



The Forerunner

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church
301 Struthers Liberty Rd
Campbell, OH 44405
OCA - Diocese of the Midwest



NOVEMBER BULLETIN SPONSOR

*In memory of my mother Dorothy on the occasion of her 19th anniversary of repose
Given by V.R. Andrew Bartek*

Weekly Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, November 5

9:35 AM: Hours
10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Social by "O" Club

Monday, November 6

6:00 PM: Orthodoxy 101 Class (last one until 2024)

Tuesday, November 7

6:00 PM: Vespers Liturgy for Feast of St. Michael

Wednesday, November 8

6:00 PM: Fire Meeting
6:00 PM: Mission outreach event @ St. John's in Warren

Thursday, November 9

11:00 AM: Book Club (last one until 2024)

Saturday, November 11

4:00 PM: Bible Study (last one until 2024)
6:00 PM: Vespers / Confessions

Sunday, November 12

9:35 AM: Hours
10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Social by Council

SIGN-UP / VOLUNTEERS FOR SOCIALS

It has been customary that the "O" Club, Sisterhood, & council sponsor the coffee socials.

We are asking for individuals or families to please sponsor a social on a rotating basis. With enough volunteers, the rotation of sponsors could be once a quarter. Even though the above groups take a particular Sunday, getting a break would be nice.

Bagels, donuts and coffee is perfectly fine.
A simple meal is perfectly fine.

Please see Fr. Andrew so he can put you on a schedule.

As of right now on any given month:

First Sunday	"O" Club
Second Sunday	Council
Third Sunday	Sisterhood
Fourth Sunday	Open
Fifth Sunday	Open (when applicable)

SINGERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING



The City of Campbell has asked our parish if we would lead the singing at this year's Christmas Tree Lighting which will take place on Sunday, December 3rd @ 3:00pm.

It will be all American Christmas carols & it will be a sing along. They said singing will be for 10 to 15 minutes. If interested, please sign up with Dr. Nicoloff. Thank you.



Through the month of November, Dcn. Jimmy & Mat. Hyrb are collecting food for the Second Harvest Food Bank.

All donations can be placed on the table in the vestibule.

Thank you for your generosity!

PLEASE KEEP OUR SHUT-INS IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

Mrs. Mary Fredericks
648 Dumont Ave
Campbell, OH 44405

Mrs. Mary Jane Puskas
Maplecrest Nursing Home
400 Sexton St
Struthers, OH 44471

Mrs. Dorothy Shirilla
8362 Van Dr.
Poland, OH 44514

Joan Cross
18 Fruitland Drive
New Castle, PA 16105

Mrs. Audrey Chengelis
6210 Catawba Drive
Canfield, OH 44406

Emilia Yannitto
8017 Salinas Tr.
Boardman, OH 44512-5402

Mrs. Pauline Fesz
488 Harmony Lane
Campbell, OH 44405

Irene & Al Mazanek
1285 Fairfax-Manor Dr
Carmel, IN 46032

Mrs. Julia Simko
Inn At Poland Way
6501 Poland Way / Rm 122
Poland OH, 44514

Matushka Helen Psinka
1040 State St / Rm 1015
Concordia Villa St Joseph
Baden, PA 15005

Mrs. Marion Zwinski
9190 Springfield Rd / Apt 17c
Poland, OH 44514-3196

Galatians 6:11-18 (Epistle)

See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Luke 8:41-56 (Gospel)

And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace." While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

PRAYER LIST– Updated 11-1-23

PARISHIONERS: Achilles Arvan / Audrey Chengelis / George Horodnic / Irene Horodnic / Pauline Fesz / Mary Fredericks / Paula Kennedy / George Kolesar / Barbara Kolesar / Mary Jane Puskas / Kenny Ruff / Dorothy Shirilla / Julia Simko / Marion Zwinski / Mary and her newborn Emilia

