



Sunday, November 21, 2021

Gospel: [St. Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28](#)

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Epistle: [Hebrews 9:1-7](#)

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

The Entry of the Most-Holy Theotokos into the Temple

NOVEMBER Bulletin Sponsor:

Fr. Andrew in memory of my mother Dorothy

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, November 21

9:10 am: Hours / Divine Liturgy / Memorial Sunday / Social

Saturday, November 27

4:00 pm: Great Vespers

Sunday, November 28

9:10 am Hours / Divine Liturgy / Social

NOVEMBER BULLETIN CANDLE SPONSORS

Bulletin: (\$50) Fr. Andrew in memory of his mother Dorothy

Chandelier: (\$50) Fr. Andrew in memory of his grandmother Mary Billy / Basil in loving memory of my sister Marion

Altar Candles: (\$50) Fr. Andrew in memory of Archbishop David from Alaska

Candles on the Tomb: (\$25) Fr. Andrew in memory of his family & friends reposed in November

Eternal Light & Icon Screen: (\$25) Fr. Andrew in memory of former Pastors who reposed in November / Jean, in loving memory of my uncle, Dan Opritza, who fell asleep Nov 5th

Candles @ the Cross: (\$15) From Laura & Jim for the health of Betty Kovach

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

LOCAL CHARITIES RECEIVE DONATIONS

As is our custom, \$1,000 from our Halupki Festival and fundraising efforts is donated to local charities. This year we sent \$500 to:

Light House Sobor Living in Port Clinton

Ruth Ann's House Domestic Violence Shelter for mothers & their children in Port Clinton.

2022 MONTHLY CHARITIES

January: Support Priest (OCMC) (*National*) Donation mailed first week of March

February: St. Vladimir's Seminary (*National OCA*) Donation mailed first week of April

March: Lenten Mission Boxes for Local Food Pantry (*Local*) Donation mailed first week of May

April: Marblehead Lions Club for eyes & diabetes (*Local*) Donation mailed first week of June

May: Heartbeat Baby Bottles (*Local*) Donation mailed first week of July

June: St. Tikhon's Seminary (*National OCA*) Donation mailed first week of August

July: Respect Life Ministries (*Local*) Donation mailed first week in Sept.

August: St. Herman's Seminary (*National OCA*) Donation mailed first week of October

September: SOS Support our Diocesan Seminarians (*Diocesan*) Donation mailed first week of Nov.

October: Holiday Bureau (*Local*) Donation mailed first week in Dec.

November: Ruth Ann's House Domestic Violence Shelter (*Local*) Donation mailed last week of Dec.

December: Diocesan Missions (*Diocesan*) Donation mailed last week of Dec.



NOVEMBER: MONTHLY TITHE ONLY

Goal Pledged per month: \$4,825

Nov. 7: \$2,285

Nov. 14: \$1,165

Month Total: \$3,450

NOVEMBER: OTHER INCOME

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

Nov. 7: \$65 Candles; \$20 donations; \$250 Vigils; \$100 holy Day donations; \$50 bulletin; \$100 Chandelier; \$25 Candles on Tomb; \$100 Altar Candles; \$30 Candles @ St. Tikhon; \$25 Eternal Light & Icon Screen

Nov. 14: \$10 Candles; \$150 Vigils; Donations \$2,050, \$125 Holy Day Donations; \$46,517.45 fundraising

TOTAL FOR MONTH: \$3,100 (not including fundraising efforts)

NOVEMBER: RESTRICTED FUND DONATIONS

Nov. 7: \$150 Holiday Bureau; \$110 St Vladimir's Seminary; \$87.50 Building Restoration

Nov. 14: \$100 St Vladimir; \$5,000 building fund

NOVEMBER: LITURGICAL ATTENDANCE

Saturday, Nov. 6: 6 attended Vespers

Sunday, Nov. 7: 20 attended Liturgy (7 of which were visitors) / 16 received Communion

Monday, Nov. 8: 11 attended Feast Day Liturgy

Thursday, Nov. 11: 8 attended Liturgy

Saturday, Nov. 13: 9 attended Vespers

Sunday, Nov. 14: 16 attended Liturgy (1 being a guest) / 10 Communicants

CONGRATULATIONS

This year we raised \$46,517.45 in our fundraising efforts. Thanks to all of you and our friends from the Village and local churches. God bless you all!

