



# The Weekly Forerunner

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church

301 Struthers Liberty Rd

Campbell, OH 44405

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest



**NOVEMBER Bulletin Sponsor**

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## **Liturgical & Events Schedule**

### **Sunday, November 3**

9:35 AM: Hours

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

### **Wednesday, November 6**

6:30 PM: Public City Council Meeting

### **Thursday, November 7**

11:00 AM: Mahoning Clergy Association Meeting

### **Friday, November 8**

9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy @ Archangel Michael in Broadview Heights

### **Saturday, November 9**

6:00 PM: Vespers / Confessions

### **Sunday, November 10**

9:35 AM: Hours

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

## **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://chickadeeswoodentoys.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://chickadeeswoodentoys.com/products/natural-wooden-building-block-set?srsltid=AfmBOooQwSexAcSRlovT-k\\_BmL75GEOB5uxVT1CJKqPQrukHw86q3MDy](https://chickadeeswoodentoys.com/products/natural-wooden-building-block-set?srsltid=AfmBOooQwSexAcSRlovT-k_BmL75GEOB5uxVT1CJKqPQrukHw86q3MDy))

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## 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.

**Mrs. Mary Fredericks**

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Campbell, OH 44405

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208 Ash Court  
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Boardman, OH 44512-5402

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2207 Birch Trail Blvd  
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8362 Van Dr.  
Poland, OH 44514

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488 Harmony Lane  
Campbell, OH 44405

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9190 Springfield Rd / Apt 17c  
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1285 Fairfax-Manor Dr  
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4030 Cascade Dr.  
Youngstown, OH 44511-3538

### 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9 (Epistle)

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

### Hieromartyrs Akepsimas, Bishop in Persia, Presbyter Joseph, and Deacon Aeithalas / Commemorated on November 3

Martyrs Akepsimas the Bishop, Joseph the Presbyter and Aeithalas (Aeithalás) the Deacon of Persia were leaders of the Christian Church in the Persian city of Naesson. His flock devotedly loved their hierarch for his ascetic life and tireless pastoral work.

The emperor Sapor ordered his men to seek out and kill Christian clergy. Saint Akepsimas also was arrested, even though he was already an eighty-year-old man. They took him to the city of Arbela, where he came before the judge Ardakh, a pagan priest of the sun god. The holy Elder refused to offer sacrifice to the Persian gods. For this he was fiercely beaten and thrown into prison, where on the following day the seventy-year-old priest Joseph and the deacon Aeithalas were severely beaten and thrown into jail with him. For three years the saints were held in confinement, and suffered from hunger and thirst. **Con't Pg 5**

## PRAYER LIST– Updated 10-29-24

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

**HIERARCHS & CLERGY:** AP James Gleason (Fr.) / Fr. Michael Rustic / Fr. Edward / Fr. Matthew Nyumu & his family & parish

**FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Mary Ann Bozichovich (Kennedy) / Patty Bozichovich (Vansuch) / Karen Debiec / Donna Chiarelli / Trudy Ellmore (Fr.) / Bruce Harris (Sabo) / Basil Glovinsky (Fr.) / Paula Kennedy / Joe Kollar (Fr.) / Andrew LaChard (Jesko) / Jonathan Leso (Fr.) / Mea Mahan / Mary Mahan / Pauline Meath (Fr.) / Matushka Raisa (Nicoloff) / Eugene Pallai / Teri Petroff (Fr.) / Chris Quotap (Fr.) / Joanna Shepelevich / Julia Shirilla / Bob Smrek (Sirilla) / Catherine Zile (Fr.) / Brian (Shirilla) / David (Willison) / Drew (Willison) / Eleanor Marie (Vansuch) / Ellen (Clark) / Ellen (Kessler) / Johanna (Tusinac) / Joseph (Vansuch) / Karen (Gemmel) / Karen (Vansuch) / Katherine (Steffaro) / Kathy (Kolesar) / Katie (Garrity) / Paul (Kolesar) / Paula (Voytilla) / Malakai (Kolesar) / Richard (Tusinac) / Emilia Yanitto

