



# Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

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



## AUGUST Bulletin Sponsor:

*From Joe & Valerie in Honor of Archpriest Fr. Andrew in celebration of his 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as Rector*

### *Liturgical & Events Schedule*

#### **Sunday, August 21**

9:10 am Hours / Divine Liturgy / 65 th Annual Halupki Festival

#### **Saturday, August 27**

10:00 am Parade & Perch Festival

#### **Sunday, August 28**

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

### **SUNDAY August 21, 2022**

**Gospel:** Matthew 17:14-23

**Epistle:** 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 4:9-16

#### **Tone 1. 10TH Sunday After Pentecost.**

**Afterfeast of the Dormition.** Apostle Thaddaeus of the Seventy. Martyr Bassa (Vassa) of Edessa and her sons Theogonius, Agapius, and Pistus. Ven. Avramii (Abramius). Archimandrite and Wonderworker of Smolensk, and his disciple, Ven. Efrem. Ven. Avramii the Lover-of-Labor, of the Kiev Caves. Ven. Nun Martha of Diveyevo.

### **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*.

### **VIGILS 8-14**

**Laura Kovach 4** Birthday blessings to Matthew In memory of Dorothy Malfara For the health and recovery of Ed, Sonya, and Paul E, and Quincy. For health of Betty K., Ben F., Earl R., Mary P., Margaret M., Mark M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Hattie & Molly K., Kathie J., Joe R., Pete R., Sharon D., and Rick & Jill Rowe

**Sandy Martin 1** Special intentions

**Natalie Twarek 5** In memory of Dorothy Malfara, God's blessings to Katie Cassel for her surgery this week and safe travel for Fred and Teri, God's blessing for Nikki and unborn baby, For the health and recovery of Ed, Mark, Carole, Sharon and Charlie, Kurt and Leslie, 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, Karen, Kurt and Leslie, For the health and strength of our parish family

### **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!

## AUGUST: OTHER INCOME

**Goal for the month in this category:**

**\$4,000 (Average \$923 a week)**

August 7: \$28 Candles; \$36 Anonymous Donations; \$45 Vigils; \$1,500 Donations; \$125 Holy Day Donations; \$15 Candles @ St. Tikhon; \$15 Candles @ the cross

August 14: \$53 Candles; \$45 Vigils; \$254 donations; \$200 Holy Day Donations; \$15 St Tikhon's Candles

## AUGUST: RESTRICTED FUND DONATIONS

August 7: \$100 St Herman's Seminary

August 14: \$200 St Herman's Seminary; \$15 Bookstore

## AUGUST: MONTHLY TITHE ONLY

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

August 7: \$1,082

August 14: \$1,087

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Diane Tryon  
109 Joslyn Street  
Arcadia, OH 44804

Joe & Sonya Rose  
4351 East Norma Drive  
Port Clinton, OH 43452

Ed & Irene Vangeloff  
454 Strouse Lane  
Sandusky, OH 44870

## AUGUST CLEANING SCHEDULE

Week of August 21: Bobbie

Week of August 28: Laura

## AUGUST BULLETIN / CANDLE SPONSORS

**Bulletin:** (\$50) From Joe & Valerie In Honor of Archpriest Father Andrew in celebration of his Fifth Anniversary as Rector

**Chandelier:** (\$50) From Joe & Valerie in memory of Dorothy Czuha

**Altar Candles:** (\$50) From Joe & Valerie in memory of Howard Bailey & Damian Bailey

**Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** (\$25) From Joe & Valerie in memory of LaVerne Schutt & Violet Bargdill

**Candles at the Cross:** (\$15) : Laura: Birthday blessings to Matt and birthday memory of my dad Steven / From the Vangeloff family for the health and recovery of Ed

**Candles @ St Tikhons** (\$15) For the safety of Nicholas, Tikhon & Gleice

## AUGUST LITURGICAL ATTENDANCE

**Friday, August 5:** 9 attended Vespers (2 of which were guests)

**Saturday, August 6:** 14 attended Liturgy (2 of which were guests)

**Sunday, August 7:** 28 attended Liturgy ( 12 of which were guests) / 17 Communicants

**Sunday, August 14:** 26 attended Liturgy (11 which were guests / 14 Communicants

**Sunday August 14:** 25 attended Vespers (11 which were guests

**Monday, August 15:** 17 attended Liturgy (3 of which were guests)

## 40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

**August 7:** Pat / 3 police officers from KY

**August 14:** Shooting victims from Chicago / Sasha Macura

**August 28:** Ohio Deputy

**September 11:** Monk Arseny / His Grace Bishop Damian from the Georgian Patirchate / Willie Japsen

**September 25:** Bobby Almashie

## **October 1: Enthronement of His Grace Bishop Daniel**

The date of the enthronement of the twelfth hierarch of Chicago and the Diocese of the Midwest is set for October 1, 2022, the Feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos.

