

**HIS BEATITUDE
METROPOLITAN HERMAN**



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Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

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From Fr. Andrew in memory of His Grace Bishop John Martin

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, September 11

9:10 AM: Hours / Divine Liturgy / Social

Tuesday, September 13

6:30 PM: Great Vespers

Wednesday, September 14

STRICT FAST DAY

9:20 AM: Hours followed by Divine Liturgy

Saturday, September 17

4:00 PM: Great Vespers

Sunday, September 18

9:10 AM: Hours / Divine Liturgy / Memorial
Sunday / Social / Change linens /
Council Meeting

Sunday September 11, 2022

Gospel: John 3:13-17 / Matthew 21:33-42

Epistle: 1st Corinthians 16:13-24 / Galatians 6:11-18

Tone 4. 13th Sunday After Pentecost. Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross. Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos. Theodora of Alexandria. Martyrs Demetrius, his wife Euanthia, and their son Demetrian, at skepsis on the Hellespont. Martyrs Diodorus, Didymus, and Diomedes, of Laodicea. Martyr Ia and 9,000 Martyrs with her, of Persia. St. Euphrosynus the Coo, of Alexandria. Translation of the relics of Ven. Sergius and Herman, wonderworkers of Valaam. The weeping Kaplunovskaya Kazan Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos.

SEPTEMBER BULLETIN CANDLE SPONSORS

Bulletin: (\$50) From Fr. Andrew in Memory of His Grace Bishop John

Chandelier: (\$50) From Joe & Valerie in memory of Rose Haburt / From Fr. Andrew in memory of my grandfather Steve Bartek

Altar Candles: (\$50) From Joe & Valerie in memory of Gordon Schutt

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

Candles @ the Cross: From Laura for Birthday blessings to Fin & Jack / From Fr. Andrew in memory of my family & friends

Candles @ St Tikhon's Icon: For the safety of Nicholas, Tikhon & Gleice and her unborn baby / From Fr. Andrew in memory of the former Pastors AP John Grandziuk, AP Michael Dziama; AP George Breyan

Statement on the falling asleep in the Lord of His Beatitude Metropolitan Herman

With the blessing of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, Archpriest Alexander Rentel, Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America, made the following statement:

This morning, Tuesday, September 6, His Beatitude Metropolitan Herman, former Archbishop of Washington and Metropolitan of All America and Canada, fell asleep in the Lord. The Holy Synod of Bishops directs that a panikhida be served for him as soon as possible in all Churches and Chapels of the Orthodox Church in America, and on the fortieth day of his repose, October 15.

SEPTEMBER: MONTHLY TITHE ONLY

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

September 4: \$1,012

1 Corinthians 16:13-24 (Epistle)

Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love. I urge you, brethren – you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints –that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us. I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men. The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. The salutation with my own hand – Paul’s. If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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.*



VIGILS 9-4

Laura Kovach (4) Safe travel for Jim and Matthew For the health and recovery of Ed, Sonya, Paul E, and John D. 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 In memory of Pam

Sandy Martin (1) Special intentions

Natalie Twarek (5) Birthday Blessings to Chris and Brandon 9/7 and Zach 9/8, God’s blessing for Nikki and unborn baby, For the health and recovery of Valerie, Ed, Mark, Carole, Sharon and Charlie, Kurt, Leslie & Ed, Health of Amber, Zach, 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, Katie, David, Diane, Stella, Jake, Pat, Karen, special intentions

READER

September 11: Joe
September 18: Tim
September 25: Joe

SEPTEMBER LITURGICAL ATTENDANCE

Saturday, Sept. 3: 6 attended vespers (2 of which were guests)

Sunday, Sept. 4: 35 attended Liturgy (20 of which were guests) / 26 Communicants

40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

September 11: Monk Arseny / His Grace Bishop Damian from the Georgian Patirchate / Willie Jappsen / Matushka Anne Hopko

September 25: Bobby Almashie / Shawn Larrica

Oct. 2: Metro. Kallistos Ware

Oct. 15: His Beatitude Metropolitan .Herman

His Beatitude Metropolitan Herman

On September 6, 2022, His Beatitude Metropolitan Herman (Swaiko), retired Primate of the Orthodox Church in America, fell asleep in the Lord at the age of 90. He had served as Metropolitan of All America and Canada from 2002 until his retirement in 2008.

