



# The Forerunner

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

V. Rev. Archpriest Andrew Bartek - Rector



## JUNE BULLETIN SPONSOR

*In memory of Bubby Anna Jesko— Given by Anthony Jesko*

### Liturgical and Events Schedule

#### Sunday, June 18

9:35 AM: Hours  
10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Panachida for  
Fathers / Social

#### Monday, June 19

6:30 PM: Orthodoxy 101 Class

#### Thursday, June 22

11:00 AM: Book Club

#### Saturday, June 24

4:00 PM: Bible Study  
6:00 PM: Vespers

#### Sunday, June 25

9:35 am Hours  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy / Monthly Panachida /  
Social

### FINAL FINANCIALS FOR JUNE TO DATE

Expenses .....	\$7,505.69
Income .....	\$8,363.00
TOTAL .....	+\$857.31
Weekly Tithe .....	\$6,776
Assessment .....	\$50
Weekly Candles .....	\$1,047
Wine .....	\$50
Incense .....	\$100
Candles@ Tetrapod .....	\$50
Altar Candles .....	\$100
Candles @ St John .....	\$30
Candles & Mary .....	\$30
Candles @ St Pantelemon .....	\$30
Misc. Income .....	\$60

### Synaxis of the Saints of North America Commemorated on June 18

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

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

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

The first Divine Liturgy in what is now American territory (northern latitude 58 degrees, 14 minutes, western longitude 141 degrees) was celebrated on July 20, 1741, the Feast of the Prophet Elias, aboard the ship Peter under the command of Vitus Bering. Hieromonk Hilarion Trusov and the priest Ignatius Kozirevsky served together on that occasion. Several years later, the Russian merchant Gregory I. Shelikov visited Valaam monastery, suggesting to the abbot that it would be desirable to send missionaries to Russian America. **Con’t Pg 6**

## 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**

**Mrs. Audrey Chengelis**

**Mrs. Julia Simko**

**Mrs. Mary Jane Puskas**

**Emilia Yannitto**

**Matushka Helen Psinka**

**Mrs. Dorothy Shirilla**

**Mrs. Pauline Fesz**

**Mrs. Marion Zwinski**

**Joan Cross**

**Irene & Al Mazanek**

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### **Matthew 4:18-23 (Gospel)**

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

### **Romans 2:10-16 (Epistle)**

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

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## **WHAT IS A DAD?**

A dad is a person who is loving and kind. And often he knows what you have on your mind. He's someone who listens, suggests, and defends. A dad can be one of your very best friends: He's proud of your triumphs, but when things go wrong a dad can be patient and helpful and strong. In all that you do a dad's love plays a part there's always a place for him deep in your heart. And each year that passes you're even more glad more glad, more grateful and proud just to call him your dad! Thank you Dad... for listening and caring for giving and sharing but especially for just being you.

## PRAYER LIST– Updated 6-01-23

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**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.

### Departments Release “Essential Orthodox Christian Beliefs”

The 16-chapter “Essential Orthodox Christian Beliefs: A Manual for Adult Instruction,” is now available for free download. A cooperative effort of the Departments of the Orthodox Church in America, the groundbreaking work is an offering to the Church to assist clergy and parishes in their work of instructing inquirers and the faithful in the truths of the Orthodox Christian Faith. This work is not meant to replace time-trusted books and publications which have taught generations but to work in concert with them.

Archpriest Thomas Soroka, Project Manager for the Departments of the OCA, said, “We presented this idea to His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon several years ago, to bring together interested pastors, teachers, and scholars from across the Orthodox Church America and produce a presentation of the Orthodox Faith that would emphasize developing an Orthodox Christian worldview. Because of the technology available, it would be a living document that could be periodically refined and perfected. With the initial

publication of this manual, we will now work to develop supportive media for teachers to present the lessons in an effective way.”

Chancellor of the OCA, Archpriest Alexander Rentel, stated, “We commend this manual for use in our parishes and institutions, and indeed, to all inquirers and Christians who desire to know more about the Orthodox Faith. We are grateful to the authors and contributors to this volume and especially to the donors who generously support the missionary outreach of the Church.”

The PDF file is formatted to be printed easily in 8 1/2’ x 11” book format.