In a letter dated August 3, to the clergy of the Midwest, Archpriest Paul Jannakos, Chancellor, wrote, "His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon has set the date for the enthronement of His Grace Bishop Daniel as Bishop of Chicago and the Midwest for Saturday, October 1, 2022, the Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos."

The Chancellor encouraged clergy to publicize the information in parish bulletins and make an announcement from the ambo in the weeks leading up to the event. Diocesan clergy were invited to attend and parishes requested to send at least one lay representative. All are invited to participate in the services.

Services will be held at the historic Diocesan Cathedral, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago IL. The festivities will begin with the All Night Vigil for the feast on Friday, September 30, at 6:00 p.m. The greeting of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon will be at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 1, followed by the Hierarchical Liturgy, and the enthronement of His Grace Bishop Daniel.

More information will be provided at [domoca.org](http://domoca.org) as it becomes available.

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## **Bishop Daniel Celebrates the Feast of Holy Transfiguration**

On the Great and Holy Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, August 6, His Grace Bishop Daniel of Chicago and the Midwest celebrated the divine services at the Diocesan Cathedral, Holy Trinity Cathedral.

This celebration was particularly joyous and note worthy as it was Bishop Daniel's first service in the diocese as the Diocesan Hierarch since his election by the Holy Synod in July.

Concelebrating with His Grace was Priest Alexander

Koranda, Cathedral Dean, Protodeacon Thomas Keith, Deacon Paul Garklavs.

Following the Prayer at the Ambo, His Grace read the prayer for the blessing of the fruit.

At the end of the service His Grace offered a reflection on the Great Feast, and of his first time being at the cathedral as the Diocesan Hierarch. Bishop Daniel asked the faithful to remember him in their prayers as he begins this new ministry serving the Church. Fr. Alexander greeted the bishop welcoming him to his new home and thanked His Grace for the sacrifices that he has made in order to serve Christ, the Church, and the faithful of the cathedral and diocese.

The singing of "Many Years" was intoned for Fr. Thomas who was celebrating the anniversary of his ordination.

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### **1 Corinthians 4:9-16 (Epistle)**

For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

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### **READER**

August 21: Tim  
August 28: Joe

## PRAYER LIST- UPDATED AUGUST 16

**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; Virginia Lecko; Margaret Zabinko

**PARISHIONERS & THEIR FAMILIES:** James Bargdill (Schutt); 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; Joe Kollar (Fr.); Betty Kovach; Helen Lis; Walter Litzie (Fr.); Sandy Martin; David Martin; David Mazurik; Mark Mazurik; Child Stella Miller (Elchisco); William Pipenur (Hileman); 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; Ed Vangeloff, Child Bodhi (Cassell); Brittany Lariccia & 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); Rick Rowe (Kovach); 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.); Molly and her newborn Chester (Fr.)

**MILITARY:** Craig Cassell, Cory Deaton , Jake Ellithorpe, Jordan Fulton, Alena Grabavoy, Justin Issler; Nicholas & Tikhon

**CAPTIVES:** Metropolitan Paul (Orthodox Archdiocese of Aleppo), Archbishop John Syriac Archdiocese of Aleppo, The UN & IOCC humanitarian aid workers in & around Syria; Those suffering persecution in Iraq, Syria, Israel, Egypt, Ukraine and throughout the world



**NOTE:** Please let Fr. Andrew know who can come off the list or be put on.

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## 65TH ANNUAL HALUPKI FESTIVAL (FOOD / FUN / MUSIC)

Sunday, August 21, 2022 Holy Assumption Orthodox Church / 110 E. Main St. Marblehead, OH 43440 / Rt 163

Free Admission / Free Shuttle Service & Parking nearby / Divine Liturgy @ 9:30

Historic Church Tours / Herman Halupki's Craft Fest 25+ Vendors / Main Raffle / Hourly 50/50

Rusyn (Pysanky) Easter Egg Art / Face Painting & Balloon animals with Sillie Tille / Rock Climbing / Bounce House & more!

