



The Weekly Forerunner

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church

301 Struthers Liberty Rd

Campbell, OH 44405

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest



DECEMBER BULLETIN SPONSOR

*In memory of Sveda family and for the good health of Sveda Family
Given by George & Barbara Kolasar*

Weekly Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, December 17

9:35 AM: Hours

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Monthly Panachida / Social / Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 20

7:30 PM: City Council meeting (Open to public)

Saturday, December 23

5:30 PM: Reception of our Catechumen, David, into the Church

6:00 PM: Great Vespers / Confessions

Sunday, December 24

9:35 AM: Hours

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Strict Fast Social followed by Christmas Eve Vigil

DECEMBER SOCIALS

Dec 17 – Sisterhood

Dec 24– Sisterhood

Dec 31 – Fr. Wargo's 50th Anniversary w/ Archbishop Melchizedek

DECEMBER Liturgical Attendance

Day	Vespers	Divine Liturgy	Communi-cants
Sat. Dec. 2	7		
Sun. Dec. 3		52	35
Tuesday Dec. 5 Vesperal Liturgy		23	
Sat. Dec. 9	15		
Sun. Dec. 10		67	37

January Candle & Bulletin Sponsors

Bulletin: In Memory of my father George on the Occasion of his 41st year of repose – Given by AP Andrew Bartek

Wine: Available

Incense: Available

Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light: Available

Altar Candles: Available

Tetrapod Candles: Available

St. Herman Candles: TAKEN

St. Panteleimon Icon Candles: For all my family and friends – Given by AP Andrew Bartek

Protection Icon Candles: Available

St. John the Baptist Candles: Available

Flowers: In memory of my God-mother Helen – Given by AP 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		

40 Day Remembrance

December 24—Protodeacon Nicholas Jannakos

January 7—Paul Graban & MaryJean Dean

January 21— Bret

Luke 14:16-24 (Gospel)

Then He said to him, “A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, ‘Come, for all things are now ready.’ But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.’ Still another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.’ And the servant said, ‘Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.’ Then the master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.’ For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.”

Dakotas Mission District was featured on Ancient Faith

The newly established Dakotas Mission District of the Diocese of the Midwest was recently featured on Ancient Faith Today Live, hosted by Archpriest Thomas Soroka. Fr. Thomas interviewed Archpriest Paul Wesche, Dean of the Minneapolis Deanery, Priest William Rettig and Priest Paul Hodge on the developments of the mission district.

The interview can be heard on our Diocesan website. .

The Dakotas Mission District is an administrative territory within the Minneapolis Deanery of the Diocese of the Midwest. Established in February 2023, it is located in the states of North and South Dakota and is overseen by His Eminence Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the Midwest.

The Dakotas Missions District was established for the purpose of focusing energies and coordinating resources among new and established parishes, missions and chapels of all Orthodox jurisdictions within the Missions District wishing to work together in a common effort to evangelize the Dakotas. Co-ordination of missions and evangelizing initiatives currently is spearheaded by the established OCA parishes in Minot and Fargo, and by the newly established mission of the Antiochian Archdiocese in Bismarck, ND. Though not within the defined boundaries of the Dakotas Missions District, Orthodox chapels, missions and parishes of all jurisdictions in Minnesota as well – specifically the OCA chapel in Bemidji, the OCA mission in St Cloud and the Serbian parish in Chisholm – may join forces with clergy and faithful within the Missions District to identify issues, assess needs, and share resources for evangelizing their own respective regions in Minnesota.

PRAYER LIST– Updated 12-13-23

PARISHIONERS: Achilles Arvan / Audrey Chengelis / Donna Chiarelli / 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 / Martha Centofanti

HIERARCHS & CLERGY: Archbishop Benjamin / Archbishop Alexander / Archbishop Melchizedek / Bishop Matthias / Fr. James Gleason (Fr.) / AP Moses Berry / Fr. Michael Rustic (Fr) / Fr. Mirolyub Ruzik / Sub-deacon Wylie Meath (Fr)

FAMILY & FRIENDS: Chrissy (Fr.) / David (Willison) / Donna Chiarelli / Dominic (Centofanti) / Ellen (Clark) / Trudy (Fr.) / Katie (Garrity) / Basil Glovinsky (Fr.) / Ellen (Kessler) / Eleanor Marie / Paul (Kolesar) / Kathy (Kolesar) / Kim (Vansuch) / Malakai (Kolesar) / Joe Kollar (Fr.) / Debbie Kollar (Fr) / Andrew LaChard (Jesko) / Mea (Mahan) / Mary (Mahan) / Pauline Meath (Fr.) / Michelle Nicoloff / 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 (Yannito) / 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 / Charlette Zenko / 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.