The 250-page work can be downloaded for free at [oca.org/about/departments](http://oca.org/about/departments).

The nation’s first Father’s Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, in the state of Washington. However, it was not until 1972—58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother’s Day official—that the day honoring fathers became a nationwide holiday in the United States. Father’s Day 2023 will occur on Sunday, June 18. Did you know? There are more than 70 million fathers in the United States.

## Order of St. Romanos Awarded to Noted Liturgical Musician

Reader John Joseph Tome, Choir Master at Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church, Burton, MI (Bulgarian Diocese) for over thirty-six years was awarded the Order of Saint Romanos on Sunday, June 11, 2023. His Eminence Archbishop Alexander of the Bulgarian Diocese presented the award at the conclusion of the pontifical Divine Liturgy which he celebrated with Archpriest Matthew-Peter Butrie, rector, and Archpriest Robert Royer, attached clergy, and Protodeacon Luke Gonser, attached clergy.

Established by the Holy Synod of Bishops in 2014 under the patronage of Saint Romanos the Melodist, the Order is awarded to influential arrangers, composers, teachers, and conductors. Past recipients include Archimandrite Roman [Braga], Archpriest Sergei Glagolev, Archpriest Igor Soroka, Prof. Dr. David Drillock, Dr. Vladimir Morosan, Archpriest Martin Nicolai, Aleksei V. Shipovalnikov, Walter Shymansky, John Sutko and Carol Wetmore.

“It is a joy that Archbishop Alexander was able to present this award to Reader John Joseph who has worked tirelessly in arranging music and setting musical settings for use not only at Saint Nicholas Church but throughout the Bulgarian Diocese,” said Father Matthew.

Reader John Joseph Tome graduated from Albion College, Albion, MI in 1974 with a B.A. in voice and piano. He was tonsured a reader in 1974 at Saint Andrew Orthodox Church, East Lansing, MI (Moscow Patriarchate) by Bishop Makary (Svistun), administrator of the Patriarchal Parishes in the USA.

He assisted Very Rev. Basil Karpelania with music at Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Saginaw. In 1977 he became choir director at Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church, Burton (OCA Bulgarian Diocese) a position he held until 1995. when he became choir director at Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church (OCA Midwest

Diocese). In 2005, at the invitation of Very Rev. Raphael Biernacki he again became choir director at Saint Nicholas Church in Burton, a ministry which he continues to fulfill to this day.

In addition to writing church music for use with English, using music software he has begun to arrange texts in the prescribed podoben melodies which he sings and leads at Great Vespers on Saturday evenings. These melodies and the compilation of the texts and music which he does weekly for Saint Nicholas Church are made available on the website of the Bulgarian Diocese.

In 2012 he prepared the music and led the choir responses for the episcopal consecration of Archbishop Alexander and the Liturgy the day after the consecration. Reader John Joseph Tome prepared the choir and led the singing for the funeral of Archpriest Raphael Biernacki at Saint Nicholas Church, Burton and also prepared the choir at Saint Nicholas Cathedral, Fort Wayne, IN for the funeral of Archpriest George Nedelkoff.

In 2022 he led the choir at St Nicholas Cathedral, Fort Wayne, for the 10th anniversary of the episcopal consecration of Archbishop Alexander.

He expresses to gratitude to Dr. Vladimir Morosan for his assistance in utilizing music arranging software for the melodies he has been preparing for use.

Following the Liturgy at which Protodeacon Luke Gonser was awarded the kamilavka, both were honored with a festive brunch and cake in the parish fellowship hall.

### JUNE- Liturgical Attendance

Day	Vespers	Divine Liturgy	Communicants
Saturday, June 3	10		
Sunday, June 4		72	50
Saturday, June 10	32		
Sunday, June 11		57	40



## **Early Registration Discount for Parish Development Forum Ends June 22; Speakers Announced**

Persons planning to attend the Parish Development Forum, to be held at Holy Trinity Church in Parma OH from 1:00 PM July 13th through noon on July 15, are reminded that the early registration discount period ends on June 22. Registration is ongoing. The theme for the 2023 Forum is “Our Parish and the Future”.

