



The Weekly Forerunner

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church

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Campbell, OH 44405

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest



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In memory of Joanie Puharich Kovach – Given by Michael Kovach & Robert Puharich Families

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, July 28

9:00 AM: Greet His Beatitude @ St. Nicholas in Mogadore followed by Primatial Divine Liturgy & Banquet (Father will be attending and serving)

9:35 AM: Hours (Here at St. John's)

10:00 AM: Readers Service (Here at St. John's)

Saturday, August 3

6:00 PM: Vespers / Confessions

Sunday, August 4

9:35 AM: Hours

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Social by Vansuch Fam-

DORMITION FAST

Thursday, August 1 begins the Dormition Fast & will last until the conclusion of Divine Liturgy, Thursday, August 15th.



Prepare your heart and soul for the Dormition of our Most Holy Theotokos by beginning the Fast with confession.

August 4th & August 11th Socials must be lenten foods.

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Pre-Advent Social / Help is Needed

The Parish Council is spearheading the annual Pre-Advent Reverse Raffle Social this year. In support of this major fundraiser for our church, generous donations are needed. How can you help?

Donations of:

- Lottery Tickets for the tree
- Gift Cards
- Gift Certificates

OR

Monetary Donations toward:

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| Advertising | Ticket Printing |
| Food | Refreshments |
| Prizes | |

Gather friends and family, purchase tickets and attend the raffle. Donations can be made in memory or honor of a special someone.

Thank You, Parish Council

Pre-Advent Social – Sunday, November 10, 2024

Doors Open – 4:00 pm

Dinner – 5:00 pm

Raffle - 6:00 pm

At St. Michael's Hall – Robinson Road, Campbell

Please Contact Cindy Ferrick @ 333-531-1119 with donations or to reserve tickets.

PLEASE KEEP OUR ELDERS OF THE CHURCH & SHUT-INS IN YOUR PRAYERS– UPDATED 5-8-24

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

St. Tikhon’s Monastery releases short film about Orthodox Arts Programs

St. Tikhon’s Monastery recently invited Horyzon Pictures to come document and showcase the place of the monastery and the life of arts education they are offering in their music and iconography programs. As the arts are a vital part of our Orthodox faith, the monastery offers one-of-a-kind residencies for Orthodox artists to deepen their life of faith while honing their artistic skills. Orthodox musicians and artists have the opportunity to come to the monastery to live and study music and iconography taught by professional musicians and esteemed iconographers.

For more details and to apply for a residency:

Residency in Music / Residency in Iconography

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

The annual school drive by Dc. James & Matushka Christine is on the way. Please help them with the following:

Box's Classic Colors 16 count Crayola Crayons / Box's Classic Colors 10 Count Markers (Washable) / Pencil box (8” x 6”) / Elmer’s Glue sticks / No. 2 Yellow pencils / 2– pack of pink erasers / Construction Paper (variety of colors) / Wide ruled notebook paper / 2– pocket folders (No prongs) Please get red, yellow, green, or blue / Blunt pointed scissors / Unscented baby wipes / Box’s of soft tissues / Paper towels. Collection through August 11th.

PRAYER LIST– Updated 7-16-24

PARISHIONERS: Achilles Arvan / Audrey Chengelis / Donna Chiarelli / Helen Colaluca / Joan Cross / Ann Cvercko / Pauline Fesz / Mary Fredericks / George Horodnic / Anthony Jesko, Jr. / Paula Kennedy / Sue Kennedy / George Kolesar / Barbara Kolesar / Matushka Helen Psinka / Mary Jane Puskas / Carol Ruff / Kenny Ruff / Sub-deacon Vladimir Rusnak / Joanna Shepelevich / Dorothy Shirilla / Julia Simko / Emilia Yannitto / Andy Zenko / Marion Zwinski

HIERARCHS & CLERGY: Archbishop Benjamin / Archbishop Nathaniel / AP James Gleason (Fr.) / AP Emil Hutyan / AP Vladimir Demshuk / Fr. Matthew Nyumu & his family & parish

