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St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church
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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 12

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

Monday, November 13

6:30 PM: St Herman's House event in Parma, OH (with AB Daniel)

Tuesday, November 14

10:00 PM: Deanery Meeting in Mogadore, OH (with AB Daniel)

Wednesday, November 15

6:30 PM: City Council Meeting (open to public)

Saturday, November 18

6:00 PM: Vespers / Confessions

Sunday, November 19

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

Pro-Life Prayer cont'd

By the power of Your All-Holy Spirit. O Master, who came that we might have life more abundantly, we ask You to enlighten the minds and hearts of those blinded to the truth that life begins at conception and that the unborn in the womb are already adorned with Your image and likeness; enable us to guard, cherish and protect the lives of all those who are unable to care for themselves. For You are the Giver of Life, bringing each person from non-being into being, sealing each person with divine and infinite love. Be Merciful, O Lord, to those who, through ignorance or willfulness, affront Your divine goodness and providence through the evil act of abortion. May they, and all of us, come to the life of Your Truth and glorify You, the Giver of Life, together with Your Father, and Your All-Holy and Life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

PRAYER IN TIMES OF INTERNATIONAL CRISIS

Furthermore, we pray for peace from above, so that our civil leaders and authorities will be blessed with wisdom at this critical time in the world. Allow them to see Your light. Increase their understanding. Let them not overlook any possibility for peace in all the conflicts around the world. We pray for the protection of all our sons and daughters who serve in the armed forces and especially those deployed around the world. We pray for our enemies, that they may be touched and led to a peaceful resolution of the conflict. Spare our people another war. Let them beat their swords into plow-sharers and their spears into pruning hooks. May nation not life up sword against nation, nor may they learn war anymore. We pray to You, most merciful Lord: "Hear the voice of the supplication of us sinners and have mercy."

NATIVITY FAST BEGINS



The Nativity fast begins this Wednesday November, 15th. If you are sponsoring socials, please make sure they are Lenten. Let us try to pray more, fast more and stay off social media more so we can concentrate on the upcoming Nativity of our Lord. Let us prepare ourselves correctly by coming to the Sacrament of Confession.

PRO-LIFE PRAYER / MAY GOD FORGIVE THE STATE OF OHIO

O Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son, Who are in the bosom of the Father, True God, source of life and immortality, Light of Light, Who came into the world to enlighten it: You were pleased to be conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary for the salvation of our souls

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.

New SVS Press Book Project on North American Liturgical Art Calling for Submissions

The Institute of Sacred Arts (ISA) at St Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary (SVOTS) is producing a new book entitled *Lord, It Is Good to Be Here! Orthodox Liturgical Art in North America*, to be published by St Vladimir’s Seminary Press.

This major book project will highlight the finest exemplars of Orthodox Christian liturgical art and architecture from across the North American continent. It will feature high-quality images supported by essays that provide historical, theological, and other context.

With this announcement, the book’s co-editors—Dr Peter Bouteneff, founding director of the Institute of Sacred Arts and Professor of Systematic Theology at SVOTS, and Andrew Gould, liturgical designer and founder and owner of the Orthodox Arts Journal and of the design firm New World Byzantine—are making a continent-wide call for submissions.

Orthodox Christians of all jurisdictions are invited to send in examples of uniquely North American liturgical art and architecture for possible publication. Historic and contemporary churches, icons, liturgical furnishings, vessels, textiles, manuscripts, and other artistic media will all be considered.

Iconographers, furniture makers, embroiderers, and other liturgical artists interested in creating an artwork especially for the book are also invited to contact the project team.

Dr Peter Bouteneff elaborated on the rationale behind this project, saying:

While the core of the Church’s theology is unchanging, the languages, idioms, and images through which it is expressed have always adapted to new places and times. This book will celebrate some of the best examples of the Old World-New World encounter: art that testifies to the ongoing relationship between timeless Gospel and historical culture, and that through its beauty and its content inspires and expresses the right praise of God.