FAMILY & FRIENDS: Archbishop Benjamin / Archbishop Alexander / Archbishop Melchizedek / Bishop Matthias / Fr. James Gleason (Fr.) / Fr. Michael Rustic (Fr.) / Sub-deacon Wylie Meath (Fr.) / Bret (Zelinsky) / Dominic (Centofanti) / Ellen (Clark) / Katie (Garrity) / Basil Glovinsky (Fr.) / Mark Hruban (Fr.) / Ellen (Kessler) / Eleanor Marie (Kidder) / Paul (Kolesar) / Kathy (Kolesar) / Malakai (Kolesar) / Joe Kollar (Fr.) / Andrew LaChard (Jesko) / Mea (Mahan) / Mary (Mahan) / Pauline Meath (Fr.) / Matushka Raissa (Nicoloff) / Eugene (Pallai) / Ksenia and her unborn child (Petrochko) / Matushka Helen (Psinka) / Chris Quotap (Fr.) / Kristianna & infant Mary Louise (Robinson) / William Romanchak (Fr.) / Roxanne (Yannitto) / Julia (Shirilla) / Katherine (Steffaro) / Johanna (Tusinac) / Richard (Tusinac) / Brian (Shirilla) / Joseph (Vansuch) / Eleanor Marie (Vansuch) / Paula (Voytilla) / Mary Ann Bozichovich (Kennedy) / Patty Bozichovich (Vansuch) / Drew (Willison) / Emilia Yannitto / Catherine Zile (Fr.) / Zoland Zile, (Fr.)

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.

FOCUS: ST HERMANS HOUSE IN CLEVELAND

St. Herman House FOCUS Cleveland presents “Encountering Christ” on our daily Pilgrimage. His Eminence Archbishop Daniel will be the presenter.

When: Monday, November 13
6:30-7:30pm Appetizers
7:30-8:30 pm Program

Price: \$30 a ticket

Where: Holy Trinity Orthodox Church
6822 Broadview Rd.
Parma, OH 44134

There is a flyer in basement of Church.



CHRISTMAS GIFTS NEEDED

The City of Campbell has asked our parish if we would be willing to supply gifts to children up to 8th grade.

Suggestions include small gifts like: paddle & ball, silly putty, play dough, puzzle books, colored pencils, colored markers, and other small, little fun gifts. Nothing big.

Will be given for the Christmas tree lighting.

Please bring gifts to church by November 12th. Place donations on the table in the vestibule.

Thank you!

St. Nicholas Wish List Program Updated

For over 24 years the FOCA has gathered wish lists from married students at St. Tikhon's & St. Vladimir's Seminaries (gift card donations are sent to St. Herman's of Alaska.)

These lists are filled by parishes, chapters, or individuals from around the country. In those 24 years, we have fulfilled the wishes of over 1,000 seminarian families and have donated over \$120,000 to the married seminarians families at St. Herman's seminary. **GIFT CARDS NEEDED:**



Amazon
Target
Kohls

Please see Elizabeth Willison. She is collecting until November 19. Thank You for your generosity.

November Candle & Bulletin Sponsors

Bulletin: In memory of my Mother, Dorothy- Given by V.R. Andrew Bartek

Wine: In honor of St. Michael Day's / In memory of my father Michael & in honor of my son Michael, Great grandson Michael, grandson Michael- Given by Linda Livovsky

Incense: In memory of my family and friends- Given by V.R. Andrew Bartek

Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light: In memory of Mary Kennedy on the occasion of your anniversary of repose - Given by Martha Centofanti & Sue Kennedy In honor of our three Grandchildren Ava , Ethan & Elliot who are celebrating their birthdays Given by Reader Nick & Monica Vansuch

Altar Candles: In honor of our granddaughters, Ave & Zoe Wilson- Given by Reader Matthew & Deena Vansuch / In memory of my dad Robert Yannitto and baba Pearl Miralies- Given by Melanie Yannitto

Tetrapod Candles: In honor of our granddaughters, Ave & Zoe Wilson- Given by Reader Matthew & Deena Vansuch

St. Herman Candles: TAKEN

St. Panteleimon Icon Candles: In memory of His Eminence Archbishop David- Given by V.R. Andrew Bartek

Protection Icon Candles: *AVAILABLE*

St. John the Baptist Candles: *AVAILABLE*

Flowers: In memory of my grandmother Mary Billy- Given by V.R. Andrew Bartek

<u>\$50 per month</u>	<u>\$30 per month</u>	<u>\$25 per month</u>
Wine	St. Herman candles	Incense
Bulletin	St. Panteleimon Icon candles	<u>Flowers</u> - \$75
Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light	Protection Icon candles	
Altar Candles	St. John the Baptist candles	
Tetrapod Candles		

PARISH SURVEY REMINDER

Sunday 10/29 a survey was given to every parishioner 10 years old and up. Please return it to Fr. Andrew by next Sunday, November 12. Thank You!