Carpatho-Russian Dinner: Serving begins @ 11:30am: 2 Halupki / 2 Perohi / Kielbasa/ Baklava / Roll & Butter

Eastern European Ala Carte: Serving begins @ 2pm: Halupki / Perohi / Kielbasa & Kraut / Bratwurst / Halushki & Cabbage / Spanakopita & more!

Now accepting credit cards / Bar area / Live Polka Music w/ wooden dance floor (Frank Moravcik Orchestra & the Ed Klimaczak Band

## AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

ANNIVERSARIES	BIRTHDAYS	
10- Fr. Michael & Pani Mellissa Chendorain 18- Philip & Trudy Ellmore 21- Fr. Gregory & Matushka Xenia Burner 26- Loreen & Cheyenne Welch 27- Fr. Michael & Presbyteria Jessica 28- Fr. Eli Bremer Priestly ordination 29- Zoland & Claudia Zile 30- Fr. Peter & Pani Bernadette  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NAMESDAY</b></p> 8-9: Retired Metropolitan Herman 8-9: Retired Bishop Matthias of Chicago 8:13: Retired Bishop Tikhon of San Francisco 8-23: Archbishop Irene of Canada 8-30: Archbishop Alexander of Dallas	2- Jessica Issler 2- Hayes Twarek 4- Meiriam Dardovski 5- Darrin Feldman 9- Elaine Basala 10- Irene Vangeloff 12- Layne Demkosky 13- Frank Batura, Jr. 13- Ed Kusinski 14- Nikolai Mazurik 15- Matt Kovach	15- Anthony Cavaliere 18- Stephen Cazone III 20- Zach Collins 21- Kaylee Calzone 23- Michael Odehnal 28- Trisha Monschein 28- Ricky Whitham 29- Archbishop Michael 31- Sharon LaVallee 31- Fr. Emilian Hutnyan

### Bishop of Chicago Begins St. Herman Pilgrimage

His Grace Bishop Daniel of Chicago and the Diocese of the Midwest arrived in Anchorage, Alaska to participate in the festal service for the great saint of America, Herman of Alaska.

After celebrating the feast of Holy Transfiguration, His Grace began his travels to the historic Diocese of Alaska for the annual St. Herman of Alaska pilgrimage seeking the heavenly intercession from the Holy Elder upon his new ministry as diocesan hierarch, and upon the faithful of the Midwest.

On Sunday, August 7, His Grace concelebrated with His Eminence Archbishop Benjamin of San Francisco and the Diocese of the West, His Grace Bishop Alexei of Sitka and Alaska at St. Innocent Cathedral in Anchorage, AK. Serving with the hierarchs was Archpriest Daniel Charles, Cathedral Dean, Archpriest Michael Oleksa, Priest Alexander Koranda, and Priest Peter Kamilos.

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, Bishop Alexei greeted the visiting hierarchs and all of those who were gathering for the pilgrimage. Bishop Daniel greeted the faithful of the Alaskan cathedral and distributed icons of St. Tikhon of Moscow and St. John of Chicago asking those gathered to remember the diocese in their prayers.

## AUGUST REPOSED

4- Rose Bartek (1984) 7- Dorothy Romig (2017) 7- Helene Flaherty (2015) 11- Carl D. Essex (2014) 12- Fr. Stephen Jula (2014) 12- Jim Mazur (2021) 13- Andrew Millie (1958) 15-Archpriest John Mutusiak (2019) 19- Fr. George Dyak (1995) 21- Fr. Paul Herbert (2016)	21- Sophia Monak (2004) 22- Fr. Peter Molchany (1990) 23- Martha Brooks (2010) 24- Damien (cousin of Valerie S (2019) 28- Rev. Dr. William Walter Worstall (2011) 28- Matthew Lariccia Sr (1992) 29- Pani Gizella Mihaly (1975) 31- Larry Noon (2014) Michael Onyock (1931) Michael Hritsko (1934)
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## Bishop Daniel Presides on Feast of St. Jacob Netsvetov

On Sunday, August 7, His Grace Bishop Daniel of Chicago and the Diocese of the Midwest arrived in Kodiak continuing his pilgrimage. Bishop Daniel joins His Eminence Archbishop Benjamin of San Francisco, and the Diocese of the West, and His Grace Bishop Alexei of Sitka, and the Diocese of Alaska for this annual event.

His Grace was greeted at the airport by faculty and students of St. Herman Theological Seminary, along with faithful from the city. They sang “It is Truly Meet” and presented the hierarchs with flowers. The hierarchs then were taken to the historic Holy Resurrection Cathedral in Kodiak, AK, the place where the sacred relics of St. Herman of Alaska reside.