The book is to be published by SVS Press under its new Sacred Arts imprint, which the Press is inaugurating in collaboration with the seminary’s Institute of Sacred Arts.

To send in a submission, fill out the form on the National OCA website. Submissions will be accepted

PRAYER LIST– Updated 11-8-23

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

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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.

Ephesians 2:4-10 (Epistle)

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

November 19– Ramiro Albarran

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 , Poppyseed: \$15 each

Deadline for orders: Nov. 30

Place order w/ Maureen Koval 330-727-7323

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: For the Health of my great grandson George Kennedy for his 3rd birthday on Nov. 6- Given by Sue Kennedy / For the Health of my mother and father George & Irene- Given by George Horodnic, Jr

St. John the Baptist Candles: For the Health of by grandson Geno Kennedy on his 32nd birthday on Nov. 25- Given by Sue Kennedy

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		

3 ETREATS PAN-ORTHODOX RETREAT @ ST. NICHOLAS—MOGADORE DECEMBER 9

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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Eva Georgiades (1963) ©
1- Still born Stalian (1920) ©
1- Barbara Boyiazas (1931) ©
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2- Still born Volchko (1922) ©
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28- Livan Ostovich (1921) ©
28- Michael Pogonis (1973) ©
29- His Eminence Archbishop David from
Alaska

“Moved by Compassion: Christ the Good Samaritan” – Upcoming Retreat in Milwaukee, WI

On Monday, November 13, at 6:30 pm, Archpriest John D. Jones, parish priest at Holy Theophany Mission, Walworth, WI, and Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at Marquette University, will be giving a pre-Advent retreat in person at Saints Cyril and Methodius Church in Milwaukee, WI, and also live on Zoom. His talk is titled: “Moved by Compassion: Christ the Good Samaritan.”

The retreat is taking place on the day after the reading of the “Good Samaritan” parable on Sunday, November 12, the 8th Sunday of Luke this year; also of note, it lands on the feast of St. John Chrysostom, who is well known for his fiery sermons calling the faithful to compassion for the needy. And certainly, what better time to reflect on compassion than when we are about to begin Advent, which is always a time to redouble our efforts of charity and compassion for those in need.

Please come in person to Saints Cyril and Methodius on Monday, November 13, or please attend on Zoom! [click here] (On our Diocesan website) (Passcode: 026946)

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	Communi-cants
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
Sat. Nov 4	8		
Sun. Nov 5		64	34
Tues Nov 7	9		

Luke 10:25-37 (Gospel)

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

FINAL OCTOBER FINANCIALS

Expenses \$14,723.47
 Income \$13,617.00
TOTAL -\$1,106.47

Weekly Tithe \$12,270
 Weekly Candles \$572
 Tetrapod Candles \$ 100
 Protection Icon \$ 30
 Unneeded Gifts \$ 50
 Advent Social \$ 40
 Altar Candles \$150
 Stewardship \$110
 Christmas Card \$120
 Flowers \$ 75
 Rectory Bed Pymt \$100
Other Income:
 Religious Item \$215

OCPM and St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary Now Offering a Certificate Program in Prison Ministry

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM) and Saint Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary (STOTS) have partnered together to create the new Certificate Program in Prison Ministry, the first program of its kind in the United States.

The Certificate Program in Prison Ministry provides clergy and lay volunteers that are interested in prison ministry the opportunity to gain knowledge and experience to effectively lead and support people in prison. Students will learn from the most experienced chaplains and volunteers in Orthodox prison ministry in the country.

"In such a specialized ministry, there has been a need for this level of training for decades," says Nicholas Petrogeorge, OCPM Executive Director. "While more and more churches and individuals reaching out to us, wanting to begin or further their local prison ministries, many don't have the means to effectively train for what they are called to do. Now that is all about to change."

