



Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

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



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Fr. Andrew in memory of Mitred Archpriest John, Archpriest Kyrill, and Archimandrite Luke (former rectors of this parish)

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, June 19- FATHERS DAY

9:10 am: Hours / Divine Liturgy / Panachida / Social

Monday, June 20 APOSTLE'S FAST BEGINS

4:00 pm: Respect for Life Meeting

Wednesday, June 22

7:00 pm: 125 Anniversary Meeting

Thursday, June 23

Noon: 200 Birthday cake @ Lighthouse

6:30 pm: Lions Club Meeting

Friday, June 24

Noon: Fr. Jim's retirement luncheon w/local clergy

Saturday, June 25

9:00 am: Market Day

1:00 pm: Vespers (Depending on clean up could start at 1:30 pm)

Sunday, June 26

9:10 am: Hours Divine Liturgy / Social / Council Meeting



SUNDAY JUNE 19, 2022

Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30

Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Tone 8. First Sunday After Pentecost. All Saints.

Holy Apostle Jude, the brother of the Lord. Martyr Zosimas the soldier at Antioch in Pisidia. Ven Paisius the Great. St John the Solitary of Jerusalem. Ven Varlaam (Barlaam) of Shenkursk. The repose of St Job, Patriarch of Moscow and all Russia. Ven. Paisii of Chilandari

JUNE BULLETIN / CANDLE SPONSORS

Bulletin: (\$50) From Fr. Andrew in memory of Mitred AP John, AP Kyrill & Archimandrite Luke

Chandelier: (\$50) From Fr. Andrew in memory of my family & friends

Altar Candles: (\$50) Basil in memory of his wife Jean

Eternal Light & Icon Screen: (\$25)

Candles @ the Cross: (\$15) From Laura: Birthday Blessings to Stephanie & in memory of John Kovach

Candles at St Tikhon: (\$15) For the safety of Nicholas, Tikhon & Gleice

APOSTLES FAST

This year the Apostle's Fast is only 10 days (From Monday, June 20 through Wednesday June 29.)

JUNE: OTHER INCOME

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

June 5: \$24 Candles; \$5 Anonymous Donation;
\$100 Vigils; \$300 donations; \$251 Holy Day
donations; \$50 Bulletin; \$50 Chandelier; \$2,072.85
Donations

June 12: \$28 Candles; \$65 Vigils; \$300 donation;
\$82 Holy Day donations

TOTAL FOR MONTH: \$3,328

JUNE: MONTHLY TITHE ONLY

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

June 5: \$1,755

June 12: \$1,332

TOTAL FOR MONTH: \$3,087

JUNE: RESTRICTED FUND DONATIONS

June 5: \$110 St. Tikhon Seminary; \$25 Baby
Bottles

June 12: \$50 Cemetery; \$50 Baby Bottles; \$100 St
Tikhon's Seminary

JUNE LITURGICAL ATTENDANCE

Wednesday, June 1: 6 attended Vespers

Thursday, June 2: 10 attended Liturgy (of which 1
was a guest)

Sunday June 5: 25 attended Liturgy (of which 6
were guests) / 17 communicants

Saturday, June 11: 17 attended Vespers (6 of
which were guests)

Sunday, June 12: 31 attended Liturgy (9 of which
were guests) / 16 Communicants

OCPM announces Archpriest John Kowalczyk as its Director of Training and Spiritual Care

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM), the national prison ministry of the Orthodox Church, is very pleased to announce Archpriest John Kowalczyk as its Director of Training and Spiritual Care.

Father John is the rector of Saint Michael's Church in Jermyn, PA, and the Director of Field Education and Senior Lecturer in Ethics at Saint Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary (STOTS). As the contract chaplain at S.C.I. Waymart's Forensic Treatment Center, Father John facilitates the prison ministry practicum for seminarians at STOTS.

Father John formerly served as the Executive Secretary of the Board of Directors of OCPM, where he gained greater insight into the budgetary needs of the organization, but now he sees his role differently as a member of OCPM's staff. Among his plans for the future of the organization include holding OCPM retreats, attending more speaking engagements, and hosting ministry workshops wherever there is a need.

