

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

V. Rev. Archpriest Andrew Bartek, Rector

Parish Council President: Ron Royhab



Sunday, October 3, 2021

Gospel: [St. Luke 7:11-16](#)

Tone 7

Epistle: [2 Corinthians 6:1-10](#)

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia, at Nicomedia, and 200 Martyrs with them
Martyr Theotecnus of Antioch / St. Bassian of Constantinople

OCTOBER Bulletin Sponsor:

Fr. Andrew in memory of my Grandfather Steve

Liturgical & Events Schedule / 2 weeks

Sunday, October 10

9:10 am: Hours / Divine Liturgy / Social

Monday, October 11- Wednesday 13

Diocesan Assembly in Broad Heights

Thursday, October 14

6:00 pm Pro-Life event in Perrysburgh

6:00 pm Lions Club Meeting

Saturday, October 16

4:00 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, October 17

9:10 am Hours / Divine Liturgy / Memorial

Sunday / Social / Council Meeting

Monday, October 18

4:00 pm Respect for Life Meeting

Saturday, October 23

4:00 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, October 24

9:10 am Hours / Divine Liturgy / Social

40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

Oct. 10: Archpriest Sergei Glajoley

Oct. 17: Archpriest Anastasy Richter

Oct. 24: Infant Sloane Swanton / Terri Lariccia

Oct. 31: Keith Lehen / Judy Mazurik

Nov. 7: Protopresbyter Lawrence Barringer

For Your Prayers

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OCTOBER BULLETIN CANDLE SPONSORS

Bulletin: (\$50): Fr. Andrew in memory of my Grandfather Steve

Chandelier: (\$50) Fr. Andrew in memory of my deceased relatives in October / Beth Lehen in memory of husband Keith Lehen

Altar Candles: (\$50) From Kolber family of (Nieces & nephews) James & Rita, Michael & Kathleen, Daniel & Claire & Barbara in memory of Theodore Barniak on his First Ann. Of repose / From Jean in memory of her mother Helen Pipenur / From Basil in memory of his father Anthony

Candles on the Tomb: (\$25) Fr. Andrew in memory of His Beatitude Metropolitan Theodosius and all former pastors of this parish in Oct.

Eternal Light & Icon Screen: (\$25) Trudy in memory of Margaret (Mother) & Gori (Father), Fr. Justin Foster. / From Layne in memory of her Father Frank Flaherty

Candles @ the Cross: (\$15) Fr. Andrew for the health of Trudy on the occasion of her birthday

Candles @ Icon of St Tikhon: (\$15) For the health of Tim, safety of Nicholas, Tikhon and Gleice



OCTOBER CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Oct. 11-16 Tina

Oct 18- 23 Laura

Oct. 25-30 Bobbie

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His Beatitude Gives Sermon at the Meeting of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops

On Sunday, October 3, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon concelebrated the Divine Liturgy with the heads of the Orthodox jurisdictions in the United States and members of the Executive Committee of the Assembly of Bishops at Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Washington, DC.

At the Liturgy, His Beatitude gave the sermon in which he spoke about the power of love to reveal us as “sons of the Most High” (Lk. 6:35). He went on to speak on the will of God shining in creation which “fall upon rich and poor, weak and strong, the vulnerable and the powerful — God shows no distinction.”

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Your Eminences and Your Graces,

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Speaking plainly. The great Apostle Paul tells us that God has spoken to us in many and diverse ways (Heb 1:1): through dark sayings, in parables and riddles, in prophecy and law, and in teaching and words of wisdom. The words that have been spoken in Scripture are given over to us in mystery, which often requires that we, like the Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:31), need a guide in order to understand properly what they reveal to us.

However, the words of our Lord that the Evangelist Luke presents for us today are not so. The Lord teaches us today directly, clearly, unambiguously to love one another without distinction. The love we have for those whom we hold near and dear is the same love we are to have for our enemies, for sinners, for exactly and precisely those whom we do not hold near and dear.