FAMILY & FRIENDS: David (Willison) / Dominic (Centofanti) / Ellen (Clark) / Genna & her newborn baby girl (Koval) / Melinda Dubiec (Fr.) / Trudy Ellmore (Fr.) / John Galpin (Fr.) / Bruce Harris (Sabo) / Karen (Gommel) / Katie (Garrity) / Basil Glovinsky (Fr.) / Ellen (Kessler) / Paul (Kolesar) / Karen (Vansuch) / Kathy (Kolesar) / Malakai (Kolesar) / Joe Kollar (Fr.) / Andrew LaChard (Jesko) / Jonathan Leso (Fr.) / Mea (Mahan) / Mary (Mahan) / Pauline Meath (Fr.) / Matushka Raissa (Nicoloff) / Eugene (Pallai) / Teri Petroff (Fr.) / Chris Quotap (Fr.) / William Romanchak (Fr.) / Julia Shirilla / Bob Smrek (Sirilla) / Katherine (Steffaro) / Johanna (Tusinac) / Richard (Tusinac) / Brian (Shirilla) / Joseph (Vansuch) / Eleanor Marie (Vansuch) / Paula (Voytilla) / Mary Ann Bozichovich (Kennedy) / Patty Bozichovich (Vansuch) / Drew (Willison) / Ron Zenko / Catherine Zile (Fr.) / Brenna & her unborn baby (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 & Metropolitan Arseny imprisoned / The UN & IOCC humanitarian aid workers around the world / Those suffering persecution in Syria, Iraq, Israel, Egypt, Ukraine and around the world.

2024 Forum Attendees Explore “Equipping to Serve Christ in a Secular World”

The 2024 Parish Development Forum recently welcomed clergy and laity attendees from multiple Orthodox jurisdictions and eight OCA Dioceses to explore the Forum theme of “Our Parish and the Future: Equipping to Serve Christ in a Secular World.” Host parish for the Forum was Archangel Michael Church in Broadview Heights, OH. The Forum was once again sponsored by the OCA’s Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania, the Diocese of the Midwest and the Bulgarian Diocese.

Archpriest Stephen Frase, Rector Saint Gregory of Nyssa Church in Columbus, OH clergy co-chair of the Forum, noted “A significant portion of the 2024 Forum agenda was given to encouraging parishes to focus long term on defining the strengths necessary for Orthodox parishes to flourish in the future.”

The Forum agenda included keynote addresses by Archpriest Esteban Vazquez, Vice Chancellor of the Diocese of the Midwest, Archpriest Christopher Rowe, Associate Development Director of Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) and Dr. Dan Buxhoeveden, retired Research Professor at the University of South Carolina and member of Holy Apostles Church in Columbia, SC. The keynote talks combined with multiple “Project 2030” facilitated small group breakout sessions and a panel discussion to identify applications for parish life. Each day ended with vespers

and the final day began with Divine Liturgy served by Archpriest John Memorich, parish rector and Archpriest Steven Frase.

Issues explored during the Forum included the misconception that science and the Church are in conflict; the consistent flow of catechumens and converts to many parishes – despite a culture that makes religion burdensome, awkward, and outdated; how to integrate significant numbers of new persons into parishes; concerns about future clergy shortages and ways to encourage vocations as well as approaches to preparing parishes for a clergy transitions.

Joseph Kormos, lay co-chair of the Parish Development Forum and Parish Development leader Archdiocese of Western PA, said, “As church members and leaders, we often think we’re immune to secular influences, yet secular choices and assumptions inhabit our lives and our basic outlook. Our parishes and parishioners feel like they are swimming upstream in a culture in which religion and faith seem to be a declining option among many options. Our Forum team of planners, speakers and facilitators appreciated the opportunity to explore this topic and that attendees seemed to resonate so well with the agenda. We are now hard at work building summaries, helpful tools and online follow up sessions to assist attendees in applying insights from the Forum in their home parishes.”

While never a substitute for in-person attendance, many of the Forum presentations and support articles are available to attendees and non-attendees at this link.” Questions can be directed to Joseph Kormos.

AUGUST Candle & Bulletin Sponsors

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

Bulletin: In memory of Karen Muzyka– Given by AP Andrew Bartek

Wine: OPEN

Incense: OPEN

Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light: In Memory of George & Ruth Libertin- Given by Nick & Monica / In honor of the Readers Nicholas 80th B-day on Aug. 12 & their granddaughter Zoe Faith on 1st b-day / In memory of Mary Sveda- Given by Mr & Mrs George Kolesar

Altar Candles: In memory of my mother Olga Zelina– Given by Maureen Koval

Tetrapod Candles: In honor of Michael Centofanti on the occasion of his b-day- Given by Martha Centofanti & Sue Kennedy

St. Herman Candles: Commemorating all who participate in maintenance of the church, the teachers, singers & those who participate in social events. Praying for everyone to love one another.

