



# The Weekly Forerunner

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church

301 Struthers Liberty Rd

Campbell, OH 44405

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest



## October Bulletin Sponsor

OPEN

### Liturgical & Events Schedule

#### Sunday, October 27

9:35 AM: Hours

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Social / Church School

#### Tuesday, October 29

11:00 AM: Orthodoxy 101 Class (Final Class)

#### Thursday, October 31

11:00 AM: Book Club (Final Class)

#### Saturday, November 2 (CHANGE CLOCKS)

6:00 PM: Vespers / Confessions

#### Sunday, November 3

9:35 AM: Hours

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Social / Church School

### ST. NICHOLAS DAY PROJECT 2024

This year the seminarian family we will be helping this year is the **Irenaeus and Ruth Wilson** family from St. Tikhon's Seminary.

There is a sign-up sheet at the candle desk. All items or donations must be returned to our church by Sunday, November 17th in order to get the items to Pennsylvania in time.

If one does not want to purchase items themselves, Beth Willison will shop for you.

#### Ruth:

1. Bread bow knife made by Generations Acres Farm
2. Green linen apron
3. Icon of Saint Edith of Wilton

#### Irenaeus

1. A black oil skin raincoat, size M
2. Black fleece vest, size M
3. Burning Bush coffee

#### Esther - 7 years

1. White and red Mary Poppins dress up dress (size 7/8)
2. Colonial girls costume (size 7/8, or small - Target has a floral, light tannish pink one)
3. Black Mary Janes shoes (size 11 or 12 in little kids)
4. John Forerunner kids book by New Rome Press (<https://newromepress.com/saint-john-the-forerunner-prophet-apostle-and-martyr/>)

#### Ezra - 5 years

1. Motorcycle building kit (either from Lego or Gean-gvn)
2. Black Retrospec elbow and knee pads (child size 3-9 years)
3. Wooden farm truck building paper plan (<https://www.woodcraft.com/products/wood-magazine-woodworking-project-paper-plan-to-build-farm-truck>)
4. Chickadee Wooden Toys Ship puzzle (<https://chickadeeswoodentoy.com/products/ship-puzzle>)

#### Edyth - 3 years

1. Calico Critters Huskey family (<https://a.co/d/6a6KXx3>)
2. Waldorf Doll "Hanne" by Blissful Pixie (<https://a.co/d/hlLe7dl>)
3. Yellow/Mustard color Mary Jane shoes (size 9, little kids)

#### Ephraim - 8 months

1. Crochet rattle animals
2. Soft cotton pants (size 9-12 months)
3. Chickadee Wooden Toys building block set ([https://chickadeeswoodentoy.com/products/natural-wooden-building-block-set?srsltid=AfmBOooQwSexAcSRlovT-k\\_BmL75GEOB5uxVT1CJKqPQrukHw86q3MDy](https://chickadeeswoodentoy.com/products/natural-wooden-building-block-set?srsltid=AfmBOooQwSexAcSRlovT-k_BmL75GEOB5uxVT1CJKqPQrukHw86q3MDy))

## PLEASE KEEP OUR ELDERS OF THE CHURCH & SHUT-INS IN YOUR PRAYERS— UPDATED 10-21-24

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

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## **Metropolitan Tikhon Meets with Former Ambassador Sam Brownback at St. Nicholas Cathedral**

On Saturday, October 12, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon met with Sam Brownback, the former U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom, at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

After a short tour of the Cathedral, His Beatitude and Mr. Brownback met to discuss a range of pressing issues, including religious freedom, the role of the Orthodox Church in America within American society and the wider Orthodox Christian world, and the challenges of religious persecution globally.

The meeting highlighted the importance of defending religious freedom, both in the United States and internationally. Their conversation also touched on the increasing persecution of Christians and other religious groups around the world.

Before serving as Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom from 2018 to 2021, Sam Brownback held the position of Governor of Kansas from 2011 to 2018. Earlier in his career, he represented Kansas in both the United States Senate and the House of Representatives. Currently, Ambassador Brownback is the co-chair of the International Religious Freedom Summit, a Senior Fellow at Global Christian Relief, and the chairman of the National Committee for Religious Freedom.