In fact, our Lord reveals to us that we will be sons of the Most High (Lk 6:35). And here we should let this sink into our ears, our minds, and into our hearts: we will be sons, sharing and participating in some way with the Most High God, which constitutes something truly inexplicable, unexplainable, truly a mystery. We will be sons of the Most High —

when we love our enemies;
when we do good;
when we lend; when we give, expecting nothing in return, out of the great abundance of our riches;
when we are merciful to the sinners, the ungrateful, the selfish in exactly the same way that our Heavenly Father is.

When we do all these things, then our reward will be great in the Kingdom. We will be accounted sons of the Most High God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the God who summoned light out of darkness.

Having this light. These words of our Lord shine resplendently off the pages of Luke’s Gospel. Hearing them, we are illumined by them as any light illuminates the darkness. This light is not any light, however. It is the light that has shone forth from the first day of creation down to our present day. It is the light that darkness cannot overcome, because in this light we have life (Jn 1:4–5). And it is this light, the light that enlightens the whole of creation, that shines in our hearts and gives us the very knowledge of God in the face of Christ, as the Apostle Paul teaches us today (2 Cor 4:6). These words of Luke are words of life and light and knowledge, because they teach us the will of God for us.

Needless to say, hearing, knowing, coming to understand, and then doing the will of God is absolutely necessary for all Christians, whether clergy or lay. There is no distinction, no mitigation, no way around this fundamental truth. God’s will is for all His faithful. Each of us are to have our lives enlightened by the knowledge of this will: bishops, priests, deacons, monastics, men and women. We are to love not only those who love us, but those who hate us. We are to be merciful to those who spurn or reject our mercy. We are to be compassionate to those who fall into sin. We are to seek in all things and every way to do good. Out of our abundance, our riches, our possessions, we are to give, to lend, and to expect nothing in return.

Living by this light. As we know, this light that illumines us with the knowledge of the will of God shines throughout creation. The rays and beams of light fall upon rich and poor, weak and strong, the vulnerable and the powerful—God shows no distinction. As the righteous Judge, whom we will encounter on the last day, He shows no partiality. To each of us He will ask: “Did you do good? **Con’t Pg 5**

**LITURGICAL ATTENDANCE
OCTOBER**

Saturday, 10-2: 6 attended Vespers
Sunday, 10-3: 22 attended Liturgy (7 were guests) /
13 Communicants

**SEPTEMBER : MONTHLY TITHE ONLY
Goal Pledged per month: \$4,825**

Sept. 5: \$ 733
Sept. 12: \$1,495
Sept. 19: \$2,173
Sept. 26: \$ 926
TOTAL FOR THE MONTH: \$5,327

**OCTOBER: MONTHLY TITHE ONLY
Goal Pledged per month: \$4,825**

Oct. 3: \$1,538

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

Sept. 5- \$37 Candles; \$90 Vigils; \$95 Donations;
\$130 Holy day donations; \$50 Bulletin; \$50
Chandelier; \$25 Candles on the tomb
Sept. 12: \$47 Candles; \$80 Vigils; \$279 Donations
\$313 Holy Day Donations; \$50 Altar Candles
Sunday, Sept. 19: \$22 Candles; \$82 Anonymous
Donations; \$115: \$100 donations
Sunday, Sept. 26: \$27 Candles; \$39 Anonymous
Donations; \$35 Vigils; \$100 Holy Day Donations
MONTH TOTAL TO DATE: \$1,766

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

Oct 3: \$37 Candles; \$175 Vigils; \$11 Anonymous
\$100 Donations; \$50 Bulletin; \$100 Chandelier; \$25
Candles on the Tomb; \$125 Altar Candles