**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.

### November Celebrations

#### *Birthdays*

- 1 Fr John Zdinak
- 2 Melina Livosky
- 5 Maya Kubancsek
- 6 Geo Kennedy
- 11 Ethan Vansuch
- 13 Elliot Vansuch
- 14 Lynn Krause
- 16 Valerie Schutt
- 17 Mark Livosky
- 18 George Horodnic, Jr / George Horodnic
- 20 His Holiness Patriarch Kryill
- 24 Lara Wise (Polewan)
- 25 Michael Livosky Jr / Donna Lynn (Ruff) / Iris Konik / Geno Kennedy
- 30 Kristen Basala

#### *Anniversary*

- 13-2012 The Most Blessed Tikhon elected as Primate
- 15-1980 AB Nathaniel of Detroit

#### *Names Day*

- 8 Michael Centofanti / Michael Polewan / Michael Simko
- 14 Gary Thompson
- 16 Reader Matthew Vansuch
- 23 Alex Vansuch
- 24 Sherrie Fredericks
- 25 Retired Bishop Lazar of Ottawa
- 30 His Grace Bishop Andrei of Cleveland / AP Andrew Bartek

### FINAL OCTOBER FINANCIALS

Expenses	\$16,829.00
Income	<u>\$13,815.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><span style="color: red;">-\$3,014.00</span></b>

Weekly Tithe	\$11,181
Weekly Candles	\$352
Icon Screen / Eternal Light	\$100
Unneeded Gifts	\$25
Rubric Book Reimbursement	\$80
St. Herman's Candles	\$30
Coffee Hour	\$54
Wine	\$75
Incense	\$50
Altar Candles	\$50
BBQ Dinner reimbursement	\$457
Cemetery Reimbursement	\$832
Flowers	\$100
Wasko reimbursement of Calendars	\$385

Monthly Charity Collection: (Hurricane Relief) \$1,015

### FUNDRAISER FOR CHURCH CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK

We are asking the ladies of the church to donate 10 Dozen of one cookie from your secret Christmas cookie file for a walk on December 14th. Please see Cindy or Nancy for more details or to donate cookies.

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## NOVEMBER Candle & Bulletin Sponsors

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

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**Bulletin: OPEN**

**Wine: OPEN**

**Incense: OPEN**

**Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light:** In memory of Mary Kennedy on the occasion of your anniversary of repose— Given by Martha Centofanti & Sue Kennedy / In honor of our three Grandchildren Ava , Ethan & Elliot who are celebrating their birthdays Given by Reader Nick & Monica Vansuch

**Altar Candles:** For the health of Karen Debiec— Given by the Kennedy Family

**Tetrapod Candles:** For Health of Geno Kennedy on the Occasion of his birthday— Given by Kenney Family

**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:** For the Health of Geo Kennedy on the occasion of his birthday— Given by Kennedy Family

**Protection Icon Candles: OPEN**

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

**Flowers: OPEN**

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### \$50 per month

\*Wine  
\*Bulletin  
\*Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light  
\*Altar Candles  
\*Tetrapod Candles

### \$30 per month

\*St. Herman candles  
\*St. Panteleimon Icon candles  
\*Protection Icon candles  
\*St. John the Baptist candles

### \$25 per month

Incense

**Flowers** - \$50 for 2 weeks at a time— *Updated*

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### Luke 8:41-56 (Gospel)

And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace." While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

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### *Hieromartyrs Con't from pg 2*

Emperor Sapor came to the temple of the god of fire, located not far from Arbela, and wanted to take a look at the three holy martyrs. Exhausted and covered with festering wounds, the saints were brought before the emperor. When he asked them to worship the pagan gods they firmly refused, confessing their faith in Christ instead.

The holy bishop was beheaded, but the presbyter and deacon were taken into the city to be stoned.