Hierarchs, clergy, and faithful gathered to venerate the relics of St. Herman of Alaska, and to sing the Akathist Hymn before the holy relics of the saint.

At the conclusion of the service, Bishop Alexei welcomed the hierarchs and pilgrims to Alaska and encouraged everyone to reflect on the words of the Akathist that teach about the holiness of the life of the monk Herman. Bishop Daniel anointed those gathered with holy oil from the lamp of St. Herman.

The next day, August 8, a Divine Liturgy was celebrated in memory of St. Jacob Netsvetov, Enlightener of the Peoples of Alaska. His Eminence Archbishop Benjamin of San Francisco, and the Diocese of the West, His Grace Bishop Daniel of Chicago and the Diocese of the Midwest, and His Grace Bishop Alexei of Sitka, and the Diocese of Alaska concelebrated. At the invitation of Bishop Alexei, Bishop Daniel presided over the Divine Liturgy.

Bishop Daniel was also joined by two priests of the Midwest, Priest Alexander Koranda, Cathedral Dean, and Priest Justin Matthew, Associate Priest of Holy Trinity Church, Overland Park, MO, in addition to other local priest of the Diocese of Alaska.

Bishop Alexei preached following the gospel on the importance of becoming “childlike” as the holy scriptures calls on the followers of Christ to do. His Grace reflected on how a child is quick to forgive and move on from trouble, and how a child draws near to their mother for aid, as we are to draw near

to our mother, the Church, for aid. He encouraged all to follow these very words of the Lord and to beseech the prayers of St. Herman for assistance.

After the final blessing, Bishop Daniel thanked Bishop Alexei for hosting this important pilgrimage and presented the cathedral community with chalice covers as a gift and asked that the cathedral remember the Diocese of the Midwest in prayer when they are used.

A festive meal was held that afternoon, and later that afternoon, a presentation from the seminary archivist was held on the various historical items and documents contained at the seminary, some of which include handwritten documents of St. Innocent of Alaska.



## Feast of St. Herman of Alaska Celebrated by Bishop Daniel

he Wonderworker and Patron of America, St. Herman of Alaska, was joyfully celebrated on the feast of his canonization, Tuesday, August 9, 2022. This feast gathers Orthodox Christians from all over the world who come and venerate the saint's relics, and to celebrate Divine Liturgy at the site of his repose.

As previously reported, His Grace Bishop Daniel of Chicago and the Diocese of the Midwest is partaking in the annual pilgrimage to venerate the holy elder of America. His Grace joins His Eminence Archbishop Benjamin of San Francisco, and the Diocese of the West, and His Grace Bishop Alexei of Sitka, and the Diocese of Alaska for this important event in the Orthodox Church in America. Priest Alexander Koranda, Cathedral Dean, who is accompanying His Grace during his travels, served at the divine services with the other local and visiting clergy.

On Monday evening of August 8, hierarchs, clergy and faithful gathered at the Holy Resurrection Cathedral in Kodiak, AK, the place where the sacred relics of St. Herman of Alaska reside, to celebrate to vigil service for the feast of the saint. After the reading of the Matins Gospel, everyone was able to venerate the relics of the saint and were anointed with oil from the saint. The faithful were also offered an opportunity to take oil from the saint home with them.

The following day, on the feast of St Herman, pilgrims came to the shore of the Kodiak Bay and entered boats to begin their journey to Spruce Island, the home of St. Herman. Once the pilgrims arrive at the island, they began their journey through the beautifully stunning and tranquil path to get to the chapel of St. Sergius and St. Herman of Valaam. Venerating icons of the Alaskan Saints along the way, bells began to toll as the hierarchs approached the chapel for Divine Liturgy.

Bishop Alexei presided over the services for St. Herman for the first time as Diocesan Hierarchy of Alaska. Archbishop Benjamin offered a homily on the precious life of St. Herman.

“We know that he is a saint because he embodies the

nine virtues that St. Paul teaches about – love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control – and St. Herman showed us that it was possible to achieve such gifts.”

The Archbishop continued highlighting miracles that are attributed to St. Herman, several of which he witnessed from his own parishioners.

At the conclusion of Divine Liturgy, a prayer was read for beseeching St. Herman's prayers upon those present and for the continued spiritual strength of all of his children in North America.

