



# The Weekly Forerunner

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church

301 Struthers Liberty Rd

Campbell, OH 44405

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest



## SEPTEMBER BULLETIN SPONSOR

### Liturgical & Events Schedule

#### Sunday, September 1

9:35 AM: Hours

10:00 am Divine Liturgy / Social

#### Wednesday, September 4

7:30 PM: City Council Meeting Open to public

#### Saturday, September 7

6:00 PM: Great Vespers w/ Litya

#### Sunday, September 8

9:35 AM: Hours

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Panachida for Met.

Herman & AB Nikon / Council Meeting / Social

### 2024 - COUNCIL MEMBERS

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### GARLIC FOR CHARITY

Steven Simko & Mike Centofanti are selling garlic for charity during the coffee social on Sunday, September 1.

### SISTERHOOD SOCIAL

#### Sunday, September 15

Following Liturgy on Sunday, September 15, there will be a free will offering for a Chicken Parmesan with Penne Pasta Dinner.

No reservations are necessary but please let Joann or Nancy know if you are planning on attending.

#### Menu:

Salad

Penne Pasta

Beverages

Chicken Parmesan

Garlic Bread

Jello Dessert

### 40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

September 1- Maria Michaels / William Romanchek, Jr

September 8- Andy Zenko / Enriqueta Litonjua Santa

Maria & Maria Cecilia Dayao

September 22- Albert

September 29- Kenny Ruff

### Drive-thru BBQ to help replace the Pre-Advent Social

The drive-thru BBQ, featuring Livosky's Grilled Spare Ribs & Rotisserie Chicken will benefit our parish.

WHEN: Saturday, October 19, 2024

(Pick-up starting @ 2:00 pm)

Pre-Orders only (from September 28-October 12, 2024)

Please call Cindy Ferrick @ 330-531-1119 to place your order. If there is no answer, leave a number and Cindy will call you back.

Pynt options: Cash / Check (Payable to St. John's Orthodox Church)

Half Slab w/ sauce one side

\$15

Whole Slab w/ sauce one side

\$25

Half Chicken w/ one side

\$ 8

Whole Chicken w/ one side

\$15

Extra Sauce

\$ 3

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**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.

**Benefit Concert for St. Theodosius  
Orthodox Christian Cathedral**

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 at 3 pm  
Holy Trinity Orthodox Church 6822 Broadview Road  
Parma 44134

Presented by: Pan-Orthodox Choir  
of the Greater Cleveland Area

1 hour concert open to the public. Free Will donation to go toward the Restoration Fund. Light refreshments and fellowship at conclusion.

\$20 - CD available to purchase.  
Professional recording donated by Spider Studios.

15 tracks of familiar hymns and a special interview with Fr. Ján Čižmár, Cathedral Dean.

**SCREENING OF THE  
AWARD-WINNING  
DOCUMENTARY: SACRED ALASKA  
A STORY OF ADVENTURE, FAITH,  
AND SACRIFICE**

Director: Simon Scionka Producer: Silas Karbo

Where: St. Nicholas Banquet Center, Mogadore, OH  
When: Monday, September 23, 2024, at 7 PM. Concessions will be available for purchase Tickets for the movie may be purchased on Event Brite for:

\$10.38(\$8.00+ \$2.38 processing fees). All proceeds will be given to help the Diocese of Alaska. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sacred-alaska-a-story-of-adventure-faith-and-sacrifice-tickets-9988089033>

## PRAYER LIST– Updated 8-29-24

**PARISHIONERS:** Achilles Arvan / Audrey Chengelis / Helen Colaluca / Joan Cross / Ann Cvercko / Pauline Fesz / Mary Fredericks / George Horodnic / Sue Kennedy / George Kolesar / Barbara Kolesar / Matushka Helen Psinka / Mary Jane Puskas / Carol Ruff / Sub-deacon Vladimir Rusnak / Dorothy Shirilla / Julia Simko / Emilia Yannitto / Marion Zwinski

