



Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

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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 26

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

Tuesday & Wed services in Lorain

Saturday, July 2

4:00 pm Vespers

Sunday, July 3

9:10 am Hours / Divine Liturgy / Social

SUNDAY JUNE 26, 2022

Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23 & 4:25-5:12

Epistle: Romans 2:10-16 & Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Tone 1. Second Sunday After Pentecost. All Saints of America & Russia. St David of Thessalonica. St John, Bishop of the Goths in the Crimea. St Dionysius, Archbishop of Suzdal. Translation of the Relics of St Tikhon of Lukhovsk (Kostroma). Monk-Martyr David of Thessalonica. Appearance of the Tikhvin Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos. The Sedmiyezerskaya icon of the Most Holy Theotokos.

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Candles at the Cross: (\$15) From Laura In birthday memory of Susan

Candles @ St Tikhons (\$15)

NOTE: There can be more than one family per item

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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

JUNE CLEANING SCHEDULE

Week of June 26: Basil & Tim
Week of July 3: Laura
Week of July 10: Susan
Week of July 17: Laura
Week of July 24: Stephanie
Week of July 31: Laura

APOSTLES FAST CONTINUES

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

READER

June 26: Tim
July 3: Joe
July 10: Tim
July 17: Joe
July 24: Tim
July 31: Joe

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

June 19: \$33 candles; \$100 Vigils; \$400 donations; \$75 Holy Day donations; \$15 Candles at the Cross

TOTAL FOR MONTH: \$3,951

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 19: \$100 St Tikhons 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

Saturday, June 18: 7 attended Vespers (2 which were guests)

Sunday, June 19: 23 attended Liturgy (7 which were guests) / 13 Communicants

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Diane Tryon
109 Joslyn Street
Arcadia, OH 44804

VIGILS- June 19

Basil Glovinsky-5 In loving memory of father, Anthony, grandfather Lucas, father-in-law Goerge, Godfather John, Father's day blessings to A/P Father Andrew

Tim Glovinsky-2 Father's Day blessings for dad, in memory of mom

Susan Guzy-1 In loving memory of my father Frank, Godfather Peter and grandfathers John and Michael, Vishnaya Pamyat

Sandy Martin-2 special intentions

Diane Tryon-3 In loving memory of Aunt Jeannie on her anniversary 6/20, In loving memory of my mom on her anniversary 6/25, God's blessings to Kat, Greg and Silas

Pat Rentz-2 In memory of Bill Rentz and Robley Blackford

Ron & Bobbie Royhab-2 Special intentions

Rebecca Timko-2 In loving memory of my mother Janice and brother Philip Timko

Natalie Twarek-5 In loving memory of our dads, John and George and our grandfathers and Godfathers, Father's Day blessing to Greg, Zach, Andy and Sean, God's blessing for Nikki and unborn baby, 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

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

June 5: \$1,755

June 12: \$1,332

June 19: \$992

TOTAL FOR MONTH: \$4,079

Overturning Everything

By Fr. Lawrence Farley

The ancient world was built on three fundamental realities—foundations which persist to this day—and Christ overturned all of them. No wonder His Church was considered both radical and dangerous.

The first reality was the foundation of family. Loyalty to one's family—and by extension to one's clan, tribe, or nation—was paramount, and trumped every other personal loyalty. That was because in a big and dangerous world, extended family was often the only place of safety and security, and when all else failed, you could always go home and find the warmth, food, and protection not found elsewhere. It is little wonder, therefore, that loyalty to one's family, tribe, and people was the unquestioned foundation of everything that one later built on in one's life.

One can imagine then how Christ's words about how personal loyalty to Him trumped even loyalty to family would have sounded to His contemporaries. "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me, and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of Me" (Matthew 10:37). More astonishing still is the variant of this saying in Luke 14:26: "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple".

Knowing that the word "hate" here means not "emotional loathing", but "a decision to reject" scarcely removes the scandal and the sting. Christ demands a personal loyalty that up-ends everything, overthrowing the foundations on which all life in society was built. In the tightly-knit and intensely tribal world of first-century Judaism where family and loyalty to one's Jewish people were fundamental to name and identity, it was jaw-dropping. And, His enemies doubtless pointed out, more than a little arrogant for a mere human being. (Discerning Christians may detect in these sayings yet another of Jesus' claims to divinity.)

Christians who accepted this Dominical demand and gave Jesus their complete and unlimited loyalty therefore formed a new family. This loyalty to Christ formed the foundation of the Church, which consisted of those men, women, and children who

belonged no longer to the world with its tribes, but to Jesus and the Kingdom of God—and therefore to one another. Christ up-ended the worldly reality of family in order to replace it with an eschatological one.

So, although we of course love our earthly families, our ultimate and true family members are our fellow Christians. Therefore, for example, a Christian in Ukraine will regard a fellow Christian in Russia as his true family, rather than a fellow Ukrainian who is not a Christian. The eschatological nature of the Church is thus no abstract concept, but one that challenges us and the way we live in this world.