VIGILS- NOVEMBER 14

Basil Glovinsky (1) Loving memory of Father Andrew's mother, Dorothy

Susan Guzy (8) In loving memory of my father, Frank on his birthday(10/4), For the health and recovery of Marguerite, In loving memory of infant Olivia(10/23), In loving memory of BettyLou (10/29), Special intentions, Special intentions, Special intentions, Special intentions

Jean Hileman (1) For the health of Marguerite

Laura Kovach(4) Birthday blessings to Madelyn and Jacob, 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., Marguerite B., Stephanie R., Christi S., Kathie J., Doris D., Joe, Margi, Joe Schutt, Mark Powell, and George Knigge. For the spiritual health of Lurette Burdge. Memory eternal to Cal Hoffer and Rob Blackford and Jean Hileman's uncle Dan

Sandy Martin (2) For health and healing of Marg, Special intentions

Pat Rentz (1) In memory of Robley Blackford

Royhab (2) For health of Stephanie Royhab, For the health of Marguerite Bird

Diane Tryon (2) In loving memory of Uncle Norm "Tig" on his birthday, Blessing to Greg and Kathryn and unborn child

Twarek (8) For the health and recovery of Zach, Health and recovery of Marguerite, Health and recovery of Jamie Philpot, Health and recovery of Joe Schutt, Health and recovery of Jim, Stephanie, Ron, Ezra, Health of David, Helen Lis and Tina's dad, Earl, Matt, Tom, Loren, Joe, Sonya, Margi & Joe, Betty, MaryAnn & Bob, Chuck, Bohdi, Diane, Stella, Jake, Cheryl, Special intentions, Special intentions

NOVEMBER CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Week of Nov. 21 Susan

Week of Nov. 28 Laura



AN EVENING WITH ST. TIKHONS SEMINARY MISSION CHOIR

WHEN: On Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021

WHERE: SS. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church in Lorain (Our closest sister parish to us)

TIME: 6:00pm Vespers, H'orderves & Cocktails, Christmas & Liturgical Concert (A free will offering will be accepted) &

Sunday, Dec. 5

9:30am Divine Liturgy with responses sung by St. Tikhon's Mission Choir

St. Tikhon's Mission Choir

St. Tikhon's Mission choir is a choral group from St. Tikhon's dedicated to God through the Church's primary evangelistic and teaching tool: Her Liturgical worship; the mission Choir strives to bring life, invigoration, and inspiration to the parishes which are visited throughout the year. Not only do parishioners interact with and see Seminarians who are attempting to follow the call of the Lord, but this interaction also puts a real human face with an institution that has been providing the Church in America with Her clergy and many lay leaders for over eighty years. The Mission Choir also teaches, preaches, and provides animated interesting presentations about the work of the St. Tikhon's Seminary and Monastery. The Mission choir raises funds for the work of the Seminary which primarily relies on donations from the Church and Her faithful to continue its work for the Church in America.

Not only will there be a free-will offering accepted, but there will be sponsorship levels available:

Bronze: up to \$150

Silver: \$151-250

Gold: \$251-\$500

Platinum: Over \$500

Gold & Platinum donors will be invited to lunch and a private concert following Divine Liturgy on 12/5.

NO VESPERS HERE DECEMBER 4

There will be no vespers here so I can attend the event in Lorain. If anyone is interested in going please let me know.

DECEMBER BULLETIN CANDLE SPONSORS

Bulletin: (\$50) From Father in memory of his family & friends reposed in December

Chandelier: (\$50) From Jean for the Health and safe travels for her daughter Jessica and son-in-law Justin and for the children Hayden, Rowan, & Silas as they travel to their new deployment & home in Japan

Altar Candles: (\$50) From Father in memory of the former pastors of this parish & Hierarchs from the Diocese in the month of Dec.

