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Many Years Master



The Weekly Forerunner

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church

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In memory of my mother Dorothy– Given By V.R. Andrew Bartek

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, April 21

9:00 AM: Hours

9:30 AM: Greet AB @ the backdoor followed by Vesting & Liturgy & Lenten meal in the Church Hall

5:00 PM: St Mary of Egypt– (St Nicholas Greek– 220 North Walnut St, Youngstown

Wednesday, April 24

5:15 PM: Confessions

6:00 PM: Presanctified Liturgy / Social / Lenten Talk

Friday, April 26

4:30– 5:15 PM: Confessions (last opportunity during Lent, except for college students)

5:15 PM: 1st Confession Class to receive Holy Confession

6:00 PM: Presanctified Liturgy / Social

Saturday, April 27

10:00 AM: Lazarus Saturday Liturgy / Lenten Breakfast for all in attendance in honor of the 1st Confession Class. Following breakfast we will be tying the palms & pussy willows into bundles

6:00 PM: Great Vespers w/ Litya for Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 28

9:35 AM: Hours

10:00 AM: Procession outside with Cross, Candles & palm branches

10:10 AM: Divine Liturgy / Social (B-day & Ann. commemorations

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are extended to Elise Donofrio and Elliot Vansuch on receiving their first Confession. Thank you to their teachers and parents.

God Bless all of you.

APRIL Monthly Charity

St. Tikhon's Seminary

MEDITATION

True greatness can be discovered by looking upon every person as one's brother or sister and by seeking to serve that person with selfless love. True greatness is bestowed by God, not the world. True greatness confounds human expectations of self-acquired glory; and it eliminates human friction caused by pride and vanity. True greatness reconciles, liberates, and unites all through the power of the love of Christ. The supreme example of true greatness is Christ Himself who at the last Supper washed His disciple's feet and said to them: "I, your Lord and Teacher, have just washed your feet. You, then, should wash one another's feet" (John 13:14). Christ humbled Himself unto death on the Cross and so God glorified Him with "the name that is greater than any other name, (that is), Jesus Christ (who) is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:10-11)

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PLEASE KEEP OUR ELDERS OF THE CHURCH & SHUT-INS IN YOUR PRAYERS– UPDATED 1-18-24

Send a “Thinking of You” card or remember their Birthday with a card. If anyone needs to be added, please contact Fr. Andrew.

Things to know about our priests

- They love God and you a lot (Be mindful)
- They are painfully limited human beings (Be realistic)
- They probably have a pretty low view of their “performance” (Be kind)
- They wish they were better preachers (Be awake)
- They really want God’s best for you and your family (Be open-minded)
- Their work knows no time or locational boundaries (Be patient)
- They hear hear much more negative information than positive (Be encouraging)
- They have chosen a highly leadership-intensive call (Be lead-able)
- They need help (Be available)
- Their God-given vision is bigger than themselves and the church (Be faith-filled)
- They want to personally meet all your needs, but they know they can’t (Be understanding)
- They are going to say some dumb things every now and then (Be forgiving)

- They are greatly encouraged by your faithfulness. (Be there)
- They are passionate for God’s Word to be made practical to you (Be hungry)
- They long for church to be your spiritual oasis (Be loving)
- They dream for you and your family’s spiritual health (Be receptive)
- They need to hear that you pray for them (Be interceding)
- They are just regular people (Be real)
- Remember when you say to them “that’s not what we do here” or “that is not how we were brought up,” every time they go to a new church they always have to change their traditions and what they were brought up with. (Be aware and compassionate)

WHAT IS ASKESIS

The word askesis comes from a Greek verb which means to exercise, to strive, or to contend with the dedication of an athlete. St. Paul used the image of a boxer when referring to his own practice of self-discipline: “I harden my body with blows and bring it under complete control, to keep myself from being disqualified after having called others to the contest” (1st Corinthians 9:26-27). **Con’t Pg 7**

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MILITARY FAMILY & FRIENDS: Cory Deaton (Fr.) / Alena Grabavoy (Fr.) / Liam Garrity (Zelinsky)

MISCELLANEOUS: Metropolitan Paul (Orthodox Diocese of Aleppo) & Archbishop John (Archdiocese of Aleppo) still being held captive / The UN & IOCC humanitarian aid workers around the world / Those suffering persecution in Syria, Iraq, Israel, Egypt, Ukraine and around the world.