STOTS and OCPM have been developing their relationship over the last thirty years, because the seminary is uniquely close to a state prison, SCI Waymart, where seminarians participate in a semester internship under the direction of the Very Rev. Fr. John Kowalczyk, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology and OCPM's Co-Director of Training and Spiritual Care. Today, SCI Waymart and STOTS have grown to a mutually beneficial relationship: inmates are consoled by the frequent visits and services led by the seminarians, and the seminarians are spiritually moved by their encounters with those in prison.

"From its founding, Saint Tikhon's has always strived to nurture the theological vocations of our students," says Archpriest John Parker, Dean and Chief Operating Officer of STOTS. "This is the next natural step for this seminary. We want to support you in your calling to prison ministry through the best education and experience we can offer."

The semester-long program covers all essential aspects of prison ministry and combines theoretical knowledge with practical skills to ensure participants develop an Orthodox approach to the unique challenges faced in correctional settings. Through this program students will also learn how to assist families in coping with the challenges of having a loved one in prison, as well as how to assist clergy by offering guidance to deal with the unique needs that their parish may face because of incarceration.

The Certificate Program in Prison Ministry culminates in a residency on the campus of Saint Tikhon's Seminary. Students will enter the prison daily as volunteers and shadow instructors as they make rounds, have short Bible studies, and practice "the ministry of presence," talking with inmates, praying with them, and learning from them.

Applications are now open for the Spring 2024 semester. Visit www.theocpm.org/certificate for more details.

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM) is an agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States. For Orthodox Christians who have been arrested for crimes, OCPM helps them return to the Faith, offering forgiveness and reconciliation with Christ. For both Orthodox and non-Orthodox alike, OCPM provides spiritual care, enabling prisoners to find hope and purpose in their lives. For more information, please visit www.theocpm.org or follow us on Facebook and Instagram @theocpm.

Saint Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary is an institution of professional Orthodox Christian theological education, chartered by the Department of Education of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and affiliated with the Orthodox Church in America. In a rural environment conducive to spiritual growth and academic study, the Seminary nurtures the theological vocations of its students and faculty, who share the unique opportunity of learning and teaching Orthodox theology in the framework of their daily experience of a rich heritage of Orthodox spiritual and liturgical tradition.

Contact
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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!

Saint John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria Commemorated on November 12

Saint John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria, was born on Cyprus in the seventh century into the family of the illustrious dignitary Epiphanius. At the wish of his parents he entered into marriage and had children. When the wife and the children of the saint died, he became a monk. He was zealous in fasting and prayer, and had great love for those around him.

His spiritual exploits won him honor among men, and even the emperor revered him. When the Patriarchal throne of Alexandria fell vacant, the emperor Heraclius and all the clergy begged Saint John to occupy the Patriarchal throne.

The saint worthily assumed his archpastoral service, concerning himself with the moral and dogmatic welfare of his flock. As patriarch he denounced every soul-destroying heresy, and drove out from Alexandria the Monophysite Phyllonos of Antioch.

He considered his chief task to be charitable and to give help all those in need. At the beginning of his patriarchal service he ordered his stewards to compile a list of all the poor and downtrodden in Alexandria, which turned out to be over seven thousand men. The saint ordered that all of these unfortunates be provided for each day out of the church's treasury.

Twice during the week, on Wednesdays and Fridays, he emerged from the doors of the patriarchal cathedral, and sitting on the church portico, he received everyone in need. He settled quarrels, helped the wronged, and distributed alms. Three times a week he visited the sick-houses, and rendered assistance to the suffering. It was during this period that the emperor Heraclius led a tremendous army against the Persian emperor Chosroes II. The Persians ravaged and burned Jerusalem, taking a multitude of captives. The holy Patriarch John gave a large portion of the church treasury for their ransom.

