



Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

V. Rev. Archpriest Andrew Bartek, Rector Parish Council President: Ron Royhab



FEBRUARY Bulletin Sponsor:

Fr. Andrew in memory of my Grandmother Justina

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, February 6 - Zacchaeus Sunday

9:10 am: Hours / Divine Liturgy Social

Thursday, February 10

6:00 pm: Lions Club Meeting

Saturday, February 12

4:00 pm: Vespers / Confessions

Sunday, February 13

9:10 am Hours / Divine Liturgy / Social

FEBRUARY CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE



Week of Feb. 6: Natalie

Week of Feb. 13: Bill & Tim

Week of Feb. 20: Susan

Week of Feb. 27: Stephanie

Note: If there are services during the week, please vacuum after each service.
Thank you for your service!

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2022

Tone: 8

Gospel:

Luke 19:1-10

Epistle:

1 Timothy 4:9-15

33rd Sunday after Pentecost

Afterfeast of the Meeting. Sunday of Zacchaeus. St. Cbucolus, Bishop Smyrna. Virgin-Martyr Dorothy, two sisters (Christina and Callista, and Theophilus, at Caesarea in Cappadocia. Martyr Julian of Emesa. Virgin-Martyr Fausta, and with with her, Evilasius and Maximus , at Cyzicus. Ven. Barsanuphius the Great and John the Prophet. St Photius, Patriarch of Constantinople. Virgin-Martyrs Martha and Mary, and their brother Lycarion, in Egypt

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY VESPERS

Is to be held on Sunday March 13 at 5:00pm at St. Matthew the Evangelist Antiochian Orthodox Church located at 10383 Albion Rd. North Royalton, OH. 44133. His Eminence, the Most Rev. Michael, Archbishop of New York and the Dioceses of New York & New Jersey will preside as well as off the homily.

FEBRUARY BULLETIN CANDLE SPONSORS

Bulletin: (\$50) Fr. Andrew in memory of my Grandmother Justina

Chandelier: (\$50) From Laura Kovach in memory of her father Steven

Altar Candles: (\$50) Fr. Andrew for the health of my Spiritual Father on the occasion of his birthday

Candles on the Tomb: (\$25) Fr. Andrew in memory of His Eminence Metropolitan Orestes from the Carpatho-Russian Diocese.

Eternal Light & Icon Screen: (25) Fr. Andrew in memory of all my friends & family

Candles @ the Cross: Laura in memory of her parents Steven & Margaret / Sandy for Health of Marguerite

Candles @ St Tikhon's Icon: For the Health of Tim & Cami & safety of Nicholas, Tikhon & Gleice



READERS

Sunday, Feb. 6	Tim
Sunday, Feb. 13	Ron
Sunday, Feb. 20	Tim
Sunday, Feb. 27	Ron

JANUARY LITURGICAL ATTENDANCE

Friday, Dec. 31: 7 attended the Vespers for the Feastday
Saturday, Jan 1. : 11 attended the Feastday Liturgy /No Vespers
Sunday, Jan. 2: 15 attended Liturgy / 10 Communicants
Tuesday, Jan. 4: 9 attended the Royal Hours
Wednesday, Jan. 5: 5 attended the Vespers Liturgy
 8 attended the Vigil for Theophany
Thursday, Jan. 6: 5 attended the Feastday Liturgy
Saturday, Jan. 8: 10 attended the blessing of the Lake
Sunday, Jan. 9: 18 attended Liturgy (3 of which were guests) / 10 Communicants
Saturday, Jan. 15: 8 attended Vespers
Sunday, Jan. 16: 15 attended Liturgy (1 being a guest / 11 Communicants
Sunday, Jan. 23: Snow 9 attended liturgy (1 being a guest/ 7 communicants) NO Vespers
Saturday, Jan. 29: 8 attended Vespers
Sunday, Jan. 30: 19 attended Liturgy (1 being a guest) / 15 Communicants

JANUARY: OTHER INCOME

**Goal for the month in this category:
\$4,000 (Average \$923 a week)**

Jan. 2: \$15 Anonymous Donations; \$5 Vigils; \$350 Holy Day Donations; \$50 Bulletin; \$50 Chandelier; \$50 Altar Candles; \$25 Eternal Light
Jan. 9: \$40 Candles; \$200 Vigils; \$45 donation; \$200 Holy Day donations; \$30 Candles @ the Cross
Jan. 16: \$10 Candles; \$80 Vigils; \$25 Candles on Tomb
Jan. 23: \$10 Candles; \$35 Vigils
Jan. 30: \$35 Candles; \$85 Vigils; \$50 donation; \$75 Holy Day Donation; \$25 Tikhon Icon Candles
Month Total: \$1,490



