



The Weekly Forerunner

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church

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**JANUARY Bulletin Sponsor– In memory of my grandfather Michael Pasloskey
Given by Natalia Simko**

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, January 12

9:35 AM: Hours

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Panachida for
Sub-deacon John Zelina, Helen Demshuk & AP
Vladimir Demshuk / SOCIAL (open - if interested
contact Fr. Andrew or Nancy T.)

Noon: Annual Sisterhood Christmas Party

Tuesday, January 14

11:00 AM: Orthodoxy 101 Class

Wednesday, January 15

6:30 PM: City Council Meeting

Thursday, January 16

11:00 AM: Book Club

Saturday, January 18

6:00 PM: Vespers

Sunday, January 19

9:35 AM: Hours

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Monthly Panichda /
Social by Sisterhood / Choir Rehearsal)

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT ANNUAL MEETING Sunday, February 2, 2025

The Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, February 2 following the Liturgy. The Hours will begin at 9:10 AM followed by Divine Liturgy at 9:30AM.

Following Liturgy there will be a brief meal in the basement with the meeting to hopefully begin at 11:00 AM in the Church. Clean-up needs to be complete by the time of the meeting.

This year everyone can pick up the Annual Meeting packets at the Candle desk.

Matthew 4:12-17 (Gospel, Sunday After)

Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Ephesians 4:7-13 (Epistle, Sunday After)

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." (Now this, "He ascended" – what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

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PLEASE KEEP OUR ELDERS OF THE CHURCH & SHUT-INS IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

Martyr Tatiana of Rome, and those who suffered with her Commemorated on January 12

The Holy Virgin Martyr Tatiana was born into an illustrious Roman family, and her father was elected consul three times. He was secretly a Christian and raised his daughter to be devoted to God and the Church. When she reached the age of maturity, Tatiana decided to remain a virgin, betrothing herself to Christ. Disdaining earthly riches, she sought instead the imperishable wealth of Heaven. She was made a deaconess in one of the Roman churches and served God in fasting and prayer, tending the sick and helping the needy.

When Rome was ruled by the sixteen-year-old Alexander Severus (222-235), all power was concentrated in the hands of the regent Ulpian, an evil enemy and persecutor of Christians. Christian blood flowed like water. Tatiana was also arrested, and they brought her into the temple of Apollo to force her to offer sacrifice to the idol. The saint began praying, and suddenly there was an earthquake. The idol was smashed into pieces, and part of the temple collapsed and fell down on the pagan priests and many pagans. The demon inhabiting the idol fled screeching from that place. Those present saw its shadow flying through the air.

Then they tore holy virgin's eyes out with hooks, but she bravely endured everything, praying for her tormentors that the Lord would open their spiritual eyes. And the Lord heard the prayer of His servant. The executioners saw four angels encircle the saint and beat her tormentors. A voice was heard from the heavens speaking to the holy virgin. Eight men believed in Christ and fell on their knees before Saint Tatiana, begging them to forgive them their sin against her. For confessing themselves Christians they were tortured and executed, receiving Baptism by blood.

The next day Saint Tatiana was brought before the wicked judge. Seeing her completely healed of all her wounds, they stripped her and beat her, and slashed her body with razors. A wondrous fragrance then filled the air. Then she was stretched out on the ground and beaten for so long that the servants had to be replaced several times. The torturers became exhausted and said that an invisible power was beating them with iron rods. Indeed, the angels warded off the blows directed at her and turned them upon the tormentors, causing nine of them to fall dead. They then threw the saint in prison, where she prayed all night and sang praises to the Lord with the angels.

A new morning began, and they took Saint Tatiana to the tribunal once more. The torturers **Con't pg 4**

PRAYER LIST– Updated 1-3

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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.

