I was born in E. St. Louis, Illinois and have always loved living in the Midwest the most: Minnesota, Michigan and Illinois.

I’m especially grateful to my parents, the Protodeacon Nicholas Jannakos, and my mother Elizabeth for all they have given to me. Looking back as I was growing up they instilled within me a deep love for the services of the Church (my father) and made sure that I was constantly being exposed to beautiful things (my mother): music, art, literature, the out-of-doors. Etc.

Of course, no one brings me more joy than my wife, Protinica Michelle (Julylia) Jannakos and my four children, Nicholas, Christina, Katherine and Gregory who have been my rock through times of sorrow and rejoicing these many years.

I also enjoy reading Russian literature, when I can, I compose music for both the Church services and piano. And since my childhood I have been a dedicated fan of fly-fishing. Whenever I can steal a day away, I’m on a river with my son-in-law and grandson, Jack, in Northern Michigan catching Steelhead.

Bishop Alexis Mother Con't

that worked as a registered nurse, serving as the head nurse on the east wing at Milford Memorial Hospital where she worked for 5 years. After this, she then moved onto the Delaware Hospital for the chronically ill where she worked for one year after which she devoted herself to being a homemaker and raising her son. In her free time, she enjoyed ballroom dancing and swimnastics at the YMCA. Her Christian walk was always a central part of her life. She was a faithful member of Saint Nicholas Ukrainian Orthodox Church and an avid reader of spiritual books and the lives of the saints.

Mary is preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her loving husband Judge Merrill C. Trader; her son, His Grace Bishop Alexis of Bethesda, and her daughter Rosemary Blum of Lawrence, Kansas; brother, Purnal Friedel and his wife Norma Jean of Viola.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made to Saint Nicholas Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

May Mary’s memory be eternal!

FOCA to Start Great Lent in Prayer

The Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America (FOCA) is inviting all to join together in prayer and reflection as the season of Great Lent begins. Following the success of the St. Andrew Akathist, the organization plans on doing a similar gathering by hosting a virtual “Akathist of Repentance”.

“This past year has been one unlike any other. We have experienced isolation, separation and anxiety while trying to protect ourselves and others from the pandemic surrounding us,” noted Archpriest Nicholas Wyslutsky, the Spiritual Advisor for the national organization. “In effort to bring the faithful of our church together in some way the FOCA will sponsor a “Virtual” Akathist service to bring us all together.”

The service will be hosted in one location but clergy from across the country will concelebrate from their own churches and homes. The service will be live streamed via St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Youtube channel. In addition to prayer, His Eminence Archbishop Paul of Chicago and the Midwest will be offering remarks as Orthodox Christians begin this holy season.

“It is our hope that this will be not just an FOCA event but one that embraces and gathers all the faithful of the Church. In that spirit, please encourage all your friends and family to join us that evening. We invite all the clergy of the church to consider participating in the service with us.”

The celebration will take place on March 12, at 8:00 P.M. (EST) and will be led by Archbishop Paul of Chicago. The faithful who would like to join can do so via the St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Youtube channel.

Funeral Services held for Protopresbyter Daniel Hubiak, former Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America

On February 10 and 11, 2021, the funeral services for Protopresbyter Daniel Hubiak were held at Christ the Savior Church, Berlin, MD. Father Daniel had departed this life on February, 5, 2021, at the age of 94, in his retirement in Ocean Pines, MD. Father Daniel

was well known as the longtime Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America, from 1973 to 1988, and the first Representative of the Orthodox Church in America to the Moscow Patriarchate from 1991 to 2001. He also served as a parish priest in several parishes, and worked for the national church in various other capacities in his long and distinguished life. He is survived by his wife, Matushka Dunia, two daughters, Larice and Annice, and their spouses and families, including grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was beloved and known by many. His full obituary was posted on the OCA website on the day of his repose.

It was with great sorrow that His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, along with the Chancellor Archpriest Alexander Rentel and the rest of the Chancery staff, was unable to be present at the funeral services due to exposure to COVID-19 earlier in the week. His Beatitude expressed his condolences to Matushka Dunia by phone, and had his eulogizing remarks read in absentia at the services.

On February 10, 2021, the Memorial (Panikhida) Service was held at 3:00 pm at Christ the Savior Church, which was founded as a mission in 2001 with Father Daniel as the founding priest. Serving were the Rector, Priest John Parsells, and Father Daniel’s son-in-law, Archpriest Joseph Oleynik. Father Joseph gave remarks following the service, focusing on Father Daniel’s family life and personal diligence. Viewing hours followed.