His Beatitude was born Joseph Swaiko in Briarford, PA on February 1, 1932 and was baptized at St. Michael's Russian Orthodox Church in Curtisville, PA. As a youth and young adult, he sang in the parish choir, taught Sunday school and, eventually, served as a member of the parish and diocesan councils. After completing his elementary and secondary education with honors in the West Deer Township PA schools, he enrolled at Robert Morris School of Business (later, Robert Morris College and now, Robert Morris University) in Pittsburgh, where he received a certificate in secretarial science. Subsequently, he served in the Adjutant General Corps of the US Army while stationed in Labrador.

After being discharged from the military in 1959, at the urging of his parish priest Father Gabriel Davidiuk, Joseph Swaiko enrolled at Saint Tikhon's Seminary, South Canaan, PA, from which he graduated in 1963. While still a seminarian, he was appointed personal secretary to His Grace, Bishop Kiprian (Borisevich), who became Rector of the seminary in 1961. After ordination and graduation, Fr. Joseph also assumed the duties of seminary Registrar.

Following his ordination to the Holy Diaconate on March 21, 1964 and to the Holy Priesthood on April 7, 1964, Father Joseph served as Rector of Saint John the Baptist Church, Dundaff, PA and Saints Peter and Paul Church, Uniondale, PA while continuing administrative work and teaching Church Slavonic at the Seminary. He was appointed to the Seminary's Accreditation Committee and was instrumental in organizing the formation of its Board of Trustees, of which he was a charter member and Secretary-Treasurer. As Bishop Kiprian's chief assistant, Father Joseph Swaiko facilitated construction of a large new building for the Seminary and renovation of the monastery church. He also served as Secretary of the Diocese of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania (today known as the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania). Father Joseph was also appointed

General Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee for the historic 14th All-American Sobor, convened at Saint Tikhon's Monastery in October 1970, which - on recognizing the Church's autocephaly granted earlier that year - became the 1st All-American Council of the Orthodox Church in America.

In his ministry to youth, Father Joseph organized the first summer camp for children at the Seminary and Monastery in 1965. He inspired the formation of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship at Bloomsburg State College and became its Chaplain. For many years, he also served as Spiritual Advisor to the Anthracite District of the Federated Russian Orthodox Clubs (today known as the Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America).

On December 4, 1970, he was tonsured a monk by Archbishop Kiprian and given the name Herman, in honor of Saint Herman of Alaska who had been glorified among the saints just four months earlier. Less than a year later, on October 17, 1971, he was elevated to the rank of Igumen and named Deputy Abbot of Saint Tikhon's Monastery.

On October 19, 1972, Father Herman was elected to the Episcopate and raised to the rank of Archimandrite three days later. He was consecrated to the episcopacy at Holy Resurrection Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre, PA on February 10, 1973 with the title of Bishop of Wilkes-Barre, serving as auxiliary of the Diocese of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania. The hierarchs participating in his consecration were Metropolitan Ireney (Bekish), Primate of the Orthodox Church in America; Archbishops Sylvester (Haruns) of Montreal and Canada; Kiprian of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania; Valerian (Trifa) of Detroit and the Romanian Episcopate; along with Bishops Theodosius (Lazor) of Pittsburgh and West Virginia and Dmitri (Royster) of Hartford and New England.

During his episcopal service, Bishop Herman continued to reside and teach at Saint Tikhon's Monastery and Seminary. In addition to his ministry within the Diocese of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania, he served as Temporary Administrator of the Diocese of the West in 1975 and Temporary Administrator of the Diocese of New England in 1978-81. Following the death of Archbishop Kiprian in December 1980, Bishop Herman was nominated to be ruling hierarch by a diocesan assembly on February 19, 1981 and elected Bishop of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania by the Holy Synod of Bishops on March 17, 1981. **Con't Pg 6**

PRAYER LIST- UPDATED September 6

HIERARCH'S / CLERGY: Archbishop Benjamin from San Fransico; Archbishop Melchizedek of Western PA; John Duranko (Father's home pastor); James Gleason (Father's Spiritual Father); Moses Berry; Emilian Hutnyan; / Deacon Paul Gansle, Deacon Peter Rentsch, Deacon Michael Wilson / Sub-deacon Wylie Meath