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

**FAMILY & FRIENDS:** David (Willison) / Dominic (Centofanti) / Ellen (Clark) / Frank Batura (Fr.) / Trudy Ellmore (Fr.) / Bruce Harris (Sabo) / Karen (Gemmel) / Katie (Garrity) / Basil Glovinsky (Fr.) / Paula Kennedy / 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.) / 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) / Catherine Zile (Fr.) / Zoland Zile / Brenna & her unborn baby (Fr.) / Kasey & her unborn child (Gemmel)

**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.

### Diocese of Alaska Reaches \$1 Million Goal for the Clergy Endowment Fund

His Grace Bishop Alexei of Sitka and Alaska has announced that the Clergy Endowment Stipend has successfully reached its \$1 Million goal. In recognition of this, His Grace has released a video thanking His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, the Holy Synod of Bishops, and the many generous parishes and faithful who have contributed to the success of the fund. You can access this on National OCA website.

His Grace spoke at the 20th All-American Council in Baltimore, MD about the difficult situation facing the Alaskan clergy. The council passed a resolution to support the creation of this Clergy Endowment Stipend:

“Whereas Alaska is the cradle of Orthodoxy in America: Be it resolved that the 20th AAC asks the Holy Synod of Bishops to designate annually the Sunday closest to the December feast of Saint Herman, for a free-will collection from each parish in the Orthodox Church in America to support the Diocese of Alaska Clergy Endowment.”

Since successfully reaching the \$1 million milestone, the Diocese of Alaska has put a governance policy in place and hired a management firm. The first disbursement is anticipated in October.

### His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon Presides at Pilgrimage to Unalaska

On Friday, August 16, 2024, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon traveled to Unalaska at the invitation of His Grace Bishop Alexei of Sitka and Alaska. His Beatitude presided at the pilgrimage celebrations marking the 200th anniversary of the arrival of Saint Innocent (Father John Veniaminov) and the first Divine Liturgy served in Unalaska in 1824.

Upon arrival at Unalaska on Saturday, August 17, His Beatitude was greeted at the airport by His Grace and his delegation, singing “It is Truly Meet” and presenting them with Alaskan flowers.

His Beatitude then proceeded to the Ascension of our Lord Cathedral where he presided over a molieben for the welcoming of a hierarch to the Diocese.

Later that evening, His Beatitude presided at the All Night Vigil followed by dinner hosted by His Grace and the Diocese of Alaska.

On the morning of August 18, His Beatitude then presided at the celebration of the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Ascension of our Lord Cathedral. Concelebrating with His Beatitude were His Grace Bishop Alexei and Priest Timothy Kolb. At the conclusion of the Liturgy, a synodal grammota was presented to the Ascension Cathedral in recognition of the 200th anniversary of Saint Innocent’s first Liturgy there.

In the afternoon, a banquet was at the Grand Aleutian Hotel in Unalaska. The program began with traditional Alaskan Dances presented by the local Native Community. Following the meal, presentations were made by the Mayor of Unalaska, Vincent Tutiakoff and members of the local community.

His Beatitude returned to the cathedral to preside at the All Night Vigil for the Feast of the Transfiguration. After a festive luncheon with the local community, His Beatitude returned to Washington, DC.

## SEPTEMBER Candle & Bulletin Sponsors

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

**Bulletin: OPEN**

**Wine:** In memory of my wife Laurissa Rusnak– Given by Sub-deacon Vladimir / In memory of Steve & Eileen Elash; Stephan Elash; Eileen Elash & Tim Nolder and all the members of the Elash & Graban Families– Given by Cindy Ferrick

**Incense:** In memory of my wife Laurissa Rusnak– Given by Sub-deacon Vladimir / For the health of Alexandra & Eliana Rogers on their upcoming b-day’s and all the members of the Elash & Graban families– Given by Cindy Ferrick

**Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light: OPEN**

**Altar Candles:** In honor of Nancy & Ron Tusinac & Mary & Andrew on the occasion of their Anniversary’s- Given by Nancy. Tusinac

**Tetrapod Candles: OPEN**

**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: OPEN**

**Protection Icon Candles:** In memory of my mom Helene Flaherty of her anniversary of repose- Given by Maria Demkosky

**St. John the Baptist Candles: OPEN**

**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	<b>Flowers - \$50 for 2 weeks at a time– Updated</b>
*Altar Candles	*St. John the Baptist candles	
*Tetrapod Candles		