### **Registration and Hotel Discount Deadline June 22**

We are encouraging Forum attendees to register early for a number of reasons,” said Joseph Kormos Forum lay co-chair. “First, to keep conference attendance costs low, the Forum is offering an early discount period. Those registering by June 22 can attend at the discounted rate of \$75 per person. Secondly, to assure an atmosphere of robust discussion, Forum attendance will be limited to 100 persons. Since registrations are running ahead of previous Forums, once limits are reached registrations will close. Additionally, for those needing hotel accommodations, the hotel group rate discount also ends on June 22. Since hotel rooms are expected to be at a premium in suburban Cleveland in that time frame, early reservations assure discounted hotel access.” Registration and hotel information can be found on OCA website.

### **Forum Speakers Announced**

“We are excited about the plans for the 2023 Forum,” said Archpriest Stephen Frase clergy co-chair of the Forum. “The Orthodox Convert Survey, initiated to provide content and context for the Forum, attracted an overwhelming response of over 750 submissions in a relatively short time. The results of the survey, which will help parishes to communicate well with those who may be active seekers and to prepare parishioners to welcome and integrate them into parish life and ministry, will be shared in the Forum discussion segment entitled ‘Attracting and Integrating

Converts’. Other discussion segments will include ‘Healthy Clergy-Laity Dynamics’ and ‘Connecting with the Neighborhood’. In addition, a few important topical presentations from keynote speakers will occur. Steve Christoforou, formerly the Youth leader and creator of the “Be the Bee” video series for the Greek Archdiocese and now the Director of Operations for FOCUS NA, will speak on “Meeting the Needs of Young People Today”. Father Adam Roberts, dean of St. Athanasius College and a prime mover behind the Orthodox movie ‘Becoming Truly Human’, will speak on “Personal Purpose: A Primary Ingredient for Leadership”. In addition, Scott Thumma, lead researcher with the Hartford Institute of Religious Research will discuss the ‘Key Trends Influencing the Future for Christian Communities’ in US— including recent research on Orthodox communities.”

Now in its tenth year, the Parish Development Forum, is a clergy/laity conference which explores the challenges facing Orthodox parishes, delivers actionable ideas and good practices valuable to parish leaders and builds mutually supportive relationships among participants. The Forum is co-sponsored by the Orthodox Church in America’s Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania, the Diocese of the Midwest and the Bulgarian Diocese.

Attendees from sponsoring Dioceses are eligible for tuition rebates and potential travel support. Questions and enquiries may be directed to Mr. Kormos at [joekormos1@gmail.com](mailto:joekormos1@gmail.com).

## **FIRST ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL TO BE RESCHEDULED**

The parish’s First Annual Fall Festival that scheduled for Saturday, September 23 will be rescheduled to sometime in the early summer. Further details to follow.

## **40 DAY REMEMBRANCE**

**June 25:** Greg Puska

# JUNE CELEBRATIONS

## BIRTHDAYS

1 - Anthony Jesko, Sr.  
2 - Jake Muscaro  
2- Sue Kennedy  
5 - Peter Adzima  
5- Michael Simko  
12- Lindsey Tamulonis  
13 - Fr. Nick Mihaly  
15 - Emily Kusinski  
15 - Ajjire Dardovski  
15 - Alex Vansuch  
19 - Emily Sarisky  
25 - Ron Zenko  
28 - Vincent Cavaliere

## ANNIVERSARIES

1 - Paul & Mollie Demkosky  
4 - Kenny & Carol Ruff  
6-18-72 His Grace Bishop Matthias Priestly  
Ordination (49- 2021)  
21 - V.R. Archpriest Dave Lis Priestly Ordina-  
tion (41 years 2021)  
25 - Fr. Andrew & Pani Yoanna  
27-2009 - AB Melchisedek of Pittsburgh  
29-2021 - His Grace Bishop Gerasim of Fort  
Worth

## NAMESDAY

3 - Fr. Andrew Bartek

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### *North American saints con't from pg 1*

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

Throughout the Church's history, the seeds of faith have always been watered by the blood of the martyrs. The Protomartyr Juvenal was killed near Lake Iliamna by natives in 1799, thus becoming the first Orthodox Christian to shed his blood for Christ in the New World. In 1816, Saint Peter the Aleut was put to death by Spanish missionaries in California when he refused to convert to Roman Catholicism.