Video recordings of the memorial can be found on the OCA Facebook page and YouTube channel.

At 7:00 pm, the Funeral Service for a Priest was held at Christ the Savior Church. Presiding at the service was Archpriest Alexander Garklavs, former Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America, 2007-2011. Serving with him were Archpriest John Jillions, former Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America, 2011-2018, Priest John Parsells, Archpriest Joseph Oleynik, Ekonomos Michael Kallaur, and Archpriest David Vernak.

Before the service began, Father Alexander read a message of condolences from His Beatitude.

By the request of Father Daniel, Father Alexander gave a eulogy following the service. In his eulogy, Father Alexander began by pointing out *Con’t Next Page*

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one of the truths found in the text of the funeral services: "...at the services, we simply do not acknowledge death. We don't acknowledge death, because we are alive! Life is just too good! It can't end. It can't possibly end." Speaking of Father Daniel, he eulogized him as "one of the greatest generation of the OCA." Commenting on the state of the Church in America around the time of Father Daniel's birth, Father Alexander spoke about his experiences as a young man, arriving at St. Vladimir's Seminary and being exposed to the fuller liturgical life of the Church, at the time in the early 1950's when the Church was "waking up" and becoming more engaged liturgically. He recognized Constantine Kallaur, Father Daniel's roommate from seminary, who was present at the service, and then spoke about Father Daniel's early service in the Church as a priest, emphasizing his outstanding work in vitalizing the life of Holy Trinity Church, East Meadow, NY, and leading up to his time as a member of the delegation that received the Tomos of Autocephaly in 1970, and then to his time as Chancellor. Father Alexander spoke of how Father Daniel steered a great period of engagement in Church life, as a theologian-worker, working closely together with Father Alexander Schmemmann, who was a theologian-visionary. He noted how Father Daniel was instrumental in developing the vision of what the Orthodox Church should be: not a cultural institution or an exotic novelty, but "the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church... as good as, as meaningful as, anything in life!" He lauded Father Daniel as someone who had true humility, and was "truly a Christian."

The full video recording of the funeral and eulogy can be found on the OCA Facebook page and YouTube channel.

A photo gallery of the Funeral can be viewed on the OCA website and Facebook page.

On February 11, 2021, the Funeral Divine Liturgy was celebrated at Christ the Savior Church, with Archpriest John Jillions presiding. Concelebrating were Priest John Parsells and Archpriest David Vernak.

Father John gave the homily following the Gospel reading. In his homily, he first explored the

Connection between the life of Father Daniel and the verse from the Epistle: "But we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope" (1 Thess. 4:13). He shared that he saw Father Daniel, together with Matushka Dunia, as people who give hope that problems can arise, but something good can be done, and that anything is possible, by the Grace of God. He recalled Father Daniel's ability to cultivate real friendships. He noted how in 2014, when asked to reflect on his life as a priest, Father Daniel said that everything comes down to being "eye to eye" with one another as a person. Then, Father John reflected on the Gospel: "Truly, truly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live" (John 5:25). He noted that Father Daniel had been hearing the voice of God from his youth, and that also, as it says of the righteous in Psalm 92, he brought "forth fruit in old age", and even continues to do so after his repose. Father John said that merely thinking of Father Daniel's example and life gives faithfulness, and hope, and encourages all of us think "I can do more!"

Following the Divine Liturgy, on behalf of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, Father John read the eulogy that was offered by His Beatitude. In it, His Beatitude again spoke about Father Daniel's warmth and humility: "... Fr. Daniel indeed belonged to the Lord and gave himself to all with the same self-sacrificial love and humility of his master. To all that he met or ministered to or simply spoke with, he smiled with the same warm smile, tilted his head in the same manner, and laughed with the knowing laugh that revealed, not just a unique set of personal characteristics, but the expression of care, compassion, and genuine love of a man whose whole heart is immersed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and in the care for his fellows."

Next, the short memorial service was served, and a short personal recollection was offered by Father David Vernak. The clergy and faithful then came forward to offer the Last Kiss.

The full video recording of the Divine Liturgy, including the homily, the reading of His Beatitude's remarks, and the memorial service, can be found on the OCA Facebook page and YouTube channel.

A photo gallery of the Divine Liturgy and Burial can be viewed on the OCA website ***Con't Next Page***