**Righteous Jacob / Commemorated
on December 17**

The Righteous Jacob is mentioned in the book of Genesis, chapters 25-50. He had a dream of a ladder (Genesis 28:12-17). Angels were ascending and descending the ladder, and the Lord was above the ladder (a type of the Mother of God, who united earth to Heaven when she consented to become the mother of the Messiah). Later, Jacob wrestled with God (Genesis 32:22-30), who appeared as a man, and Jacob prevailed. Then the Lord gave him the name Israel and blessed him. Jacob called that place Peniel (The face of God), and said, "I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved."



DECEMBER FINANCIALS

Expenses.....	\$4,218.64
Income.....	\$14,654.90
TOTAL.....	\$10,436.26

Weekly Tithe	\$4,548
Weekly Candles	\$84
Christmas Offering.....	\$175
Christmas Flowers.....	\$115
Reimbursement of Calendars	\$572.90
Christmas Card.....	\$120
Pre-Advent Social	\$9,000
Rubrics Book.....	\$40



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.

Zenko Family (1 flower)

- * For the Health of Ron & Charlotte & family Angeby & Sue & Family & Matt Zenko

Polewan Family (2 flowers)

- * In memory of Michael & Ethel Dudzik
- * In memory of Tony and Mary Polewan

Rusnak Family (5 flowers)

- * In memory of my wife Laurissa Rusnak & George and Mary Rusnak (parents of subdeacon Walter Vladimir Rusnak)
- * In memory of George, Jr (brother)
- * In memory of Ann Sanders (sister)
- * In memory of Nadine Pallai (sister)
- * For the health of Joseph (brother & Mary Jane Puskas (sister)

Cvercko Family (4 flowers)

- * In memory of Andrew Cvercko
- * In memory of Anna & Andrew Cvercko
- * In memory of Antonia & Morris Pecuszok
- * For the Health of Cvercko Family

Thompson Family (2 flowers)

- * In memory of William & Helen Bakish
- * In memory of Margie Zappia

Moore Family (3 Flowers)

- * In memory of Anna Graban & George Graban
- * In memory of Edward Moore & Elsie Moore
- * In memory of Sandra Graban Whiteard

Frederick Family- (3 Flowers)

- * In memory of Naume & Mary Evanoff
- * In memory of Robert Fredericks
- * In memory of Svetlana Evanoff Gozur

December Candle & Bulletin Sponsors

Bulletin: In memory Sveda family and for the good health of Sveda Family— Given by George & Barbara Kolasar

Wine: In honor of my mother Emilia Yannitto on her birthday on December 3 & in memory of my brother Danny Yannitto on December 3— Given by Melanie Yannitto

Incense: *Available*

Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light: In memory of our godparents, George & Ruth Libertin, and grandparents, Andrew & Mary Libertin - Given by Charissa Oliphant & Mark Libertin

Altar Candles: In memory of my mother Margaret Boldish on the 7th anniversary - Given by Nancy Tusinac / In memory of parents, Nicholas & Mary K. Libertin, & brother, Dr. Nick Libertin - Given by Charissa & Tom Oliphant, Mark & Colette Libertin / In memory of my parents George Vansuch & Olga Vansuch— Given by daughter Sandy & Son in law Jim Bufalini

Tetrapod Candles: *Available*

St. Herman Candles: **TAKEN**

St. Panteleimon Icon Candles: For His Eminence AB Job & His Grace Bishop Boris & for my Family & Friends—Given by Fr. Andrew