Accompanying His Beatitude was Archpriest Alessandro Margheritino, Secretary of the Orthodox Church in America.

## **2 Corinthians 9:6-11 (Epistle)**

But this I say: “He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.” So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: “He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.” Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

## PRAYER LIST– Updated 10-23-24

**PARISHIONERS:** Achilles Arvan / Audrey Chengelis / Helen Colaluca / Joan Cross / Ann Cvercko / Pauline Fesz / Mary Fredericks / Sherrie Fredericks / George Horodnic / Sue Kennedy / George Kolesar / Barbara Kolesar / Matushka Helen Psinka / Carol Ruff / Sub-deacon Vladimir Rusnak / Dorothy Shirilla / Julia Simko / Gary Thompson / Patty Thompson / Emilia Yannitto / 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 & 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.



### October Celebrations

#### Birthday

- 1 Trudy Ellmore
- 2 Tina Litzie / Nathaniel Willison
- 3 Ethan Chendorain
- 5 Maya Kubancsek / Karen Debiec
- 6 Michelle Horodnic
- 7 Gabriella Hryb / Sophia Jesko
- 8 Monica Vansuch
- 9 Kelly Ann Ferrick
- 13 Colin Henry Felker / Shelia Jesko
- 14 Fr. Andrew Groom
- 16 Fr George Lardas / Mary Ruth Mico
- 17 Tim Glovinsky
- 18 Nicole Batura
- 25 Sam Dardovsky
- 31 Fr. Peter Zarynow

#### Anniversary

- 1-2009 AB Irene of Canada / Joseph & Mary Ruth Mico / Gary & Patty Thompson
- Fr. Matthew & Pani Eleni Stagon
- 3 Fr. Matt Stagon Priestly ordination
- 7 Fr. Eli & Mat. Larissa Bremer
- 9 David & Terrie Konik
- 14 Michael & Lynn Polewan
- 19 Archpriest John & Mat. Cynthia Zidinak
- 31 Paul & Layne Demkosky

#### Names Day

- 9 The Most Blessed Tikhon

### OCTOBER FINANCIALS

Expenses	\$13,330.00
Income	<u>\$11,765.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><span style="color: red;">-\$1,565.00</span></b>

Weekly Tithe	\$9,802
Weekly Candles	\$241
Icon Screen / Eternal Light	\$100
Unneeded Gifts	\$25
Rubric Book Reimbursement	\$80
St. Herman's Candles	\$30
Coffee Hour	\$54
Wine	\$25
Incense	\$25
Altar Candles	\$50
BBQ Dinner reimbursement	\$457
Cemetery Reimbursement	\$832

Monthly Charity Collection: (Hurricane Relief) \$764

### OCTOBER CHARITY

#### UPDATED

Hurricane Relief

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## OCTOBER Candle & Bulletin Sponsors

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

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### **Bulletin: OPEN**

**Wine:** In memory of my wife Laurissa Rusnak– Given by husband Sub-deacon Vladimir

**Incense:** In memory of my wife Laurissa Rusnak– Given by husband Sub-deacon Vladimir

**Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light:** In memory of my brother George Robert Vasile– Given by Teri Vasile / In memory of my parents George & Mary Rusnak– Given by sub-deacon Vladimir

**Altar Candles:** In memory of Andrew & Anna Cvercko- Given by Anne Cvercko

**Tetrapod Candles:** In honor of Karen Debiec on the occasion of her b-day & in memory of Robert Kennedy on the occasion of his wedding anniversary– Given by 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: OPEN**

**Protection Icon Candles: OPEN**

**St. John the Baptist Candles:** In health of my wife Monica on the occasion of her b-day– Given by Reader Nick Vansuch

**Flowers:** In memory of my sisters Mary Jane Puskas, Nadine Pallai, Ann Sanders– Given by Sub-deacon Vladimir

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

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## Online School Releases Asynchronous Learning Opportunities

The St Vladimir's Online School of Theology announces its latest learning opportunity in the form of asynchronous course offerings. Beginning in June 2023, the Online School has offered six public courses taught by St Vladimir's Seminary faculty. These four-week courses had only been accessible during the period when they were offered live, but now, anyone can register to access the recorded lectures, the reading list, and the faculty PowerPoint slides.