Candles on the Tomb: (\$25) Open

Eternal Light & Icon Screen: (\$25) From Jean in memory of her father William Pipenur

Candles @ the Cross (\$15)

Candles @ St Tikhon's Icon (\$15) for the health of Tom and safety of Nicholas, Tikhon & Gleice

40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

Nov. 7: Protospesbyter Lawrence Barringer

Nov 14: Patricia

Nov. 21: Metropolitan Jonah from Uganda

Nov. 28: Regina Lomme

Dec. 5: Gordon Schutt / Fr. Maximos Herman

Dec. 12: Dan Opritza / AP Peter Tutko

Dec. 19: Robley Blackford

Luke 12:16-21 (Gospel)

Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'" But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

PRAYER LIST- UPDATED NOVEMBER 19

HIERARCH'S / CLERGY: His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman; Archbishop Benjamin from San Fransico; 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; Basil Stoyka, Andrew Yarvonitsky; John Zabinko / Deacon Paul Gansle, Deacon Peter Rentsch, / Sub-deacon Wylie Meath

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

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

OTHER REQUESTS: Child Ezra; Jack Eilrich (Fr.); Baby Finn (Cassell); Marge Dziama; Ruthe Flewelling; Ben Franklin (Kovach); Donald Gresh (Glovinsky); Andrea Joy (Kovach); Ann Marie Krynock (Timko); Maria (ABP); Jake Lipstraw (Twarek); Mark Ludvik (Guzy); Mark Masica (Kovach); Pauline Meath (Fr); Karen Muzyka (fr); William Romanchak (Fr); Sandy Scafaria (Hileman); Janice Timko; George Timko; Loren Welch (Fr); Chuck Wiedenhoft (Twarek); Sara (Jake); Chris Quotap (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) / Please let FR. Andrew know who can come off the list or be p

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*.

Veterans Day (Remembrance Day), 2021

“I have said this to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world” (Jn 16:33).

To the Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America,

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this Veterans Day (Remembrance Day in Canada), we remember the sacrifices made by the men and women who protect our nations. It is right that we do so with gratitude.

War is a terrible thing which must never be glorified or treated lightly. It is a brutal, cruel, ugly, and grim affair that scars all who come into contact with it. For our veterans and their families, war is a cross which they carry both in combat and for long years after their return.

We owe our gratitude to those men and women who endure those hardships for our protection, sometimes paying the highest price. Because of these men and women, we enjoy peaceful countries and our children are spared this horrific reality of our broken world.

But we Christians know that peace is something more than the absence of conflict. Christ’s peace is “not as the world gives” (Jn 14:27). Saint Paul assures us that God’s peace “passes all understanding” and “will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus” (Phil 4:7). God’s peace leads us to deeper communion with our Lord that cannot be destroyed even by the battlefield. Let us pursue this peace above all.

I express gratitude to the veterans and their families, and offer my prayers for them. May you be encouraged with the words of the Apostle Peter, quoting the Psalmist: “He that would love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking guile; let him turn away from evil and do right; let him seek peace and pursue it” (1 Pet 3:10–11).

Yours in Christ,

+Tikhon

Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada

Metropolitan Hilarion Alfeyev, noted scholars lead enriching dialogues on Scripture

In celebration of his landmark, multi-volume *Jesus Christ: His Life and Teaching* (SVS Press), Saint Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary hosted the author, His Eminence Metropolitan Hilarion (Alfeyev), and several noted biblical scholars at the two-day event, *Searching the Scriptures*. The event was held on campus Thursday and Friday, November 11 and 12, 2021, and drew nearly 600 people from twenty-four countries around the world who either attended in person or signed up to watch online.

Searching the Scriptures’ lectures and discussions surrounding Metropolitan Hilarion’s six-volume work and New Testament scholarship more broadly led to fascinating exchanges between guest scholars—some of whom are Protestant Christians—and the author. The lively sessions invited the promise of further discussions to be hosted by the Seminary in the future, particularly surrounding attempts to find the “historical Jesus” and other aspects of New Testament scholarship in dialogue with the Orthodox tradition. The Seminary also plans to publish the papers presented at the academic conference in a forthcoming volume from Saint Vladimir’s Seminary (SVS) Press.

A recording of Metropolitan Hilarion’s keynote and all lectures and discussions from the event will be available soon on the Seminary’s YouTube page.

Keynote and Academic Conference

Searching the Scriptures began Thursday with Vespers at Three Hierarchs Chapel, immediately followed by a panikhida, presided over by Metropolitan Hilarion, on the occasion of the two hundredth birth anniversary of famous Russian writer and devout Orthodox Christian Fyodor Dostoevsky (Nov. 11, 1821–Feb. 9, 1881).