Holy Synod Meets for its Regular Spring 2024 Session

On April 2-4, 2024, the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America met for its Regular Spring 2024 Session in Springfield, VA, under the presidency of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon.

The meetings of the Synod were preceded by a special joint meeting in which the Bishops were joined by the Church Officers, the Diocesan Chancellors, the General Council, and representatives of the Pension Board. The joint meeting began on Monday, April 1, with an education session led by Mr. David Jarrett, FSA, EA, MAAA, FCA, Principal and Consulting Actuary. This presentation was similar to the session the Metropolitan Council held with the Pension Board last October in compliance with the resolution approved at the 20th All-American Council.

On Tuesday morning, the joint meeting resumed receiving the report of the Pension Board and a presentation from the Pension actuarial firm, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company (GRS), which included a presentation of the modeling tool for projecting the effects of various changes upon the funded status of the plan. There was extensive conversation following the presentations on numerous aspects of the Pension Plan and retirement vehicles.

On Tuesday afternoon, the Holy Synod began its Spring Session with a Molieben and heard a few

preliminary remarks by Metropolitan Tikhon. His Beatitude then called on Mr. Andrew Smith, Treasurer, who offered his report on the financial state of the Church and an update on the 2024 budget. Following the financial report, Mr. Mark Hamilton, the new General Counsel of the Orthodox Church in America, offered his first report to the Holy Synod, noting updates on a number of legal cases. Metropolitan Tikhon then called on Archpriest Kirill Sokolov to offer the report of the Board of Theological Education and a list of candidates for ordination for synodal consideration.

On Wednesday, the Holy Synod continued its Spring Session hearing reports from His Beatitude, Archpriest Alexander Rentel, Chancellor, and Archpriest Alessandro Margheritino, Secretary. In the evening, the bishops were transferred to St. Nicholas Cathedral in Washington, DC, for the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts presided by His Beatitude and in the presence of the Sitka icon brought by His Grace Bishops Alexei for a visit to local parishes in greater Washington.

On Thursday, the Holy Synod heard a report from Archpriest Daniel Andrejuk, Dean of the Representation Church of St. Catherine the Great Martyr in Moscow, reports from Archpriest Chad Hatfield and Archpriest John Parker on the two Stavropegial seminaries, and a report from Archpriest Nicholas Solak on the Office of Pastoral Life.

Later that day, the Holy Synod received an update from His Eminence Archbishop Daniel **Con't Pg 6**

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APRIL Candle & Bulletin Sponsors

NOTE: If anything is missing from the Sponsorships please contact Fr. Andrew ASAP

- Bulletin:** In Memory of by mother Dorothy on the occasion of her b-day—Given by AP Andrew Bartek
Wine: In memory of my family & friends— Given by AP Andrew Bartek
Incense: In memory of my husband Sub-deacon William Livosky— Linda Livosky
Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light: In memory of George & Mary Vasile- Given by Jim & Elaine Johnston / In loving memory of parents Nicholas & Mary K. Libertin, and brother Dr. Nick Libertin, Given by Charissa & Tom Oliphant, Mark & Colette Libertin
Altar Candles: In memory of the 5th Anniversary of Ted Liszka falling asleep in the Lord— Given by Beth Liszka / In memory of my father Michael Boldish- given by Nancy Tusinac
Tetrapod Candles: In memory of my parents George & Marie Gresko- given by Mary Gresko / In memory of Uncle Michael Sevda— Given by Barbara Kolesar
St. Herman Candles: Commemorating all who participate in maintenance of the church, the teachers, singers & those who participate in social events. Praying for everyone to love one another.
St. Panteleimon Icon Candles— In memory of my God-Father Andrew Basala— Given by AP. Andrew Bartek
Protection Icon Candles: In memory of His Eminence AB Paul & His eminence AB John— Given by AP Andrew Bartek / In memory of mother on her b-day on April 20th – Given by Sue Kennedy
St. John the Baptist Candles: In memory of my grandfather Matthew Kollar— Given by AP Andrew Bartek
Flowers: In honor of John Liszka attaining his license for Certified Nurse Practitioner— Given by Beth Liszka / In memory of my mom Baba – Given by the Willison Family / For the Health of the St. John’s parish family— Given by anonymous / In honor of Mary Fredericks & Fr. Andrew on the occasion of their b-days— Sherrie Fredericks