MATUSHKII: Pani Patricia Duranko; Pani Helen Shuytak; Virgina Lecko

PARISHIONERS & THEIR FAMILIES: James Bargdill (Schutt); James Basala; John Beadle (Elchisco); Kristen Cassell; Carole Conaway (Twarek); Maryann Cook (Twarek); Bill Deanton; Sharon Dietrich (Twarek); Charlie Dietrich (Twarek); Michael Glovinsky; Shirley Gresh (Glovinsky); Joseph Habegger (Kovach); Elaine Hileman; Betty Kovach; Helen Lis; Walter Litzie; 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; Gleice & her unborn child

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

Matthew 21:33-42 (Gospel)

Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?" They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

ANNIVERSARIES	BIRTHDAYS	
3- Frank & Crystal Batura 11- David & Roddie Mazurik 11- Wayne & Heidi Golob 13- Sam & Angie Dardovski 13- Fr. Peter Zarynow priestly ann. 13- Tom & Jean Hileman 15- Nikki & Sean Williams 19- Zach & Amber Twarek 24- Mike & Diane Tryon 25- Karen & Vitaly Muzyka 9-28-1990: Retired Bishop Lazar of Ottawa <p style="text-align: center;">NAMESDAY</p> 9-30: Archbishop Michael of NY & NJ	1-Denny Bird 3- Lynn Basala 3- William Demkosky 5-Chico Elchisco 8- Zach Twarek 11- Fr. John Beskid 11- Brian Lucas 14- Debbie Perman 14- Chris Baxter 15- Walter Litzie Sr 15 Braelynn Williams 17- Wyatt Schlotterer 18- Fr. David Lis	19- Cooper Kowal 20- Charisse Hileman 22- Pani Bethany Mihaly 23- Rita Mazur 24- Benjamin Otis Franklin 25- Nikki Twarek 25- Noah Adamcio 25- Michael Litzie 26- Jim Basala 26- Amber Twarek 26- Greg Twarek 30- Jaxson Monschein 30- Jack Kovach

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His installation as diocesan hierarch took place at Saint Stephen's Cathedral in Philadelphia on April 29, 1981. During his tenure as ruling bishop of the diocese, several parishes were established and new church buildings were constructed and consecrated for both new and long-established parish communities.

Even after he was appointed Rector in May 1981, Bishop Herman continued to teach at Saint Tikhon's Seminary. Among the subjects he taught were Church Slavonic, Liturgics, Homiletics and Pastoral Theology. As Rector, he recruited new faculty members and sought to increase the student body. He oversaw modernization of the existing Seminary building and construction of a large new dormitory, and supervised several stages of the Seminary's academic accreditation.

As Deputy Abbot of Saint Tikhon's Monastery, he continually reinforced the monastic community by receiving new members. He also spearheaded construction of a new bell tower next to the church, which was the original home of an icon repository and erection of a mausoleum at the cemetery. He hosted several monastic and other conferences as well as continuing the tradition of an annual Memorial Day weekend pilgrimage for the faithful that have taken place since the monastery's founding in 1905. **Con't Pg 8**

SEPTEMBER REPOSED

1-His Eminence AB Bishop Nikon (2019) 2- David Douglas (2015) 4- John Mataleska (1986) 4- Archpriest John Grandziuk (1947) Former Pastor 5- Archpriest Michael Dziama (1944) Former Pastor 5- Archpriest Anastasy Richter (2021) 7- Lisa Monak (2020) 14- Archpriest George Breyan (2009) Former Pastor 14- Mary Kamiotis (2017) 15- Steve Bartek (1962) (Grandfather) 15- Infant Sloane Swanton (2021) - 15- Terri Lariccia (2021) 16- John George Mazurik (1997)	18- Bernie Labouda (2018) 18- Stephen Sature (2004) 18- Bob Whitham Sr (2020) 19- Peter Rindfleisch (2006) 20- Nora Bird (2017) 21- Joseph Mazur (2002) 26- Pastor Kevin Brown (2020) 27- Michael Ittescu (1968) 27- Alison Pickney (2017) 27- Karen Milano (2017) 28- William Felenchak (1977) 30- Bishop John Martin (1984) 30- Tommy- Leonchik (2020)
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Greetings from His Grace Bishop Daniel for Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year

Your Nativity, O Virgin, has proclaimed joy to the whole universe! The Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God has shone from You, O Theotokos! By annulling the curse, He bestowed a blessing. By destroying death, He has granted us eternal Life. —Troparion of the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

Dear Fathers and Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For Orthodox Christians, September 1st marks the beginning of the New Church Year. As we enter into this New Year of Grace, the first Great Feast that is celebrated is the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos, September 8.