VIGILS- JANUARY 23

Tamara Blackford (1) In memory of Rob

Basil Glovinsky (2) for the health of Marguerite and Karen

Laura Kovach(4) For the health and recovery of Joe H., Marguerite B., Stephanie R., David Oberst, and Pat Rentz. 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., Kathie J., Joe S., and Pete R. Safe travels for family and friends. Special intentions for Keri, Addison, and Brady.

Sandy Martin (2) for the health of Marguerite, special intentions

Royhab (3) for health of Marguerite, Stephanie and Marianne

Rebecca Timko (2) In loving memory of mother Janice and brother Phillip

Twarek (2) For the health of Amber, Marguerite, Dottie, Joe Schutt, Jamie, Jim, Stephanie, Ron, Ezra, David, Helen Lis and Tina's dad, Earl, Matt, Tom, Loren, Joe, Sonya, Margi & Joe, Betty, Jackie, MaryAnn & Bob, Chuck, Bohdi, Diane, Stella, Jake, Cheryl and Pat Rentz and Karen, special intentions

JANUARY: MONTHLY TITHE ONLY

**Goal Pledged per month: \$5,667
(average of \$1,307 per week)**

Jan. 2: \$ 465
Jan. 9: \$1,535
Jan. 16: \$ 915
Jan. 23: \$ 350
Jan. 30 \$2,125
Month Total: \$5,390

FEBRUARY LITURGICAL ATTENDANCE

2-1: 9 attended Vespers Liturgy

40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

Feb. 6: Nicholas Hutnyan

Feb. 13: Archpriest Michael Slovesko /
Mitred Archpriest Stavros Rousos / Valerie
Boswell / Elinor Williams / Janice Timko

Feb. 27: 2 Police officer killed in NYC

March 6: Tom Welch

March 13: 2 policers killed in Ga / 3 Firemen
from MD / School shooting victims in MN

TOTAL JANUARY FINANCIAL'S

Income	\$ 6,880.00
Expenses	\$11,934.34
Total:	-\$5,054.34

JANUARY: RESTRICTED FUND DONATIONS

Jan. 2: None

Jan. 9: \$10 Food Pantry; \$10 Catastrophic Fund;
\$260 Support Priest (OCMC)

Jan. 16: \$100 Support Priest

Jan. 23: \$100 Food Pantry

Jan. 30: \$50 Building fund; \$25 Food Pantry; \$125
Catastrophic Fund; \$100 Support Priest

1 Timothy 4:9-15 (Epistle)

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. These things command and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

Ninth Anniversary of Metropolitan Tikhon's enthronement

On Thursday, January 27, 2022 His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon celebrates the ninth anniversary of his enthronement as Metropolitan of All America and Canada. The clergy, monastics, and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America give thanks to the Almighty God for His Beatitude's archpastoral love for his flock and primatial leadership. May God grant His Beatitude many more blessed years!

150th anniversary of the establishment of the North American diocesan see in San Francisco

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the transfer of the bishop's see of the Diocese of the Aleutian Islands and Alaska from Sitka to San Francisco in 1872. As we observe this milestone in the spread of the Orthodox Church's presence in North America, let us reflect on the historical background and significance of this event.

A number of factors and events had served to set the stage for relocation of the diocesan see. In October 1867, the purchase of Alaska by the United States from Russia was completed. Saint Innocent (Veniaminov), who by then had been a missionary in Alaska and Siberia for more than four decades, was Archbishop of Kamchatka, the Kurile and Aleutian Islands and resided in Siberia but Alaska was also part of his diocese. In the wake of the sale of Alaska, a rumor reached Saint Innocent from Moscow that he was advocating the closing of the Orthodox mission in Alaska as it was no longer a Russian territory. In order to dispel this rumor, Archbishop Innocent wrote a letter to the Ober-Procurator of the Most Holy Governing Synod dated December 5, 1867 laying out his vision for the future of Orthodoxy in North America. One of his key points was that the see of the Diocese should be transferred from Sitka to San Francisco in order to facilitate the Church's mission throughout the continent.