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

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

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

Saint Tikhon returned to Russia in 1907, and was elected as Patriarch of Moscow ten years later. He died in 1925, and for many years his exact burial place remained unknown. Saint Tikhon's grave was discovered on February 22, 1992 in the smaller cathedral of Our Lady of the Don in the Don **Con't Pg 9**

## REPOSED LIST FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

Mary Churinsko ©

- 1- Anna Voytilla Timpko (2011) ©
- 1- Michael Nosik, Sr. (2015) ©
- 1- Lambos Trangos (1930) ©
- 1- Eli Roman (1951) ©
- 1- Infant La Bruno (1 day old) (1962) ©
- 3- Irene Leso (2002)
- 3- George Gozur (1972) ©
- 3- Vasil Babinec (1920) ©
- 3- Mary Korchniak (1934) ©
- 4- Marilynn Kidd (2007) ©
- 4- Steve Bosak (1933) ©
- 5- Mildred Paproski (2018)
- 5- Kathryn Howard (2021)
- 5- Margaret Urchak (2014) ©
- 6- Fr. Stephen Shutack (2008)
- 6- George Konik (2006) ©
- 7- Martha LaVallee (2005)
- 7- Eleotherios Pagonis (1923) ©
- 8- John Toth (2000) ©
- 9- John Sutko (2020)
- 9- Elizabeth Gozur (1979) ©
- 9- Andrew Sarisky (1938) ©
- 9- Evtimios Tsangaris (1953) ©
- 10- Joseph Korchinack (1925) ©
- 10- Mary Furin (1943) ©
- 11- Catherine O'Shanie (1982) ©
- 11- Nicholas Nedostup (1933) ©
- 12- Ann Sanders Rusnak (2017) ©
- 12- Margaret Timkovich (2002) ©
- 12- John Dubosh (1947) ©
- 12- John Holibonic Jr (1964) ©
- 13- Harry Sveda (1998) ©
- 13- Edward Graban (2016) ©
- 14- Fr. Justin Foster (2016)
- 15- Vera Berzowsky (1984) ©
- 15- Mary Sykola (2005) ©
- 15- George Kushma (1962) ©
- 16- Fr. Michael Prevas (2018)
- 16- Mary Petrusovich (1920) ©

- 16- Dora Kravec (1924) ©
- 16- Baby Mastoridis (1939) ©
- 16- John Zambetis (1958) ©
- 17- James Hryb (2017) ©
- 18- Eleanor Dussling (2020)
- 18- Vasil Holowatyk (1969) ©
- 18- Vasili Haudziuk (1942) ©
- 18- Nicholas Caubouris (1944) ©
- 18- Steve Dratar (1956) ©
- 20- Fr. John Yurcisin (2003)
- 21- Ronald Basala (2016)
- 22- Nicholas Sveda (1954) ©
- 22- Mike Psaromatis (1959) ©
- 23- Nick Pavlos (1960) ©
- 24- Margaret Stahara (2006) ©
- 24- Green Still born (1928) ©
- 24- Evangeline Maravelas (1929) ©
- 24- Olga Berdie (1963) ©
- 25- Peter Goban (1975) ©
- 25- Frank Woychik (1979) ©
- 25- Stephan Elash, Sr (2022) ©
- 25- Vasil Kovach (1922) ©
- 26- John Konik (1969) ©
- 27- Anna Lebo (1975) ©
- 27- Anna Simko (1993) ©
- 27- Mary Cole Simko (2011) ©
- 27- Sevasti Arfaras (1961) ©
- 27- Anna Serilio (1993) ©
- 28- Fr. Charles Kovich (2005)
- 28- Andrew Leso (2000)
- 28- Matthew Lajcharoff (1936) ©
- 28- Peter Pantos (1936) ©
- 29- John Travers (2001) ©
- 29- Eugene Simko (2007) ©
- 29- Susanna Stepancevich (1921) ©
- 29- Zachary Maximor (1947) ©
- 29- Catherine Vansuch (1965) ©
- 30- Zoopegy Lambrianos (1960) ©
- 30- Nomikos Grikilis (1960) ©