"Seeing the dedication of Father Duane Pederson [Founder of OCPM] and working with Zossima Daugherty [Director of Prison Correspondence] has inspired and prepared me in a unique way," says Father John. "I feel positively about my new position, especially sharing this role with Father Stephen Powley who has been my inspiration and brother in Christ for so many years."



His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon at 2022 Seminary Commencements

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon presided over the 2022 Commencement Exercises at Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary and Saint Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary on Saturday, May 14, 2022 and Friday-Saturday, May 27-28, 2022.

His Beatitude celebrated the Primatial Divine Liturgy at Three Hierarchs Chapel the morning of May 14th before the commencement exercises at Saint Vladimir's Seminary. With His Beatitude were Metropolitan Grigoli of Poti and Khobi, Archbishop Nathaniel, Archbishop Michael, Bishop Saba, and Bishop Andrei. Two honorary doctorates were awarded, Doctor of Divinity Honoris Causa, to Metropolitan Grigoli of Poti and Khobi of the Georgian Apostolic Orthodox Church and Archbishop Nathaniel (Popp), OCA Archbishop of Detroit and the Romanian Episcopate. There were ten Master of Divinity, four Master of Arts, and one Master of Theology degrees conferred. His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon gave the concluding address.

On May 27-28, 2022, Saint Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary held its eightieth annual commencement exercises. During the exercises the seminary graduated nine students from its Master of Divinity Program, and awarded one student a Certificate in Pastoral Studies.

On Friday evening, May 27, the Seminary community gathered for a program that included: remarks by the Dean of the Seminary, Archbishop John Parker III; the charge of the Rector, His Eminence Archbishop Michael; the commencement address delivered by His Grace, Bishop Thomas of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese; and a concluding address by the Seminary's President, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon.

Saturday, May 28, began with the celebration of the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, at which a graduating third-year senior, Deacon Thanasis Kombos was ordained to the Holy Priesthood by His Eminence Archbishop Michael, Seminary Rector. Following the Liturgy, the afternoon's Commencement Ceremony was opened by His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon amidst a gathering of family and friends in the Seminary's Convocation Center with standing room only.

In addition to the awarding of degrees and academic honors, the Saint Tikhon's Seminary Alumni Association presented its Alumnus of the Year award to two recipients. The award was first given to the Archpriest Nicholas Molodyko-Harris, and was presented posthumously to the Archpriest John Nehrebecki. The students of the Class of 2022 presented the Alexander Atty Institutional Service Award to the Seminary's Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Marina Hitchcock. Following the commencement exercises all those gathered enjoyed a wine and cheese reception hosted by the Seminary.

Full accounts and photos of each graduation can be found on the seminaries' websites: Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary and Saint Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary. Please consider prayerfully supporting our seminaries with your generous gifts as they form our future clergy, church leaders, theologians, musicians, educators, and artists.

Children need a Daddy

Children need a Daddy For many, many things:
Like holding them high off the ground Where
the sunlight sings! Like being the deep music
That tells them all is right When they awaken
frantic with The terrors of the night. Like being
the great mountain That rises in their hearts
And shows them how they might get home
When all else falls apart. Like giving them the
love That is their sea and air, So diving deep or
soaring high they'll always find him there.



Thinking about the Atonement: the New Testament By Fr. Lawrence Farley

In my last piece I discussed the Old Testament view of the atonement. Here I would examine the New Testament understanding of the atonement.

As with the Old Testament, there is in the New Testament no clear and detailed elaboration of how the atonement “works”, which of course accounts for the current debate about it. But all Christians agree that it centers upon the life, death, and resurrection of Christ: because of Him, the cosmos has been cleansed and reconciled to God. Through Christ our sin has been forgiven, death has been trampled down, and divine life has been given to us, making us sons of God and co-heirs with Christ. Orthodox believe that the Atonement is but one element in this salvation, a salvation involving our complete theosis and the transfiguration of the cosmos.