Protection Icon Candles: *Available*

St. John the Baptist Candles: *Available*

Flowers: In memory of my mom Eileen Elash who passed away in December of 2009

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REPOSED LIST FOR DECEMBER

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| <p>Dan Ivanovich (1929) ©
 1- Sam Zilens Sr (1978) ©
 1- Mary Livoniak (1952) ©
 2- John Gozur (1972) ©
 2- Marian Dunchak (1999) ©
 2- Priscilla Sirilla (2003) ©
 3- John Korchniak (1919) ©
 3- Irene Black (2003) ©
 4- Kathleen Garman (2010) ©
 4- Anakreon John (1923) ©
 5- Mary Bobosh (1975) ©
 5- Michael Evans (1977) ©
 6- Sophie Sasnowchik (1975) ©
 6- Ann Dahulich (2017)
 6- Mary Krajnak (1945) ©
 8- Anna Hastol (1982) ©
 8- Bill Soltis (2014)
 8- George Kotie (1940) ©
 8- Mary Pretko (1947) ©
 8- Anna Papoch (1963) ©
 9- Mary Niznih (1990) ©
 9- Emanuel Ginnis (1954) ©
 9- Joseph Andrasko (1960) ©
 9- Judith Banas (2018) ©
 10- Michael Basala (1991)
 10- Suzanne Marinelli (1999) ©
 12- Pauline Truhan Livosky (2017) ©
 13- Andrew Libertin (1931) ©
 14- Michael Hastal (1984) ©
 14- Susan Marie Sveda (2004) ©
 15- Theodore Fesz (2020) ©
 15- Joseph Graban (2003) ©
 15- Still born Cmur (1924) ©
 15- Catherine Papantonakis (1951) ©
 15- Eugenia Pontikos (1953) ©
 16- Anne Cvercko (1996) ©</p> | <p>16- Svetlana Gozur Evanoff (2014) ©
 18- Archbishop Job (2009)
 18- V. Rev. Michael Macura
 19- Edward Malchisky (2001)
 19- Catherine Bondar (2010) ©
 19- Margaret Boldish Feltovich (2016) ©
 20- George Fischu, Sr (1983) ©
 20- Anna Livosky (1946) ©
 20- Loukas Arfaras (1951) ©
 21- John Kotchmar (2022) ©
 22- Susan La Valle (2019)
 22- Peter Alesaudridis (1946) ©
 22- George Roman (1953) ©
 23- Fr. David Sedor (2008)
 23- Anna Volchko (1989) ©
 23- Mary Vansuch (2008) ©
 23- George Matzye (1950) ©
 24- John Feltovich (1981) ©
 25- Stephen Vansuch (2002) ©
 26- Fr. Robert Sally (2002)
 26- Julia Malchisky (1971)
 26- John Joseph Marinelli (1996) ©
 27- Eileen Elash (2009) ©
 27- Adam Nedastup (1920) ©
 28- Fr. John Kuchta (2019)
 28- Julia Zora (2001) ©
 29- Andrew Midlik (1943) ©
 29- John Vansuch (1995) ©
 30- Bishop Boris (2000)
 30- Ed Pehanich, Sr (2019)
 30- Kosta Alesandridis (1928) ©
 30- Christina Chulik (1943) ©
 31- Robert LaVallee (2007)
 31- Hermenegildo Guerrero (2018)
 31- Mary Shirilla (1952) ©
 31- John Niciforos (1964) ©</p> |
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Sunday of the Forefathers

Commemorated on December 17

The Sunday that falls between December 11-17 is known as the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers. These are the ancestors of Christ according to the flesh, who lived before the Law and under the Law, especially the Patriarch Abraham, to whom God said, “In thy seed shall all of the nations of the earth be blessed” (Gen. 12:3, 22:18).

Colossians 3:4-11 (Epistle)

When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

1-Ileana Bruner, Thomas McDonald
4-Steven Calzone, Hannah Willison
5-Ted Fesz & Mat. Laryissa Bremer
6-Mat. Susan Northrup & Paul Demkosky Sr.
8-Nicholas Basile
9-Alexis Jesko, John Koval, Pauline Meath, Angie Dardovsky
10-Karen Zwinski
13-Helen Colaluca
14-Kenny Ruff
16-George Rusnak
17-Ann Cvercko
27-Claudia Moore
30-Christina Adzima
31- Ken Krause

Anniversaries

5-2004- AB Mark of Philadelphia
19-1971 Retired Bishop Seraphim of Sendai
26- Anthony & Shelia Jesko, Jr.
31- Jimmy & Christine Billy

PREPARATION FOR THE BLESSING OF HOMES

Before the Priest arrives at your home, here are a few reminders on how to prepare:

- * In the main room of the home, usually the kitchen or dining room, have placed on the table a white cloth, a candle and /or an Icon or cross. You may place a small container of Holy Water on the table. (Note: Father will be bringing his own.)
- * Make a list of those living in the house including pets and all deceased you want prayed for.
- * Turn off all TV's, radios, computers, etc. so as to keep focused on the blessing service.
- * Make sure that pets are heeled or restrained so as not to get underfoot while Father goes through the home.
- * In some customs, someone (usually a child) takes a candle and leads Father through the house while the rest follow.
- * If you have any items to be blessed (Icon, Cross, etc.) put them on the table where the blessing will take place.
- * When the priest arrives, have everyone in the home gather around the table and join in the blessing. **PARTICIPATION IS IMPORTANT.**
- * Invite friends or neighbors to participate and witness the beauty of this tradition.

NOTE: Remember, the invitation to the priest to come and bless your home is an invitation to ask for the mercy of God upon the household. The sprinkling of the Holy Water is a sign of God's presence in the home as an extension of His Holy House, the Church. It is a time to renew our commitment to God as we begin another year in His mercy and love for mankind.

HOME BLESSING SCHEDULE

Theophany is but a month away. Please contact Fr. Andrew if you have a certain day and time you would like reserved to have your home blessed. The schedule fills up quickly!

Home Blessings will begin January 8th, 2024.