Total for the Week : \$623

**RESTRICTED FUND DONATIONS
RECEIVED IN SEPTEMBER**

Sept. 5: \$50 Cemetery; \$100 Support Seminarians
Sept. 12: \$78 Bookstore; \$1,045 Restoration; \$110
Support Seminarians; \$5 Cemetery
Sept. 19: \$100 support seminarians
Sept. 26: \$100 Support our Seminarians

**FINANCIAL NUMBERS FOR
SEPTEMBER / YTD**

Income \$ 6,710
Expenses \$10,678.43
TOTAL **-\$3,968.43**

YTD
Income \$71,113.92
Expenses \$96,985.26
Total **-\$25,871.34**

VFW HALUPKI DINNER

The biggest announcement we have for you right now is that we'll be hosting a HALUPKI DINNER on Sunday, October 17th from 11AM - 2PM (or until we run out of food!!).

This event is carry-out only, and we are getting hungry just thinking about those delicious cabbage rolls.

You can pre-purchase tickets at the Post beginning this Wednesday (10/6). Tickets are also available at Starcher's Village PRO Hardware, 802 W. Main Street. The cost is \$15 and includes: delicious halupki (minimum 2), mashed potatoes, green beans, a roll, and dessert.

**RESTRICTED FUND DONATIONS
RECEIVED IN OCTOBER**

Oct 3: \$25 Support the Seminarians; \$60 Holiday Bureau; \$1,726 for Fr. Richter's Family

PRAYER LIST- UPDATED OCTOBER 1

HIERARCH'S / CLERGY: His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman; Archbishop Benjamin from San Fransico; Archbishop Michael from NY / NJ / John Duranko (Father's home pastor); James Gleason (Father's Spiritual Father); Moses Berry; Gregory Grivna; Emilian Hutnyan; Joseph Von Klarr; Michael Kuzara; Michael Macura; Peter Tutko; Andrew Yarvonitsky; John Zabinko / Deacon Paul Gansle / Deacon Peter Rentsch / Deacon Nicholas Denysenko / Sub-deacon Wylie Meath

MATUSHKII: Pani Patricia Duranko; Virginia Lecko; Maura McCarntey; Trudi Richter; Margaret Zabinko

PARISHIONERS & THEIR FAMILIES: James Bargdill (Schutt); John Beadle (Elchisco); Kristen (Cassell); Maryann Cook (Twarek); Michael Glovinsky; Shirley Gresh (Glovinsky); Ben Grosik (Hritsko); Joseph Habegger (Kovach); Ellie Hritsko; Charisse (Hileman); Betty Kovach; David LaValle (Fr); Helen Lis; Child Stephanos (Loizos); Scott Lucas (Father); David Mazurik; Child Stella Miller (Elchisco); Nancy Naiser (Royhab); Earl Rindfleisch; Helen Jean Rofkar (Elchisco); Joe Rose; Sonya Rose; Ron Royhab; Maryann Royhab; Roberta Royhab; Stephanie Royhab; Christi Soski; Patricia Schritzingler (Soski); Steven Schirtzinger (Soski); Dacia Snider (Hileman); Doris Toth (Hritsko); Diane Tryon; Greg Tyron; Tom Twarek; Zach Twarek; Tim; the child Bodhi (Cassell); Elinor Williams (Golob); Nikki Williams & her newborn Braelynn / Kathryn Tryon & her unborn baby

OTHER REQUESTS: Child Ezra; Mark Britton (Hritsko); Ernest Cornwell (Hritsko); James Crane (Hritsko); Gregory Dank (ABL); Layne Demkosky (Fr); Paul Demkosky (Fr); Sophia Denysenko (ABL); Baby Finn (Cassell); Marge Dziama; Ruthe Flewelling; Ben Franklin (Kovach); Donald Gresh (Glovinsky); Gabriel Jones (ABP); Andrea Joy (Kovach); Ann Marie Krynock (Timko); Sophia Lecko (ABL); Maria (ABP) Melinda Kuzara (ABL); Jake Lipstraw (Twarek); Mark Ludvik (Guzy); Mark Masica (Kovach); Pauline Meath (Fr); Karen Muzyka (fr); Michal Richter (ABL); Sara Richter (ABL); Anika Richter (ABL); William Romanchak (Fr); Sandy Scafaria (Hileman); Janice Timko; George Timko; Loren Welch (Fr); Chuck Wiedenhof (Twarek); Sara (Jake); Chris Quotap (Fr); Amanda & her newborn baby Grace (Fr)

