



The Weekly Forerunner

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Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, December 15

9:35 AM: Hours

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Monthly Panachida / Christmas Taping (part of Yolka) / Special Social

Wednesday, December 18

5:30 PM: Pan-Orthodox Unction Service @ St. Mark's Antiochian in Youngstown

Saturday, December 21

5:00 PM: Confessions

6:00 PM: Vespers / Confession

Sunday, December 22

9:35 AM: Hours

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Social

Metropolitan Tikhon sends letter of support to Patriarch John X

On December 12, 2024, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon sent a letter to His Beatitude Patriarch John X of Antioch offering his support and prayers in midst of the turbulence and uncertainty unfolding in Syria.

Your Beatitude, beloved brother and concelebrant in the Lord's Mysteries,

Patriarch John X and Metropolitan Tikhon, October 2017

I write to convey my prayers and the prayers and solidarity of all the clergy and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America with the suffering Orthodox faithful of your See. During this time of uncertainty and strife, please be assured that we pray for Your Beatitude, your flock, all the Christians of Syria, and indeed all the people of Syria and the surrounding region. We entreat the Almighty God that he would send lasting peace, security, tranquility, harmony, and prosperity down upon Syria and her neighbors, and that he would always keep Your Beatitude and your flock firm in the holy Orthodox Faith, blamelessly and without fear of persecution.

Wishing Your Beatitude many blessed years,
Your in Christ,

+ TIKHON
Archbishop of Washington

Colossians 3:4-11 (Epistle)

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

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.).

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December 15- AB Peter from Chicago
January, 12- Eugene Pallai / Dennis Graban

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Matushka Olga’s Relics Uncovered in Kwethluk, AK

On November 15-16, 2024, clergy and faithful from across Alaska, the lower 48 states, and from other parts of the world gathered in the village of Kwethluk, AK for the uncovering of the relics of Matushka Olga. Led by His Grace Bishop Alexei of the Diocese of Sitka and Alaska, this event marks a significant step toward her upcoming glorification.

On November 16, amid frigid temperatures, the relics were uncovered as the Holy Gospel was read. Matushka Olga was then brought to St. Nicholas Church and her relics were transferred to a new reliquary prepared for her. The weekend culminated in an All-Night Vigil later that night and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy the next morning, presided over by His Grace.

A full account of the event is described below. Holy Matushka Olga pray to God for us!

The Uncovering of the Relics of Holy Matushka Olga

On November 15, 2024, in preparation for the forthcoming glorification of Tanqilria Arrsamquq, Saint Matushka Olga, clergy and faithful from across the Russian Orthodox Diocese of Sitka and Alaska, along with pilgrims from the lower 48 states and around the world,

traveled with His Grace Bishop Alexei, to the Yup’ik village of Kwethluk in the Kuskokwim region of Alaska for the uncovering of Saint Olga’s relics.

As His Grace remarked to the faithful, Matushka Olga has shown that she is not dead but living, alive in Christ, always ready to come to the aid of those who call upon her for help. Thus, it was meet and right for her holy relics to be taken from the womb of the earth in which they rested, and brought into the Church, where the faithful may readily come to pour out their hearts before her and to ask for her holy intercessions before our Lord Jesus Christ.

Matushka Olga’s sanctifying presence was felt palpably throughout the weekend’s proceedings. Similar to her burial, in which the tundra thawed, birds from the spring season appeared, and the saint was able to be laid to rest in the thawed ground, the weather for Matushka Olga’s uncovering was likewise guided by the Lord’s hand and her holy prayers, making possible that which would have otherwise been impossible.

The day before the pilgrimage to the village, the weather in the area was an impassable blizzard, raising concern that travel may not be possible for the uncovering. On the day of travel, however, the skies cleared, and dozens of planes were able to fly in with no trouble.

The first group of clergy and faithful to arrive **Con’t Pg 5**

PRAYER LIST

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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.

The Holy Synod of Bishops Announces the Upcoming Retirement of His Eminence Archbishop Benjamin

faithful of the Orthodox Church in America extend heartfelt gratitude for his ministry and ask God to grant him many years!

The Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America has announced the upcoming retirement of His Eminence Archbishop Benjamin, Archbishop of San Francisco and the West. In a letter read before the Synod at its recent session, His Eminence asked the Holy Synod to accept his retirement, taking effect on July 15, 2025, the second day of the 21st All-American Council in Phoenix, AZ. With gratitude for his many years of service, the Holy Synod received and accepted his letter, expressing their appreciation for His Eminence's tireless commitment to Christ's Church and the faithful of the Diocese of the West.

Throughout his archpastoral ministry, Archbishop Benjamin has been known for his devotion to pastoral care, education, and the liturgical life of the Church. After his ordination to the holy diaconate in 1987, he served faithfully in parish and educational ministries. After ordination to the holy priesthood, he served for a time in Alaska before becoming Chancellor of the Diocese of the West in 2004. He was elected to the episcopacy later that year and was consecrated as Bishop of Berkeley and later became Bishop of San Francisco in 2007. Elevated to the dignity of Archbishop in 2012, His Eminence served the Diocese of the West with dedication for many years. In 2021, His Eminence announced to the Diocese that he had been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. He has since continued his active travel schedule to be present as much as possible with the more than sixty parishes and missions and eight monasteries entrusted to his archpastoral care. In the last few years, the adult census of the Diocese has grown by 18%.

As he prepares for his retirement, the Holy Synod and

DECEMBER FINANCIALS	
Expenses	\$5,438.67
Income	<u>\$9,061.00</u>
TOTAL	+\$3,622.33
Weekly Tithe	\$6,334
Weekly Candles	\$244
Weekly Flowers	\$50
Christmas Flowers	\$195
Altar Candles	\$50
Christmas Offering	\$120
Christmas Card	\$180
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Monthly Charity Collection: (Zoe for Life– Cleveland)	\$437

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St. John the Baptist Candles: OPEN

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

Righteous Noah Commemorated on December 15

The Righteous Noah is mentioned in the Book of Genesis (chapters 5-9).

Seeing the wicked deeds of men, God decided to destroy man from the earth, and even cattle, reptiles, and birds. But Noah found favor with the Lord, Who spared him, his sons and their wives. Therefore, God commanded Noah to build an ark and take two pairs of every creature into it. Then it rained for forty days and nights, and men and animals perished in the flood. The water remained on the earth for 150 days, then God blessed Noah and his sons, telling them to increase and multiply (Genesis 9:7).

Through Noah's sons Shem, Ham and Japheth, the earth was repopulated, and God promised not to destroy the world by water again. Noah reposed at the age of 950 (Genesis 9:29). The ark is a figure of the Church, which is called the Ark of Salvation.

While speaking about the end of the world, the Savior told His disciples: "As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they did not know until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of man" (Matthew 24:37-39).

ATTENDANCE: A Comparison - <i>DECEMBER</i>	2023	2024
1st Week		
Vespers	7	No Vespers
Liturgy	52 / 35	52 Liturgy / 38
St Nicholas	23	Weather NO S.
2nd Week		
Vespers	15	13
Liturgy	67 / 37	65 / 50
3rd Week		
Vespers	16	
Liturgy	60 / 46	
4th Week		
Vespers	31	
Christmas Eve	95 / 53	
Christmas	79 / 52	
5th week		
Vespers	15	
Liturgy (NYE)	101 / 74	

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31- Robert LaVallee (2007)
31- Hermenegildo Guerrero (2018)
31- Mary Shirilla (1952) ©
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joined Father Vasily Fisher and the faithful of Saint Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church in Kwethluk to greet His Grace late Friday afternoon. A moleben was served to give thanks to the Lord for the hierarch's safe arrival, for the grace shown through His Saint Olga, and to entreat the Lord's blessing upon the work about to begin.

After the moleben, the faithful of Kwethluk demonstrated their Orthodox Christian and Yup'ik hospitality and love, with abundant feasts provided in honor of Tanqilria Arrsamquq for all the faithful gathered for her uncovering. Through the course of Friday and Saturday, dozens of charter planes made their way to Kwethluk to bring in the faithful from the Yukon-Kuskokwim region, all Alaska, and beyond.

On November 16, the day of her uncovering, the temperatures were frigid hovering around 17 degrees Fahrenheit, but in the Lord's mercy, the sky was covered with clouds, like a warm blanket stretched out by Matushka Olga's

Loving hands, bringing as much warmth and insulation to the cold day as possible. The winds were calmed, and the faithful were able to stand in prayer for hours on end as the priests labored with God-given strength to unearth the body of a saint.