3 ETREATS PAN-ORTHODOX RETREAT @ ST. NICHOLAS—MOGADORE

What are 3Etreats? 3Etreats are a free Pan-Orthodox weekend retreat for youth, young adults, parents, priests, youth workers and anyone who cares about young people (in other words, everyone!) to connect with each other and grow closer to Christ as we reflect on Christ's call and answer together how we can become a church where young people want to stay.

Come and:

- Learn to see Christ in the face of our neighbor
- Reflect on the need for deep connection with others
- See how God fills our deepest longings
- Learn how we can and be ambassadors of God's love to a hurting world.

Why are you doing this? OYM's vision is to pass on a faith where every young person can encounter Christ, embody His Church, and engage the world in His Name. To make this vision possible we are coming to you! WE want to offer a space where pan-Orthodox communities can connect and explore what it means to encounter, embody, and engage!

Who is welcome? Everyone is welcome! The 3Etreat includes: 1) an adult track for young adults (anyone post high school age), parents, and all other adults, and 2) and a youth track for grades 6-12. All Orthodox jurisdictions are welcome!

How much does it cost ? OYM's 3Etreats are free! We want you to be in fellowship with other Orthodox Christians and grow closer to Christ together. So we are making this opportunity available to all without charge. But space is limited, so sign up today and invite a friend!

Session topics: (9am-5pm) DECEMBER 9 (5pm vespers) (7pm young adult event)

Youth track

- Seeking to encounter Christ
- Embodying Christ's Church as the Family of God
- Engaging the world as Ambassadors of Christ's love

Adult Track

- Coming home to the self
- Coming home to the household of God
- Well (coming others) to the household of God

REPOSED LIST FOR NOVEMBER

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KOLACHI BAKING & SALE

Baking Day: Dec. 4 –6 (Monday thru Wednesday)

8:30 AM: Rollers report
 11:00 AM: Men report

Pick up dates: Dec. 7 & 8 (Thursday & Friday) between 3 & 5 PM

Apricot, Nut , Poppysed: \$15 each

Deadline for orders: Nov. 30

Place order w/ Maureen Koval 330-727-7323

40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

November 19– Ramiro Albarran

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Tithing forms: Handed out 10/29. Return by next Sunday, November 12th. If you did not get one, please speak to Fr. Andrew.

Second Harvest Food Donation: deadline Nov. 26th

Christmas Tree Light Gifts: Please bring gifts November 12th.

Seminarian Family Gift Cards: Please bring gift cards by Nov. 26th

Birthdays

- 1- Fr John Zdinak
- 11- Ethan Vansuch
- 13- Elliot Vansuch
- 14- Lynn Krause
- 16- Valerie Schutt
- 18- Reader George Horodnic, Jr
- 18- George Horodnic, Sr
- 19- Fr. Andrew Groom, Mollie Demkosky
- 20- His Holiness Patriarch Kyrill
- 23- Joe Samilenko
- 26 Joanna Shepelevich
- 28- Darryl Whitham
- 30- Kristen Basala

November Celebrations

Anniversaries

- 1-2008 - Retired Met. Jonah (consecrated as Bishop)
- 12-2008 - Retired Met. Jonah (elected as Primate)
- 13-2012 - The Most Blessed Tikhon (elected as Primate)
- 15-1980 - AB Nathaniel of Detroit

Name Day

- 25 - Retired Bishop Lazar of Ottawa
- 30 - His Grace Bishop Andrei of Cleveland
- 30 - Fr. Andrew Bartek

October Liturgical Attendance

Day	Vespers	Divine Liturgy	Communicants
Sun. Oct. 1		76	45
Sat. Oct. 7	9		
Sun. Oct. 8		61	42
Sat. Oct 14	5		
Sun. Oct. 15		57	36
Sun. Oct 22		58	36
Sat. Oct 28	8		
Sun. Oct 29		70	43

October Financials

Expenses\$12,276.77
 Income.....\$10,919.00
TOTAL.....-\$1,357.77

Weekly Tithe.....\$10,073
 Weekly Candles\$406
 Tetrapod Candles\$ 50
 Protection Icon\$ 30
 Unneeded Gifts\$ 50
 Advent Social\$ 40
 Altar Candles\$100
 Stewardship.....\$110
 Christmas Card.....\$ 60

Other Income:

Religious Item\$115

YOU ARE INVITED

St. John's of Warren mission and outreach team welcomes us to a free event with Fr. Simon Menya from Northern Uganda.