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| <p><u>\$50 per month</u></p> <p>*Wine
*Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light
*Altar Candles
*Tetrapod Candles</p> | <p><u>\$30 per month</u></p> <p>*St. Herman candles
*St. Panteleimon Icon candles
*Protection Icon candles
*St. John the Baptist candles</p> | <p><u>\$25 per month</u></p> <p>Incense
Flowers - \$50 for 2 weeks at a time— Updated</p> | |
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ATTENDANCE: A Comparison - APRIL	2023	2024
1st week		
Saturday Vespers	No Power	19
Sunday	56/ 38 Partial Power	70 / 55 Communicants
2nd Week		
Saturday Vespers	18 (Palm Sunday)	10
Sunday	98/ 63 (Palm Sunday)	70 / 55 Communicants
3rd Week		
Saturday Vespers	No Vespers (Pascha) 50 Nocturns / Matins	
Sunday (Pascha)	164 / 95 Communions	
4th Week		
Lazarus Sat. Saturday Vespers	35 / 23 Communicants 18 P. Sunday	P.S. Vespers
Sunday	98 / 63 Communicants	
5th Week		

**Monthly Charity Donation
Thank You!**

January: OCMC - \$702 + 250 (from church) Total: \$952
February: Rescue Mission - \$1,035 + \$250 (from church) Total: \$1,285
March: Workers of St Basil - \$947 + \$250 (from church) Total: \$1,197

Hebrews 9:11-14 (Epistle)

But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

REPOSED LIST FOR APRIL

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and Bishop Alexei on the canonization process of blessed Matushka Olga. Further plans are currently undertaken, and more updates will be shared in the coming weeks.

The bishops received a number of other reports including the report of the Departments of the OCA, a report from the Director of Communication, Institutional Chaplains, Military Chaplains, and the Sexual Misconduct Policy Advisory Committee.

Throughout the week, the bishops also considered several clergy cases and awards and discussed several other aspects of Church life.

PRAYER

Attend, O heaven, and I shall speak; give ear, O earth, to the voice of one who repents before God and sings His praise. (Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God, Have mercy on me.)

Look upon me in compassion, O God, with Your merciful eyes and accept my fervent confession (Refrain)

I am surrounded by a storm of sin, O compassionate Lord; but stretch out Your hand to me, as one You did to Peter. (Refrain)

Instead of freedom from possessions, O Savior, I have pursued a life in love with material things; and now I bear a heavy burden. (Refrain)

Like the Publican I cry to You: be merciful, O Savior, be merciful to me. For no child of Adam has ever sinned against You as I have sinned.

Lord, You love humankind and desire that all should be saved. In Your goodness call me back and accept me in repentance. (Refrain)

Excerpted from 2nd Cantic, Great Canon of St Andrew of Crete

LOVE YOUR PRIESTS

According to recent studies...a great number of priests quit each year. They don't quit because they have lack of faith in God. They don't quit because they don't believe in the calling God has placed on their life. Most don't even quit because of financial reasons.

Priests quit because they are overwhelmed with mental exhaustion. Until you're a priest you'll never fully understand what its like to carry spiritual burdens for people. Getting up in the middle of the night, praying for your family of faith. Awakened in the middle of night with someone on your heart. Overwhelmed with concern by a persons absence or distance.