The execution of the presbyter Joseph was prolonged for several hours. A guard was placed near the place of execution, so that Christians would not take the body of the holy martyr. On the fourth night a strong windstorm raged near the city, lightning killed the guard, the wind tossed stones about, and the body of Saint Joseph disappeared.

Deacon Aeithalas was taken to the village of Patrias, where he was stoned. Christians secretly buried his body. A tree grew on the saint's grave, and its fruit brought healings.

### OCTOBER CHARITY

St. Vladimir's Seminary

## NOVEMBER Reposed List

- Infant Kapsonris (1962) ©  
Maria Vaselas (1963) ©  
Eva Georgiades (1963) ©  
1- Still born Stalian (1920) ©  
1- Barbara Boyiazas (1931) ©  
1- Maria Vovlas (1962) ©  
2- Still born Volchko (1922) ©  
3- Efrosinia Melnik (1929) ©  
4- Myrna Tucci (1996) ©  
5- Fr. Peter Tutko (2021)  
5- Mary Pavoula (1948) ©  
5- Dan Shirilla (1963) ©  
5- Anna Pasco (1962) ©  
6- Edward Krajnak (1941) ©  
6- Simon Zografas (1947) ©  
6- Mary Feltovich (1963) ©  
7- Desiree Flaherty (1960)  
7- Helen Korchniak (1920) ©  
8- Anna Fesz (1980) ©  
8- Michael Puskas (2012) ©  
8- George Pacak (1931) ©  
8- Julia Stuller (1956) ©  
9- Walter Leshinsky (2012) ©  
9- Ann Liszka (2006) ©  
9- John Zanbetis (1930) ©  
10- Mary Billy (1934)  
10- Theodore Theodosiou (1957) ©  
11- Dorothy Bartek (2005)  
11- Protodeacon Dennis Lucak (2018)  
11- Matushka Helen Lucak (2018)  
11- Elias Maillis (1961) ©  
11- Charles Demetrios (1963) ©
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12- John Livosky (1946) ©  
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25- Luba Johnson (2020)  
25- Thelma Herman (1952) ©  
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26- Infant Xenakis (Still Born) (1963) ©  
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28- Michael Pogonis (1973) ©  
29- His Eminence Archbishop David from Alaska

### Stewards of the Orthodox Church in America Launch 2024 Annual Appeal

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon has designated November 17, 2024 as Steward Sunday for the Orthodox Church in America. This Sunday has been set aside to help support the work of the Orthodox Church in America through financial donations. These gifts fund the OCA's many ministries, departments, offices, boards, and mission work.

The donations the Stewards of the OCA receive goes directly to support the creation of the many resources and tools parishes rely on. These include the liturgical texts and music made available on a weekly basis, the Thriving in Ministry program from the Office of Pastoral Life, and new curriculums for Church School teachers. Please give generously to allow this important work to continue.

Donations can be made at [oca.org/donate](https://oca.org/donate)

Please visit [oca.org/stewards](https://oca.org/stewards) for more information on the Stewards of the Orthodox Church in America.

### Steward Sunday 2024 LETTER BY HIS BEATITUDE METROPOLITAN TIKHON

To the Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America,

My Beloved Children in the Lord,

Today, we in the Orthodox Church in America mark our annual Stewardship Sunday. In thanksgiving for all the benefits that we receive from the work of the departments of the Orthodox Church in America and its central administration, and for the sake of the ongoing missionary, liturgical, and educational work of the holy Church, the Holy Synod has designated this day as a day of support for the Stewards of the Orthodox Church in America, one of the primary sources of funding for our departments and their projects.

This designated day of stewardship very much fits the spirit of the present season. We are coming to the end of the harvest season in much of North America, and winter's cold will soon be upon us. **Con't Pg 7**

## St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary Opens Search for New President

St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary (SVOTS) is seeking applications for its next president, aiming to have the new leader in place by the summer of 2025. Academic Dean Dr Ionuț-Alexandru Tudorie will continue to serve as Interim President throughout the search process.