MILITARY: Alex, Nathan Brown, Craig Cassell, Jake Ellithorpe, Jordan Fulton, Alena Grabavoy, Nicholas & Tikhon

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



NOTE: ABL (Archbishop's request)

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. Thank you and God bless!

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.*

Con't from Pg 2 Metropolitan's Sermon

Did you show mercy, compassion, and love to your enemies, to the weak, to the ungrateful and the selfish?" He will say: "From the beginning of creation, when the earth was without form and void, I separated light from darkness so that you could live by this light. I spoke by patriarchs and prophets, and gave you the Law. I sent you My Son, who gave you knowledge of My will."

What will we say in response? "Lord, I covered my eyes. I cowered in the darkness. I preferred the shades and shadows and death to light and life." May it never be so! May each of us gathered today in this sacred gathering hear this teaching, be illumined by it, and from this day, from this hour, from this very minute, strive to love God above all else, each other as ourselves, and seek to do God's will in all things throughout our life.

This gathering. Our Lord has summoned us today in this our sacred and solemn gathering to receive these words, and also to receive the very Body and Blood of the Exalted Word. We also gather to be with one another. We have been gathered together from this city, but also throughout this country. We would be remiss, my brothers and sisters, if we did not start right now leading our lives according to what has been taught to us this day. Along with love for one other, we should offer one another forgiveness. Along with forgiveness, we should offer one another the right hand of fellowship, in the knowledge that if we cannot do these things here and now, we are not fulfilling the will of God.

To my brother bishops, I offer this final word: This week as we gather in our meetings, as we consider and discuss, as we hear reports and see presentations, we should never lose sight, in fact we cannot lose sight — it is a matter as clear as light and darkness, as serious as life and death — that the precious Church of God, in which are the lives of the faithful whom God has entrusted to us as bishops, is called to do nothing else but guide people to the knowledge of the will of God as revealed in the Scriptures, bringing them to the sacred and sanctifying illumination that leads to life, life that begins now and continues to the ages of ages. Amen.

Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia, at Nicomedia, and 200 Martyrs with them Commemorated on October 10

Saints Eulampius and Eulampia were brother and sister. They lived at the beginning of the fourth century in the city of Nicomedia. Eulampius became upset after reading the decree of the emperor Maximian (284-305) sentencing all Christians to execution. Eulampius was horrified that the emperor was taking up arms against his own subjects rather than fighting the enemies of his country.

The youth was brought to trial and commanded to renounce the Christian Faith. When he refused, they first raked him with iron hooks, and then placed him upon a red-hot bed of coals. All of a sudden the sufferer expressed a wish to visit the pagan temple. The judges were delighted, supposing that they had turned him from Christianity. In the pagan temple of Mars the saint approached the idol and cried out, "In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ I command you to fall to the floor and crumble into dust!" The idol immediately crashed down to the floor and was destroyed.

The people exclaimed, "The Supreme God is the Christian God, Who is great and mighty!" Saint Eulampius was again taken away for torture. This time his sister, Eulampia, appeared before the judges and declared that she also was a Christian. Eulampius told her, "Sister, do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul" (Mt.10:28).

The martyrs were tortured and thrown into a red-hot furnace, but the Lord protected them from the fire. Finally, they beheaded Eulampius, but Eulampia died from her torments before she could be beheaded.

Two hundred martyrs were converted to Christ after seeing the miracles of Saint Eulampius and Saint Eulampia as they were being tortured. They were also put to death and received the crown of martyrdom.