Bishop Alexei welcomed and thanked his brother hierarchs for their support of the pilgrimage and the Diocese of Alaska. His Grace also thanked everyone who gathered and worked on the holy event reminding those gather that St. Herman is with us now, and will continue to be as he always has.

A festive meal was hosted on the shores of Spruce Island but local parishioners.

Bishop Daniel extended his deep appreciation to Bishop Alexei and the faithful who labor to make this pilgrimage possible. His Grace noted the immense amount of work that takes to make this such a success, but also realizing that it is done with such attention because of their love for St. Herman.

On March 11, 1969, the bishops of the Orthodox Church in America formally declared their intention to canonize Herman, “as a sublime example of the Holy Life, for our spiritual benefit, inspiration, comfort, and the confirmation of our Faith.” On August 9, 1970, Metropolitan Ireney (Bekish)

and other hierarchs and clergy presided over the canonization service, which was held at Holy Resurrection Cathedral on Kodiak Island. His relics were transferred from his grave underneath the St. Sergius and St. Herman of Valaam Chapel, on Spruce Island, to the Holy Resurrection Cathedral.



## **Bishop Daniel Celebrates Holy Dormition at Diocesan Cathedral**

On August 15, the Great Feast of the Falling Asleep of the Most Holy Theotokos, His Grace Bishop Daniel of Chicago and the Diocese of the Midwest presided over services at the Diocesan Cathedral, Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Serving with His Grace was Priest Alexander Koranda, Cathedral Dean, Protodeacon Thomas Keith, and Deacon Paul Garklavs. The choir was directed by Ms. Olga Garklavs.

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, the traditional blessing of flowers and herbs took place.

Fr. Alexander preached at the end of the blessing reminding the faithful gathered of the constant presence of the Mother of God in the Church – from the time she was guiding the Apostles, and even to this very day. “She has never left us, appearing to those who call on her, providing healings and comfort from her miraculous icons. Our mother will never leave us, and continues to draw us closer to her Son. This is her great work.”

The faithful received a blessing from their hierarch at the dismissal of the cross.

## **Matthew 17:14-23 (Gospel)**

And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him.” Then Jesus answered and said, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me.” And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.” Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up.” And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

## **Martyr Bassa of Edessa and her sons Theogonius, Agapius, and Pistus Commemorated on August 21**

The Martyr Bassa with her sons Theognis, Agapius and Pistus, lived in the city of Macedonian Edessa and she was married to a pagan priest. From childhood she had been raised in the Christian Faith, which she passed on to her sons.

During the reign of the emperor Maximian Galerius (305-311), the husband denounced his wife and children to the governor. In spite of threats, the boys refused to offer sacrifice to idols, so they were tortured and put to death. The eldest son, Theognis, was raked with iron claws, then he was beheaded. The skin of the young Agapius was flayed from head to chest, but the martyr did not utter a sound. The youngest son Pistus was tortured and beheaded, just as his brothers had been. One account says that

the three brothers suffered at Edessa in Macedonia. Another account says they died at Larissa in Thessaly, their homeland.

Saint Bassa was thrown into prison and was weakened by hunger, but an angel strengthened her with heavenly food. Under successive tortures she remained unharmed by fire, water and beasts. When they brought her to a pagan temple, she shattered the statue of Zeus. Then they threw the martyr into a whirlpool in the sea. But to everyone’s surprise a ship sailed up, and three radiant men pulled her up (Saint Nikódēmos of the Holy Mountain (July 14) suggests that these were her children, martyred earlier). After eight days Saint Bassa came by ship to the governor of the island of Alona, not far from Cyzicus, in the Propontis or Sea of Marmora. After beating her with rods, they beheaded her.

By the year 450 there was already a church in honor of the holy martyr Bassa at Chalcedon.

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**9 August 2022**

**Glorification of Ven. Herman of Alaska**

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**“Grow A Mission” – Letter From His  
Grace Bishop Daniel**

To all Clergy and Faithful in the Diocese of the  
Midwest

Dear Fathers, Brothers, and Sisters,  
S prazdnikom!

In the Great Commission, our Lord commands us to evangelize, to “Go and make disciples of all nations...” (Matt. 28:19). This command was given not only to the Holy Apostles and Disciples, but to every Christian and to every local Church. This is why it is imperative that every parish, no matter how young or old, small or large, understand itself as a community which evangelizes. Every Orthodox community is one which preaches the Good News of the Gospel and calls others to Christ through its life and witness. We should all understand that every parish or mission within our Diocese is a missionizing community. This is a priority we all share.