Before beginning the work of unearthing her holy relics, Bishop Alexei and the faithful, brought to the Church by trucks, four-wheelers, and snowmachine, processed to Blessed Matushka Olga's grave where a panikhida was served in order to properly begin the uncovering.

After the panikhida, the labor of uncovering began with breaking through about six inches of frozen ground with ice picks, an axe, and shovels. His Grace presided over the blessed labors of the priests, who completed the work of unearthing the saint.

Throughout the labors, the Holy Gospels were read by Bishop Alexei and the priests, just as they are read at the burial of clergy, in the confection of chrism, and in the completion of other holy mysteries in the Church. Many remarked on being deeply moved during **Con't next Pg**

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December Celebrations

Birthday

- 1 Ileana Bruner / Thomas McDonald
- 3 Melanie Yannitto
- 4 Stephen Calzone / Hannah Willison
- 5 Ted Fesz / Mat. Laryissa Bremer
- 6 Paul Demkosky Sr
- 8 Nicholas Basile / John Koval
- 9 Alexis Jesko / Pauline Meath / Angie Dardovsky / John Koval
- 10 Karen Phillips
- 12 Nicholas Shirilla
- 13 Helen Colaluca
- 16 George Clark
- 17 Ann Cvercko
- 27 Claudia Moore
- 30 Jeff Stokely / Christina Adzima
- 31 Ken Krause

Anniversary

- 2-2023 His Grace Bishop Benedict Bishop of Hartford & New England
- 5-2004 AB Mark of Philadelphia & Eastern, PA
- 19-197 Retired Bishop Seraphim of Sendai
- 26 Anthony & Shelia Jesko, Jr.
- 31 Jimmy & Christine Billy

Names Day

- 4 Barbara Kolesar / Alex Vansuch
- 6 Nicholas Basile / Dr. Niicla Nicoloff / Reader Nick Vansuch / Mildred Wilfong
- 9 Ann Cvercko / Kelly Ann Ferrick / Annie Jesko / Sue Kennedy / Linda Livosky / Carol Ruff / Lynn Krause / Audrey Chengelis
- 15 Debbie Zelinsky
- 22 Nancy Tusinac
- 27 Stephen Simko
- 29 David Dionisio / Dc. David Gemmel / David Konik
- 31 Melanie Rusnak / Melanie Yannitto

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the reading of the Holy Gospels, as each word was so clearly fulfilled in the holy life of thrice-blessed Matushka Olga.

The clergy and faithful spent six hours, which felt like but a moment, standing and laboring on the cold Kwethluk day, warmed by their love for God and our beloved saint, and strengthened by her holy prayers. The priests tirelessly took turns breaking ground, digging, and reading the Holy Gospels, while the deacons censed, the altar servers tended to any and all needs, and the faithful supported all with prayer and other necessities.

As the priests reached more than six feet below the earth, the Lord's Triumphal Entry was read in the Gospel of Matthew. In God's Providence, just as the words, "Hosana in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord," were read, Matushka Olga's coffin

revealed itself. With awe-struck joy, the priests began to labor very carefully and slowly, and the Gospels continued to be read.

Earth was dug out from around the coffin, and ropes were tied to the handrails so that her coffin could be lifted out by the priests. As these final preparations were made, the Gospel reading had just reached the account of the Lord's Transfiguration in the Gospel of Mark. In this providential moment, Matushka Olga was revealed to us even as our Lord was revealed before James, Peter, and John, before the Prophets Moses and Elijah, for she too was a bearer of the uncreated glory of God and we in that sacred tent could all say, "it is good to be in this place."

As the account of the Lord's Transfiguration ended, so too did the preparations for bringing up Saint Olga. The final rope was tied, and the priests began to labor to bring up the saint. The coffin was brought up, and all the faithful and priest began singing solemnly "Gospodi pomilui," (Lord have mercy). When she had been lifted from grave, His Grace led the solemn procession back to Saint Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church with the gospel at the forefront followed by the censing deacons and the laboring priests as all sang "Svyati Bozhe, Svyati Krepki, Svyati Besmertni pomilui nas" (Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal have mercy on us).