Christ’s execution as a criminal on Golgotha was not just an execution carried out by the Romans, but also Christ’s voluntary self-offering, a sacrifice which took away the sins of the world. We see this atonement in several passages of St. Paul: “God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself” (2 Corinthians 5:19). Through Christ, God “has reconciled all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of [Christ’s] cross, whether things on earth or things in heaven. Although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in [Christ’s] fleshly body through death” (Colossians 1:20-22). We were “justified as gift by [God’s] grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed for the demonstration of His righteousness at the present time, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus (Romans 3:24-26).

Similarly Saint Peter: the world was redeemed “with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ” (1 Peter 1:19).

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We also find this truth in the prophetic words of Christ, for He said that He came to serve others and give His life “as a ransom [Greek λύτρον/ lutron] for many” (Mark 10:45). We have seen that the notion of a ransom has its roots in the Old Testament, expressed in the Hebrew kopher, something offered to atone, to wipe away sin, to secure forgiveness of a penalty. Here the question is sometimes asked, “To whom was the ransom paid?” In our modern understanding of a ransom, we assume that a ransom is a sum paid to someone to release a hostage. So if Christ said that His death was a ransom, for whom was the ransom intended?

The Fathers of the Church, being a more diverse lot than they are often given credit for, offered various answers. Since our sins meant that we were held in bondage to the Devil, some Fathers (e.g. Saint Gregory of Nyssa) suggested that the ransom was paid to Satan. Others (such as Saint John of Damascus) found this notion inappropriate. The Damascene suggested instead that Christ died “because He took on Himself death on our behalf, and He makes Himself an offering to the Father for our sakes. For we had sinned against Him and it was fitting that He should receive the ransom for us and that we should thus be delivered from the condemnation. God forbid that the blood of the Lord should have been offered to the tyrant!” (Exposition 3.27).

I suggest that it is a mistake to press the ransom metaphor too far. By describing His death as a ransom Jesus meant to emphasize that His coming death by execution would not be an unfortunate martyrdom, but the means by which the world was released from its slavery to sin and death. **Con’t Pg 7**

PRAYER LIST- UPDATED June 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 Wilson / Sub-deacon Wylie Meath

MATUSHKII: Pani Patricia Duranko; Susan Dank; Virgina Lecko; Margaret Zabinko

PARISHIONERS & THEIR FAMILIES: James Bargdill (Schutt); Jim Basala (Fr.); John Beadle (Elchisco); Kristen Cassell; Carole Conaway (Twarek); Maryann Cook (Twarek); Sharon Dietrich (Twarek); Charlie Dietrich (Twarek); Ethan Feldman (Fr.); Michael Glovinsky; Shirley Gresh (Glovinsky); Joseph Habegger (Kovach); Elaine Hileman; Betty Kovach; Helen Lis; David Mazurik; Mark Mazurik-Child Stella Miller (Elchisco); William Pipenur (Hileman); Pat Rentz; Earl Rindfleisch; Helen Jean Rofkar (Elchisco); Joe Rose; Sonya Rose; Ron Royhab; Maryann Royhab; Stephanie Royhab; Donna Schoonmaker; Tom Twarek; Diane Tryon; Child Bodhi (Cassell); Brittany Lariccia & her unborn child; Molly and her unborn child

OTHER REQUESTS: Marge Dziama; Child Ezra; Kurt Franck (Royhab); Ben Franklin (Kovach); Dorothy Goldman (Twarek); Donald Gresh (Glovinsky); Jake Lipstraw (Twarek); Mark Ludvik (Guzy); Marsha (Rose); Mark Masica (Kovach); Pauline Meath (Fr.); Karen Muzyka (Fr.); Jamie Philpot (Twarek); Robert Piznar (Rentz); William Romanchak (Fr.); Sandy Scafaria (Hileman); Chuck Wiedenhoft (Twarek); Sara (Jake); Chris Quotap (Fr.); Zoland Zile (Fr.); Ashley and her unborn child

MILITARY: Alex, Nathan Brown, Craig Cassell, Cory Deaton , Jake Ellithorpe, Jordan Fulton, Alena Grabavoy, Justin Issler; 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: Please let Fr. Andrew know who can come off the list or be put on.