The saint never refused suppliants. One day, when the saint was visiting the sick, he met a beggar and commanded that he be given six silver coins. The beggar changed his clothes, ran on ahead of the Patriarch, and again asked for alms. Saint John gave him six more silver coins. When, however, the beggar sought charity a third time, and the servants began to chase the fellow away, the Patriarch ordered that he be given twelve pieces of silver, saying, "Perhaps he is Christ putting me to the

test." Twice the saint gave money to a merchant that had suffered shipwreck, and a third time gave him a ship belonging to the Patriarchate and filled with grain, with which the merchant had a successful journey and repaid his obligations.

Saint John the Merciful was known for his gentle attitude towards people. Once, the saint was compelled to excommunicate two clergymen for a certain time because of some offense. One of them repented, but the other fellow became angry with the Patriarch and fell into greater sins. The saint wanted to summon him and calm him with kind words, but it slipped his mind. When he was celebrating the Divine Liturgy, the saint was suddenly reminded by the words of the Gospel: "If you bring your gift to the altar and remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift before the altar ... first, be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift" (Mt. 5:23-24). The saint came out of the altar, called the offending clergyman to him, and falling down on his knees before him in front of all the people he asked forgiveness. The cleric, filled with remorse, repented of his sin, corrected himself, and afterwards was found worthy to be ordained to the priesthood.

There was a time when a certain citizen insulted George, the Patriarch's nephew. George asked the saint to avenge the wrong. The saint promised to deal with the offender so that all of Alexandria would marvel at what he had done. This calmed George, and Saint John began to instruct him, speaking of the necessity for meekness and humility. Then he summoned the man who insulted George. When Saint John learned that the man lived in a house owned by the church, he declared that he would excuse him from paying rent for an entire year. Alexandria indeed was amazed by such a "revenge," and George learned from his uncle how to forgive offenses and to bear insults for God's sake.

Saint John, a strict ascetic and man of prayer, was always mindful of his soul, and of death. He ordered a coffin for himself, but told the craftsmen not to finish it. Instead, he would have them come each feastday and ask if it was time to finish the work.

Saint John was persuaded to accompany the governor Nicetas on a visit to the emperor in Constantinople. While on his way to visit the earthly king, he dreamed of a resplendent man who said to him, "The King of Kings summons you." He sailed to his native island of Cyprus, and at Amanthos the saint peacefully fell asleep in the Lord (616-620).

120 Years Later: The Great Missionary Saint of America and Martyr Commemorated in the Cathedral He Built

Hieromartyr John of Chicago, a feast of great importance to the Diocese of the Midwest and locally in Chicago, was celebrated on Monday, October 30 and Tuesday, October 31. The celebration took place at the very temple that he built in the city of Chicago, Holy Trinity Cathedral, the Diocesan Cathedral of the diocese. Services for the feast were led by His Eminence Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the Midwest and ended the Cathedral's month long celebration honoring the saint.

The All Night Vigil was served on Monday evening welcoming Orthodox Christians from all over the Chicago area. Serving with the Archbishop were, Priest Alexander Koranda, Cathedral Dean, Archpriest Mykola Bodnarchuk, Archpriest Athanasios Chulakov of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church, Hieromonk Ephraim of the Serbian Orthodox Church, Priest Leonty Naidzions of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad, Archpriest Herman Kincaide, Priest John Kennerk, Priest Nikolai Lochmatow, Protodeacon Thomas Keith and Deacon Paul Garklavs. The choir was directed by Olga Garklavs.

On the next day, Tuesday, October 31, Archbishop Daniel served as the main celebrant for the Divine Liturgy and joining the Archbishop were Priest Alexander Koranda, Cathedral Dean, Mitered Archpriest Vladimir Kovalchuk, Priest Antony Alekseyenko and Priest Leonty Naidzions of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad, Priest Jacob Van Sickle, Priest John Kennerk, Priest Anthony Saunders, Priest Nikolai Lochmatow, Priest Joseph Whittaker, Protodeacon Thomas Keith, Protodeacon Dionisiy Lvov, and Deacon Paul Garklavs. Priest Esteban Vázquez, Diocesan Vice-Chancellor, was in prayerful attendance. The choir was directed by Olga Garklavs.

