



# 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 20- Prodigal Son**

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

#### **Saturday, February 26: No Vespers**

#### **Sunday, February 27- Meatfare Sunday**

9:10 am: Hours / Divine Liturgy / Potluck Social /  
**Last Day to eat Meat**

### **SUNDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2022**

**Tone: 2**

**Gospel:**

Luke: 15:11-32

**Epistle:**

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

#### **35th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sunday of the Prodigal Son.** St. Leo, Bishop of Catania in Sicily. Hieromartyr Sadoc, Bishop of Persia, and 128 Martyrs with him. St. Agathon, Pope of Rome. Ven. Agafon, Wonderworker of the Kiev Caves. Beheading of Ven. Cornelius, Abbot of the Pskov Caves

### **Archbishop Paul's Travel Schedule:**

**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

### **FEBRUARY CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE**

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!

### **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 / From Joe & Valerie for health of Marguerite

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

**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

### **CHURCH PAINTING**

The painting of the interior of the church will begin this week and, hopefully, be completed by the first week in April. Please excuse the mess.

Due to this we must take a lot of things out of the church which includes Vigils. So no candles until work is completed. Thank You

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## **FEBRUARY: MONTHLY TITHE ONLY**

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

**Feb. 6:** \$1,060

**Feb. 13:** \$1,295

**Total for the Month:** \$2,355

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## **FEBRUARY: OTHER INCOME**

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

**Feb. 6:** \$10 Candles; \$125 Vigils; \$200 Holy Day Donations; \$50 Bulletin; \$50 Chandelier; \$25 Candles on the Tomb; \$100 Altar Candles; \$25 Eternal Light; \$15 Candles at the Cross

**Feb. 13:** \$75 Candles; \$125 Vigils; \$250 Holy Day Donations; \$15 Candles at the Cross

**Total for Month: \$1,065)**

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## **FEBRUARY LITURGICAL ATTENDANCE**

**Tuesday, Feb. 1:** 9 attended Vespersal Liturgy

**Sunday, Feb. 6:** 15 attended Liturgy (1 being a guest) / 11 Communicants / No Vespers

**Saturday, Feb. 12:** 7 attended Vespers

**Sunday, Feb. 13:** 13 attended (1 being a guest) / 11 Communicants

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## **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 / Paula Skeen

**March 6:** Tom Welch

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

**March 20:** Chris from Bruno's / Captain John Esposito

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## **READERS**

Sunday, Feb. 20      Tim

Sunday, Feb. 27      Ron

## **VIGILS- February 6**

**Tamara Blackford (1)** In memory of Rob

**Susan Guzy (2)** special intentions

**Laura Kovach(4)** In loving memory of my mom. For the health and recovery of Joe H., Marguerite B., Stephanie R., and David O. 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., Pete R., and June Wrixon. Special intentions.

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

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

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

**Diane Tryon (4)** for January. In loving memory of Janice Timko, For the health of Greg, Kat and baby, In loving memory of Grandma Benya, For the health of Marguerite Bird

**Diane Tryon (4)** for February. Birthday blessing to my grandson Ian Beck(2/1), Birthday memory of Aunt Anne (2/16) Birthday blessings to Mike, many more (2/19), Birthday Blessings to Uncle Bill, many more (2/26)

**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

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## **FEBRUARY: RESTRICTED FUND DONATIONS**

**Jan. 6:** \$100 Food Pantry; \$100 Catastrophic Fund; \$100 St. Herman's House

**Feb. 13:** \$25 Support Priest (Jan); \$300 St Vladimir Seminary

## His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon Awards the St Innocent Award to David and Katherine Linke

On February 13, 2022, immediately following the Divine Liturgy at the Saint Sergius Chapel, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon awarded David and Katherine Linke with the Saint Innocent Award, Bronze Class, for their many years of service to the Orthodox Church in America.

In his address to the recipients, His Beatitude noted that the retirement of David and Katherine is a bittersweet moment. He remarked that the Chancery and the Saint Sergius Chapel “have always been something of a transient community, with people coming and going both in terms of Chancery staff but also in terms of parishioners. The two of you have been a constant help here at the chapel in many ways and we are grateful to God for your faithfulness and support of the community, which gives expression to your love for God and for the Church.”