Your mind continually occupied with the presentation of the upcoming Sunday message-how to preach it, what to teach on, how do we apply it? Getting critiqued on a continual basis. Being told you need to do better or that some areas of the church simply need to be better.

Priests invest their whole life into people and yet people will turn their backs on their pastor at the first sign of a storm, usually without a conversation.

Priests stand in the middle of disputes.
Priests stand in the middle of gossip
Priests council broken marriages
Priests comfort those who suffered loss
Priests navigate the waters of imperfect people with a desire to see each one thrive in their faith.
They long for spiritual breakthroughs.
Your priest craves the very best for you.

All of this, while trying to battle their own flesh and grow in their own relationship with God.

Priests see the posts
Priests hear the whispers
Priests endure negativity
Priests are continually caring for the sheep while fending off the wolves.
Priest pour out and pour out—rarely being poured into.

What keeps a priest going? **YOU!**

You– the person who is genuinely hungry
You– the person who worships with passion and freedom.
You– the teenager who is striving to be a follower of Jesus.
You– the single mom who understands the beauty of the hope found in Christ.
You– the one who walks through the door for the first time because you're in search of peace, hope, Community.

Pray for your priest. Serve with your priest. Talk with your priest. Encourage your priest. They are human. They need more than you think!

From the Cavanis Christian Fathers in the Philippines & shared by an Ukrainian Orthodox priest in IL

Mark 10:32-45 (Gospel)

Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again." Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Askesis con't from pg 3

Askesis can be translated as "spiritual discipline," "spiritual striving, or :spiritual training".

However, askesis should not be identified with the extreme external disciplines associated with the word "ascetic"-harsh fasts, long vigils, and strict self-denial regarding every earthly blessing. Rather the essence of askesis involves the struggle in our hearts between good and evil, God and Satan, the Kingdom and the world. Its goal is the new life in Christ. Its principles are the teachings of Christ. Its power is the grace of Christ experienced expecially in the Eucharist and in personal prayer. Askesis is for all, not just monastics. Each Christian is called to be a spiritual athlete who with his whole mind, heart and actions contends, within himself, family, and community, for the supreme priority of the Kingdom, believing that all the other necessary things will be given to us as well by God.

A Year of the Lord, Liturgical Bible Studies, Vol. 3

APRIL Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

- 2- Fr. Andrew Bartek
- 4- His Grace Bishop Matthias
- 8- Sherrie Fredericks
- 10- Mary Fredericks
- 11- Lynn Polewan, Christopher Mihaly
- 12- Michele Basile
- 13- Margarita Leso
- 18- Diane Tryon
- 20- Nectarios Mihaly
- 23- Paul Demkosky Jr., Andrew Zelinsky
- 24- Matt Lariccia III

ANNIVERSARY

- 17- Matt & Brittany
- 30-2011- Retired Bishop Matthias of Chicago

NAMES DAY

- 22- AB Nathaniel of Detroit
- 23- Fr. Andrew Bartek
- 25- AB Mark of Philadelphia



THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Most of Lent is behind us. Soon we will be celebrating Palm Sunday and Holy Week. As we approach the end of this period of fasting and prayer, the Church seeks to remind us of our goal, which is the Kingdom of God. How does Lent help us to obtain the gift of the Kingdom? What qualities of Christian life accented during Lent signify the presence of God's Kingdom in our midst? A beautiful hymn of the fifth Sunday of lent gives us answers to these questions based on biblical verses (Romans 14:17; Mark 10:23-25; Psalm 37:26; John 11:9; 1st Corinthians 10:11): *The Kingdom of God is not food and drink, but righteousness, spiritual striving (askesis), and holiness. And so the rich shall not enter into it, but they who entrust their treasures into the hands of the poor. This is what David the Prophet teaches us, too, saying: 'He is righteous, who shows mercy all the day long, who delights in the Lord, who walks in the light and will not stumble. All these things have been written for our admonition, that we should fast and practice goodness. And in exchange for earthly goods may the Lord grant us the blessings of heaven. Doxastikon, Hymns of Praises, the fifth Sunday of Lent.*

Food and drink are important. Without them life could not be sustained. We eat and drink two or three times each day. When time for eating arrives we do not think about whether or not we are going to eat. We simply sit down and eat. Jesus ate. The Apostles

Ate. St. Paul who first said those words about the Kingdom not being eating and drinking (Romans 14:17) also ate. How blessed are they who seek spiritual food as naturally as they hunger for material food!