St Vladimir's Online School of Theology asynchronous online courses offer a comprehensive learning experience designed for flexibility and depth. Each course offering is available for 60 days upon registration, providing ample time for thorough exploration. With a course fee of \$125, students gain access to four video lectures led by SVOTS professors, supplemented by four informative PowerPoint presentations. The in-depth reading recommendations are designed to further enrich the learning journey, ensuring a well-rounded educational experience tailored to individual interests and schedules. All are invited to discover the richness of theological education from the comfort of their own home, at their own pace.

Enrollment is now open for the six asynchronous online courses at St Vladimir's Online School of Theology. Topics include Orthodoxy and the Old Testament to Sacred Artistry in the Tradition of the Church, among others. To learn more and register for the

courses, visit [online.svots.edu/archives](http://online.svots.edu/archives) or contact us at [online@svots.edu](mailto:online@svots.edu).

About St Vladimir's Online School of Theology

St Vladimir's Online School of Theology is an accessible extension of St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary (SVOTS), offering quality online Orthodox education to the general public, clergy, and lay leaders, taught by SVOTS faculty. This initiative is supported by a grant awarded in 2022 by Lilly Endowment Inc., propelling the seminary's entrance into online education.

The faithful and parishes of the Orthodox Church in America are urged to intentionally pray for vocations and to support the seminaries, students, faculty, and their families. It is also vital to commit to financially support the three OCA seminaries as they continue the necessary work of providing exceptional education and spiritual formation for the future leaders of the Orthodox Church.

Parishes are reminded of the resolution approved at the 16th All-American Council in Seattle, which calls for parishes of the Orthodox Church in America to allocate 1% of their budget towards the support of these seminaries.

If you want to know more about supporting our seminaries, their work, or learn more about vocation and theological formation, seminary contact information is available on national oca website



## October's Reposed List- Updated 10-9

- Michael Kropenoh (1987) ©  
2- His Grace Bishop Antoun (2017)  
2- Mary Evanoff (1970) ©  
2- George Graban (2004) ©  
2- Anna Kristian (1932) ©  
3- Mary Libertin (1986) ©  
3- George Kalas (1994) ©  
3- Mary Novak (1994) ©  
3- Anthony Shepelevich (2004) ©  
3- George Robert Vasile (2019) ©  
4- Louis Boldish (1960) ©  
4- Michael Tevonyoh (1987) ©  
4- John Hanuscin (1920) ©  
6- Helen Korechko (2021) ©  
6- Kaliopé Ellinos (1941) ©  
8- Still Born Rosko (1923) © Twins  
8- Still Born Rosko (1923) © Twins  
8- Matthew Shirilla (1939) ©  
9- Barbara Matzye (1971) ©  
9- Walter Wilfong (2012) ©  
10- Mary Vasile (1995) ©  
11- Helen Zelina (1982) ©  
11- Paul Zeleniuk (1924) ©  
11- Olga Roman (1926) ©  
12- Eli Tsvetanoff (1953) ©  
13- Mary Basala (2006)  
13- John Kristian (1994) ©  
13- Mary Vodilko (1998) ©  
13- N. Musolin (1923) ©  
14- John Livosky (1985) ©  
14- Larry Sozur (1998) ©  
14- Joseph Jackubek (2022) ©  
14- Mary Papac (1928) ©  
14- Veronica Kristian (1936) ©  
14- Anna Ivancho (1939) ©  
14- Anna Midlik (1943) ©  
14- Dan Vansuch (1965) ©  
14- Margaret Zappia (2006) ©  
14- Ramiro Albarran (2023)  
15- Helen Feltovich (1919) ©  
15- Dorothy Kirtos (1994) ©  
15- Peter Nickoloff (1970) ©  
15- Anna Simko (1929) ©  
16- Frank Flaherty (1999)  
16- Ronald Tucci (2013) ©  
16- Nicholas Hamamzis (1959) ©  
17- Mary Kalas (1939) ©  
17- Nicholas Ellinos (1953) ©  
17- Mary Milner (1967) ©  
17- Sophie Sobey (2002) ©  
18- Joseph Sirilla ((2012) ©  
18- Helen Macala (1958) ©  
19- Christopher John White (1973) ©  
19- Rochelle McIntire (1993) ©  
19- Archpriest Sergei Garklavs (2015)  
19- Gori Pietropolo (Trudy's dad) (2017)  
19- His Beatitude Metropolitan Theodosius (2020)  
19- Mary Holovatiuk (1933) ©  
20- Helen Lebo (1988) ©  
20- Mary Ann Volk Dunchak (2018) ©  
20- Magdalene Carantonis (1940) ©  
21- Regina Lomme (2021)  
21- Helen Bura (2006) ©  
21- Andy Cvercko (1960) ©  
22- Thelma Jean Cialella (2021) ©  
22- Helen Gerakios (1924) ©  
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25- John Rosko (1920) ©  
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27- Eva Zurau (1982) ©  
27- Richard Guerrieri (2005) ©  
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30- Joseph Malchisky (1993)  
30- Harold Zastany (2017) ©  
31- Margaret Basala (2002)