What Makes A Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,

When there was nothing more to add, He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad Author is unknown

A little kid said, "Daddy, if the Stork brings all the babies, Santa brings all the Christmas stuff and the Lord provides our daily bread, just what do you do around here?"

"A wise son makes a glad father." -- Proverbs 10:1

JUNE Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES	BIRTHDAYS	
1-Paul & Mollie Demkosky 6-18-72 His Grace Bishop Matthias Priest ordination 21- Fr. Dave Lis priestly ordination 25- Fr. Andrew & Pani Yoanna 26- Jim & Laura Kovach 6-27-2009: Archbishop Melchisedek of Pittsburgh 6-29- 2021 Bishop Gerasim of Forth Worth	2- Jake Muscaro 5- Peter Adzima 6- Nathan Koren 7- Lily Schlotterer 8- Tanya Koren 10- Brooks Patrick Williams 13- Fr. Nick Mihaly 15- Emily Kusinski	15- Aijire Dardovski 16- James Jerome 19- Emily Sarisky 23- Loreen Welch 24- Matthew Adamcio 26- Carter Twarek 28- Vincent Cavaliere

40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

- June 19:** Deputy Cheriff Walter from Ga
June 26: Tim / His Eminence Metropolitan Hilarion of ROCOR / Verna Czap / Buffalo NY Shooting victims / Chief deputy Jody from Ky / officer trainee Cody from Border patrol
July 3: David Dutko / School shooting victims in Tx / Matushka Genevieve (Gerry) Glagolev / shooting victims from MI
July 10: Shooting victims from OK / Officer Adrian from Apache Tribal Police
July 17: Shooting victims from the church in Nigeria

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!

JUNE Reposed

3 Irene Leso (2002) 4- Alex Sennich (1994) 4- Vicoria Guzy (1965) 5- Mildred Paproski (2018) 5- Kathryn Howard (2021) 6- Fr. Stephen Shutack (2008) 6- Matthew Gould (2020) 7- Martha LaVallee (2005) 8- Mary Hunt (2003) 9- Cristina Rindfleisch (2006) 9- Charles Hagmaier (2018) 9- John Sutko (2020) 14- Fr. Justin Foster (2016) 16- Verona Pich (2010) 16- Fr. Michael Prevas (2018) 17- Archimandrite Luke Sirkun (1956) Former Pastor 17- Mitered Archbishop John Gratson (1965) Former Pas- tor	18- Fr. Michael Prevas (2018) 18- Eleanor Dussling (2020) 20- Jean Frances Glovinsky (2016) 20- Fr. John Yurcisin (2003) 20- Dan Karens Cousin 2019 21- Mary Elchisco Migala (1983) 21- Ronald Basala (2016) 22- Archbishop Kyrill Hartman (2010) Former Pas- tor 23- Ruth Benya (1995) 26- George Millie (1974) 27-Anna Ignatenkoo- (1969) 28- Fr. Charles Kovich (2005) 28- Andrew Leso (2000) 29- Stephen Millie (1988) Mike Mazur (1923) Anna Mazur (1923)
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In the words of Leighton Pullan (in his 1907 book *The Atonement*) commenting on St. Paul's words in Romans 3:24f, "There is no need to narrow the meaning of this [divine] righteousness into a mere severity or the readiness to inflict a deserved punishment...The righteousness of God shown in the dying Christ is therefore a judicial righteousness; it demanded and secured a 'propitiation'. And God secured it by giving it. He exhibited His judicial righteousness, His reaction against sin, and condemnation of sin, by showing that sin must no longer go unpunished unless removed by the propitiation which He Himself furnished...[But this does not mean] that God was under a moral obligation not to forgive sin until He had punished it, and that He punished sin in punishing Christ. On the contrary, Saint Paul's teaching is that God could not forgive sin until He had condemned it. And He condemned it at the tremendous cost of sending His own Son to be a means of propitiation by His blood...The Levitical sacrifices do not imply that the sinner's guilt is transferred to the sacrificed animal. Sacrificial propitiation was regarded as a vindication of the holiness of God, which purified sin by means of sacrificed blood...Sacrificial propitiation is primarily this canceling of sin and simultaneous cleansing of the sinner".