What St. Paul wanted to say in Romans 14:7 is that true life is not an abundance of eating and drinking but rather it is "righteousness, peace, and joy which the Holy Spirit gives." Jesus often taught this same truth. During is temptation He declared: "Man cannot live on bread alone, but needs every word that God speaks" (Matthew 4:4). In the Beatitudes He said: "Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires, RSV); God will satisfy them fully!" (Matthew 5:6). It was His will that as His followers we should not be excessively worried about what to eat or drink. He cares for us more than for the birds of the air and the lilies of the field. Rather our priority should be this: "Be concerned above everything else with the Kingdom of God and with what He requires of you, and He will provide you with all these other things" (Matthew 6:33)

ST. VLADIMIR'S SUMMER CAMP

Due to increasing costs for the first time in over 5 years we have to increase the camp tuition. We have also changed the payment method as well, all fees are due upon registration. There are scholarships and some financial aid available if needed, please contact Matushka Catrina KOvalak if you need such assistance. Some parishes also have programs in place to help off set the tuition price so, please check with your priest.

The new tuition prices are as follows:

\$450 for first child / week

\$400 for second child / week

\$375 for each additional children / week

Session 1 is from June 30-July 6 (ages 8-12)

Session 2 is from July 7-July 13

Session 3 is from July 14-July 20 (ages 13-18)

Session 1 & 3: These sessions are more service based camping experiences. These weeks also include craft projects daily along with learning sessions with the resident clergy.

Session 2 (FOCA Junior Olympics): This week takes sports and Orthodoxy and combines them. The campers have a different sport everyday with both individual and team events. The campers also have learning sessions with the resident clergy.

Please visit the camp website to register and pay tuition. You many also make a donation to the camp there too.

www.stvladimirscampohio.com you may also visit our facebook and Instagram pages both are St. Vladimir's Summer Camp.

Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Attendance: Lenten Services	2023	2024
1st week		
Forgiveness Vespers	30	34
Monday PM	30 Canon	17 Canon
Tuesday PM	20 Canon	25 Canon
Wednesday PM	26 Canon	18 Canon
Thursday PM	22 Canon	22 Canon
Friday PM	31 / 16 Communicants	29 / 18 Communicants
2nd week		
Wednesday PM	22 / 7 communicants	32 / 23 Communicants
Friday PM	16 Akathist	32 / 18 Communicants
3rd week		
Wednesday PM	33 / 16 Communicants	38 / 24 Communicants
Friday PM	21 Akathist	23 / 16 Communicants
4th week		
Wednesday PM	41 / 22 Communicants	37 / 25 Communicants
Friday PM	Was Annunciation vespers 22	20 / 15 Communicants
Soul Saturday		13
5th week		
Wednesday PM	36 / 22 Communicants	
Thursday PM	19 Full Canon	
Friday PM	30 Akathist	
6th Week		
Wednesday PM	31 / 17	
Friday	35 Vespers	
Holy Week		
Sunday PM	0	
Monday AM	0	
Monday PM	35	
Tues AM	14	
Tuesday PM	25	
Wednesday AM	15	
Wednesday PM	56	
Thursday AM	15	
Thursday PM	48	
Friday AM	8	
Friday Afternoon	52	
Friday PM	74	
Saturday AM	40 / 37	

Confection Schedule of Holy Chrism Announced

As has been previously announced, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon will be presiding at the Rite of Preparation of Holy Chrism during the Vespereal Divine Liturgy of Great and Holy Thursday, May 2, 2024, at St. Tikhon's Monastery. His Beatitude will preside at the rite for the second time during his primacy, the last time Chrism was consecrated being in 2017.