When Saint Innocent wrote the letter, which was direct and did not mince words, news that his spiritual mentor, Metropolitan (Saint) Philaret of Moscow, had reposed in the Lord on November 19, had not yet reached him in remote Siberia. **Con't Next Pg**

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We can only speculate whether he would have had the boldness to write so forthrightly had he known that his mentor was no longer in the Synod to lend support to his proposals. Exactly a month after writing his letter, on January 5, 1868, Saint Innocent was appointed Metropolitan of Moscow by the Emperor of Russia. Undoubtedly, with Saint Innocent's inspired input, the Synod created the new Diocese of the Aleutian Islands and Alaska in 1870, partitioning the Kamchatka Diocese into two, with Alaska and the rest of North America as one eparchy and the Siberian Russian Far East as the other. Appointed to head the diocese was the newly-consecrated young Bishop John (Mitropolsky). By order of the Synod, the Spiritual Consistory (chancery office) of the new diocese was to be located in San Francisco, but the episcopal see of the diocese was to be in Sitka, which previously had been an auxiliary see within the Kamchatka Diocese. Some consideration was given to transferring the diocesan see to San Francisco or New York, in part at the urging of state officials in Russia, who viewed the Church as an important element in strengthening Russia's presence in major American cities.

In the early decades of the parish community in San Francisco, the cathedral relocated several times. One of the earliest available photos is after a renovation following a fire in 1889.

Upon arrival in his diocese, Bishop John remained in San Francisco to oversee setup of the Consistory including transfer of archives and documents from Sitka and relocation of some of the Sitka clergy to staff the Consistory in San Francisco. In fact, Bishop John did not travel to Alaska until 1872, even though most of his flock was there. At that time, he also decided that henceforth his episcopal see should be located in San Francisco, where many Orthodox faithful from various countries - who had initially arrived during the Gold Rush - began to establish a church community in the late 1850s. While most historical sources do not give a precise date for when this unofficial transfer of the see occurred, at least one source indicates that it was effected on June 29, 1872. Bishop John undertook this relocation with the knowledge and informal approval of the Synod in Russia, though a

formal decree on the matter apparently was not issued by the Synod until years later (1878 or 1881 according to various sources). Before he left America in 1876, Bishop John oversaw establishment of a modest cathedral where some services were conducted in English.

When Bishop John arrived in San Francisco more than 150 years ago, there were only three multi-ethnic Orthodox communities in the continental US: in San Francisco, New Orleans and New York. Toward the end of the 19th century, new waves of immigration, especially from Austro-Hungary, resulted in the establishment of numerous new parishes in the eastern and Midwestern states. To recognize this reality, the name of the Diocese was changed to "Aleutian Islands and North America" in 1900 and the diocesan see was transferred to New York in 1905, upon the initiative of Saint Patriarch Tikhon, who was the ruling hierarch in America from 1898 to 1907. Today, the Orthodox Church in America, with the see of her Primate in Washington, DC since 1981, continues vigorous missionary work throughout the North American continent, in accordance with the vision of Saint Innocent and Saint Tikhon, establishing new parish communities that bring together faithful and inquirers from diverse backgrounds.

Luke 19:1-10 (Gospel)

Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore four-fold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

PRAYER LIST- UPDATED FEBRUARY 3

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; John Zabinko / Deacon Paul Gansle, Deacon Peter Rentsch, Deacon Michael Wison / Sub-deacon Wylie Meath

MATUSHKII: Pani Patricia Duranko; Virgina Lecko; Maura McCarnthey; Roberta Spengler; Margaret Zabinko

PARISHIONERS & THEIR FAMILIES: James Bargdill (Schutt); John Beadle (Elchisco); Marguerite Bird; Maryann Cook (Twarek); Michael Glovinsky; Shirley Gresh (Glovinsky); Joseph Habegger (Kovach); Charisse (Hileman); Betty Kovach; David LaValle (Fr); Helen Lis; 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; Dacia Snider (Hileman); Diane Tryon; Greg Tyron; Tom Twarek; Child Bodhi (Cassell); Kathryn Tryon & her unborn baby