About seventy years later, Father Thomas Hopko said the same thing (in rather fewer words). Resisting the notion that the ransom was paid to God (or to the Devil), Father Tom wrote, "Christ 'paid the price' not to God the Father in the sense that God delights in His sufferings and received 'satisfaction' from His creatures in Him. He 'paid the price' rather, we might say, to Reality itself" (From his four-volume work *The Orthodox Faith*, volume 1). Reality and justice demanded that sin be atoned, the punishment borne, the guilt wiped away. As our representative, Christ did all that.

This is the teaching of the Fathers. We cite three of them.

In his work *On the Incarnation*, Saint Athanasius wrote: "There was a debt owing which must needs be paid, for as I said before, all men were due to die. Having proved His Godhead by His works, [Christ] offered the sacrifice on behalf of all, surrendering His own temple to death in place of all, to settle man's

account with death and free him from the primal transgression. In the same act also He showed Himself mightier than death displaying His own body incorruptible as the first-fruits of the resurrection".

We see the same teaching in Saint Cyril of Alexandria, in his sermons on the Gospel of John: "As our truly great and all-holy high priest, Christ appeases the wrath of His Father by His prayers, sacrificing Himself for us". And again: "Bearing on His shoulders the wood on which He was about to be crucified, He went out, condemned already and suffering the sentence of death, even though He was innocent. And He did it for us. He took upon Himself the punishment that the Law justly assigns to sinners. He became a curse for us, as it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree'. We are all cursed because we cannot fulfill the divine Law. Since the divine Law said somewhere, 'Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things written in the book of the Law, to do them', the curse applies to us and not to others. So the One who knew no sin was cursed for us in order to rescue us from the ancient curse. God, who is over all, was sufficient to suffer this on behalf of all and to purchase redemption for all through the death of His own flesh".

Much later, Saint Symeon the New Theologian said the same thing in his homily *On the Transgression of Adam*: "Since Adam had fallen under the curse, and through him all people also who proceed from him, therefore the sentence of God concerning this could in no way be annihilated; and therefore Christ was for us a curse, through being hung upon the tree of the cross, so as to offer Himself as a sacrifice to His Father, to annihilate the sentence of God by the superabundant worth of the sacrifice."

It is easy, of course, to caricature this, and to twist it around to portray God as a blood-thirsty sociopath whose blood-lust would only be sated by the death of the innocent—and our adversaries have not been slow to do this. Admittedly sermons like those of Jonathan Edwards' "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God" give them lots of ammo. But at its heart the atonement is a love story, the tale of a God who took upon Himself the stroke due to His creation when it rebelled against Him.

Even children can understand this. *Con't Next Pg*

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That is why C. S. Lewis wrote in his *The Magician's Nephew* that when Aslan discovered that some children from earth had inadvertently brought sin into His newly-created world of Narnia, He announced to the Narnians, "You see, friends, that before the new, clean world I gave you is seven hours old, a force of evil has already entered it; waked and brought hither by this son of Adam. But do not be cast down. Evil will come of that evil, and I will see to it that the worst falls upon myself".

This is the New Testament doctrine of the Atonement. Christ offered Himself up as a ransom for many, and by His blood He washed the cosmos clean. Our sin has been expiated and wiped away. The joyful and open road of forgiveness now lies open to all who will travel it in penitence. Wayward sinners can now come home without a fear.