The process, overseen this year by Protodeacon Peter Ilchuk, will begin on Great and Holy Monday, April 29, and will conclude on Great and Holy Wednesday, May 1, with continuous stirring and readings from the Holy Gospels.

PRAYER

The Lord is my Helper and Protector unto salvation. He is my God and I glorify Him. Where shall I begin to weep for the actions of my life? What fruits shall I offer to You, O Christ? Come, my soul, offer to God tears of repentance. Make your confession to Him and abstain henceforth from your sins. I am like the man who fell among robbers. They have covered all my body with wounds, and I lie beaten and bruised. I confess to You, my Lord, all my sins, voluntary and involuntary, known and unknown: Come, my Savior, and liberate me from the yoke of sin. In Your compassion and mercy, grant me forgiveness and heal me. Amen.
Adapted Hymns, Canticle one, The Great Canon of St Andrew of Crete, Chanted on Thursday, Fifth week of the Fast.

Archbishop John (Garklavs) Anniversary of Repose

April 11 commemorates the falling asleep of His Eminence Archbishop John (Garkalvas). The Archbishop served the Diocese of the Midwest from 1957-1978, and is remembered for many of his great attributes, but also for his guardianship of the Tikhvin Icon of the Mother of God. The late Archbishop will be remembered at the Diocesan Cathedral this evening and throughout the diocese. **Con't Next Pg**

Save the Date: Eleventh Parish Development Forum to be Held in Broadview Hts. OH, July 9-11

The Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania, the Diocese of the Midwest, and the Bulgarian Diocese announced that the 2024 Parish Development Forum will be held at the Woodside Event Center at Archangel Michael Orthodox Church in the Cleveland suburb of Broadview Heights, OH. The Forum will begin at 1:30 PM Tuesday July 9 and conclude before noon on Thursday July 11, 2024.

The Parish Development Forum, is a conference for clergy and laity dedicated to exploring the challenges facing Orthodox parishes, delivering actionable ideas and good practices valuable to parish leaders and creating mutually supportive relationships among participants.

“The 2024 Forum theme will be “Our Parish and the Future: Equipping to Serve in a Secular World”, noted Archpriest Stephen Frase, Clergy Chairperson for the Forum. “During this Forum attendees will again collaborate on ‘the 2030 project’, an effort to explore the present and future challenges of N. American Orthodox parishes as they witness to the faith and live as the body of Christ in a time of rampant secularism and skepticism. Sessions will consider the important societal, cultural, demographic and even technological trends that will shape the growth, health and impact of Orthodoxy and Orthodox parishes in N. America over the next five to ten years. Most importantly attendees will define and explore critical attitudes, behaviors and strengths needed by parishes to prepare to thrive in 2030 and beyond.”

“This will be the eleventh anniversary of the Forum,” said Joseph Kormos Forum Lay Chairperson and Parish Development Ministry Leader for the Archdiocese of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania. The 2023 Forum attracted an active group of parish leaders from six OCA Dioceses, the Antiochian Archdiocese, the Greek Archdiocese, and from Ukrainian Orthodox parishes in the US and Canada. The agenda will include keynote presentations, facilitated small group discussion, connection and worship.

Breakout Session 2023 Parish Development Forum

Our Greater Cleveland location provides an excellent conference setting. The host parish is 15 minutes from Cleveland Hopkins Airport and ten minutes from the Ohio Turnpike. Over half of the OCA’s parishes are within a manageable drive of the site,” noted Mr. Kormos.

Forum registration will be online only and will begin after Pascha. To maintain an atmosphere of fellowship and dialogue among attendees, registration will be limited to 100 persons. Sessions will begin at 1:30 PM Tuesday July 9 and conclude at noon on Thursday July

15. Conference registration is \$150 per person. An early bird rate of \$110 per person will be available until June 19. The registration fee includes meals, breaks, forum materials and a hospitality reception. A block of rooms has been reserved at a local hotel at special Forum rates.