OTHER REQUESTS: Mary Dank (ABL); Layne Demkosy (Fr); Paul Demkosky (Fr.); Marge Dziama; Child Ezra; Baby Finn (Cassell); Zoe Finley (ABL);; Ruthe Flewelling; Ben Franklin (Kovach); Dorothy Goldman (Twarek); Donald Gresh (Glovinsky); Andrea Joy (Kovach); Ann Marie Krynock (Timko); Maria (ABL); Jake Lipstraw (Twarek); Mark Ludvik (Guzy); Mark Masica (Kovach); Pauline Meath (Fr); Karen Muzyka (fr); William Romanchak (Fr); Sandy Scafaria (Hileman); Loren Welch (Fr); Tanya Wolfe (Fr.); Chuck Wiedenhof (Twarek); Sara (Jake); Chris Quotap (Fr); Zoland Zile (Fr.)

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

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 put on.

Sunday of Zacchaeus Commemorated on February 6

The paschal season of the Church is preceded by the season of Great Lent, which is also preceded by its own liturgical preparation. The first sign of the approach of Great Lent comes five Sundays before its beginning. On this Sunday the Gospel reading is about Zacchaeus the tax-collector. It tells how Christ brought salvation to the sinful man, and how his life was changed simply because he "sought to see who Jesus was" (Luke 19:3). The desire and effort to see Jesus begins the entire movement through Lent towards Pascha. It is the first movement of salvation.

Our lenten journey begins with a recognition of our own sinfulness, just as Zacchaeus recognized his. He promised to make restitution by giving half of his wealth to the poor, and by paying to those he had falsely accused four times as much as they had lost. In this, he went beyond the requirements of the Law (Ex. 22:3-12).

The example of Zacchaeus teaches us that we should turn away from our sins, and atone for them. The real proof of our sorrow and repentance is not just a verbal apology, but when we correct ourselves and try to make amends for the consequences of our evil actions.

We are also assured of God's mercy and compassion by Christ's words to Zacchaeus, "Today salvation is come to this house" (Luke 19:9). After the Great Doxology at Sunday Matins **Con't next Pg**

FEBRUARY Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES	BIRTHDAYS	
2-10-1973: Retired Metropolitan Herman 2-14-2004: The Most Blessed Tikhon 18- Joe & Sonya Rose -25-2020: His Grace Bishop Andrei of Cleveland	4- Nathaniel Bremer 5- Christi Soski 5- Thomas Hileman 5- Zoland Zile 6- Alex Zarynow 8- Thomas Hileman 10- Fr. Eli Bremer 12- Fr. James Gleason 12- Michael Sumner 14- Sandy Martin 14- Mat Ann Lardas	16- David Mazurik 16- Silas Issler 19- Jonah Adamcio 19- Vitaly Muzyka 20- Julianna Kusinski 22- Wayne Golob 24- Sonya Rose 25- Heidi Golob 26- Basil Glovinsky 26- Pani Bernadette Zarynow 27- Andy Schlotterer

Archbishop Paul's Travel Schedule: February 4-21st

St. Nicholas Church, Columbus, OH,
February 4th to 6th

St. Thomas, Kokomo, IN, February 11th to 13th

Holy Trinity, Chicago, IL, February 19th to 20th

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Diane Tryon 109 Joslyn Street Arcadia, OH 44804	Marguerite Bird 512 Ottawa Street Marblehead, OH 43440
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(when the Tone of the week is Tone 1, 3, 5, 7) we sing the Dismissal Hymn of the Resurrection "Today salvation has come to the world," which echoes the Lord's words to Zacchaeus.

Zacchaeus was short, so he climbed a tree in order to see the Lord. All of us have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). We are also short in our spiritual stature, therefore we must climb the ladder of the virtues. In other words, we must prepare for spiritual effort and growth.

Saint Zacchaeus is also commemorated on April 20.

FEBRUARY Reposed

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

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Greetings on this day of the Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs. Blessed Feast!

Let me start right off and say, **a lot** of good things have been going on here at Holy Assumption! Though the last 2 years have been a struggle with the Covid pandemic, God has really blessed us in these most difficult times.

You will remember in 2020 we couldn't have the Halupki Festival. We got creative, did some "out of the box thinking" and developed an on-line fundraising campaign to attempt to raise some needed funds. To our collective surprise, \$15,000 was raised and we **still** finished the year in the black.

In 2021, we felt okay about how our Halupki Festival and market days went. As a matter of fact, they were recorded breaking. Over \$46,000 was collected between both events!