His Beatitude expressed the gratitude of the Chapel to David and Katherine for their efforts in the liturgical services, singing, cleaning the temple, and baking prosphora. In addition, he expressed his personal thanks for their support especially during his many travels around the Orthodox Church in America.

## Remarks after the Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee by His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon

Saint Sergius Chapel, Syosset, NY

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

Today we have heard the seemingly straightforward but spiritually powerful parable of the Publican and the Pharisee. On the surface, the parable simply describes two men who went up to the temple to pray. The one, a Pharisee, exalted himself and focused on all the ways that he had fulfilled the law, also condemning others by claiming that he was not like extortioners, adulterers, or even the publican who stood afar off. The other, a Publican or tax-collector,

not even dare to look up to heaven but humbled himself by beating his breast and said: “God be merciful to me a sinner..”

This simple parable, in many ways, strikes at the core of the spiritual life, of our coming efforts during Great Lent, and of our lives as Christians. The parable reminds us that, even though each of us is a sinner, each of us is imperfect, each of us is unworthy of God’s love, there is hope to be found in Jesus Christ. The parable does not speak to the actions of the Pharisee, which surely were very good actions: praying, fasting, and tithing. Rather it is the inner disposition of his heart that is the focus, just as the actions of the publican (his work as a tax collector) are not what are being pointed out but rather the inner disposition of his heart.

This is something that we all ought to strive for: to do good, certainly, but also to develop a good disposition of our heart towards both the things we do that perhaps we are not proud of, as well as those things we do that we find are pleasing to the Lord.

Today, we are saying goodbye to two individuals who exemplify this humble love of Christ and the Church, David and Katherine Linke. I would ask you to come forward at this time.

David and Katherine,

We come to something of a bittersweet moment in the life of the chancery and Saint Sergius Chapel. We certainly rejoice in David’s retirement and your decision to relocate to warmer climates to be closer to your family. But at the same time our entire community shares a sense of loss in seeing you depart from the chapel community which you have been such an integral part of for so many years.

This has always been something of a transient community, with people coming and going both in terms of chancery staff but also in terms of parishioners. The two of you have been a constant help here at the chapel in many ways and we are grateful to God for your faithfulness and support of the community, which gives expression to your love for God and for the Church.

You have both helped in the chapel, bringing and arranging flowers, cleaning before and after services, baking prosphora.

You have both served honorably in the temple, Katherine offering your voice in the choir **Con’t Next PG**

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and David by assisting with various liturgical actions.

We have all enjoyed your cooking and baking, especially your delicious Lenten cookies.

You have spent countless hours preparing for the services, getting the music together (which is a never-ending task),

You have been a consistent help to me personally in taking care of Max during my numerous days of travel.

You have cared for the members of this community, in particular we are grateful for the love and support you offered to Father Basil Summer.

In these and many other ways, you have indeed shown yourselves to be faithful and humble servants. And just as we heard today in the parable that those who humble themselves will be exalted, so we would like to recognize your humble service by exalting you a little bit and bestowing upon you the order of Saint Innocent, bronze class, as an expression of gratitude from the entire Church.

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## **BUILDING / RESTORATION FUND**

Our 125<sup>th</sup> 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*.

## **FELLOWSHIP OF ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS IN AMERICA**

### **FOCA February Update & Virtual Events**

It's hard to believe we are already a month into 2022! Great Lent will be here before we know it, and we have a number of virtual events and other important things to cover!

### **YouTube Channel**

We are now on YouTube! We will be using this channel for some of our upcoming Virtual services and other videos. Please **CLICK HERE** to navigate to our channel and "SUBSCRIBE". Once we reach 100 subscribers, we will have more flexibility with our channel.

### **Virtual Service in Preparation for Great Lent - Mar. 4, 2022**

Join us on Friday, March 4, 2022 at 8PM (EST) for The Akathist Hymn of Repentance in Christ, Hosted by St. Nicholas Church, Mogadore, Ohio. Served by Past & Present National, District & Local Spiritual Advisors from across the USA, with an Address by His Eminence the Most Reverend Michael Archbishop of New York & New Jersey.

See National OCA Website for more info.

### **Virtual Lenten Retreat - Mar. 19, 2022**

Join us on Saturday, March 19 for a Virtual Lenten Retreat! Our retreat leader is Archpriest Paul Jannakos. Fr. Paul is the Rector of St. Luke Parish in Palos Hills IL, and is the Chancellor of the Diocese of the Midwest.