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### Chaplain Commissioned in Twin Cities

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy at St Mary's Cathedral in Minneapolis on October 20, with the blessing of His Eminence Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the Midwest and the endorsement of the Orthodox Church of America Office of Institutional Chaplaincy, the Cathedral Dean, Mitred Archpriest Andrew Morbey, commissioned Matushka Jenny Schroedel as a Chaplain of the Orthodox Church of America. Matushka Jenny served for a decade as director of bereavement services and helped establish Hospice of Kona's Maluihi Grief Center before moving to the Twin Cities. Currently she is a chaplain in the home and community services division of Presbyterian Homes & Services, and regularly speaks at churches, mental health nonprofits and various community organizations in the Twin Cities, addressing topics like grief, loneliness, hospice and facing end-of-life.

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## **Celebration Announced for Archbishop's 70TH Birthday**

The Diocese of the Midwest has recently announced an upcoming event celebrating the birthday of their Diocesan Hierarchy, Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the Midwest. The celebration will bring together clergy and faithful from around the area to celebrate the milestone birthday.

The observance of this day will be held at St. Nicholas of Mira Church, McHenry, IL, one of the newest parishes of the diocese. Mitered Archpriest Vladimir Kovalchuk, Rector of the parish, organized the event to honor the Archbishop. "We requested to host this event many months ago to honor our archpastor. He has taken great care of our community he received us into his diocese. We also wanted to host this event to welcome and host the other local parishes that have not had a chance to visit us and see our work here."

The celebration will be held on Saturday, November 16, the day of the Archbishop's birthday. The day will begin with the Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. and then a banquet will be held in the parish hall after the services.

"We are very grateful and honored to host this event and invite all of the local parishes to join us in celebrating our beloved hierarchy."

## **Archbishop Daniel Presides Over Festal Services at ROCOR Cathedral**

On Monday, October 14, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the Midwest presided over festal services at Holy Virgin Protection Cathedral (ROCOR), Des Plaines, IL. The cathedral celebrated its altar feast with the celebration of the All-Night Vigil on Sunday evening, and the Divine Liturgy the next morning.

The Archbishop was invited to preside over the services by His Eminence Archbishop Peter of Chicago and Mid-America, who was traveling overseas during the celebration. Archbishop Daniel was joined by a number of clergy from the Diocese of the Midwest including Archpriest Herman Kincaid, Chancellor, Mitered Archpriest Vladimir Kovalchuk, and Priests Alexander Koranda, Nikolai Lochmatow, and Jacob Van Sickle.

Following the Cross-Procession, Archbishop Daniel greeted the clergy and faithful on the feast and was then presented a gift by Archpriest Gregory Joyce, Secretary of the Mid-American Diocese. A banquet was held in honor of the feast and greetings from Archbishop Peter were read at that time.

## **Metropolitan Council meets for its Regular Fall 2024 Session**

On October 9-11, 2024, the Metropolitan Council of the Orthodox Church in America met for its Regular Fall 2024 Session in Springfield, VA, under the presidency of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon.