In reflecting on the birth of Mary and her singular role in the history of salvation, we see that the Gospel of John speaks of only two moments when the life of Jesus intersects with that of his Mother. Although Mary's life was intimately connected to that of her Son from the very moment of His conception and although Matthew and Luke make special note of this, John mentions only two occasions of interaction between the Lord and His mother: the beginning of the Lord's public ministry at the wedding feast in Cana (John 2:1-12) and the moment when Mary stands beneath the cross (John 19:25-27). Perhaps the Holy Evangelist wants to show us the Mother of Jesus in these two apparently opposite situations in life—the bright joy and hopes of a wedding feast and the profound sorrow at the death of a child.

In recounting the narrative of the Lord's Passion and Death, the first detail John mentions is that Mary "stands near the cross of Jesus" (John 19:25), close to her Son as He suffered the pains of the Cross and shed His blood for our salvation. Mary stood at the foot of the cross, filled with sorrow, yet with unwavering faith, courage, and fidelity. This is the principal way that Mary is seen in the Gospel of John—she stands near those who suffer, those from whom the world flees or those whom the world sets aside or marginalizes, those who suffer any sorrow or loss and those

who are on the very fringes of our society. It is in her role as mother that Mary also stands close by every one of her son's disciples, steadfast and faithful beneath their crosses of challenge, struggle, and suffering.

Mary also shows us how to follow her example and "stand near" these situations. This means more than simply acknowledging the realities of human suffering. Rather, it means that those in painful situations should know that we are standing faithfully at their side. All those suffer any pain or loss can experience the Mother who remains near them, for in their sufferings she sees the open wounds of her Son Jesus. She learned this at the foot of the cross. We too are called to be near the sufferings of others. Following the example of the Theotokos, let us go out to meet our suffering brothers and sisters, to console them and accompany them. Let us not be afraid to be involved and to let our lives become complicated for the sake of others. Inspired by Her, the Most Pure One, let us remain steadfast and faithful, our hearts at peace in God in even the most difficult circumstances of life. Let us be ever ready to lift up the fallen, raise up the lowly, showing them the love and the "peace beyond understanding" that comes from God (Philippians 4:7).

Acknowledging that the beginning of September brings with it this special Feast, let us also acknowledge that every day of every year, no matter the month or the season, offers us the blessed opportunity to give thanks to God for His many blessings, just as each day presents the opportunity to be present with those who are suffering in any way. Every day of every year invites us to draw closer to Christ, to grow in holiness, to bear witness to our faith, and to minister to the suffering world in which we live. As we enter into the New Church Year, we look forward to another Year of Grace, living the Gospel, serving our brothers and sisters, and living the Church's liturgical cycle which invites to enter, ever more deeply, into the great mystery of our salvation.

As we celebrate her nativity at the beginning of this new ecclesiastical year, let us entrust our Diocese, parishes, our families and loved ones, and all the world to the loving maternal care and protection of the Most Holy Theotokos.

With love in the Lord,

+DANIEL

Bishop of Chicago and the Midwest

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In addition to his service to the Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania, Archbishop Herman served the greater Orthodox Church in America in a wide variety of capacities. He served as Chairman of the OCA Department of Finance; Vice-Chairman of the Department of Missions; Member of the Board of Theological Education; Vice-Chairman and Chairman of several Preconciliar Commissions; Episcopal Moderator for the Department of Stewardship; Chairman of the Pension Board; Vice-Chairman of the Office of Inter-Church Relations and Ecumenical Witness; and Member of the Lesser Synod of Bishops.

Bishop (later, Archbishop) Herman represented the OCA at numerous events abroad, often traveling with Metropolitan Theodosius to Russia and elsewhere. As an OCA hierarch, he participated in the historic conference of North America's Orthodox Bishops in Ligonier, PA in 1994. Several patriarchs and numerous hierarchs from around the world visited Saint Tikhon's Monastery for the annual pilgrimage or other celebrations throughout the years as guests of Metropolitan Herman.

Metropolitan Herman was well known as a proponent of the Sanctity of Life. For many years, he participated in the March for Life held in the US capital every January, leading the Orthodox participants and addressing thousands in defense of the unborn.