St. Panteleimon Icon Candles: In memory of Mary Kennedy on the occasion of her b-day- Given by Martha Centofanti & Sue Kennedy

Protection Icon Candles: For my family & Friends– Given by AP Andrew Bartek

St. John the Baptist Candles: in honor of my brother Michael's b-day- given by Nancy Tusinac

Flowers: OPEN

<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	
*Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light	*Protection Icon candles	Flowers - \$50 for 2 weeks at a time– Updated
*Altar Candles	*St. John the Baptist candles	
*Tetrapod Candles		

ATTENDANCE: A Comparison - <i>JULY</i>	2023	2024
1st week		
Vespers	10	No Vespers
Divine Liturgy	72 / 50	60 / 34
2nd Week		
Vespers	32	No Vespers
Divine Liturgy	57 / 40	70 / 43
3rd Week		
Vespers	8	No Vespers
Divine Liturgy	66 / 37	57 / 38
4th Week		
Vespers	No Vespers	
Divine Liturgy	45/ No record	
5th Week		
Vespers	9	No 5th Week
Divine Liturgy	61 / 43	No 5th Week

JULY FINANCIALS	
Expenses	\$9,055.88
Income	\$13,060.00
TOTAL	\$4,004.12
Weekly Tithe	\$11,096
Weekly Candles	\$329
Weekly Flowers	\$50
Un-needed Gifts	\$1,225
Wine	\$50
St. John the Baptist Candles	\$30
Altar Candles	\$150
Icon Screen & Eternal Light Candles	\$100
Tetrapod Candles	\$50
Pre-Advent Social	\$10
Charity: St Herman Seminary	\$494

40 DAY REMBRANCE
August 4– Diane Tyron
August 11– Dan O'Brien
August 18– Newborn Trip Nicholas Williams
August 25– Betty Ewenish / AP Alexis

JULY Special Monthly Charity

St. Herman's Seminary

Reposed List for JULY

- 1- Veronica Graban (1998) ©
- 1- Ann Zastany Crowi (2019) ©
- 1- Mike Smyrnios (1960) ©
- 2- Vasil Fecik (1921) ©
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- 3- John Kaschak (1920) ©
- 4- Alice Sutko (2020)
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- 16- Julian Marsteler (1920) ©
- 17- Mary Bartek (1984)
- 17- Eleanor Graban (1986) ©
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- 18- Steve Paroh (1979) ©
- 18- Still Born Cmur (1923) ©
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- 19- Helen Livosky (2015) ©
- 19- Mary Balak (1925) ©
- 19- Mike Olsavsky (1931) ©
- 19- Margaret Bilehik (1955) ©
- 19- Walter Litzie (2023)
- 20- Joseph Sirilla, Sr (1979) ©
- 20- Fr. Dc. John Youhas (2012)
- 20- Anna Zavada Bartek (1924)
- 20- Nicholas Papas (1949) ©
- 20- Maria Karas (1956) ©
- 21- Anna Tsagros (1929) ©
- 22- Elizabeth Zilena (1985) ©
- 22- Mary Kennedy (2000) ©
- 22- Stephen Kalafut (1956) ©
- 22- William Petrosky (2020) ©
- 23- George Patzakis (1961) ©
- 25- Walter Lee Wilfong (2007) ©
- 25- John Konik (2009) ©
- 26- Faith Simko (2016) ©
- 26- John Poulas (1925) ©
- 26- Catherine Pavlos (1949) ©
- 26- Charles Xenakis (1960) ©
- 27- Ignatius Sosnowchik (1973) ©
- 27- Frank Zwinski (2013) ©
- 27- Christ Samjos (1930) ©
- 27- Panagiotis Sarris (1953) ©
- 28- Stella Graban Kurtiak (2013) ©
- 28- A.P. John Psinka (1996)
- 29- MaryAnn Such (1972) ©
- 30- Anna Krut (1924) ©
- 30- Sophia Oshelski (1959) ©

Romans 10:1-10 (Epistle)

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Matthew 8:28-9:1 (Gospel)

When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water. Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region. So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

Holy Apostles of the Seventy and Deacons: Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, and Parmenas / Commemorated on July 28

Saints Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon and Parmenas, Apostles of the Seventy were among the first deacons in the Church of Christ.

In the Acts of the Holy Apostles (6:1-6) it is said that the twelve Apostles chose seven men: Stephen, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicholas, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, and appointed them to serve as deacons.