READERS

Sunday, Oct 10	Joe
Sunday, Oct. 17	Terri
Sunday, Oct. 24	Joe
Sunday, Oct 31	Tim

OCTOBER Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES	BIRTHDAYS	
<p>10-1-2009: Archbishop Irenee of Canada 2- Fr. Matthew & Pani Eleni Stagon 3- Fr. Matt Stagon Priestly ordination 7- Fr. Eli & Mat. Larissa Bremer 9- Sub-deacon Wylie & Pauline Meath 19- Archpriest Retired Chancellor John & Mat. Cynthia Zidinak 23- Fr. Matthew & Mat. Jodi Moriak 31- Paul & Layne Demkosky</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NAMESDAY</p> <p>10-9: The Most Blessed Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington & Metropolitan of all America & Canada</p>	<p>1-Trudy Ellmore 2- Marguerite Bird 2- Tina Litzie 3- Ethan Chendorain 3- Alicia Calzone 4- Fr. Michael Macura 6- Brian Lariccia 6- Ron Royhab 10- Walter Litzie 10- Craig Cassell 11- Karen Muzyka</p>	<p>12- Fred Soski 13- Mary Hiser 14- Fr. Andrew Groom 16- Fr George Lardas 17- Tim Glovinsky 20- Matushka Jodi Moriak 20- Helen Lis 20- Hayden Issler 25- Sam Dardovsky 31- Fr. Peter Zarynow</p>

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



OCTOBER Reposed

<p>2- His Grace Bishop Antoun (2017) 3- Anna Tomko (1990) 4- William Peter Guzy (1974) 5- John Elchisco Sr. (1982) 5- Mark Conroy (2018) 6- Andrew Tomko (1970) 6- Helen Elchisco (1956) 7- Michael Gresko (1963) 8- Archpriest Michael Kostyk (1964) Former Pastor 11- Helen Pipenur (2009) 12- Pauline Mary Gresh (1981) 13- James E Jump (2011) 13- Tom Grgich (2018) 13- Mary Basala (2006) 13- Michael Mazurik (2018) 14- George Kaitsa (1991) 15- Michael Mazurik (1972) 15- John Kovach (1983) 16- Mary Kobb (2017)</p>	<p>16- Tom Wiseman (2020) 16- Frank Flaherty (1999) 18- Nadexda Kaitsa (1992) 19- Archpriest Sergei Garklavs (2015) 19- Gori Pietropolo (Trudy's dad) (2017) 19- His Beatitude Metropolitan Theodosius (2020) 21- Alex Mazur (1920) 21-Terry (Bobbie's cousin) (2017) 25- Serge Mihaly Jr (2019) 28- George Elchisco (1996) 28- Anthony Glovinsky (1946) 30- Joseph Malchisky (1993) 31- Margaret Basala (2002) 31- George Rusincovitch (1994) William Martin (1982) Joseph L. Mazurik (1944) Anna Mazur (1945) Anna Danchisen (1945)</p>
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VIGILS- SEPTEMBER 19

Laura Kovach(4) For health and recovery of Zach T., Stephanie R., Christie S., Bobbie R., Kathie J., Missy S., Luke T., and Joe T. For health of Betty K., Ben F., Earl R., Mary P., Andrea J., Wendy R., Mark M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Hattie K., Molly K., David M., Margi and Joe. Safe travels for family. Memory eternal to Judy Mazurik and Steve Turinsky. .