## JUNE SPONSORSHIPS

**WINE:** \$50 (for the month) In memory of my brother Stephan Elash on his 1-year anniversary; In memory of Steve & Eileen Elash, Eileen Nolder, and all members of the Elash & Graban families - Given by Cindy Ferrick / In memory of my Son, Gregory Puskas— Given by Mary Jane Puskas

**INCENSE:** \$25 (for the month) For the health of all the members of the Elash & Graban Families- Given by Cindy Ferrick / In memory of my son Gregory Puskas – Given by Mary Jane Puskas

**BULLETIN:** \$50 (For the month) In memory of my bubby, Anna Jesko— Given by Anthony Jesko

**ICONOSTASIS CANDLES & ETERNAL LIGHT:** \$50 (for the month) In memory of my father Harry Sveda & my mother Olga— Given by Barbara Kolesar

**ALTAR CANDLES** \$50 (for the month) In honor of Sue Kennedy on the occasion of her 90th birthday- Given by Debeic & Kennedy family

**TETRAPOD CANDLES:** \$50 (for the month) in memory of my Father & mother Andrew & Kathryn & my sisters Ann, Kathy, Mary & my brother Thomas – Given by Helen. Colaluca

**CANDLES @ St JOHN THE BAPTIST ICON** \$30 for month or \$20 for a week In memory of my Father Frances— Given by Matusha Christine Hryb

**CANDLES @ PROTECTION Icon** \$30 for month or \$20 for a week In memory of my mother Darlene— Given by Dc. James Hryb

**CANDLES @ St. PANTELEIMON Icon** \$30 for month or \$20 for a week In memory of my mom Jean— Given by Matusha Christine / In memory of Michael & Helen Ledney & brother Michael & brother-in-law Louis and for Ann & Eleanor— Given by George & Irene Horodnic / For the Health of Dr. Robert & Cynthia on occasions of their birthdays; For the Hlth of George & Irene & the reader George & Michelle— Given by George & Irene Horodnic

**CANDLES @ ICON OF CHRIST** \$30 for month or \$20 for a week In memory of Kurtis Shunk – Given by Trudy Ellmore

**CANDLES @ ICON OF MARY** \$30 for month or \$20 for a week In memory of my mom Darlene— Given by Dc James Hryb

**CANDLES @ St. HERMAN** \$30 FOR MONTH OR \$20 FOR A WEEK IN MEMORY OF MY FATHER JAMES- GIVEN BY DC. JAMES HRYB

**FLOWERS:** \$75 in memory of my family & friends— Given by V.R. Andrew Bartek

Father's Day, in the United States, holiday (third Sunday in June) to honour fathers. Credit for originating the holiday is generally given to Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, whose father, a Civil War veteran, raised her and her five siblings after their mother died in childbirth. She is said to have had the idea in 1909 while listening to a sermon on Mother's Day, which at the time was becoming established as a holiday. Local religious leaders supported the idea, and the first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, the month of the birthday of Dodd's father. In 1924 U.S. Pres. Calvin Coolidge gave his support to the observance, and in 1966 Pres. Lyndon B. Johnson issued a proclamation that recognized the day. It became a national holiday in 1972, when Pres. Richard Nixon signed legislation designating the third Sunday of June as Father's Day.

Although it was originally largely a religious holiday, Father's Day has been commercialized with the sending of greeting cards and the giving of gifts. Some observe the custom of wearing a red rose to indicate that one's father is living or a white rose to indicate that he is deceased. Other males—for example, grandfathers or uncles who have assumed parenting roles—are often also honoured on the day. Some Roman Catholics have continued to observe the feast day of St. Joseph, on March 19, as a tribute to fathers.