On a diocesan level, we do this by planting and nurturing new mission communities. Mission communities allow us to share the Gospel with those who live in areas often outside the reach of our Diocese’s current parishes. Mission communities invite new people to accept the Gospel and follow Christ in the Orthodox Church. History has shown that these young missions, as they flourish, often become some of our most vibrant parish communities.

Every parish can, in some way, help our mission planting effort to have a greater presence and a greater local impact. Visits to missions, words of support and encouragement, the sharing of material and educational resources, and any form of new mission planting efforts by parishes like yours are a significant help. All these efforts, established and built upon your prayer, can surely result in success.

I am asking each of our parishes to seriously consider the following four-minute video: <https://domoca.org/grow-a-mission/>. Please share it with your parish. View it and consider the discussion questions at the end of the video in your parish council and ministry groups. Use the discussion guide (<https://domoca.org/grow-a-mission/parish-response/>) to explore what assistance your parish might be able to offer. Then share your conclusions on the simple follow-up form with your Dean.

At the very beginning of my archpastoral ministry as Bishop of Chicago and the Midwest, I want you all to know of the high priority I place upon the establishing of new missions. I am also committed to overseeing and encouraging the continued growth of well-established parishes as well as the renewal of parish life in some of our communities which might seem to be in decline. I ask your assistance in all these efforts.

At the celebration of a hierarchical Divine Liturgy, quoting from Psalm 80, the bishop intones, “Look down from heaven, O God, and behold and visit this vine which Thy right hand has planted, and establish it.” May all our communities, new or old, be firmly established by the Lord Himself. May we all collaborate in this work of tending our corner of the Lord’s Vineyard.

With love in the Lord,

+DANIEL

Bishop of Chicago and the Midwest

**THANK YOU**

I want to say thank you to all the co-coordinators and workers that helped throughout the summer and today to make this Halupki Festival possible.

To all the local villagers that have come out to help us - thank you!

To Kathy Jacob and all the singers from Lorain, thank you for helping us in our worship this morning.

Without all of you this day would not be possible.

GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU

*V. Rev. Archpriest Andrew*

## Diocese Holds First Annual Evangelism School

The Diocese of New York and New Jersey held its first annual Evangelism School from Monday, August 8 to Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at St. Gregory the Theologian Orthodox Church in Wappingers Falls, NY. The School is an initiative of the Diocesan Commission on Missions and Evangelism, fully funded by the Diocesan Council, as a way to foster a renewed thinking and excitement on sharing the Orthodox Faith in the parishes across the Diocese.

The School was open to ten students. The ten participants were comprised of both clergy and laypersons, representing all three Deaneries of the Diocese. “The School was specifically kept small, so as to foster greater interaction and discussion among the participants while ensuring that the information could be effectively discussed,” says Archpriest Eric G. Tosi, chairman of the Commission and organizer of the School. “We based the model on previous missions schools that had been done on a Church-wide level annually for a number of years. This Diocesan School was specifically designed to be an intense three days.”

Topics that were discussed included the theology and application of evangelism; leadership and management principles; communications; catechism; and education in the parish. The invited speakers were Archpriest Eric G. Tosi, Archpriest David Garretson and Archpriest Timothy Hojnicky. His Eminence Archbishop Michael, was present for the School and offered invaluable insight from his own experiences, as well as giving archpastoral guidance on the topics discussed. The School also integrated roundtable conversations on various themes, as well as open discussions in which the participants shared their experience and were able to explore topics of concern.

“I left the three-day School feeling refreshed and reinvigorated! I came away with a whole bunch of ideas to bring back to my parish,” reflected Priest Theodore Gregory, rector of Holy Trinity Church in Rahway, NJ. Archbishop Michael shared with the participants at the conclusion how this School “enables parishes and missions to examine what they are doing in their parish life and how that is reflected in the surrounding community, in order to draw people

into a deeper relationship with Christ.” His Eminence challenged the participants to take the information and experience back to their parishes and missions and share it with the parish leadership and community, reminding us that “this will only be effective if the information is shared and then implemented on a local level.”

The School was held in conjunction with the Feast of Saint Herman of Alaska, the first missionary and saint in North America. Festal services were celebrated, presided over by His Eminence.

The School will be an annual event, fully funded and sponsored by the Diocese of New York and New Jersey. Different participants will be recruited each year, continuing to draw from the length and breadth of the Diocese.

Through the prayers of our holy father Herman of Alaska and the Saints of North America, may this missionary effort be blessed by Almighty God!



**Images from Spruce Island in Alaska**