The second worldly reality is purpose of power. We see this purpose and paradigm overturned repeatedly in our Lord's ministry. In the world, power was intended to serve's one's own will and further one's own agenda. We see this everywhere around us: in every company and group The Boss is the one who gets his way. Power consists of power over others. But among our Lord's disciples, it was not to be so.

James and John learned this to their cost towards the end of Christ's earthly ministry. Being told by Him that the Kingdom of God was imminent and that it would come after they had reached Jerusalem to which they were travelling, they not unnaturally assumed that the Kingdom would be an earthly one, complete with first and second places, worldly rank, privileges, perks, and all the other accoutrements of the rich elite. They knew that Peter functioned among the Twelve as the leader, and they wanted to oust him and grab the first and second spots for themselves. They therefore approached Him privately (Matthew's version of the story reveals that they got their mother to do it for them!) and asked that He promise that they would have the highest places in the new regime for themselves (no doubt intending to fob Peter off with a nice portfolio).

Our Lord informed them that they didn't know what they were talking about, for their assumption that the Kingdom would be a worldly one with worldly perks was erroneous. But He did not simply refuse their request, but revealed that their whole concept of power was wrong. "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you: but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all" (Mark 10:42-43).

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They were slow to learn the lesson, and their last meal together before our Lord's arrest and crucifixion still found them fighting over first places at the table, with no one wanting to perform the task of the lowest by washing the feet of the others. Our Lord therefore performed that task, laying aside His garments, girding Himself with a towel, kneeling before them, and washing their feet. As their astonished faces burned with shame, He explained that although He was their Lord and Teacher, He was not ashamed to wash their feet to give them an example of service. The servant was not greater than his master, and so they must also wash one another's feet in the time to come (Luke 22:24-27, John 13:4-17).

This was not simply about foot-washing or humility or ego. It was about a whole new way of using power. Among His disciples, power, authority, and rank were to be used solely for the service of others, and not for the advancement of one's own will. What mattered was not personal agenda, but the good of others, the common welfare. In the Church, a new paradigm must prevail, a new and revolutionary approach to power. (Later Church history would record how well and often this new approach was actually used. The internet records how well it is used today.)

The third worldly reality which Christ overturned was that of the reality of religion. That is, He overturned the notion that to worship God one needed sacrifices, altars, temples, priests, holy places, holy calendars, and holy rules determining what and who was clean or unclean.

We see this clearly in His extraordinary exchange with a woman of Samaria. As a Samaritan she was convinced that the sacrifices had to be offered by priests on an altar on Mount Gerizim, and that the Jews were wrong when they thought that the sacrifices had to be offered by Levitical priests on the altar on Mount Zion. Christ swept the whole thing away when He retorted, "Believe Me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain [i.e. Gerizim] nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father... The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth" (John 4:21-23).

In saying this, Christ was predicting that His followers would soon not need sacrifices, altars, temples, or priests—i.e. that religion as then understood would be rendered superfluous. Father Alexander Schmemmann understood this clearly, and he wrote, "Christianity is in a profound sense the end of all religion ... Religion is needed where there is a wall of separation between God and man. But Christ who is both God and man, has broken down the wall between man and God. He has inaugurated a new life, not a new religion. It was this freedom of the early church from 'religion' in the usual, traditional sense of this word, that led the pagans into accusing Christians of atheism. Christians had no concern for any sacred geography, no temples, no cult" (from his *For the Life of the World*).

Religion indeed requires cult—i.e. sacrifices, temples, priests. But Christianity needs none of these, because it has Jesus, and He is our Sacrifice, our Temple, our Priest. Christianity is therefore not a religion, but the presence of Jesus in our midst, bringing us new life.

Sadly, this truth is rarely seen, and Christianity is lumped together with other religions by the world—and even by Christians. This transposition of the presence of Christ in our midst into yet another religion—albeit the true religion, compared to other faiths—represents a tragic distortion and misunderstanding of Christ and His Church. It also leads to worldliness in Church people, for it makes the Church into an institution, with all the inevitable compromises that institutions in this age must make. These sad compromises are obvious to require much documentation.

A recognition that Christ has overturned all the fundamental realities of this age challenges us to live differently than the world lives. One thinks of Chesterton's aphorism that Christian ethics have not been tried and found wanting, but found difficult and left untried. As those whose hearts belong to Christ, we must try them more often.



PRAYER LIST- UPDATED JUNE 22

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; Valerie Schutt; Joe Schutt; Tom Twarek; Diane Tryon; Child Bodhi (Cassell); Brittany Lariccia & her unborn child (Fr.); Molly and her unborn child (Fr.); Nikki 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 (Fr.) ; Elizabeth And her unborn child (Fr.)

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.

Hebrews 11:33-12:2 (Epistle, Saints)

who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented –of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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 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
- July 24:** 2 police officers from Los Angeles

Romans 2:10-16 (Sunday Epistle)

but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For there is no partiality with God. For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

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 Archpriest John Gratson (1965) Former Pastor	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- Archpriest Kyrill Hartman (2010) Former Pastor 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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Synaxis of the Saints of North America Commemorated on June 26

On the second Sunday after Pentecost, each local Orthodox Church commemorates all the saints, known and unknown, who have shone forth in its territory. Accordingly, the Orthodox Church in America remembers the saints of North America on this day.