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, His Eminence offered words of praise to St. John and reminding those gathered of the great joy that it is to be able to serve and worship in the historic temple that the saint built. Fr. Alexander welcomed his brother clergy on this "feast of priests", asking St. John to help and protect them in their priestly ministry. Following the Prayers of Thanksgiving, a festive meal was held in the cathedral hall.

It was in 1899 that Father John Kochurov commissioned noted architect Louis Sullivan to construct what is today Holy Trinity Cathedral. The new church was consecrated by Saint Tikhon of Moscow in 1903 and designated a cathedral in 1922. After his return to Russia, Father John became the first clergyman to be martyred at the outset of the Bolshevik Revolution. He was glorified as Saint John of Chicago and Tsarskoye Tselo in December 1994.

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)



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!

ANNUAL YOLKA

This year the annual Yolka will be on Sunday, December 10th. There will be a special visit by a special Hierarchy. There will be gifts for all in attendance. There will be a play by our students & a special social.



Seeking New Church Officers

There will be a couple of open positions coming up in 2024.

If anyone is interested in serving the church in this way, please speak with Fr. Andrew ASAP.

Great Vespers remains at 6:00 PM

Over the last several winters, Great Vespers were moved to 4:00 PM in order to enable more people to attend. This change has not seen an increase in attendance. It was discussed with the Deacons and those who do attend Vespers and it was decided that it remain at 6:00 PM.

Any questions, concerns or comments, please see Fr. Andrew.

Christmas Flowers

In order to help supplement our Christmas flowers, flowers are available for purchase (\$10.00 each). They can be *In memory* or *In honor* of family or friends. Every name will be remembered at the Great entrance at the Christmas Divine Liturgy. Please give your money to Cindy and the names to Father Andrew.

Fr. Andrew (10 flowers)

- * For the health of all St. John the Baptist parishioners and their families.
- * For the Health of the Campbell First Responders, especially the fire fighters.
- * For the health of all my family and friends.
- * For the health of my Spiritual Father, Archpriest James.
- * For the health of the City of Campbell, their residents and businesses.
- * For the Health of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, the Holy Synod & all seminarians.
- * In memory of my ordaining Hierarch, His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas.
- * In memory of my parents George & Dorothy, my Grandparents, my Godparents, my family & friends.
- * In memory of the Diptychs of this parish.
- * In memory of all the hierarchs of the OCA & all the priests who served this community.

The Diocese of the Midwest Welcomes the Holy Synod of the OCA

The Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America, meeting under the presidency of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, is holding the Regular Fall 2023 Session, this week at the historic Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL.

On Monday, November 6, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel greeted His Beatitude at the airport, welcoming the Metropolitan to the Diocese of the Midwest. On the following day, Tuesday, November 7, the Synod Meetings began with an opening Moleben and address from the Metropolitan. During the course of the meeting the Reverend Hieromonk Benedict (Churchill) was canonically elected as the Bishop of Hartford and the Diocese of New England.

Meetings are scheduled throughout the day with the hierarchs gathering for the All Night Vigil in the evening to welcome the feast of angels.

Holy Synod elects Hieromonk Benedict as Bishop of Hartford and the Diocese of New England

On Tuesday, November 7, 2023, the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America, meeting under the presidency of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Chicago, IL, at its Regular Fall 2023 Session, canonically elected the Reverend Hieromonk Benedict (Churchill) as the Bishop of Hartford and the Diocese of New England. Father Benedict had been nominated by the Diocese of New England by their special nominating assembly on October 28, 2023.

Tomorrow, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the Midwest will preside at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, at which time he will elevate Fr. Benedict to the rank of archimandrite at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL.

The episcopal ordination has been scheduled for December 1-2, 2023, at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Boston, MA.