The Rt Rev. Archimandrite Jeremy Davis, Executive Chair of the Board of Trustees, said, "We are so grateful to Dr Tudorie for his humble leadership during this time of transition and his exemplary care and concern for students and employees at St Vladimir's. We trust that the seminary's Christ-centered, student-focused, and education-driven work will continue to be carried forward carefully and prayerfully under his stewardship."

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon chairs the president search committee, whose distinguished members each contribute unique expertise to the process:

Archimandrite Jeremy Davis, Trustee

Very Rev. Dr Philip LeMasters, Trustee

Dr Ana Iltis, Trustee

Dr Carla Thomas, Trustee

Dr Peter Bouteneff, Faculty

Rev. Dr Vitaly Permiakov, Faculty

St Vladimir's Seminary serves as a pan-Orthodox graduate institution under the canonical jurisdiction of the Orthodox Church in America dedicated to preparing future priests and church leaders. The seminary's programs hold accreditation from the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) in the United States and Canada and are registered with the New York State Education Department.

The president must be an Eastern Orthodox clergyman and will be expected to provide visionary leadership and collaborate closely with the Board of Trustees, faculty, and staff to advance the seminary's educational mission. As its chief executive officer, the new president will oversee all administrative functions, ensure effective financial management, and promote the seminary's mission within the broader Orthodox community and beyond. Key responsibilities will also include fostering a vibrant Orthodox Christian culture on campus, supporting the pastoral care of students and staff, and enhancing the seminary's visibility through advocacy and relationship-building with donors and partners.

Applications, nominations, and expressions of interest for this significant position can be sent to [presidential.search@svots.edu](mailto:presidential.search@svots.edu). Applications

received by November 30 will receive priority consideration; applications received after that date will be considered until the position has been filled. Candidates should submit a letter of interest highlighting their qualifications, along with a current curriculum vitae and the contact information of at least four references. All communications will be held in strict confidence.

For more information about St Vladimir's Seminary, please visit our website at [www.svots.edu](http://www.svots.edu).

## Canonical Procedures Conference Held in Burr Ridge, IL

Between October 21 and 24, 2024, a canonical procedures conference of the Orthodox Church in America was held in Burr Ridge, IL. The conference was hosted by His Eminence Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the Midwest and took place at St. Peter and St. Paul Church.

Earlier this year, the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in America requested that the conference be held as part of the process of reviewing, revising, and further developing ecclesiastical court procedures across the various dioceses of the OCA.

Daily sessions were led by His Eminence along with Archpriest Alexander Rentel, Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America. Topics included the history, development, and nature of ecclesiastical courts, the role of canon law in the life of the Orthodox Church, how courts are properly convened, and what documentation is necessary for proceedings.

On Wednesday, October 23, His Eminence presided at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Representatives from across most dioceses of the OCA gathered for the conference, which also included opportunities for fellowship.

## Monk Nicodemus (Kentop)

Monk Nicodemus (Kentop), 75, a monk at Saint Tikhon's Monastery, South Canaan, PA, fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, October 24, 2024.

Born December 7, 1948 in Brooklyn, New York, he was the son of the late John and Anna (Katzko) Kentop.

He is survived by his sister, Nina Petito of Monroe, NY.

Father Nicodemus was greatly beloved by many friends far and near and will be deeply missed.

The Funeral will be held on Friday, November 1, 2024 at 10:30 AM at Saint Tikhon's Monastery Church, 175 St. Tikhon's Road, Waymart, PA 18472.

Burial will be in the Monastery Cemetery.

<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	7
Liturgy	58 / 36	52 / 40
<b>5th week</b>		
Vespers	8	No 5th Week
Liturgy	70 / 43	

**Metro. Tikhon Con't from Pg 5**

At this culmination of the harvest, it has long been traditional to offer thanks for God's bounties with harvest fairs and festivals. Today, this custom continues: in Canada, the day of Thanksgiving is celebrated in October, and in the United States, we will celebrate Thanksgiving at the end of this month.