ATTENDANCE: A Comparison - DECEMBER	2023	2024
1st Week		
New Years Day	19	Father on Vacation
Vespers	None	6
Theophany Supper	None	18
Theophany Vigil	9	29
Liturgy	Not recorded	43 / 24
Theophany Liturgy	9	Weather– Can- celed
2nd Week		
Vespers	8	
Liturgy	55 / 38	
3rd Week		
Vespers	6	
Liturgy	33 / 22	
4th Week		
Vespers	None-Weather	
Liturgy	50	
5th week		
Vespers	10	
Liturgy	50 / 39	

JANUARY Celebrations

Birthday

- 1- Beth Hull
- 2 Stella Jane Zelinsky
- 3 Terri Konik
- 6 Karen Simko / Faith Simko
- 7 Lueleta Dardovski / Luke Clark / Charles Wilfong
- 10 Elizabeth Willison
- 11 Ronald Allen Fredericks
- 12 Patricia Pethtel
- 14– Nobby Kennedy
- 15 James Bufalini / Ron Luthern
- 19 Balaci Kristian / Nicola Nicoloff
- 21 Andrea Stokley
- 22 Stephen Elash / Lorraine Livosky
- 23 Susan Beskid
- 25 Frank Batura
- 26 Mildred Wilfong
- 30 Nadine Todessa
- 31 Julie Dardovski

Anniversary

- 01-02-05 Diaconate Ordination of AP Andrew Bartek
- 16-2023 His Grace Nikodhim Bishop of Boston & Albanian Diocese
- 24-2015 AB Daniel of Chicago & the Diocese of the Mid-west
- 25-2020 His Grace Bishop Alexis Bishop of Sitka & Alaska
- 26- Fr. James Gleason Anniversary to the Holy Priest-hood

Names Day

- 2 Retired Bishop Seraphim of Sendai / Julia Simko

JANUARY Candle & Bulletin Sponsors

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

Bulletin: OPEN

Wine: Donated by Linda Livosky

Incense: Donated by Linda Livosky

Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light: For the health Of Mildred Wilfong on the occasion of her 89th birthday – Given by Michele Basile

Altar Candles: In memory of sub-deacon John Zelina– Given by Maureen Koval

Tetrapod Candles: In memory of my husband Robert Kennedy on his birthday– Given by Sue Kennedy / Kindness showed from the Vansuch families– Given by the Gemmel 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: In honor of my grandson Bobby Kennedy on his birthday- FGiven by Sue Kennedy / For the Health & salvation to the Presbyter Andrew- Given By Deacon David

Protection Icon Candles: In memory of my mother– Given by Sue Kennedy / For the Health & salvation to Deacon James– Given by Deacon David

St. John the Baptist Candles: In memory of my brother William Karr– Given by Carol Ruff / For the health & Salvation to the choir master DR. Nick, the choir, all parishioners, family & friends– Given by Deacon David

Flowers: In memory of sub-deacon John Zelina– Given by Maureen Koval

<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		

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beheld with astonishment that after such terrible torments she appeared completely healthy and even more radiant and beautiful than before. They began to urge her to offer sacrifice to the goddess Diana. The saint seemed agreeable, and they took her to the heathen temple. Saint Tatiana made the Sign of the Cross and began to pray. Suddenly, there was a crash of deafening thunder, and lightning struck the idol, the sacrificial offerings and the pagan priests.

Once again, the martyr was fiercely tortured. She was hung up and scraped with iron claws, and her breasts were cut off. That night, angels appeared to her in prison and healed her wounds as before. On the following day, they took Saint Tatiana to the circus and loosed a hungry lion on her. The beast did not harm the saint, but meekly licked her feet.

As they were taking the lion back to its cage, it killed one of the torturers. They threw Tatiana into a fire, but the fire did not harm the martyr. The pagans, thinking that she was a sorceress, cut her hair to take away her magical powers, then locked her up in the temple of Zeus.

On the third day, pagan priests came to the temple intending to offer sacrifice to Zeus. They beheld the idol on the floor, shattered to pieces, and the holy martyr Tatiana joyously praising the Lord Jesus Christ. The judge then condemned the valiant sufferer to be beheaded with a sword. Her father was also executed with her,

because he had raised her to love Christ.

The Relics of Saint Tatiana in Craiova

The honorable head of the Holy Martyr Tatiana was first brought to Romania in 1204, when members of the ruling family (Asanestan dynasty) placed it in a church in Tarnovo (Bulgaria) and then in Bucovat Monastery (near Craiova). Later, however, in 1393, the head of the Saint was taken to a church in the town of Nicaea (where the First Ecumenical Synod met), and then to Constantinople, and placed in the Church of the Holy Apostles.