On Wednesday, October 9, the feast of the glorification of Saint Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, Enlightener of North America, His Beatitude presided at the Divine Liturgy at Saint Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral in Washington, DC. Concelebrating with His Beatitude on his name day were Archpriest Alexander Rentel, Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America, Archpriest Alessandro Margheritino, Secretary of the Orthodox Church in America, and two members of the Metropolitan Council, Archpriest Lawrence Margitich and Archpriest Justin Patterson. Father Justin offered the homily in which he talked about the ministry of Saint Tikhon.

Following a brunch after the Divine Liturgy, the Metropolitan Council moved to the Hilton Springfield to begin its meetings.

Metropolitan Tikhon began the Fall Session with a prayer, greeted the Council members, welcomed the new members, and expressed gratitude to those whose terms will be ending in the upcoming weeks.

The Council conducted general business reviewing and discussing various reports. The Council heard a report from His Beatitude, who reported on his primatial activities, events of church-wide significance, his work with stavropegial institutions, international travel, his archpastoral work in the Archdiocese of Washington, and the relocation of the Chancery office. In light of his call for reflection for the upcoming 21st All-American Council, His Beatitude offered some of his own considerations on the current moment in the life of the Orthodox Church in America.

Archpriest Alexander Rentel presented his report highlighting his various activities, the work of the Chancery, and other domestic business. Father Alexander also reported on some of his recent domestic and international trips. Additionally, he mentioned that the final steps in the Chancery relocation must be undertaken as soon as possible and, on that note, he plans to move to greater DC by January 2025.

Archpriest Alessandro Margheritino highlighted some of the sections of his report where he reflected on the everyday operation at the Chancery in Virginia, and shared some of his considerations on the necessary steps for the gradual integration of the Chancery within the territory of the Archdiocese of Washington. He also reported on the work of the Preconciliar Commission and the ongoing planning of the 21st All-American Council. Father Alessandro gave an update on the Archives of the Orthodox Church in America, now housed at Saint Vladimir's Seminary in Yonkers, NY, and the preparation of Westwood for its upcoming closing and sale.

The Property Committee informed the council **Con't Pg 8**

<b>ATTENDANCE: A Comparison - OCTOBER</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>1st Week</b>		
Vespers	Was in Sept.	No Vespers
Liturgy	76 / 45	65 / 44
<b>2nd Week</b>		
Vespers	9	6
Liturgy	61 / 42	63 / 41
<b>3rd Week</b>		
Vespers	5	7
Liturgy	57 / 36	44 / 32
<b>4th Week</b>		
Vespers	No Vespers	
Liturgy	58 / 36	
<b>5th week</b>		
Vespers	8	
Liturgy	70 / 43	

### **Former Diocesan Chancellor Awarded Miter in Cleveland**

On the 17th Sunday after Pentecost, which also commemorates Greatmartyr Artemius at Antioch, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the Midwest visited St. Theodosius Cathedral, Cleveland, OH. On behalf of the Holy Synod, Archbishop Daniel awarded the former Diocesan Chancellor, Archpriest John Zdinak the Miter. "It is a crown of glory for all of your efforts for the parish and diocese," said Archbishop Daniel. Priest Ján Cizmar, Dean of St. Theodosius Cathedral, was elevated to the rank of Archpriest, and His Eminence Daniel encouraged him to lead parishioners during these trying times. His Eminence recognized Archpriest John Adamcio for his 50 years of priestly service. Two parishioners and altar servers, Simon and Nickolas were tonsured readers. In the homily, His Eminence emphasized the importance of keeping the community of parishioners together, as the restoration of the fire damaged Cathedral continues.

At the end of the liturgy, Archbishop Daniel blessed Mitred Archpriest John Zdinak and Matushka Cinthia on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. "Whenever we honor priests, we have to acknowledge the fact that their wives have served and sacrificed as much as they had" noted Archbishop Daniel, honoring their marriage anniversary.