See National OCA Website for more info.

### **95th National Convention in Baltimore - July 15-18, 2022**

Chart your course for Baltimore, Maryland in 2022 and plan to attend the 95th National FOCA Convention, held in conjunction with the Orthodox Church in America's 20th All-American Council.

Event Details, Hotel Information and Commemorative Book Ad Forms are now available!

See National OCA Website for more info.

## PRAYER LIST- UPDATED FEBRUARY 15

**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); Noah (ABL); William Romanchak (Fr); Sandy Scafaria (Hileman); Loren Welch (Fr); Tanya Wolfe (Fr.); Chuck Wiedenhoft (Twarek); Sara (Jake); Chris Quotap (Fr); Zoland Zile (Fr.) / Molly and her unborn child

**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.

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### Sunday of the Prodigal Son Commemorated on February 20

The Sunday after the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son. This parable of God's forgiveness calls us to "come to ourselves" as did the prodigal son, to see ourselves as being "in a far country" far from the Father's house, and to make the journey of return to God. We are given every assurance by the Master that our heavenly Father will receive us with joy and gladness. We must only "arise and go," confessing our self-inflicted and sinful separation from that "home" where we truly belong (Luke 15:11-24).

After the Polyeleion at Matins, we first hear the lenten hymn "By the Waters of Babylon." It will be sung for

the next two Sundays before Lent begins, and it serves to reinforce the theme of exile in today's Gospel.

Starting tomorrow, the weekday readings summarize the events of Holy Week. On Monday we read Saint Mark's account of the Entry into Jerusalem. On Tuesday we read how Judas went to the chief priests and offered to betray the Lord. On the night before His death Christ tells His disciples that one of them will betray Him. He also predicts that they will desert Him, and that Peter will deny Him three times. On Wednesday the Gospel describes how Judas betrayed the Savior with a kiss. Thursday's Gospel tells how Jesus was questioned by Pilate. On Friday we read the narrative of Christ's crucifixion and death.

## FEBRUARY Celebrations

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

### 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (Epistle)

All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.

### SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY VESPERS

Sunday March 13 at 5:00pm  
 St. Matthew the Evangelist  
 Antiochian Orthodox Church  
 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 offer the homily.

## FEBRUARY Reposed

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| 2- Nancy Pipenur (2018)<br>3- Ann Sature (2012)<br>5- Peter Kowal (2004)<br>6- Steve Michael Mazur (1970)<br>6- Elizabeth Kravetz Mc Mahon (1984)<br>12- Glenn Schoonmaker (2002)<br>12- Lawrence Beck (2018)<br>13- Bishop Varlaam (2020)<br>14- Rose Polosky (1953)<br>15- Justina Popodich<br>16- Albert Bartek (1952)<br>17- Metropolitan Orestes (1977)<br>17- Stanley Guzy (1986)<br>20- Linda Sue Alber & infant (1969) | 20- Dc. Mike Cinalli (2020)<br>21- Mary Tomka Matso (1956)<br>21-Fr. Michael Shuster (2020)<br>21- John Richard Elchisco (2021)<br>22- Metro Mazur (1973)<br>22- Fr. Andrew Hutnyan (2004)<br>23- George Elchisco Sr. (1961)<br>26- Elizabeth Millie (1998)<br>27- Steve Basala (1985)<br>29- Mary Uka Kosteary (1996)<br>Helen Hritsko (1908)<br>Alexandra Brendza (1909)<br>Steve Danchisen (1909) |
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## Luke 15:11-32 (Gospel)

Then He said: "A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'" And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'"

## Movie featuring St. Nektarios to have One-Night Showing in U.S.

The "Man of God", the highly anticipated award-winning box office hit based on the inspiring life of the beloved Orthodox saint, Saint Nektarios of Aegina, is coming to theaters across the United States for one-night only.

The film that won the hearts of the public in Greece, Russia and Serbia starring Hellenic Academy Award winner Aris Servetalis, Russian superstar Alexander Petrov, and Golden Globe winner Mickey Rourke, will be in 800 theatres nationwide on March 21, 2022 as one-night only Fathom Events release.