His Eminence then delivered his keynote lecture at the Seminary’s Metropolitan Philip Auditorium. His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, who formally invited to Metropolitan Hilarion to take part in the Seminary event and offered the opening and concluding prayer Thursday, was in attendance along with fellow members of the Holy Synod, His Eminence, Archbishop Melchisedek and His Eminence, Archbishop Michael; His Grace, Bishop Nicholas of Manhattan, *Con’t PG 7*

NOVEMBER Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES	BIRTHDAYS	
Oct. 31- Paul & Layne Demkosky 11-1-2008: Retired Metropolitan Jonah (Consecration) 11-12-2008: Retired Metropolitan Jonah (Elected Primate) 11-13-2012: The Most Blessed Tikhon (Elected as Primate) 4- Fr. Matthew Moriak priestly ordination 11-15-1980: Archbishop Nathaniel of Detroit <p style="text-align: center;">NAMESDAY</p> 11-6: Bishop Paul of Chicago 11-25: Retired Bishop Lazar of Ottawa 11-30: His Grace Andrei of Cleveland	31- Fr. Peter Zarynow 1- AP Fr. ohn Zdinak 7-Philip Sokolov 11- Amanda Kovach 16- Valerie Schutt 16- Madelyn (Laura's grand-daughter) 17- Cole Heffernan 17- Roddie Mazurik 18- Angie Kukay	19- Fr. Andrew Groom 19- Kristen Cassell 19- Mollie Demkosky 23- Cheyanne Welch 23- Joe Samilenko 28- Darryl Whitham 30- Kristen Basala

READERS



Sunday, Nov. 21 Ron
 Sunday, Nov. 28 Tim

For Your Prayers

Diane Tryon
 109 Joslyn Street
 Arcadia, OH 44804

For Your Prayers

Marguerite Bird
 512 Ottawa Street
 Marblehead, OH 43440



NOVEMBER Reposed

Oct. 31- Margaret Basala (2002) Oct. 31- George Rusincovitch (1994) 1-Peter Felenchak (1974) 2- Donald Sennich (1994) 3- Marian Glovinsky (2001) 5- Margaret Pietropolo (2009) 6- Joseph Guzy (1974) 6- William Rentz (2018) 6- Michael Chemorov (2019) 7- Desiree Flaherty ((1960) 8- Ann G Stretchberry (2003) 8- Anne Catherine Glovinsky (2004) 9- Ann Golob 10- Mary Billy (1934) (Grandmother) 11- Dorothy Bartek (2005) 11- Protodeacon Dennis Lucak (2018) 11- Matushka Helen Lucak (2018) 18- Archpriest George Timko (2000) Former Pastor 19- Evelyn Biecheler (2002) 19- Fr. John Dolhy (2006)	19- Frances (Nancy B. mom) 2019 19- Orestes Mihaly 21- Ann S. Ratica (1991) 21- Fr. Joseph Mihaly (1975) 22- Joann Carender 23- George Michael Elchisco (2016) 23- Serge Mihaly (2019) 25- Luba Johnson (2020) 26- Janet Elchisko (2018) 28- Anna Grabonsky (1972) 29-Alexander Mazur (2003) 29- His Eminence Archbishop David from Alaska Michael Guzy (1927) Mary Lou Hobson (2015) Mary Hritsko (1948)-Nov Anna Holodnak (1951)Nov John Danchisen
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Vicar Bishop of the Diocese of Eastern America and New York of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia; His Eminence, Archbishop Mor Dionysius John Kawak of the Syriac Orthodox Archdiocese of the Eastern United States; His Grace, Metropolitan Zachariah Mar Nicholovos of the Northeast Diocese of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church; and His Grace, Bishop James Massa of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn and Rector of Saint Joseph Seminary, Dunwoodie, among other distinguished clergy, alumni, and guests.

Metropolitan Hilarion discussed his monumental work, *Jesus Christ: His Life and Teaching*, and his desire to see a stronger Orthodox voice in modern biblical scholarship. In writing *Jesus Christ*, His Eminence explained he hoped to enrich his own understanding of the discipline in the process.

“I realized that I wanted to write a biographical study I wanted to approach Jesus precisely from the historical perspective, to show what kind of man he was, what his character was, how he reacted to other people, what his background was,” His Eminence explained. “The task that I set myself was not to expound Orthodox Christology, but rather to reproduce the living image of Jesus on the basis of the sources available and to present his teaching as it is reflected in the Gospels.”