### **Metropolitan Tikhon Makes Primate Visits to the Diocese of the West, Diocese of New York and New Jersey, and St. Vladimir's Seminary**

On October 15 - 19, 2024 His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon made primate visits to the Diocese of the West, Diocese of New York and New Jersey, and Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary in Crestwood, NY.

At the invitation of His Eminence Archbishop Benjamin, Archbishop of San Francisco and the West, His Beatitude first traveled to Milwaukie, OR, where he participated in the annual Diocesan Assembly, which convened at Annunciation Orthodox Church.

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### **Martyr Nestor of Thessalonica Commemorated on October 27**

The holy Martyr Nestor was very young in age, handsome in appearance, and he was known to the holy Great Martyr Demetrios (October 26), for he had instructed Nestor in the faith.

The Emperor was visiting Thessaloniki, and he built a high platform in the midst of the city so that a gigantic barbarian named Lyaaios could wrestle there and be seen by everyone. Beneath the platform many spears and other sharp weapons were placed pointing upward. When Lyaaios defeated his opponents, he threw them down onto the spears and they died. Many Christians were forced to fight Lyaaios, and were killed. When Nestor saw how Emperor Maximian rejoiced over the victories of his champion, he disdained his pride. Seeing the miracles of Saint Demetrios, however, he took courage and went to the prison where the holy Martyr was confined, and fell at his feet.

"Pray for me, O Servant of God Demetrios," he said, "that by your prayers, God may help me to beat Lyaaios, and put an end to him who brings reproach upon the Christians."

The Saint, after sealing Nestor with the Sign of the Cross, told him that he would prevail over Lyaaios, and then suffer for Christ. Nestor mounted the platform without fear and exclaimed: "Help me, O God of Demetrios." After he defeated Lyaaios, he hurled him down onto the spears, where he gave up his wretched soul.

Maximian became enraged and ordered that both Nestor and Demetrios should be put to death. Saint Demetrios was stabbed with spears, and Saint Nestor was beheaded. Thus, by his example Saint Nestor teaches us that in every human challenge we must say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do to me." (Psalm 117/118:6, Hebrews 13:6).

## 2024 - COUNCIL MEMBERS

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### Luke 8:26-39 (Gospel)

Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

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about the progress of the Westwood sale, noting that the approval processes following the signing of the purchase agreement several months ago are proceeding as expected. Barring any unforeseen complications, the closing is anticipated to occur by the end of 2025.

On Thursday, Pension Board members Archpriest John Dresko, Ms. Melanie Ringa, and Pension Administrator Mr. Michael Stieglitz presented the Pension Board report, providing the Council with updates on Pension Plan membership, compliance status, and investment performance. Additionally, the Pension Committee of the Metropolitan Council presented its own report.

The Council then welcomed Archpriest Thomas Soroka, Project Manager for the OCA Departments, who provided an update on the work of the various Departments of the Church. He also presented an update on the discussion of the ad hoc committee to explore potential expansions of the Church Planting Grants Program. Following this, the Council voted on the recipients for the second and third years of the program, whose names have now been submitted to the Holy Synod for confirmation.

The Council then heard a presentation by representatives of Insurance Systems of Independence, OH—the insurance broker that supports the Orthodox Church in America's Central Administration on its various insurance needs. The presentation was on a new and voluntary term life insurance program to be offered to all clergy and lay employees of the Church. The Council voted to endorse its presentation to the Holy Synod at its upcoming Fall Session in November. More information will be shared in due course.

The Council then received a presentation from a representative of Satty, Levine, & Ciacco, CPAs, who provided a detailed overview of the recent audit. The presentation covered the audit's key findings and financial statements, noting the healthy financial state of the Church. The representative also addressed questions from Council members.

Archpriest Nicholas Solak, chair of the Office of Pastoral Life and a member of the Metropolitan Council, presented his report on the various programs managed by the Office. He particularly emphasized the programs now available as a result of two significant grants awarded by the Lilly Foundation. Father Nicholas also presented a plan for the expansion of the Office of Pastoral Life in light of the continuous growth of the programs. The plan was endorsed by the Council and it is now submitted to the Holy Synod for consideration.