On September 29, 1999, he was named Acting Treasurer of the Orthodox Church in America, while also serving as Temporary Administrator of the Orthodox Church in America from May until September 2001, during Metropolitan Theodosius' medical leave-of-absence.

On April 2, 2002, Metropolitan Theodosius submitted a petition requesting retirement to the Holy Synod of the OCA. The Holy Synod granted his request and announced that the election of his successor would be held on July 22 at the OCA's Thirteenth All-American Council in Orlando. No candidate received the required two-thirds majority for immediate election during **Con't Pg 10**

Celebrating 25th Anniversary of Christ the Savior Church

Sunday, August 21, 2022, Christ the Savior Church, located in downtown Chicago, celebrated their 25th Anniversary as a community. The celebrations was marked by the hierarchical visit of His Grace Bishop Daniel of Chicago and the Diocese of the Midwest.

The celebration took place both on Saturday evening and Sunday morning with His Grace presiding at both services. Serving with the bishop was Priest Jonathan Lincoln, Rector of Christ the Savior Church, and Deacons Andrew Bender and Paul Garklavs. The choir was directed by Reader Philip Sokolov.

Following the Divine Liturgy, Bishop Daniel presented the parish with a Synodal Gramota on the occasion of their anniversary. After the dismissal with the cross, a meal was held in the parish courtyard where reflections were offered on the special commemoration.

On August 16, 1997, the parish's patronal feast day, the church held its first service. The installation of the iconostasis, completed just in time for Pascha of 2007, represented years of labor and generosity, as well as the movement from a fledgling mission to full-fledged, thriving parish. In May 2008, Archbishop Job consecrated the temple to the Glory of God. Archbishop JOB (+2009) presented his vision for yet greater witness to this part of the city: "My wish for Christ the Savior Church is that it will be an ark of salvation for many and a beacon of Orthodoxy. I hope that it will always be a community of vigorous outreach to all those who seek the fullness of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and participation in the life of his Kingdom."

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Department of Liturgical Music announces classes for conducting and sight-singing

The OCA Music Department will once again offer two of its popular introductory online courses for the benefit of church singers and conductors

“Basic Conducting Techniques” (12 weeks) and

“Basic Sight-Singing and Ear Training” (10 weeks)

The Conducting Techniques course will begin on Monday, September 19, concluding on December 17; the Sight-Singing class will begin on Monday, September 26, and conclude on December 10.

Registration links and costs are as follows:

Sight Singing and Ear Training \$300

Basic Conducting Techniques \$425

In past semesters both classes filled up very quickly, with a number of prospective students placed on a waiting list.

In previous years, students in both classes found that a significant investment of time—at least 3-4 hours per week—was needed in order to keep up with the course work. Prospective students should consider carefully if they can commit the required amount of time.

Each class consists of pre-recorded lessons that students can watch asynchronously on their own schedule, one per week. Every lesson has a homework component, and then each student is expected to meet online with a course instructor for 20-30 minutes—to ask questions and to give the instructor an opportunity to monitor each student’s progress and offer assistance as necessary.

The positive feedback from students suggests that these courses are meeting the needs of church singers and choir directors in the parishes.

“I can now look at a Tone and pitch it and sing the melody... The tools I learned in the class will help me to continue to grow in my singing abilities.”

“Learning the structure of troparia, stichera, and canon [melodies] was very helpful.”

“[The sight-singing course] gave a very good

foundation for sight singing. I can pick up a piece of music in any of the keys we learned and know how to sing it. Fabulous!”

“I liked being able to watch the [conducting] videos multiple times. I especially appreciated the Zoom interactive sessions. Thanks!”

“The [conducting] course content was perfect. Always challenging, yet fun! That is what made it so perfect!”

“[The conducting course] actually fulfilled goals I didn’t even know I should have—such as score analysis.”