VIGILS- June 12

Sandy Martin (2) Birthday memories of my dad, special intentions

Pat Rentz (1) In loving memory of Bill

Rebecca Timko (2) In loving memory of my mom and brother Phillip

Natalie Twarek (5) Birthday blessings for Lily 6/7, Birthday blessing for Brooks 6/10, For the health and recovery of Mark, Carole, Sharon and Charlie, Kurt and Leslie , For the health of Amber, Dottie, Joe, 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, David, Diane, Stella, Jake, Pat and Karen, special intentions

The History of Father's Day

The idea for creating a day for children to honor their fathers began in Spokane, Washington. A woman by the name of Sonora Smart Dodd thought of the idea for Father's Day while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909.

Having been raised by her father, William Jackson Smart, after her mother died, Sonora wanted her father to know how special he was to her. It was her father that made all the parental sacrifices and was, in the eyes of his daughter, a courageous, selfless, and loving man. Sonora's father was born in June, so she chose to hold the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Washington on the 19th of June, 1910.

In 1926, a National Father's Day Committee was formed in New York City. Father's Day was recognized by a Joint Resolution of Congress in 1956. In 1972, President Richard Nixon established a permanent national observance of Father's Day to be held on the third Sunday of June. So Father's Day was born in memory and gratitude by a daughter who thought that her father and all good fathers should be honored with a special day just like we honor our mothers on Mother's Day.

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*.



Summer Diocesan Council Convenes

The annual summer meetings took place on Thursday, June 9 and Friday, June 10. The meetings were held at a hotel near Midway Airport in Chicago, IL, under the leadership of His Grace Bishop Daniel, Locum Tenens of the Diocese of the Midwest, regarding the life of the diocese.

The Bishop's Council met in the morning and throughout the afternoon on Thursday. The meeting gathered Bishop Daniel, along with Archpriest Paul Jannakos, Chancellor, and the Deans of the deaneries; Archpriest Andrew Clements, Cleveland Dean, Archpriest Alexander Kuchta, Chicago Dean, Archpriest Timothy Sawchak, Kansas City Dean, and Archpriest Dusan Koprivica, Michigan Dean. Later that evening the Finance Committee held a meeting at the Chancery in Burbank, IL.

On Friday morning, the Diocesan Council held their summer meeting in a local hotel in, Chicago, IL. The meeting was chaired by His Grace Bishop Daniel. In his report, His Grace reflected on his appointment of Administrator of the diocese and his impression of the diocese throughout that time. He specifically noted the love that he saw from the diocese for Archbishop Paul, and the organization of the diocese during difficult times.

The Diocesan Chancellor, Archpriest Paul Jannakos, gave his report noting the attention and work that clergy and faithful engaged in regarding the care for Archbishop Paul in his final days, and surrounding his funeral. Fr. Paul also thanked Bishop Daniel for his guidance and availability during this difficult time in the life of the diocese. The Chancellor also reported on various aspects of diocesan life. Reports were given by the Treasurer, Finance Committee, Metropolitan Council, the Office of the Communications, and the various ministries of the diocese.

The meeting continued with reports from the Metropolitan Council representatives, St. Macrina Orthodox Institute, as well as hearing reports from the Deans.

The agenda for the 61st Diocesan Assembly was approved. The Diocesan Assembly will be held on Monday, July 18, in conjunction with All America Council in Baltimore, MD.

VIGILS June 5

Susan Guzy (5) Special intentions

Sandy Martin (1) special intentions

Ron and Bobbie Royhab (1) In memory of Roberta's mother Thalia, who passed into Eternal life 40 years ago

Diane Tryon (4) March, In loving memory of brother Rick on his anniversary, 39 years, In loving memory of dad on his birthday 3/19, God's blessings to Greg, Kat and unborn child, For the health of Marguerite Bird and strength for Denny

Diane Tryon (1) June Birthday blessings to Kat Tryon

Rebecca Timko (2) In loving memory of mom and Phillip

Natalie Twarek (4) Anniversary remembrance of mom and dad June 4, For the health and recovery of Mark, Carole, Sharon and Charlie, Kurt and Leslie, For the health of Amber, Dottie, Joe, 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, David, Diane, Stella, Jake, Pat and Karen, special intentions

JUNE CLEANING SCHEDULE

Week of June 19: Laura

Week of June 26: Basil & Tim

READER

June 19: Joe

June 26: Tim

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Diane Tryon
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His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon Celebrates Pentecost, 130th Anniversary of Diocesan Cathedral

On the beautiful and saving feast of Pentecost, June 12, 2022, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington Metropolitan of All America and Canada presided over festal services commemorating the 130th anniversary of Holy Trinity Cathedral, the Diocesan Cathedral of Chicago and the Midwest.