The Council then received a report from Mr. Andrew Smith, Treasurer of the Orthodox Church in America, who provided an overview of the **Con't next Pg**



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Church's finances and investments. Following his presentation, Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Finance and Investments Committee, proposed the 2025 Budget, which was subsequently approved by the Council. He also updated the diocesan assessments for the upcoming 21st AAC. The Council then approved the AAC Budget as well.

Mark Hamilton, General Counsel of the Orthodox Church in America, joined the meeting via Zoom on Friday morning and offered the Legal Report in executive session.

The Council then engaged in a discussion prompted by Metropolitan Tikhon's call for reflection on the Church's current state, focusing on both the opportunities and challenges the Church faces.

At the end of three productive days, His Beatitude thanked the Council for its positive and profitable work and closed the meeting with prayer.

Minutes and reports from the Regular Fall 2024 Session of the Metropolitan Council will be posted on the OCA website as they become available.

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On the evening of October 15, His Beatitude attended Vespers and joined His Eminence and the Diocesan Council for dinner at a parishioner's home.

On Wednesday, October 16, His Beatitude presided at the opening Molieben, which was served by Archpriest Kirill Sokolov. Following the Molieben His Beatitude addressed the clergy and delegates. Archpriest Alexander Rentel, Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America, also made an address before the business of the Assembly began. Between sessions of the Assembly, His Beatitude had lunch with the clergy wives. Following Vespers that evening, a dinner was held in the church hall.

The next morning, October 17, His Beatitude presided at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Concelebrating with His Beatitude was His Eminence. Also serving were Archpriest Kirill Sokolov along with the district deans. The choir led by Archpriest Stephan Meholic sung the responses, with a small group of parishioners assisting.

His Beatitude delivered the homily where he reflected on our temptation to become like the Samaritans who did not receive the Lord as he "set His face toward Jerusalem" (Luke 9:51). His Beatitude challenged them saying, "The Lord, in setting his face for Jerusalem, is going to be crucified. And he calls us, his disciples, to take up our cross and follow him all the way to Golgotha. But so often, we shun that fate; we avoid our cross. We don't want to go to Jerusalem. We would prefer to shut ourselves up in the comfort of our homes and let the Lord pass us by."

Following the Liturgy, His Beatitude awarded Archpriest Matthew Tate the Order of St. Innocent, Silver Class, for his exceptional service to the Orthodox Church in America and Diocese of the West. Breakfast was served in the church hall before His Beatitude's departure.

On Friday, October 18, His Beatitude traveled to St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary where he presided at the Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Apostle and Evangelist Luke. The liturgy was served by Priest Vitaly Permiakov, administrator of St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary's Three Hierarchs Chapel.

On Saturday, October 19, at the invitation of His Eminence Archbishop Michael, Archbishop of New York and the Diocese of New York and New Jersey, His Beatitude visited St. Gregory the Theologian Church in Wappingers Falls, NY, to participate in the parish's 60th Anniversary celebrations. His Beatitude presided at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Concelebrating with him was His Eminence along with Archpriest Eric Tosi, Rector, Archpriest Gary Breton, and Archpriest John Hopko. Archpriest Joseph Lickwar, Diocesan Chancellor, was also in attendance. The choir was under the direction of Matushka Christina Tosi and included singers from St. Vladimir's Seminary.

In His Beatitude's homily, he explained that our disobedience to God is "not the rejection of arbitrary rules, but a rejection of the one who loves even unto death, who loves us more than we could ever love, who desires our good in a way that surpasses description." But, on the other hand, when we submit to Christ and His authority, "we come to realize that the reign and rule and kingdom of Christ are not so much over us, as in us" and "we experience liberation from the tyranny of sin that Christ won for us on the Cross."

At the conclusion of the Liturgy, the clergy and faithful went in procession to bless the new bell tower and founder's plaque. A festive luncheon followed. At the luncheon, a video documenting the first 60 years of the parish was shown, the town supervisor made a presentation, and Fr. Eric presented His Beatitude with a donation from the parish to the Diocese of Mexico.

**40 DAY REMEMBRANCE**

October 27– Mary Jane Puskas  
November 17– AP Vladimir Demshuk