Fr. Menya will talk about how villages in the region of Northern Uganda are recovering from two decades of civil war. During those years of conflict, infrastructure was destroyed and churches deteriorated. Children were abducted, forced into slavery, and suffered unfathomably. After the signing of a peace agreement in 2008, people began to seek ways to recover and to restore life—especially finding healing from their trauma through the Orthodox Christian Church.

Father Simon will open a window into this story of revival by giving a presentation about the “Northern Ugandan Self-Sufficiency Project”, which fosters self-sustainability in his communities by implementing projects that put people to work so that they can own and benefit from what they create: vegetable farming, pig raising, health clinics, water wells, schools, libraries, and most importantly, Orthodox Christian churches to heal devastated souls.

It is a free event to the public to take place on Wed. November 8 @ 6:00pm with a potluck and fellowship given by the parish.



Martyrs Galaction and his wife, Epistemis, at Emesa Commemorated on November 5

There was a rich and distinguished couple named Kletophon and Leukippe, who lived in the Syrian city of Emesa, and for a long time they were childless. They gave much gold to the pagan priests, but still they remained childless.

The city of Emesa was governed by a Syrian named Secundus, put there by the Roman Caesars. He was a merciless and zealous persecutor of Christians, and to intimidate them he ordered that the instruments of torture be displayed on the streets. The slightest suspicion of belonging to “the sect of the Galilean” (as thus Christians were called by the pagans), was enough to get a man arrested and handed over for torture. In spite of this, many Christians voluntarily surrendered themselves into the hands of the executioners, in their desire to suffer for Christ.

A certain old man by the name of Onuphrius concealed his monastic and priestly dignity beneath his beggar’s rags. He walked from house to house in Emesa, begging alms. At the same time, whenever he saw the possibility of turning people away from the pagan error, he preached about Christ.

Once, he came to the magnificent house of Leukippe. Accepting alms from her, he sensed that the woman was in sorrow, and he asked what was the cause of this sadness. She told the Elder about her familial misfortune. In consoling her, Onuphrius began to tell her about the one true God, about His omnipotence and mercy, and how He always grants the prayer of those turning to Him with faith. Hope filled the soul of Leukippe. She believed and accepted Holy Baptism. Soon after this it was revealed to her in a dream that she would give birth to a son, who would be a true follower of Christ. At first, Leukippe concealed her delight from her husband, but after the infant was born, she revealed the secret to her husband and also persuaded him to be baptized.

They named the baby Galaction and his parents raised him in the Christian Faith and provided him a fine education. He could make an illustrious career for himself, but Galaction sought rather an unsullied monastic life in solitude and prayer.

When Galaction turned twenty-four, his father resolved to marry him off and they found him a bride, a beautiful and illustrious girl by the name of Episteme. The son did not oppose the will of his father, but by the will of God, the wedding was postponed for a time. Visiting his betrothed, Galaction gradually revealed his faith to her. Eventually, he converted her to Christ and he secretly baptized her himself.

Besides Episteme he baptized also one of her servants, Eutolmius. The newly-illuminated decided on the initiative of Galaction, to devote themselves to the monastic life. Leaving the city, they hid themselves away on Mount Publion, where there were two monasteries, one for men and the other for women. The new monastics had to take with them all the necessities for physical toil, since the inhabitants of both monasteries were both old and infirm.

For several years the monastics struggled in work, fasting and prayer. Once, Episteme had a vision in her sleep: she and Galaction stood in a wondrous palace before a radiant King, and the King bestowed golden crowns on them. This was a prefiguring of their impending martyrdom.

The pagans became aware of the existence of the monasteries, and a military detachment was sent to apprehend their inhabitants. But the monks and the nuns succeeded in hiding themselves in the hills. Galaction, however, had no desire to flee and so he remained in his cell, reading Holy Scripture. When Episteme saw that the soldiers were leading Galaction away in chains, she began to implore the Abbess to permit her to go also, since she wanted to accept torture for Christ together with her fiancé and teacher. The Abbess tearfully blessed Episteme to do so.

The saints endured terrible torments, while supplicating and glorifying Christ. Their hands and legs were cut off, their tongues were cut out, and then they were beheaded.