His Beatitude arrived in Chicago Saturday afternoon with Deacon Peter Ilchuk, Deacon to the Metropolitan, and was greeted at the airport by His Grace Bishop Daniel of Santa Rosa, Locum Tenens of the Diocese of the Midwest, and Priest Alexander Koranda, Cathedral Dean. Shortly after, the hierarchs arrived at the cathedral to celebrate the All-Night Vigil.

Concelebrating the service with His Beatitude and His Grace were Fr. Alexander, Archpriest Tarasiy Maxim, Archpriest Herman Kincaid, Deacon Peter Ilchuk, Protodeacon Thomas Keith and Deacon Paul Garklavs. The choir was directed by Olga Garklavs.

Following the service, Bishop Daniel greeted His Beatitude, and expressed his excitement for the historical weekend. A reception was held in the parish hall following the service.

On Sunday, June 12, the Feast of Pentecost, His Beatitude was greeted by Bishop Daniel and the clergy of the cathedral. The Festal Antiphons were sung in celebration of the feast. At the conclusion of the gospel reading, His Beatitude offered a homily on the feast and its transition, not only in the liturgical life of the Church, but also, it's purpose for Christians.

“This is the season of sanctity; this is the season of the spirit. This is not the beginning of a normal in-between time – of ordinary time understood as something plain or drab. Instead, this is the season when we celebrate the work that Christ came to accomplish and has accomplished. That work is the making of saints through the indwelling of His Holy Spirit.”

After the dismissal, His Beatitude ascended the cathedra for the beginning of Vespers for Pentecost. The Kneeling Prayers were read reinstating both kneeling and prostrations in the life of the Church after the fifty day festal period.

Bishop Daniel greeted Metropolitan Tikhon offering words of gratitude for his presence at the celebration and his leadership throughout Archbishop Paul's illness, and repose. In commemoration of the event, and for the great care that His Beatitude showed to Archbishop Paul, he presented him with a panagia that belonged to His Eminence.

Metropolitan Tikhon expressed his gratitude for Bishop Daniel's attentiveness to the Diocese of the Midwest during his time as Administrator and Locum Tenens. His Beatitude also thanked Fr. Alexander for his work in preparing for the celebration and his continued efforts at the sacred temple. His Beatitude then read an excerpt from a book on the history of Holy Trinity Cathedral in which the Choir Director, Paul Zaichenko describes St. Tikhon of Moscow, who was the bishop of North America at that time.

“Thirty years ago I was sent to Chicago to direct a choir on the occasion of the consecration of the first Orthodox church in Chicago. This was the most memorable time of my life. Bishop Tikhon was serving, a most pious, kind, and wonderful hierarch. He was responsible for the Chicago festivities, since the cathedral and its parish house were built with his blessings. He had a quiet manner, he was generous, forgiving, and his demeanor exuded peace. Every word he uttered had a calming and sanctifying effect on people. His appearance was bright and magnificent and made a most favorable impression. His kind and gentle face reflected the majesty of his. The old-timers remember his kindness, the way he used to encourage us, to teach us to love tranquility, beauty, and truth, and how he blessed us and poured out his soul for our sakes. He was unpretentious both in his personal and administrative relations with people. He would often write his directives personally without bureaucratic formalities. I treasure those letters he had written to me personally; they are like holy relics to me. Bishop Tikhon served the Orthodox Church in America with all his soul; his tenure was characterized by a rapid expansion of our mission under his leadership.

His Beatitude then presented relics of St. Tikhon, his heavenly patron, to the community in commemoration of the anniversary, *Con't Pg 12*