“Each semester we strive to accommodate the greatest number of students, while offering each student the maximum personalized attention,” says Dr. Vladimir Morosan, who developed these classes for the OCA Music Department. “We do this with help of an outstanding and dedicated team of assistant instructors, which, for the sight singing class will include Deacon Anthony Stokes (Saint Maximus Orthodox Church, Denton, TX), Tracey Edson (Saint Nicholas Church, Portland, OR), Protinica Michelle Jannakos (Saint Luke Orthodox Church, Palos Hills, IL), Tabitha Lewis (Saint Tikhon’s Seminary, PA), Serge Liberovsky (Holy Virgin Mary Cathedral, Los Angeles), Jacob Mandell (Saint Michael’s Orthodox Church in Irvona, PA, and Nativity of the Theotokos Orthodox Church in Madera, PA), Zachary Mandell (Saint Mary’s Cathedral, Minneapolis, MN), and Andrew Ritchey (Saint Symeon Orthodox Church, Birmingham, AL). Assisting with the conducting class will be Anastasia Kappanadze (Saint Tikhon’s Monastery, PA), Caleb Lewis (Saint Tikhon’s Seminary, PA), and Anne Schoepp (Saint Lawrence Orthodox Church, Felton, CA).”

SEPTEMBER CLEANING SCHEDULE

Week of Sept. 11:	Laura
Week of Sept 18:	Tina
Week of Sept. 25:	Laura

Parish Development Forum “Encore Webinar Series” Emphasizes Ministry Focus

The Parish Development Forum today announced the scheduling of a three part webinar series updating popular sessions from the June 2022 online Parish Development Forum.

“With its theme ‘The Orthodox Parish as a Vessel of Ministry’ the recent Parish Forum attempted to build awareness and capacity for parish ministry as a critical, not optional, element of parish life and mission”, said Joseph Kormos lay co-chair of the Forum. “While over 12 ministry related sessions were offered in parallel tracks, attendees could not participate in all of them. Since available recordings lack the prospect for interaction, many attendees asked for an opportunity to participate in live “encore” deliveries of various Forum segments. This series will update three segments from the Forum.”

The three webinars, which will be presented live with questions and discussion from attendees, are:

Thursday September 15: 7:30 PM (EDT) - Sarah Byrne Martelli, an Orthodox chaplain and bereavement counselor, will share tips about “Being a Ministry of Presence to the Grieving” based on her book “Memory Eternal: Living with Grief as Orthodox Christians”.

Thursday September 22 7:30 PM (EDT) - Kenny Kidd, executive director of FOCUS North America, notes that many people believe that only larger parishes in urban areas can successfully provide food, clothing, and shelter to the impoverished around them. Kenny will dispel that myth in his session: “Creating Opportunities to See and Serve Our Parish Neighbors”.

Thursday September 29 7:30 PM (EDT) - Father Justin Patterson, pastor at Saint Athanasius Church, Nicholasville, KY will review seeming ‘failures’ that eventually led to future ministry progress in his segment titled “Hopes and Hurdles: Three Stories of Challenges in Growing Parish Ministry”.

Archpriest Alexander Cadman, clergy co-chair of

the Forum noted, “Returning parishioners and newcomers yearning for expanded, updated and renewed ministries may be one of the most significant opportunities for the Church in recent years. We want to keep the valuable information from this summer’s Forum alive, vibrant and available to many parish leaders. The encore series allows us to do just that.”

Registration Required

Attendees must register for each webinar separately. (No series registration.). Each webinar is available without charge. More information about each webinar and the links for registration can be found here. (National OCA Website)

The Parish Development Forum, now in its ninth year, is co-sponsored by the Orthodox Church in America’s Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania, the Diocese of the Midwest and the Bulgarian Diocese.

Questions and enquiries may be directed to Mr. Kormos at joekormos1@gmail.com.

Metropolitan Herman Con’t from Pg 8

the first round of voting, which made a second ballot necessary. During the second round, the Holy Synod chose to elect Archbishop Herman. The enthronement of Metropolitan Herman took place during the Divine Liturgy on September 8, 2002 at Saint Nicholas Cathedral in Washington, D.C. Numerous prominent Orthodox hierarchs and dignitaries from around the world attended the enthronement ceremony and the reception that followed.

During his primatial tenure, in 2005, the title of the Primate was changed to “Archbishop of Washington and New York”, consolidating the two dioceses. This placed greater diocesan responsibility on Metropolitan Herman, who ably shouldered this additional burden until his retirement. In 2009, the two dioceses were once again separated as before their merger in 2005.

Metropolitan Herman received numerous awards and honors. In 1994, he was elevated to the rank of Archbishop by the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America and awarded the Order of Saint Innocent Silver Class. He was granted an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Nashotah

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