This is a lot of work for those of us in the church. Most people were asked to work 2-3 hours a couple days a week and maybe three times on some weeks. Yes, it was a lot of work. That is an absolute fact. **BUT** it was a great opportunity to come together with our talents and have Christian fellowship with each other. That shared effort is what binds us together. I thank those who did all that work. But I **MUST**, once again, be sure to express my sincerest thank you to Tina, Laura, Natalie & Basil, who basically worked almost every day of the summer months. Truly, without them these events would be difficult if not impossible to do.

And not only did they work hard on the financial front but were always in church on the spiritual front.

Maybe next year someone can ask them if they need a day off and do a day of work for them or volunteer to work alongside them to ease the amount of work each much carry. This is what a family does. Helps and supports each other.

I also want to say thank you to Joe. Schutt for working & donating a lot of his time and treasure and talents to the church trying to work out the kinks in the 1st year of this new system of Church Trac. It is still a learning experience for all but he had his plate completely filled with his personal and professional life and always found time to answer a question in a quick manner for the Church.

The Church's responsibility is to be a beacon to not only our parishioners but to the community and the world. We are doing that on a regular basis. How?

- 1) We support other charitable organizations. This is our third year of having a monthly charity collection envelope. In 2020 the church added \$250 above what was donated by all of you. In 2021 the church added \$300 above the amount collected. In 2022 the church will add \$400. This is only 3.7% of our budget. The goal is to get to 10%. Those charities range from local, National, Diocesan and International. We have sponsored a priest and Deacon from Uganda for the last two years through OC-MC. We are waiting for our new support clergy. The local charities we support are Bistro 163; Women's Shelter, Men's Shelter; Lions Club. Nationally, Zoe for Life, Focus for St Hermon's House **Con't next PG**

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- and of course of the seminaries (St Tikhon's, etc. and we support our own Diocesan Seminarians).
- 2) We have hosted a free Christmas Dinner for three years
 - 3) We have hosted the Blessing of Lake Erie for three years.
 - 4) We started a community picnic last year and will have it again this year.
 - 5) For the past 5 years, we have never had to take money out of our savings to pay bills. This year will be no different. Matter of fact we have enough excess money that we can pay for our renovation process of our parish to get ready for our 125th Anniversary.

Preparations have already begun to celebrate our 125th anniversary in this community. The Village members are getting excited about it as I talk to them about what it will involve; police escorts, an outdoor Liturgy, Deanery choir singing, and many other things. The Village is very proud to have the oldest Orthodox Church in Ohio being here in Marblehead. This is a big deal not just for us, but for them too.

Today we will have a special vote to move ahead with painting the church. It's time. It's been almost 25 years since it was done. We've been fiscally responsible these past many years and we have the funds to pay for this project as I previously said. You are to be applauded for that effort!

We have been blessed in many, many ways; especially with financial stability. However, a continued concern is our spiritual attitudes and growth and welcoming nature in the parish.

Unfortunately, the way this growth is measured is numerically. As you know, most of the parish membership is aged 65 or older and retired. There are 27 parishioners in "good standing." I often wonder:

- 1) why then are there only 7 people at best for Great Vespers;
- 2) 15 at best for Sunday Liturgy;
- 3) 7 at best for Feast Day liturgies?
- 4) less the 50% want our homes blessed?
- 5) So many of us don't fast on a regular basis?
- 6) Why is it they most of us continue to only go to confession once or twice a year?
- 7) Why is it the most of us don't attend village functions to be witnesses of our faith?

Prior to Covid, we had 43 parishioners. In spite of my best efforts, 16 members have not returned. This weighs on my heart. The Lord is doing so much for us and it feels like we are doing so little for Him spiritually. I am at a loss and covet your prayers for God to guide me on what to do. Maybe each of us can reach out to these people. The continued life of this parish depends on it. The numbers don't lie. This parish is on a road that is not good spiritually. This was stated before by a previous priest of this parish but the numbers speak for themselves today. Eighty five percent of this parish is over 65. But we can change this direction. But we all need to be part of the change.

In conclusion, let me say again, Thank you for all of your efforts this past year. Please keep me in your prayers as I seek God's guidance to be the best rector I can be. Let's pray together to do the right things, to turn towards spiritual growth this year, because it will be for the glory of the Lord.

V.R. Andrew Bartek, Rector