## JULY SPONSORSHIPS

**WINE:** (*\$50 for the month*)

**INCENSE:** (*\$25 for the month*)

**BULLETIN:** (*\$50 for the month*) In memory of Joanie Puharich Kovach - Given by Michael Kovach & Robert Puharich families  
Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light: (*\$50 for the month*) In memory of my husband on the occasion of his 29th anniversary, Robert Kennedy- Given by Sue Kennedy

**ALTAR CANDLES:** (*\$50 for the month*) In memory of Ruth Libertin - Given by Nick & Monica Vansuch / In memory of Andrew Cvercko on the 6th Anniversary of repose – Given by Ann Cvercko / In memory of Michael & Ethel Dudzik – Given by Mike & Lynn Polewan

**TETRAPOD CANDLES:** (*\$50 for the month*) In honor of my son's 59th birthday - Given by Sue Kennedy

**CANDLES @ ST JOHN THE BAPTIST ICON:** (*\$30 for month or \$20 for just 1 week*)

**CANDLES @ PROTECTION ICON:** (*\$30 for month or \$20 for just 1 week*)

**CANDLES @ ST. PANTELEIMON ICON:** (*\$30 for month or \$20 for just 1 week*)

**CANDLES @ ICON OF CHRIST:** (*\$30 for month or \$20 for just a week*)

**CANDLES @ ICON OF MARY:** (*\$30 for month or \$20 for just a week*)

**CANDLES @ ST. HERMAN:** (*\$30 for month or \$20 for just a week*)

## FATHER'S DAY POEM

Dad you are my friend, my hero, and I love you with all my heart.

## *American saints con't from pg 6*

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

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

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

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

## A FATHER'S DAY POEM

A dad is someone who wants to catch you before you fall but instead picks you up, brushes you off, and lets you try again.

A dad is someone who wants to keep you from making mistakes but instead lets you find your own way, even though his heart breaks in silence when you get hurt.

A dad is someone who holds you when you cry, scolds you when you break the rules, shines with pride when you succeed, and has faith in you even when you fail.

Unknown Author

## Sing to the Lord a New Song: American Orthodox Music

St Vladimir's Seminary and its Institute of Sacred Arts announce the 2023 Summer Music Institute, "Sing to the Lord a New Song: American Orthodox Music," taking place on June 20–24. The focus of this year's Institute is on the living practice of creative music-making and composition within the Orthodox liturgical tradition in North America.

Participants will:

Explore what it means to be striving for an American Orthodox musical tradition

Hear from and engage with our keynote speakers—acclaimed choral composers and writers working in this field

Hone their skills in musicianship and ear training coaching sessions

Rehearse and sing Benedict Sheehan's Liturgy No. 2: The St. Michael's Service, a new work composed expressly for skilled, non-professional church choirs

Be invited to submit compositions to be sung in a Contemporary Composer's Reading Session, and receive feedback from faculty composers as well as institute instructors (optional)

Select the option to participate in a two-day private and small group coaching intensive in either conducting, composing & arranging, or vocal technique. Our keynote presentations will be offered by a diverse group of acclaimed composers who explore different areas of the tradition of Orthodox liturgical music. A highlight of the week will be the hierarchical liturgy in which participants will sing Benedict Sheehan's Liturgy No. 2: The St. Michael's Service, commissioned by St Michael's Orthodox Church in Louisville, Kentucky.

By popular request and feedback from participants, we are pleased to add the Pre-Institute Intensive for two days before the Institute begins (June 19-20), as a concentrated immersion

into specific areas of liturgical musical study. These two days are a chance to receive one-on-one and small group coaching in an intimate setting with world-class faculty, including Benedict Sheehan, Talia Sheehan, Juliana Woodill, and Harrison Russin.

The full Summer Music Institute will begin in the evening of Tuesday, June 20, and conclude on Saturday, June 24. Instruction at the Institute will focus on general musicianship skills, with tracks being offered for musicians of all skill levels.

This year's Institute will run concurrently with the Diaconal Vocations Program of the OCA; daily services will be celebrated by students in the DVP and chanted by the students of the Music Institute.

Register on Diocesan website.

### HAPPY FATHER'S DAY IN HEAVEN

Father's day is nearing the first without you here. This year I won't get to pick up the phone to say "I love you" in your ear.

I think of you often. Every morning, noon and night. I often think something's wrong with me. How do I get over this, will the heavy pain ever become light?

I've learned that the grief will always be here it comes in hard, but then subsides. To say that you were my dad I can say that with so much pride.

I will celebrate the memories I'll be brave but I will surely cry Cause if anyone deserved the "Best Dad" award, well you were that guy.

So Happy Father's Day in heaven! I hope you feel all of