Once at the Church, Saint Olga was brought into the nave, where the doors were shut, in the same manner that the curtain of the Royal Doors is drawn, and the Holy Gifts are prepared by the hands of the priest behind the iconostas. The faithful waited with prayerful anticipation and the singing of hymns behind the closed doors in the narthex began, while His Grace worked with the priests in the nave to transfer Matushka Olga's holy relics from the coffin into the newly-fashioned reliquary. The holy relics were carefully and lovingly moved into the beautiful casket made by the nuns from Holy Assumption Monastery in Calistoga California. On the casket is carved an image of the saint with the inscription, "Tanqilria Arrsamquq, Saint Olga, Matushka of All Alaska."

After Blessed Matushka Olga was resting and covered in the new reliquary, His Grace went to greet the faithful in the narthex to announce with joy that, by Saintly Matushka Olga's holy prayers, the work had been completed. The faithful then processed into the nave with tears of joy to come and offer their prayers and thanks to God and His newly uncovered saint.

Although the coffin had collected rain water, submersing her holy relics for years, there was no odor or smell of decay. It was noted by the deacon medical doctor present that the absence of an odor was itself miraculous. Although the garments she was wearing had decomposed, her head covering remained, sanctified by her prayers and deep Orthodox piety. Her medal of Saint Herman of Alaska was also present along with her baptismal cross.

The day's joyful labors were followed by a glorious All-Night Vigil that evening and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy the following morning.

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Matushka Marie Meyendorff

Marie Olga Meyendorff (née Mojaïsky), widow of Protospesbyter John Meyendorff (+1992) fell asleep in the Lord in Bethesda, MD, on Sunday, November 24, 2024, at the age of 95. Born in Paris, she grew up in the large Russian community in France in the period between the two World Wars. Her father, Alexis Mojaïsky, was born in Kiev, fought in the White Army after the Bolshevik Revolution, then completed his education as a chemical engineer in France. Her mother Olga (née Weriguine), was born in Yalta (Crimea) and eventually settled in France after escaping from Communist Russia. She was an avid gardener, poet, and produced countless silk-embroidered icons, including the plaschianitsa (epitaphion) at the Saint Vladimir's Seminary Chapel.

Marie grew up in various cities in France, moving with her family as her father took different job assignments. She was an active participant in church life, including the Orthodox Youth Movement, which was where she met her future husband. They first met each other by accident on the Paris Metro. After a brief courtship, they were married in January 1950 at the chapel of the Saint Sergius Orthodox Theological Institute in Paris. In the following years, Marie gave birth to four children, Paul (1950), Serge (1951), Elizabeth (1955), and Anna (1959). During those years in Paris, her husband John was completing his doctoral studies at the University of Paris (Sorbonne) and teaching at the Saint Sergius Institute.

In the fall of 1959, at the invitation of Father Alexander Schmemmann, then Acting Dean of Saint Vladimir's Seminary, the newly ordained Father John, Marie, and the four children sailed to America, where Father John took up a teaching position at the seminary. The move was difficult for Marie, as she had to leave behind all her family and friends and did not know the English language. Conditions at the seminary were spartan at the time, and the family of six had to live in a small, two-bedroom apartment on Broadway on the Upper West Side of New York. She learned English quickly, but kept her distinctive French accent to the end of her life.

In 1962, the seminary moved to its present location in the Crestwood section of Yonkers. Here, Marie immersed herself in family and seminary life. She interacted with student and faculty families, often helping with students' children, and sewing more than one wedding dress for student marriages. During the long summer breaks, the family traveled north to Lake Labelle in Quebec, where they rented and eventually purchased a lakefront cottage. Marie loved to swim, take long hikes in the woods, often guided by only a compass, forage for wild mushrooms, and especially spend time with the seven grandchildren with whom she was eventually blessed. Her time in Labelle was always a welcome relief from the constant hustle and bustle of

the seminary and New York.

After Father John's untimely death in 1992, Marie remained near the seminary, where she faithfully continued to attend the chapel. She remained active as the Director of the Orthodox Christian Adoption Referral Service (OCARS), an organization founded through her initially informal efforts in facilitating adoptions of children for a number of Orthodox families. She was also a member of the Board of Directors for Religious Books for Russia (RBR), a non-profit that aimed to publish and distribute books in Russia before and after the fall of Communism in 1991.

Marie is survived by her brother Michael (Nina) in France, by her children Paul (Peg), Serge, Elizabeth Myers, Anna Meyendorff, seven grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

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The hymns were sung with palpable joy in Yup'ik, Slavonic, and English. Many commented that the joy felt could only be described as "just like Pascha."