ATTENDANCE: A Comparison - <i>AUGUST</i>	2023	2024
<b>1st week</b>		
Vespers	Monastery	4
Transfiguration Liturgy	62/37	Normal Sunday 54 / 36
Transfiguration Vespers	See Above #	15 Here (Liturgy was at Monastery)
<b>2nd Week</b>		
Vespers	No vespers	8
Liturgy	66 / 47	68 / 48
Dormition Vespers	13	17
Dormition Liturgy	16	19
<b>3rd Week</b>		
Vespers	7	9
Liturgy	57 / 37	68 / 37
<b>4th Week</b>		
Vespers	13	4
Liturgy	63 / 44	38 / 31
Behheading Vespers		11
al Liturgy	8	18 / 14

FINAL AUGUST FINANCIALS	
Expenses	\$10,230.88
Income	<u>\$10,966.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>+ 735.00</b>
Weekly Tithes	\$9,615
Weekly Candles	\$516
Weekly Flowers	\$100
Un-needed Gifts	\$100
Incense	\$25
Altar Candles	\$160
Protection Candles	\$80
Fund Raiser	\$370
Charity Collection:	\$587

**SEPTEMBER Special Monthly Charity**

SOD (Support our Seminarians (This money will be sent to AB & he will send to seminarians directly. This money does not go to administration purposes. Directly to students & their families)

## Reposed List for SEPTEMBER

- Tony Ginarakis (1938) ©  
Michael Pikos (1962) ©
- 1- His Eminence Bishop Nikon (2019)  
1- George Diakogannes (1930) ©  
1- Michael Feltovich (1988) ©  
2- Manuel Melas (1936) ©  
2- Vasili Mastrovasilis (1950) ©  
4- Nicholas Vaytilla (1982) ©  
4- Helen Sarisky (1945) ©  
5- Archpriest Anastasy Richter (2021)  
5- Nicholas Babinec (1920) ©  
5- John Hauscin (1924) ©  
5- Andrew Pretko (1953) ©  
5- Katherine Mistovich (1963) ©  
6- His Beatitude Metropolitan Herman (2022)  
6- Andrew Shirilla (1956) ©  
7- Barbara Jackubek Barnyak (2013) ©  
8- Steve Kolas (1980) ©  
9- Steve Graban (1994) ©  
9- John Kalas (1923) ©  
10- Eudoxia Alisofis (1933) ©  
11- George Magdos (1940) ©  
11- Infant Kaulianas (1957) ©  
11- John Kavouklis (1959) ©  
13- Ann Vavlas (1947) ©  
13- Bertha Mastraselis (1960) ©  
13- Irene Xenakis (1965) ©  
14- John Roman (1943) ©  
14- Mary Leschinsky (1959) ©  
15- Steve Bartek (1962)  
15- Terri Lariccia (2021)  
15- Mike Kotousis (1935) ©  
16- Billy Deaton (2022)  
16- Steve Timkovich, Sr (1980) ©  
16- Vladimir Yavorskiy (2001) ©  
16- Theodore Kiddon (2002) ©  
16- Synthia Skoufatos (1928) ©  
17- John Pacak (2004) ©  
17- Victoria Mraz (2004) ©
- 17- Katherine Desplairich (1961) ©  
18- Stephen Sature (2004)  
18- Bob Whitham Sr (2020)  
18- Dimitri Velichkoff (1927) ©  
18- Michael Leschinsky (1959) ©  
19- George Bolina, Sr (1981) ©  
19- Mary Shirilla (1987) ©  
19- Mary Stewart (2016) ©  
19- John Yurchak (1926) ©  
19- Andrew Graban (1942) ©  
19- Andrew Shirilla (1956) ©  
20- Mary Patellis (1925) ©  
21- Olga Bilas Klddon (2014) ©  
21- Nettie Kucheruk (2007) ©  
21- Steve Furin (1965) ©  
22- Sophie Taboh (1979) ©  
22- John Davis (2009) ©  
22- Anthony Tranarakes (1949) ©  
24- Michael Vansuch (1982) ©  
24- Martha Shevetz (1983) ©  
24- Anna Semon (1987) ©  
24- William Thomas (2010) ©  
25- George Taloban Malahralko (1977) ©  
25- Steven Sirilla (1987) ©  
25- Helen Graban (2009) ©  
27- Michael Holobanich (1969) ©  
27- Helen Libertyn (1976) ©  
27- John Cvercko (2000) ©  
27- Nicholas Strineka (1931) ©  
27- Anthonias Michailas (1961) ©  
28- Helen Drotar (1971) ©  
28- John Matic (1922) ©  
29- Julia Rich Holibonich (2016) ©  
29- Barbara Sveda (1961) ©  
29- Stephen Feltovich, Sr. (1968) ©  
30- Bishop John Martin (1984)  
30- Tommy Leonchik (2020)  
30- Laurissa Rusnak Sirilla (2022) ©  
30- Vasilis Klimas (1949) ©