His Eminence relied on patristic as well as modern New Testament scholarship in writing his volumes on Jesus. At the conclusion of his keynote, Metropolitan Hilarion offered an insight from *Jesus Christ's* first volume:

The gospel story of Jesus Christ...may be compared, I argue, to a collection of treasures amassed over two thousand years in a safe with two locks...two keys are required. One key is the belief that Jesus was fully human, with all the aspects of a real, flesh-and-blood person. However, we need a second key also: belief that Jesus was God incarnate. Without this key, the safe will not open, and the treasures will not radiate with their original brilliance. The gospel image of Christ will not come to the reader in all its resplendent beauty. In modern New Testament scholarship, the [second] key is very often simply not used at all. In the Orthodox tradition, sometimes the [first] key is put aside, and we tend to concentrate more on the

divine dimension of Jesus' life and teaching than on the human side of his story. This is one of the reasons why a dialogue between the Orthodox tradition and the rich and multi-layered tradition of modern New Testament scholarship can be mutually enriching for both sides.

Friday's lectures and discussions offered an enticing glimpse into the possibilities of such dialogue, as some guest scholars offered both praise and thoughtful critique of the *Jesus Christ* volumes. His Eminence took time to express his appreciation of the scholars' points and directly addressed some of the points raised, among them his criticism of the Q-Source Hypothesis proposed by many biblical scholars to explain similarities in the so-called “synoptic Gospels” of Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

Members of the audience watching online and in person were delighted by that and other discussions offered throughout the day by His Eminence and the other lecturers, of Orthodox and non-Orthodox faiths, who were invited to speak at *Searching the Scriptures*: Garwood P. Anderson, Ph.D., dean and professor of New Testament at Nashotah House Theological Seminary in Nashotah, WI; John Barnet, Ph.D., associate professor of New Testament at Saint Vladimir's Seminary; Bruce Beck, Th.D., assistant professor of New Testament at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, MA and director of the Religious Studies program at Hellenic College; Carl R. Holladay, Ph.D., professor emeritus of New Testament at Candler School of Theology (Emory University) in Atlanta, GA; Edith Mary Humphrey, Ph.D., William F. Orr Professor Emerita of New Testament at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary; Craig S. Keener, Ph.D., the F.M. and Ada Thompson Professor of Biblical Studies at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, KY; Gregory E. Sterling, Ph.D., the Rev. Henry L. Slack Dean of Yale Divinity School and its Lillian Claus Professor of New Testament; and James Buchanan Wallace, Ph.D., chair and professor of the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Christian Brothers University in Memphis, TN. One of the scheduled speakers, The Rev. George Parsenios, Ph.D., dean and professor of New Testament at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, was unfortunately unable to attend the conference due to illness.

Con't Next PG

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Patriarch Kirill Endowment

During Searching the Scriptures, Saint Vladimir's Seminary President The Very Rev. Dr Chad Hatfield announced the launch of The Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and all Rus' Endowment for Biblical Studies at the Seminary. The endowment was made possible by an anonymous donor who generously donated \$250,000 in recognition of Patriarch Kirill for his role in the remarkable revival of the Orthodox Church in Russia, universal church leadership, profound biblically oriented pastoral guidance, and support for the vision of the autocephalous Orthodox Church in America.

The endowment will be used to fund faculty, support efforts to promote scholarship in the field through student exchanges with Russia, and make possible more conferences and seminars that promote the Orthodox approach to the study of Holy Scripture. The investment of \$250,000 by the donors will be the first installment in building the endowment to the level that will fund a chair in biblical studies.

"Biblical studies occupies a pivotal position in the Seminary's curriculum with core and elective courses on the Scripture and New Testament, Greek and Hebrew languages," said Fr. Chad. "This immensely generous donation to establish the Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and all Rus' Endowment will go a long way as Saint Vladimir's looks to attract more world-class Orthodox scholars and make important contributions to the Church in the field of Orthodox biblical scholarship."