They are commemorated together on July 28, although they died at various times and in various places.

At first, Saint Prochorus accompanied the holy Apostle Peter, who made him bishop in the city of Nicomedia. After the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos, Prochorus was a companion and coworker of the holy Apostle John the Theologian and was banished with him to the island of Patmos. There he wrote down the Book of Revelation concerning the final fate of the world. Upon returning to Nicomedia, Saint Prochorus converted pagans to Christ in the city of Antioch, where he suffered martyrdom.

Although Saint Nicanor suffered on the same day that the holy Protomartyr Stephen (December 27) and many other Christians were killed by stoning, he is also commemorated on December 28.

Saint Timon was later appointed by the Apostles as bishop of the city of Bostra in Arabia and suffered from the Jews and pagans for preaching the Gospel. He was thrown into a furnace, but by the power of God he came out of it unharmed. The tradition of the Roman Church says that Saint Timon died by crucifixion. Saint Timon is also commemorated on December 30.

Saint Parmenas zealously preached Christ in Macedonia. He died after being afflicted with an illness. Some say that Saint Parmenas suffered martyrdom under Trajan (98-117) in the final year of his reign.

Archbishop of Chicago Participates in the 20th Anniversary Celebrations at Tikhvin Monastery

His Eminence Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the Midwest and a delegation from the diocese traveled to Tikhvin, Russia, in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the return of the Tikhvin Icon of the Mother of God.

At the invitation of the Diocesan Hierarchy of Tikhvin and Lodeynoye Pole, His Grace Bishop Mystislav,

His Eminence made a pilgrimage to various sites throughout Russia. Traveling with the Archbishop was Archpriest Alexander Garklavs, Priest Alexander Koranda, and Reader Justin Tatooles.

The delegation from the Midwest arrived in Moscow on Wednesday, July 3rd, and was greeted by Mitered Archpriest Daniel Andrejuk, representative of the Orthodox Church in America to the Moscow Patriarchate. For the first several days in Moscow, the Archbishop was greeted by various hierarchs, abbots, and abbesses as he venerated the saints of Moscow, including, St. Daniel of Moscow, St. Tikhon of Moscow, St. Hilarion Troitsky, and St. Matrona of Moscow. Throughout the Archbishop's time in Moscow, meetings were held with the Serbian and Czech representatives to the Patriarch.

On Wednesday, July 4th, the Archbishop and his delegation received an invitation to celebrate Independence Day at the United States of America Embassy in Moscow. During the celebration the Archbishop met with Her Excellency, Lynne Tracy, U. S. Ambassador to the Russian Federation.

As the weekend approached, the delegation traveled to Kazan, Tartarstan on July 6 and July 7 at the invitation of the Metropolitan of Kazan, His Eminence Kirill. Upon arrival the Archbishop was taken to the Kremlin of Kazan and visited the historical churches. That afternoon a meeting was held with state officials and business men of the city. Later that evening Vigil was held at the Kazan Icon Cathedral, for All Saints of Russia. A Hierarchal Liturgy was held the following day at the Holy Sviazhk Monastery. Following the liturgy, tours were given of the local monastery, and then the delegation took a boat ride back to Kazan where they departed to St. Petersburg to being the anniversary festivities.

On Monday, July 8th the delegation arrived at the Holy Dormition Monastery in Tikhvin. The Archbishop venerated the Wonderworking Tikhvin Icon and offer prayers before the holy icon. The All Night Vigil was served that evening and was presided over by Metropolitan Pavel of Surgut and the Philippines and various hierarchs of the Russian Orthodox Church.

On the feast of the Tikhvin Icon, hierarchs, clergy, and faithful awaited His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia, who lead the anniversary celebrations. Celebrating with the Patriarch were Metropolitan Barsanuphius of St. Petersburg and Ladoga; Metropolitan Gregory of Voskresensk, Administrator of the Moscow Patriarchate; Metropolitan Lev of Novgorod and Staraya Russa; Metropolitan Konstantin of Petrozavodsk and Karelia; Metropolitan Pavel of Khanty-Mansiysk and Surgut; Metropolitan Arseny of Pskov and Porkhov; Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the Midwest; Bishop Benjamin of Kronstadt, Abbot of the Holy Trinity Alexander Nevsky Lavra; Bishop Barnabas of Vyborg and Priozersk; Bishop Mstislav of Tikhvin and Lodeynoye Pole; Bishop Mitrofan of Gatchina and Luga; Bishop Alexander of Plesetsk and Kargopol; Bishop Silouan of Peterhof, **Con't next Pg**