Saints of all times, and in every country are seen as the fulfillment of God's promise to redeem fallen humanity. Their example encourages us to "lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily besets us" and to "run with patience the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1). The saints of North America also teach us how we should live, and what we must expect to endure as Christians

Although it is a relatively young church, the Orthodox Church in America has produced saints in nearly all of the six major categories of saints: Apostles (and Equals of the Apostles); Martyrs (and Confessors); Prophets; Hierarchs; Monastic Saints; and the Righteous. Prophets, of course, lived in Old Testament times and predicted the coming of Christ.

The first Divine Liturgy in what is now American territory (northern latitude 58 degrees, 14 minutes, western longitude 141 degrees) was celebrated on July 20, 1741, the Feast of the Prophet Elias, aboard the ship Peter under the command of Vitus Bering. Hieromonk Hilarion Trusov and the priest Ignatius Kozirevsky served together on that occasion. Several years later, the Russian merchant Gregory I. Shelikov visited Valaam monastery, suggesting to the abbot that it would be desirable to send missionaries to Russian America.

On September 24, 1794, after a journey of 7,327 miles (the longest missionary journey in Orthodox history) and 293 days, a group of monks from Valaam arrived on Kodiak Island in Alaska. The mission was headed by Archimandrite Joasaph, and included Hieromonks Juvenal, Macarius, and Athanasius, the Hierodeacons Nectarius and Stephen, and the monks Herman and Joasaph. Saint Herman of Alaska (December 13, August 9), the last surviving member of the mission, fell asleep in the Lord in 1837.

Throughout the Church's history, the seeds of faith have always been watered by the blood of the

martyrs. The Protomartyr Juvenal was killed near Lake Iliamna by natives in 1799, thus becoming the first Orthodox Christian to shed his blood for Christ in the New World. In 1816, Saint Peter the Aleut was put to death by Spanish missionaries in California when he refused to convert to Roman Catholicism.

Missionary efforts continued in the nineteenth century, with outreach to the native peoples of Alaska. Two of the most prominent laborers in Christ's Vineyard were Saint Innocent Veniaminov (March 31 and October 6) and Saint Jacob Netsvetov (July 26), who translated Orthodox services and books into the native languages. Father Jacob Netsvetov died in Sitka in 1864 after a life of devoted service to the Church. Father John Veniaminov, after his wife's death, received monastic tonsure with the name Innocent. He died in 1879 as the Metropolitan of Moscow.

As the nineteenth century was drawing to a close, an event of enormous significance for the North American Church took place. On March 25, 1891, Bishop Vladimir went to Minneapolis to receive Saint Alexis Toth (May 7) and 361 of his parishioners into the Orthodox Church. This was the beginning of the return of many Uniates to Orthodoxy.

Saint Tikhon (Bellavin), the future Patriarch of Moscow (April 7, October 9), came to America as bishop of the diocese of the Aleutians and Alaska in September 1898. As the only Orthodox bishop on the continent, Saint Tikhon traveled extensively throughout North America in order to minister to his widely scattered and diverse flock. He realized that the local church here could not be a permanent extension of the Russian Church. Therefore, he focused his efforts on giving the American Church a diocesan and parish structure which would help it mature and grow.

Saint Tikhon returned to Russia in 1907, and was elected as Patriarch of Moscow ten years later. He died in 1925, and for many years his exact burial place remained unknown. Saint Tikhon's grave was discovered on February 22, 1992 in the smaller cathedral of Our Lady of the Don in the Don Monastery when a fire made renovation of the church necessary. *Con't Next Pg*

American Saints Con't from previous Pg

Saint Raphael of Brooklyn (February 27) was the first Orthodox bishop to be consecrated in North America. Archimandrite Raphael Hawaweeny was consecrated by Bishop Tikhon and Bishop Innocent (Pustynsky) at Saint Nicholas Cathedral in New York on March 13, 1904. As Bishop of Brooklyn, Saint Raphael was a trusted and capable assistant to Saint Tikhon in his archpastoral ministry. Saint Raphael reposed on February 27, 1915.

The first All American Council took place March 5-7, 1907 at Mayfield, PA, and the main topic was "How to expand the mission." Guidelines and directions for missionary activity, and statutes for the administrative structure of parishes were also set forth.

In the twentieth century, in the aftermath of the Russian Revolution, countless men, women, and children received the crown of martyrdom rather than renounce Christ. Saints John Kochurov (October 31) and Alexander Hotovitzky (December 4 and August 7) both served the Church in North America before going back to Russia. Saint John became the first clergyman to be martyred in Russia on October 31, 1917 in Saint Petersburg. Saint Alexander Hotovitzky, who served in America until 1914, was killed in 1937.

In addition to the saints listed above, we also honor those saints who are known only to God, and have not been recognized officially by the Church. As we contemplate the lives of these saints, let us remember that we are also called by God to a life of holiness.

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*.

Matthew 4:25-5:12 (Gospel, Saints)

Great multitudes followed Him – from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan. And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 4:18-23 (Gospel)

And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." They immediately left their nets and followed Him. Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