Divine Liturgy

Although the academic conference of Searching the Scriptures came to an end Friday evening with final remarks from Metropolitan Hilarion, the celebration of Divine Liturgy the following morning brought the previous days of prayer, fellowship, and discussion to its perfect and fitting culmination. On Saturday, November 13, His Eminence presided over the Liturgy at Three Hierarchs Chapel on the Feast of Saint John Chrysostom, one of the Three Ecumenical Teachers along with Ss. Basil and Gregory who are the Chapel's patrons.

The Seminary community gives thanks to God for these edifying days. Beautiful concluding remarks offered by His Eminence, Metropolitan Hilarion point to the inspiration behind this and all the efforts of Saint Vladimir's—of her seminarians, faculty, staff:

"Jesus belongs to the entire world and to every person. He has something to say to every human being, both to those who are already in the Church and to those who are on the path to it—and even to those who are far from it and from any religious affiliation at all."

Archbishop Paul's Travel Schedule: November 14- December 12

St. Nicholas Church, Mogadore, OH,
November 18th to 21st

St. Nicholas Church, Kenosha, WI,
November 27th to 28th

Bishop's Council/Diocesan Council,
December 2nd to 3rd, Burr Ridge, IL

St. Nicholas Church, Mentor, OH,
December 4th to 5th

Ss. Peter & Paul, Lakewood, OH
December 10-12

Galatians 6:11-18 (Epistle)

See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

**His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon welcomes
His Eminence Metropolitan Hilarion of
Volokolamsk at St. Tikhon's Monastery**

On Saturday and Sunday, Nov 13-14, 2021, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon traveled to Saint Tikhon's Monastery to welcome His Eminence Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, Chairman of the Department of External Church Relations of the Russian Orthodox Church. His Eminence visited Saint Tikhon's Monastery and Seminary for the first time on this occasion.

Earlier, on November 11, His Beatitude had welcomed Metropolitan Hilarion at Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary where His Eminence offered the keynote lecture for the "Searching the Scriptures" conference. After fully participating in the conference, on the morning of November 13 His Eminence presided at the Divine Liturgy at Three Hierarchs Chapel for the feast of Saint John Chrysostom.

On Sunday, November 14 His Beatitude presided at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy at the Monastery Church. Concelebrating with him were Metropolitan Hilarion, Archpriest Alexander Rentel, Chancellor; Archimandrite Sergius, Abbot of Saint Tikhon's Monastery; Igumen Nikodim, Dean of the Saint Nicholas Patriarchal Cathedral and Secretary of the Administrator of the Patriarchal Parishes of the USA; Archpriest John Parker, Dean of Saint Tikhon's Seminary; Priest Mark Rashkov, Vice-Chancellor of the Patriarchal Parishes of the USA; Priest Alessandro Margheritino, Secretary; in addition to other priests and deacons from the Saint Tikhon's Monastery and Seminary community.

His Beatitude delivered the homily where he spoke about our task to love God and neighbor above all and that in Jesus Christ we always have hope as we struggle in the way of the Cross. His Beatitude encouraged the faithful in their small day by day sacrifices that "every small sacrifice is received by the God who is love and desires nothing but love. And all these sacrifices are added to the one, great, and unrepeatable sacrifice of Christ."

At the end of the Divine Liturgy, His Beatitude and His Eminence exchanged fraternal greetings. His

Beatitude greeted His Eminence and affirmed the unity of the Russian and American churches as seen expressed in the great saints of both countries. In particular, His Beatitude said "In these sacred precincts, the monastery and the seminary, the holy men and women who have graced this land, the venerable monastics who labored here, the honorable faculty, and our wonderful seminarians and alumni have all sung and continue to sing the same song of true theology that the holy men and women sing in the vast expanse of the Russian Church." His Beatitude closed his remarks by asking His Eminence to convey his greetings to His Holiness Patriarch Kirill and presenting a gift.

In response, His Eminence conveyed the greetings and deep love of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill for His Beatitude and the faithful of the Orthodox Church in America. He conveyed his hopes for a trip of His Beatitude to Russia in the near future. Metropolitan Tikhon was, in fact, supposed to lead a delegation of the Orthodox Church in America this month to take part at the celebration for the 75th birthday of Patriarch Kirill. The festivities were, however, postponed because of the ongoing public health crisis.

Metropolitan Hilarion was warmly welcomed by the Saint Tikhon's community. Following the Divine Liturgy, Abbot Sergius gave a tour of the monastery, the museum, and the bookstore to Metropolitan Hilarion and his delegation. His Beatitude and His Eminence, along with the other guests, were then hosted for a brunch before receiving a tour of the Seminary by its Dean, Archpriest John Parker.