Sandy Martin (2) In loving memory of cousin Judy. For the health of our family

Twarek (10) In loving memory of Judy. For the health and recovery of Zach. For the health of Missy. Health and recovery of Jim Viets. God's Blessing to Luke and Lisa on their marriage. God's blessing & strength to Sarah, Mat and family. In memory of Steve Turinsky (1year anniversary 10/6). Health and recovery of Bobbie and Stephanie, Ron, Laura, Ezra. Health of David, Helen Lis and Tina's dad Earl, Matt, Tom, Loren, Joe, Sonya, Margi & Joe, Betty, MaryAnn & Bob, Judy, Chuck, Bohdi, Diane, Stella, Jake, Cheryl. Special intentions

Archbishop Paul's Travel Schedule: October 2-13

St. Mary Cathedral, Minneapolis,

October 8th to 10th

Presentation of St. John of Chicago Cross to Fr. Myron Manzuk

Presentation of Clergy awards and Diocesan Grammotta

Diocesan Assembly, Broadview Hts., OH,

October 11th to 13th



2 Corinthians 6:1-10 (Epistle)

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.



Luke 7:11-16 (Gospel)

Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

**Eternal Memory: +Very Rev. Protopresbyter
Lawrence Barriger / My former Professor in
Seminary (Carpatho-Russian Diocese)**

JOHNSTOWN, PA - [Diocesan Chancery] -- With profound sadness the Diocesan Chancery announces that + Very Rev. Protopresbyter Lawrence Barriger reposed in the Lord this afternoon, Oct 2, 2021 at Jefferson Memorial Hospital in Philadelphia.

Born on March 2, 1953 in Binghamton, NY, he was the son of the late Robert and Josephine (Specik) Barriger. He graduated in 1976 from Christ the Saviour Seminary with the Bachelor of Theology Degree; he also held a B.A. Degree in Classical Languages from St. Peters College, and a Masters Degree in Religious Education from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Fr. Lawrence was ordained to the Priesthood on August 28, 1976 by Bishop John R. Martin and served parishes in Manville, NJ, Wilpen, PA, Latrobe, PA and St. Michael Church in Freeland, PA from 1987 until his retirement in 2020.

He was a prolific writer and author of several books including "Good Victory", "Glory to Jesus Christ", and "Insights into the Orthodox Faith".

Father Barriger held numerous positions in the Diocese during the course of his priesthood including that of Vice-Chancellor, Member of the Bishop's Consistory and Diocesan Board of Trustees, Professor at Christ the Saviour Seminary, Dean of the Scranton Deanery, and Associate Editor of "The Church Messenger". Fr. Lawrence also served the Late +Metropolitan Nicholas in the role of "Theologian to the Bishop."

Fr. Lawrence also taught Latin at the MMI Preparatory School in Freeland, PA for many years.

Fr. Lawrence is survived by his beloved wife Pani Linda, daughters Lisa Roscos and Laura Waskovich, sister Mary Bachofsky and grandchildren Aidan and Logan (Waskovich).

Funeral arrangements are as follows:

Friday, October 8 5:00 PM Funeral Service for a Departed Priest - Followed by Visitation until 9 PM

Saturday, October 9 10:00 AM Funeral Liturgy followed by Memorial Luncheon. Burial to follow at St. Michael Church Cemetery in Binghamton, NY.

Fr. Lawrence was without question a gifted and devoted priest who served our God-Saved Diocese with all of his heart and soul for more than 45 years. When asked recently what his greatest joy in the priesthood was, he replied, it was serving in the role as Spiritual Father to the many souls entrusted to his care. He spent many hours in the later years of his priesthood as his physical health declined, hearing confessions and counselling his spiritual children, not as a accuser, but as a fellow struggler on the pathway to the Kingdom. His strong faith in the Lord and deep devotion to the Mother of God, sustained him as he struggled with various health challenges for many years. Like the righteous Job, he never lost faith, no matter what challenges he faced. In Fr Lawrence's lifetime of service in the earthly vineyard and in his passage to the green pastures of Eternal Life, we witnessed the power of God at work. "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Corinthians 12:9)

May Almighty God grant Eternal Rest in Blessed Repose to His newly-departed servant, the Protopresbyter Lawrence, who has fallen asleep, in the Heavenly Mansions, where there is neither sickness, sorrow or pain, but Life Everlasting, and make his memory to be