Eutolmius, the former servant of Episteme, and who had become her brother in Christ and fellow ascetic in monastic struggles, secretly buried the bodies of the holy martyrs. He later wrote an account of their virtuous life and their glorious martyrdom, for his contemporaries and for posterity.

2023 CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARD

Cost: \$20 (cash or check payable to the church)

Deadline: December 3, 2023

Cindy Ferrick will be collecting for the Christmas card this year. Please stop at the candle desk to sign up or mail in your payment to the church.

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy @ 330-531-1119.

Thank You!

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon Presides at New England Diocesan Assembly

On Friday, October 27 and Saturday, October 28, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon presided over the 60th Diocesan Assembly of the Diocese of New England, held at Holy Transfiguration Church in New Haven, CT. This was the sixth assembly His Beatitude has presided over in the diocese as its locum tenens, since the repose of His Eminence Archbishop Nikon of blessed memory.

His Beatitude opened the assembly on Friday morning with a Service of Thanksgiving. Though typically done over two days, the assembly was carefully planned for a single day to allow for the Special Nominating Assembly to take place the second day.

Archpriest John Kreta, in his Chancellor's Report, gave thanks to God for two years of growth in the diocese. He also reported filling all but one parish vacancy after years of struggle and new diaconal and catechist training programs designed to raise up new leadership in parishes. Reports also were heard from numerous ministries and departments of the diocese, and at the conclusion of the day, delegates had the opportunity to ask questions of Priest Benedict Churchill, whose name was to be put forward the next day by the Special Nominating Committee.

That same day there was a guest presentation by Babette Basil, the great-granddaughter of His Eminence Platon, the first Metropolitan of All America and Canada.

The day closed with the celebration of daily vespers followed by a festive banquet at a local restaurant.

On Saturday morning, His Beatitude presided at the celebration of the hierarchical Divine Liturgy. Concelebrating with His Beatitude were Archpriest John Kreta, Diocesan Chancellor, Archpriest Stephen Voytovich, Rector of Holy Transfiguration Church and Dean of the Connecticut Deanery, and numerous other clergy of the diocese.

In his homily, His Beatitude preached on the Lord instructing us in the Gospel that a lamp is set on a lamp stand, not hidden, and the saints illumine us in this way. As the psalmist writes, "God is glorified in the council of His saints." At the same time, the glory we behold is not set out just for us to marvel at, but we all are called to strive to be filled with that light.

During the Liturgy, His Beatitude, on behalf of the Holy Synod, also awarded Fathers Robert Dick and John Eissman with the jeweled cross and elevated Father Steven Hosking to the dignity of Archpriest.

At the conclusion of the service, His Beatitude added a few more remarks, noting that the Lord in the second appointed Gospel called on us to take His yoke upon ourselves. "We are considering whether to ask Father Benedict to take this yoke upon himself to serve Christ in leading this diocese," he said.

Following a brunch provided by the faithful of Holy Transfiguration Church, His Beatitude convened the Special Nominating Assembly.

Archpriest John Kreta formally presented the name of Priest Benedict Churchill for nomination by the Diocese of New England. His Beatitude later announced Father Benedict Churchill as their nominee.

On Saturday evening and Sunday morning, His Beatitude made an archpastoral visit to Three Saints Church in Ansonia, CT. Concelebrating with His Beatitude at the hierarchical Divine Liturgy were Archpriest John Kreta, Priest Patrick Burns, Rector of Three Saints, Archpriest Michael Westerberg, Priest Benedict Churchill, rector of Saint George Mission in Edenton, SC. During the liturgy, His Beatitude elevated Fr. Patrick to the dignity of archpriest and ordained Mr. Peter Romanovsky to the holy diaconate.

CHURCH FATHERS SPEAK

Every faithful man and woman, when they have risen from sleep in the morning, before they touch any work at all, should wash their hands and pray to God and so go to their work...Pray also before your body rests on the bed.

~ St. Hippolytus

"If you have the sinful habit of judging your neighbor, then whenever you judge someone make three prostrations that day with this prayer: "Save, O Lord, and have mercy on him (whom I have judged) and by his prayers, have mercy on me, a sinner." Do this every time you judge someone. If you do this, God will see your sincerity and will deliver you from this sinful habit forever. And if you never judge anyone, then God will never judge you. In this way you will receive salvation." ~ Priest-confessor Sergei Pravdolubov