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

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John Garklavs was born in Limbashi, Latvia in 1899. In order to know something about a person, one should search for some of the influences on his formative years: a brief sketch of dates and places is insufficient to learn what motivates a man to think and accomplish what he does. Who was it that molded Archbishop JOHN’s life and ideals?

The French have a saying: Look for the woman. Actually, there were two women who influenced the development of the Archbishop. One was the Most Holy Theotokos. For many, many years, he was the guardian of the miracle-working icon: Our Lady of Tikhvin. Who would not be able to recall the joy and adoration in the face of the Archbishop as he presented this icon to the faithful of the Church, whether in his own diocese, or in other parishes throughout the country?

The other woman was his mother, who indeed was a special woman. She was left a widow with two infant sons: a baby six months of age; and the older, John, merely two years old. They lived in the small provincial town of Limbashi, Latvia, located about eighty miles from Riga. It was in that small town that the young John spent his early childhood, completing the primary schools, while taking an active part in the Latvian Orthodox Church, first as an altar boy, later becoming a psalomchik. After graduating from seminary, the young man was chosen as the choirmaster of his local parish.

His mother was a gifted singer, being a lead alto in many European choirs. A strong voice, with the desire to use it in praise of Almighty God, was her legacy to the Archbishop.

Vladiko’s mother never remarried following the death of her husband, but continually cared for her two sons. Once, many years before his ordination, she saw in a dream her son John being dressed in white bishop’s vestments in the center of the church. The dream came to her once more, giving her a premonition that he would serve as a bishop in two hemispheres. She did live to see him ordained to the Holy Priesthood in 1936, and consecrated a bishop in 1943. Archbishop John brought his mother with him to the United States in 1949. She survived in America for only eight months, and was laid to rest in the cemetery at St. Tikhon’s Monastery, South Canaan, PA.

In 1943, when the Archbishop was consecrated, churches were caught up assisting the unfortunate masses displaced by World War II. **Con’t next pg**

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ST. MARY OF EGYPT AND ST ANDREW OF CRETE

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent we celebrate the Feast of St. Mary, a harlot who became a saint. On the preceding Thursday evening it is also a tradition in the Orthodox Church to pray the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete. The Great Canon is a treasure house of hymns calling us to repentance. These two saints, known for their spiritual discipline and practice of repentance, are concrete examples of the truth expressed by the above hymn that “the Kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness, spiritual striving (askesis), and holiness.”

St. Mary was a runaway child who went to Alexandria and became a prostitute. In the course of her life, out of curiosity, she once joined a throng of Pilgrims who traveled to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross (September 14) and there she did not cease to lead others to sin. However, when she tried to enter into the Church of the Holy Resurrection, an unseen power prevented her from doing so, once, twice, three times, while others around her entered freely. Taking this as a personal sign to her from God, she was cut to the heart by a profound awareness of her own sinfulness. She immediately repented and decided to change her life, embracing the monastic life for over four decades and becoming a saint of the Church. From harlot to saint by the grace of God! Her Feast is set on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, “while the end of Lent is near, so that idlers and sinners may be aroused by repentance, having as an example this saint” (Festal Commemoration, Fifth Sunday of Lent.) A hymn celebrates the example of her conversion with these words: *Once you were defiled with every impurity, but today through repentance you have become the Bride of Christ. Desiring the life of the angels, you have cast down the demons with the weapon of the Cross. Therefore, O glorious Mary, you have been made a bride of the Kingdom.* (Matin Hymn, Fifth Sunday of Lent)

St. Andrew was from Damascus, Syria. Having led for many years a monastic life in Jerusalem, he was later chosen as Archbishop of Crete. He is one of the great poets of the Church, the Great Canon being his most famous work. Composed of nine canticles, the Great Canon consists of about two hundred hymns reviewing the history of the Old and New Testaments. IT is a moving prayer of repentance, lifting up many appropriate biblical examples which dramatize the wickedness of sin and extol the hopes of reconciliation with God. According to the Festal Commemoration, the Great Canon is read toward “the end of Lent so that Christians may not become indolent and neglect their spiritual contests.”