Following the Divine Liturgy, another extravagant feast was offered by the village, with all gathered in the commons of the Ket'acik & Apaalluk Memorial School in Kwethluk. The festivities were brought to completion through yuraq (traditional song and dance) provided by a Yup'ik dance group.

Truly, "God is wonderful in His saints" (Ps. 67:35). As through her holy, Christ-filled life, and in her unceasing labors of love for those in need after her repose, so also in the work of her uncovering, Tanqilria Arrsamquq, Saint Matushka Olga, showed that she is truly Yup'ik, a 'real person', in the image and likeness of Christ, whose heart holds within it the whole world. She, like the Most Pure Theotokos, is a true mother: to all the children of Kwethluk, to all the children of Alaska, to all persons in all the world.

Holy Matushka Olga, pray to God for us!

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FIRST ANNUAL HOLY NIGHT SUPPER FOR THEOPHANY

This year we are going to try to establish a new holy tradition at St. John's.

We are going to have a Holy Night supper on Sunday, January 5 at 4:30 PM in the social hall. At 6:00 PM there will be Vigil and the Great Blessing of Water upstairs.

This will be just like Christmas Eve Holy night Supper. There will be 12 courses.

Please sign up at the Candle desk or see Nancy for further information. I hope and pray this can become part of the traditions here at the parish. FR. Andrew

INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR COUNCIL?

If anyone is interested in running for council, please see Fr. Andrew ASAP.

In 2018 Archbishop Paul made it mandatory that any potential council member be vetted and have a background check before they could be presented for nomination. Obviously, that cannot happen on the day of a meeting. Therefore, there will not be any nominations from the floor.

One needs to be in good standing in the church. Regular confession (at least 4 times a year & frequent communion.

Luke 14:16-24 (Gospel)

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

Christmas Flowers

Your loved one's name (living and/or deceased) will be remembered at the Christmas Liturgy. Cost: \$15 per flower. Please give names to the Church Office or Father Andrew directly.

Fredericks, Sherrie (2 Flower)

- ◆ In memory of my dad Robert Fredericks
- ◆ For the Health of my mother Mary

Fredericks, Mary (1 Flower)

- ◆ In memory of my parents Naume & Mary Evanoff

Bartek, V.R. Andrew (10 Flowers)

- ◆ In memory of my Ordaining Hierarch His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas, AB Paul, His Grace Bishops John & Matthias
- ◆ In memory of My parents George & Dorothy & all my family & friends
- ◆ In memory of the diptychs of the parish including John Shirilla killed in action & all the priests who served this parish (Priest: Theodore Kulchitsky, Daniel Kreshko, Joseph Dvonchik, Isadore Salko, Peter Honchok, Michael Ugrin, Nicholas Yuschak & Archpriests: Michael Kostyk, Nicholas Vansuch, John Psinka
- ◆ All the military who lost their lives defending the freedoms of this country will still observe
- ◆ For the Health of all our parishioners & their families especially the former Priests who served here, Archpriest John Steffaro, Archpriest Andrew Nelko; for the parish council; all the organizations of this parish; and all those on our prayer list
- ◆ For the Health of the Campbell City Hall, all the residents & businesses of this City, including the Fire Department: Stephen, David, Evan, Greg, Robert, Steve, Bryan, Nick
- ◆ For the health of all my friends & family especially my 5 God-children
- ◆ For the health of all the active military especially those in harm's way and away from their families
- ◆ For the health of all who are homeless, depressed, lonely and all those in need of God's mercy
- ◆ For the Health of the entire Diocese, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, Chancery staff, all my former parishes & their parishioners and my home parish

Jesko Family (2 flowers)

- ◆ -In memory of Kathleen Mahar & Anne Jesko

Kiolesar Family (2 flowers)

- ◆ -In memory of Hary Sveda & Olga Sveda

Cverko Family (3 flowers)

- ◆ In memory of Andrew Cvercko
- ◆ In memory of Andrew & Anna Cvercko
- ◆ In memory of Morris & Antonia Pecuszok

Gozur Family (1 flower)

- ◆ In memory of our parents Stevlana and Steve Gozur

Zenko Family (1 flower)

- ◆ In memory of my mom Charlotte & my uncle Andy