### Church New Year / Commemorated on September 1

The first day of the Church New Year is also called the beginning of the Indiction. The term Indiction comes from a Latin word meaning, “to impose.” It was originally applied to the imposition of taxes in Egypt. The first worldwide Indiction was in 312 when the Emperor Constantine (May 21) saw a miraculous vision of the Cross in the sky. Before the introduction of the Julian calendar, Rome began the New Year on September 1.

According to Holy Tradition, Christ entered the synagogue on September 1 to announce His mission to mankind (Luke 4:16-22). Quoting Isaiah 61:1-2, the Savior proclaimed, “The spirit of the Lord is upon Me; because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to proclaim release to captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord...” This scene is depicted in a Vatican manuscript (Vatican, Biblioteca. Cod. Gr. 1613, p.1). Tradition says that the Hebrews entered the Promised Land in September.



## Matthew 17:14-23 (Gospel)

And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him." Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting." Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up." And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

## 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 (Epistle)

For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

It must be understood that a man struggling towards perfection is not himself aware of the progress which he makes on his path. He toils with the sweat of his brow, but (so far as he can see) his labor bears no fruit. This is because grace works secretly.

St Theophan the Recluse,  
*The Art of Prayer*

## Celebrations in September

### *Birthday*

- 1 Dennis Konik
- 3 Lynn Basala
- 4 Deborah Zelinsky
- 6 Dc. David Gemmel
- 9 Kim Konik
- 11 Fr. John Beskid, Joann Sirilla
- 14 Debbie Perman, Chris Baxter, Sub-deacon Donald Tamulonis
- 17 Dc. James & Mat. Christine Hryb
- 18 Ron Tusinac, AP David Lis
- 22 Pani Bethany Mihaly
- 27 Tracy Zenko

### *Anniversary*

- 3 Frank & Crystal Batura
- 5 Ron & Nancy Tusinac
- 7 Steven & Karen Simko
- 13 Sam & Angie Dardovski, Fr. Peter Zarynow
- 28-1990 Retired Bishop Lazar of Ottawa

### *Names Day*

- 30 AB Michael of NY & NJ

## Righteous Joshua, son of Nun (Navi) / Commemorated on September 1

Saint Joshua (Jesus), the son of Navi, was leader of the Israelites after the death of the Prophet Moses. He was born in Egypt around 1654 B.C. and succeeded Moses when he was eighty-five. He ruled the Israelites for twenty-five years.

Joshua conquered the Promised Land, and led the Hebrew nation into it. The Lord worked a great miracle through Joshua. He stopped the Jordan from flowing, allowing the Israelites to cross over on foot as if on dry land (Joshua 3). Saint Michael, the Leader of the Heavenly Hosts, appeared to Joshua (Joshua 5:13-15).

The walls of Jericho fell down by themselves after the Ark of the Covenant was carried around the city for seven days (Joshua 6:20). Finally, during a battle with the enemy, Joshua, by God's will, halted the motion of the sun (Joshua 10:13) and prolonged the day until victory was won.

After the end of the war, Joshua divided the Promised Land among the Twelve Tribes of Israel. He died at 110 years of age (1544 B.C.), commanding the nation to preserve the Law of Moses. All these events are recounted in the Book of Joshua, the sixth book of the Old Testament.