Celebrations in July

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Julia Smiko
- 11 Joan Cross
- 12 Pauline Fesz
- 15 His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon
- 17 Jonah Bremer, Kathleen Jesko
- 19 David Konik
- 23 Mat. Helen Psinka
- 30 Mat. Christine Hryb, Maureen Koval , George Kolesar

ANNIVERSARY

- 3 Bob & Elizabeth Willison
- 8 Nick & Monica Vansuch
- 12 Thomas & Balaci Kristian
- 13 Marcus & Marcia Kubancsek
- 19 Thomas & Deborah Zelinsky
- 24 Frank & Lori Batura
- 25 Andy & Michelle Basile
- 27 Dennis & Kim Konik, Ken & Lynn Krause
- 28 James & Sandra Bufalini

NAMES DAY

- 31- AB Benjamin of San Francisco

Tikhvin Monastery con't from previous pg

Rector of the St. Petersburg Theological Academy; Bishop Alexy of Ramenskoye, Personal Secretary of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill; Archpriest Sergei Kuksevich, Secretary of the St. Petersburg Diocesan Administration; Archpriest Daniil Andreyuk, Representative of the Orthodox Church in America to the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia; Archpriest Mikhail Nikolaev, Rector of the Church of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul in Lodeynoye Pole; Archpriest Alexander Vakhovsky, Dean of the Tikhvin District; Hegumen Anthony (Gutnik), Abbot of the Holy Trinity Alexander Svirsky Monastery; Hieromonk Nikolai (Bestuzhev), Secretary of the Tikhvin Diocese; abbots of monasteries and clergy of the St. Petersburg Metropolitanate.

After receiving Holy Communion, Archbishop Daniel and his delegation were received by His Holiness the Patriarch, during which greetings were exchanged. The Archbishop presented His Holiness with an icon of St. Olga of Alaska, and the Patriarch presented His Eminence with a panagia to commemorate the event. After the services, a festive meal was held in the monastery trapeza.

On Wednesday and Thursday the relics of St. Alexander Nevsky were venerated, along with veneration of

St. Xenia of St. Petersburg in the Smolensk Cemetery. Tours were given of the historic Kazan Cathedral and St. Isaac Cathedral. Thursday was the feast of St. Sergius and St. Herman of Vaalam which was celebrated at the Valaam Podvorie in St. Petersburg. Later that day, the delegation also traveled to Tsarskoe Selo to venerate the relics of St. John of Chicago. The delegation began their journey back to Chicago in the earliest parts of Friday morning.

Kansas City Deanery Holds Gathering

The Kansas City Deanery of the Diocese of the Midwest met this week, gathering clergy and their families from the three of the four states of the Deanery. Half the parishes made the trip to the host parish, Holy Trinity Church in Overland Park, Kansas for time to gather in prayer and fellowship. The Deanery covers Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Western Illinois.

The clergy met on Monday evening, July 15, for an Akathist to Our Sweetest Lord Jesus. Following the service a meal was enjoyed, along with fellowship and sharing of news from around the Deanery.

The final day began with Divine Liturgy. During his homily, Archpriest Timothy Sawchak, Rector of Holy Trinity and Dean of the deanery, reminded those gathered that there are no 'ordinary' Liturgies, that each one is special and shares in the Light and Joy of the Resurrected Christ. Fr. Timothy further inspired the gathered clergy by sharing the writing of St. Nikolai in the Prologue from Ochrid for that day, "O brethren, how enormous is the mercy of God toward us! According to this great mercy, God offers to us mortals adoption by the Immortal One; to us sinners He offers us to be built up into the glorified Body of the Lord Jesus."

Many of the gathered clergy then had an opportunity to visit the newly remodeled Reconciliation Services building and the new chapel there dedicated to St. Maria of Paris hosted by the RS Executive Director, Archpriest Justin Matthews. The chapel and building will be blessed on the Feast Day of St. Maria Saturday, July 20 by His Eminence Archbishop Daniel as he makes a pastoral visit to KC and St. Nicholas Church in Lawrence over this coming weekend.

2nd Annual Picnic

UPDATED

Saturday, August 17

Plans for our 2nd Annual Picnic are underway.

Please sign up at candle desk by AUGUST 4th

that you are coming

so we can plan accordingly.

On August 4th there will be food sign-up sheet at candle desk.