In 1453, after the conquest of Constantinople by the Turks, during the reign of Neagoe Basarab, the Craiovești boyars brought the head of the holy Martyr Tatiana to this country, as well as the entire body of Saint Gregory the Decapelite (November 20), which they placed in the church of Bistrița Monastery. From that monastery, the relics of Saint Tatiana were taken by Saint Neagoe Basarab (September 15) and brought to the royal church at Curtea de Argeș. Later, with the reorganization of the Metropolitan Church of Oltenia (1950-1955), the honorable skull of Saint Tatiana was taken from Curtea de Argeș and brought to the Episcopal Cathedral of Râmnicu Vâlcea in 1955. Finally, the honored relics were permanently enshrined in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Craiova.

Today, the holy relics of Saint Tatiana are kept, with great honor, in the Metropolitan Cathedral of the Holy Great Martyr Demetrios in Craiova, in the same reliquary with the relics of Saint Niphon of Constantinople (August 11), and the Holy Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus (October 7).

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2- Nicholas Bohac (1921) ©
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Informational Presentation on Human Trafficking

An informational presentation on Human
Trafficking will take place:

When: Saturday, January 18 from Noon till 2

Where: St Demetrios Community Center
3223 Atlantic St., NE, Warren, OH
Free Admission & open to the public & re-
freshments

40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

January, 12– Eugene Pallai / Dennis Graban

February 2– Mike Dubinka / Pani Joan Mahler /
Dorthy Sudak

February 9– Frank Kusky / Noreen Moderalli / Sub-
Deacon Vladimir (Walter) Rusnak

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JANUARY FINANCIALS

Expenses	\$0
Income	\$0
TOTAL	\$0
Weekly Tithe	\$0
Weekly Candles	\$0

Monthly Charity Collection: OCMC (Support a Mission Priest)

NOTE: Due to illness, the financials were not done this past week.

True Blessings

25% of the parish attended the First Annual Holy Night Supper

39% attended the Theophany Vigil & the Great Blessing of Water. What a true blessing it was.

FR. Andrew

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Tony Jesko, Jr. for being appointed by Governor Dewine to be on the Ohio Oil and Gas Commission. What a true honor and privilege. Many Years!

Some things to think about

“Although more people are more educated today than in the past, common sense is often lacking, and we have not necessarily become more intelligent.”

— *Eugenia Scarvelis Constantinou*, [Thinking Orthodox: Understanding and Acquiring the Orthodox Christian Mind](#)

“proliferation of armchair theologians is a lack of piety. I am more educated than my ancestors, but I am certain that my mother and grandmothers far surpassed me in piety, devotion, faith, and wisdom. Our culture is coarse. The fear of God is absent from public discourse.”

— *Eugenia Scarvelis Constantinou*, [Thinking Orthodox: Understanding and Acquiring the Orthodox Christian Mind](#)

Volume IV - Spirituality Orthodox Spirituality

The Devil

The scriptures and the lives of God’s saints bear witness to the existence of the devil. The devil is a fallen bodiless spirit, an angel created by God for His service and praise. Together with the devil are his hosts of wicked angelic powers who have rebelled against the goodness of God and seek to pervert and destroy God’s good creation.

How are you fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, Day Star, son of Dawn!

And the angels which did not keep their own position but left their proper dwelling have been kept by him in eternal chains in the nether gloom until the judgment of the great day . . . (Jude 6, cf. 2 Pet 2.4).

. . . the devil and satan, the deceiver of the world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him (Rev 12.9).

In the New Testament the Lord Jesus speaks of the devil whom He called “prince of this world” (Jn 12.31, 14.30, 16.11) in this way:

He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks according to his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies (Jn 8.44).

The devil and his multitude of evil spirits, “the principalities . . . the powers . . . the world rulers of this present darkness . . . the spiritual hosts of wickedness in heavenly places” (Eph 6.12) war against man seeking to destroy him by ensnaring him in sin.

Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour (1 Pet 5.8).

Christ has destroyed the power of the devil. He came into the world precisely for this reason. If one is “in Christ” he is led out of temptation and delivered from the evil one. If one is in Christ, the evil, who is also called Satan, which means the Adversary who “disguises himself as an angel of light” (2 Cor 11.14), cannot deceive or harm him. To be victorious over the alluring and deceiving temptations of the devil is the goal of spiritual life.

READER SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2025

January 12- Reader Matthew Vansuch

January 19– Reader Nick Vansuch

January 26—Robert Willison