Exiled unjustly, convicted without a trial and slandered without cause, St. Nektarios of Aegina's life was one of persecution and prosecution. A priest of the common people, St. Nektarios's popularity provoked the jealousy of the clergy in Alexandria and, as a result, he was defrocked and expelled from Egypt. In contrast to his religious "superiors", Nektarios cared for the poor, taught peasant girls to read and write, and performed miracles. Even his last moment on earth was used to help another: upon his death, Nektarios' undergarment was removed, and as it fell upon a paralyzed man in the hospital bed next to him, the lame man miraculously arose to walk. So, too, do we hope MAN OF GOD will awaken the paralyzed faith in audiences around the world.

Nektarios was recognized as a saint in the Eastern Orthodox Church in 1961, and his feast day is celebrated November 9. The music for the film was composed by two-time French Cesar winner Zbigniew Preisner with special performance by Golden Globe winner Lisa Gerard.

The film was produced by Simeon Entertainment and View Master Films in association with the Holy Great Monastery of Vatopedi, St. Maxim The Greek Institute, The Holy Metropolis of Mesogaia and Lavreotiki and Eurogroup, and with the support of Ingenuity-FO, Deep Dream, NP Insurance, Minetta Insurance and EKOME (The National Center of Audiovisual Media and Communication). In the US, promotional partners include Antenna 1 Satellite, Orthodox Christian Network and Ancient Faith Ministries.

## **Saint Leo the Great, Pope of Rome Commemorated on February 18**

Saint Leo I the Great, Pope of Rome (440-461), received a fine and diverse education, which opened for him the possibility of an excellent worldly career. He yearned for the spiritual life, however, and so he chose the path of becoming an archdeacon under holy Pope Sixtus III (432-440), after whose death Saint Leo was chosen as Bishop of Rome in September 440.

These were difficult times for the Church, when heretics assaulted Orthodoxy with their false teachings. Saint Leo combined pastoral solicitude and goodness with an unshakable firmness in the confession of the Faith. He was in particular one of the basic defenders of Orthodoxy against the heresies of Eutyches and Dioscorus, who taught that there was only one nature in the Lord Jesus Christ. He was also a defender against the heresy of Nestorius.

He exerted all his influence to put an end to the unrest by the heretics in the Church, and by his letters to the holy emperors Theodosius II (408-450) and Marcian (450-457), he actively promoted the convening of the Fourth Ecumenical Council, at Chalcedon in 451, to condemn the heresy of the Monophysites.

At the Council at Chalcedon, at which 630 bishops were present, a letter of Saint Leo to the deceased Saint Flavian, Patriarch of Constantinople (447-449) was read. Saint Flavian had suffered for Orthodoxy under the "Robber Council" of Ephesus in the year 449. In the letter of Saint Leo the Orthodox teaching about the two natures [the divine and the human] in the Lord Jesus Christ was set forth. All the bishops present at the Council were in agreement with this teaching, and so the heretics Eutyches and Dioscorus were excommunicated from the Church.

Saint Leo was also a defender of his country against the incursions of barbarians. In 452, by the persuasive power of his words, he stopped Attila the Hun from pillaging Italy. Again in the year 455, when the leader of the Vandals [a Germanic tribe], Henzerich, turned towards Rome, he persuaded him not to pillage the city, burn buildings, nor to spill blood.

He knew the time of his death beforehand, and he

prepared himself, with forty days of fasting and prayer, to pass from this world into eternity.

He died in the year 461 and was buried at Rome. His literary and theological legacy is comprised of 96 sermons and 143 letters, of which the best known is his Epistle to Saint Flavian.

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## **Uncovering of the relics of the Holy Martyrs at the Gate of Eugenius at Constantinople Commemorated on February 22**

During the persecutions against Christians the relics of the holy martyrs were usually buried by believers in hidden places. So at Constantinople, near the gates and tower in the Eugenius quarter, the bodies of several martyrs were found. Their names remain unknown by the Church.

When miracles of healing began to occur at this spot, the relics of the saints were discovered and transferred to a church with great honor. It was revealed to a certain pious clergyman, Nicholas Kalligraphos, that among the relics discovered at Eugenius were the relics of the holy Apostle Andronicus of the Seventy and his helper Junia (May 17), whom the Apostle Paul mentions in the Epistle to the Romans (Rom 16:7). In the twelfth century, a great domed church was built on the spot where the relics of the holy martyrs were discovered. This work was undertaken by the emperor Andronicus (1183-1185), whose patron saint was the holy Apostle Andronicus.

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## ***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!