Mark 10:32-45 (Gospel)

Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again.” Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask.” And He said to them, “What do you want Me to do for you?” They said to Him, “Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They said to Him, “We are able.” So Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared.” And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

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helping to provide aid, care, medical assistance, food, etc. Priests and their families from Eastern Europe would occupy Vladiko's apartment for weeks at a time until they could be assigned parishes. Eventually, the Archbishop would become a refugee himself.

Leaving Riga with a small colony of Latvian Orthodox priests, and a newly adopted son, Sergei, Archbishop John took refuge in southern Czechoslovakia until the War's end. Moving his small spiritual colony to West Germany, then being held by American troops, he encouraged Orthodox Christians there to organize parishes and build chapels in the towns and camps set up for “Displaced Persons,” and spent much time traveling among the people.

In 1949, Archbishop John immigrated to the United States, when in 1957 he was elected as bishop of the Chicago-Minneapolis Diocese, serving until his retirement.

He fell asleep in the Lord on April 11, 1982, the feast of the Triumphal entry of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem.

APRIL FINANCIALS

Expenses	\$8,072.80
Income	\$11,824.00
TOTAL	+\$3,751.20

Weekly Tithe	\$10,673
Weekly Candles	\$118
Weekly Flowers	\$200
Incense	\$25
Eternal Light / Iconostasis	\$100
Pascha Flowers	\$15
Advent Social	\$20
Pascha Offering	\$200
Presanctified Offering	\$173
Unneeded Gifts	\$500

Monthly Charity Income (St. Tikhon's Seminary)
....\$293

PRAYER OF ST. EPHRAIM

O Lord and Master of my life! Take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power and idle talk. *(Prostration)*

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love to Thy servant. *(Prostration)*

Yea, O Lord and King! Grant me to see my own transgressions and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages. *(Prostration)*

O God, cleanse me a sinner. *(12 times)*
deep bow, then:

Read the entire prayer again with a single prostration at the end.

Pascha Flowers

If you would like to help defray the cost of the flowers, and would like to have your loved one (deceased or in honor) remembered, please see Fr. Andrew. Cost: \$15 per flower.

Bartek Family: (12 Flowers)

- ◆ For the Health of my family and friends
- ◆ For the Health of all our parishioners & their families
- ◆ For the Health of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon & His Eminence AB Daniel and the entire Synod and all Orthodox Patriarchs & bishops around the world
- ◆ For the Health and safety of the Campbell Fire & Police Departments
- ◆ For the Health of the City Council and Mayor and all residents of Campbell
- ◆ For the less fortunate of the world who have no one to pray for them
- ◆ For all the military around the world
- ◆ In memory of my ordaining Bishop, His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas
- ◆ In memory of my parents George & Dorothy and all my family and friends
- ◆ In memory of all the diptychs of this parish
- ◆ In memory of all the hierarchs of this Diocese & the Carpatho-Russian Diocese
- ◆ For all the military who had given their lives for this country

Fredericks Family: (1 Flower)

- ◆ In honor of my mom Mary on the occasion of her 94th birthday & for her continued health

Zenko Family: (2 Flowers)

- ◆ In memory of my mom Charlotte
- ◆ In memory of my Aunt Sue

Johnston Family: (1 Flower)

- ◆ In memory of George & Mary Vasile & George Robert Vasile

Rescue Mission sends *Thanks*

Dear Father Andrew & Parishioners of St. John's,

Thank you so much for your gift of \$1,285! What a blessing! Your giving will help so many un need here at the Rescue Mission with food, shelter, case management and so much more. If you would like a visit to your church or to a church group from the mission I would love to visit! Or if you would like a tour of our facility please give me a call.

Crystal Eekman, Mission & Volunteer Ambassador.