NOTE: You can read His Beatitude's homily in full on National OCA Website

Message from Archbishop Paul

His Eminence will not give a blessing for any religious exemptions from vaccinations for any clergy, deacons or priests or retired clergy to give to any parishioners.



The Entry of the Most Holy Mother of God into the Temple

Commemorated on November 21

According to Holy Tradition, the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple took place in the following manner. The parents of the Virgin Mary, Saints Joachim and Anna, praying for an end to their childlessness, vowed that if a child were born to them, they would dedicate it to the service of God.

When the Most Holy Virgin reached the age of three, the holy parents decided to fulfill their vow. They gathered together their relatives and acquaintances, and dressed the All-Pure Virgin in Her finest clothes. Singing sacred songs and with lighted candles in their hands, virgins escorted Her to the Temple (Ps. 44/45:14-15). There the High Priest and several priests met the handmaiden of God. In the Temple, fifteen high steps led to the sanctuary, which only the priests and High Priest could enter. (Because they recited a Psalm on each step, Psalms 119/120-133/134 are called "Psalms of Ascent.") The child Mary, so it seemed, could not make it up this stairway. But just as they placed Her on the first step, strengthened by the power of God, She quickly went up the remaining steps and ascended to the highest one. Then the High Priest, through inspiration from above, led the Most Holy Virgin into the Holy of Holies, where only the High Priest entered once a year to offer a purifying sacrifice of blood. Therefore, all those present in the Temple were astonished at this most unusual occurrence.

After entrusting their child to the Heavenly Father, Joachim and Anna returned home. The All-Holy Virgin remained in the quarters for virgins near the Temple. According to the testimony of Holy Scripture (Exodus 38; 1 Kings 1: 28; Luke 2: 37), and also the historian Josephus Flavius, there were many living quarters around the Temple, in which those who were dedicated to the service of God dwelt.

The earthly life of the Most Holy Theotokos from Her infancy until She was taken up to Heaven is shrouded in deep mystery. Her life at the Jerusalem Temple was also a secret. "If anyone were to ask me," said Saint Jerome, "how the Most Holy Virgin spent the time of Her youth, I would answer that that is known to God Himself and the Archangel Gabriel, Her constant guardian."

But there are accounts in Church Tradition, that during the All-Pure Virgin's stay at the Temple, She grew up in a community of pious virgins, diligently read the Holy Scripture, occupied Herself with handicrafts, prayed constantly, and grew in love for God. From ancient times, the Church has celebrated the Feast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple. Indications that the Feast was observed in the first centuries of Christianity are found in the traditions of Palestinian Christians, which say that the holy Empress Helen (May 21) built a church in honor of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple.

Saint Gregory of Nyssa, in the fourth century, also mentions this Feast. In the eighth century Saints Germanus and Tarasius, Patriarchs of Constantinople, delivered sermons on the Feast of the Entry.

The Feast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple foretells God's blessing for the human race, the preaching of salvation, the promise of the coming of Christ.

DISCOURSE ON THE FEAST OF THE ENTRY OF OUR MOST PURE LADY THEOTOKOS INTO THE HOLY OF HOLIES by Saint Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica

If a tree is known by its fruit, and a good tree bears good fruit (Mt. 7:17; Luke 6:44), then is not the Mother of Goodness Itself, She who bore the Eternal Beauty, incomparably more excellent than every good, whether in this world or the world above? Therefore, the coeternal and identical Image of goodness, Preeternal, transcending all being, He Who is the preexisting and good Word of the Father, moved by His unutterable love for mankind and compassion for us, put on our image, that He might reclaim for Himself our nature which had been dragged down to uttermost Hades, so as to renew this corrupted nature and raise it to the heights of Heaven. For this purpose, He had to assume a flesh that was both new and ours, that He might refashion us from out of ourselves. Now He finds a Handmaiden perfectly suited to these needs, the supplier of Her own unsullied nature, the Ever-Virgin now hymned by us, and Whose miraculous Entrance into the Temple, into the Holy of Holies, we now celebrate. God predestined Her before the ages for the salvation and reclaiming of our kind. She was chosen, not just from *Con't Next PG*