As we offer up thanks for material bounties during this autumn season, it is all the more appropriate that we also take time and thought to give thanks for God's many spiritual benefits, which we receive through his Church. After all, natural autumn is but a prefiguration of that great harvest at the end of the age, when the angels will thresh and winnow the inhabitants of the earth like wheat. The righteous will be stored up in the barns of God's eternal love, while the unrighteous, like harmful tares and worthless chaff, will be consigned to the everlasting flame of their own passionate desires and sinful inclinations (Mt. 3:12; Mt. 13:24-30, 36-43; Rev. 14:14-16).

Contemplating this great autumn of all mortal things, we recall the Lord's exhortation to store up our own treasures, not in earthly barns, but in heaven (Mt. 6:19-21). Therefore, it is most appropriate, on this Sunday in November, that we give generously to the Stewards of the OCA. Donations to the Stewards of the OCA go to support mission planting grants, youth and young adult ministry, the Department of Pastoral Life, the Department of Liturgical Music and Translation with its gamut of free resources for parish use, expanding educational and catechetical resources, and more.

The holy Tradition enjoins us to combine our fasting with charitable giving, and, at this outset of the Nativity Fast, we are given the opportunity to combine charitable giving with a concrete expression of thanksgiving to God by offering our support to the Stewards of the OCA. I exhort all of you to consider giving generously in support of the many missions of our Church's departments and in support of our common vision for the proclamation of the Gospel and the propagation of the holy Orthodox Christian faith in North America, unto the upbuilding of the everlasting kingdom of God and the salvation of many souls.

With gratitude for your generous support,  
And with my primatial blessing and prayers,  
Sincerely yours in Christ,

+TIKHON  
Archbishop of Washington  
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

**2024 - COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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- Natalia Simko (Council) (Cemetery issues)  
Phone- 330-980-3033

- Maintenance Issues:**  
Michael Simko - 330-565-0084  
Michael Centofanti - 330-544-3518

**40 DAY REMEMBRANCE**

November 17- AP Vladimir Demshuk  
December 1- Monk Nicodemus

**CHRISTMAS KOLACHI**

- Apricot, Nut & Poppyseed
- Cost: \$15.00
- Pick-up Dates: Thursday December 5 3-6pm
- Friday December 6: 3-6pm
- Deadline for orders: November 27<sup>th</sup>
- Call: 330-727-7323

## Some Gentle Reminders

**Bulletin:** Would you like to put something in the bulletin? Deadline is to submit by Wednesday morning

**Nativity:** Prepare your heart for The Nativity of Christ by coming to Confessions during the Fast.

**Parishioner:** What makes everyone members of the parish? Sacraments First. Tithing and gifts are necessary, but are secondary.

**2025 Pledge:** Please return the below 2025 pledge form to Father Andrew or the Church Office so we can properly prepare the 2025 Budget.. Deadline: December 1.

**Home Blessing:** Please consider having your homes blessed in January. Contact Father Andrew to set up a time. Home blessings will take place from January 6th through February 1st. (Bring Christ into your home for a good & real relationship with Him.).

**Christmas Flowers:** Would you like to help defray the cost of Christmas flowers? Cost: \$15/flower. It is a lovely way to remember or honor your loved ones during the Christmas Day Liturgy. Please give your intentions to either Father Andrew or Church Office.



### Give As You Have Been Blessed

*"You shall truly tithe all the increase... year by year. And you shall eat before the Lord your God... the tithe of your grain and your new wine... that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always" (Deuteronomy 14:22-23)*

#### 2025 Household Estimate of Giving

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ - weekly – biweekly – monthly - (circle one)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Annually

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*\*Please remember: if unforeseen hardships change your ability to give, you will not be held accountable to your original estimate. Simply speak with Fr. Andrew and different arrangements will be made. Conversely, if the Lord blesses you more than you had originally foreseen, feel free to give more than your estimate.\*\*

Return by December 1, 2024

*May our Lord God bless you as you follow His commands!*