The Weekly Forerunner

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church

301 Struthers Liberty Rd
Campbell, OH 44405

JANUARY Bulletin Sponsor
In memory of my loving husband George Kolesar– Given by Barbara Kolesar

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, February 1
9:15-9:45 AM: Confessions by app't
9:35 AM: Hours
10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Panachida for George Kolesar / Social
11:30 AM: Vespers w/ Litya / Social

Monday, February 2
9:00 AM: Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, February 4
7:30 PM: Public City Meeting

Saturday, February 7
3:15-3:45 PM: Confessions by app't
4:00 PM: Vespers

Sunday, February 8
8:35 AM: Hours
9:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Social
11:00 AM: Annual Parish Meeting

Annual Meeting - Announcement #2

This is the second announcement concerning the Annual Meeting of St. John Orthodox Church to take place following Liturgy on Sunday, February 8 at 11:00 AM.

TIME OF LITURGY CHANGE

The time of Liturgy on the Annual Meeting day will be:

Hours @ 8:35 AM

Liturgy @ 9:00 AM

ANNUAL MEETING PACKETS

To save time & money, this year the Financial Reports will be emailed to everyone. Please print them out and bring them to the meeting. The rest of the reports will be provided at the meeting.

Candle Price Increase Beginning February 1

- ◊ Glass candles that are taken home - $7 each.
- ◊ A case of candles - $84.
- ◊ Vigils lit in church - $5 each.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

MESSAGE FROM OUR ARCHBISHOP DANIEL

Beloved in the Lord,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from His only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

In these days, our hearts are heavy as we witness civil unrest in the city of Minneapolis, and the deep distress that weighs upon many communities throughout our nation. When fear, anger, and suspicion take root, they wound not only those in the public square but also the inner life of the human person. As shepherds and faithful alike, we must not allow turmoil to harden our hearts or diminish our love for one another.

The Church has always responded to such moments not first with argument, but with prayer—prayer that lifts the burden of suffering to God, prayer that softens what has grown rigid, prayer that opens a path toward repentance, reconciliation, and peace. I therefore ask every parish, every household, and every believer to set aside time for earnest prayer in the days ahead.

Let us pray for those who are frightened, for those who are angry, for those who feel unheard, and for those whose trust has been broken. Let us pray for civic leaders and all entrusted with responsibility, that they may be guided by wisdom, restraint, and a sincere desire for the common good.

Let us pray especially that the Lord will quiet the passions that inflame division and will protect all who dwell in places marked by unrest. ***Con't Pg 4***

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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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS—SAVE THE DATE !

FEBRUARY

- ◊ February 8: Church Annual Meeting. Liturgy will begin @ 9:00 AM. Brief social w/ sandwiches & chips. Meeting begins @ 11 AM. Free will offering
- ◊ February 15: Meatfare Pot-luck Social. Bring your favorite meat dishes. (Last day to eat meat until Pascha).
- ◊ February 22: Cheesefare Pot-luck Social. Bring your favorite dairy dishes. (Last day of dairy until Pascha)
- ◊ February 23: Beginning of the Great Fast

JANUARY FINANCIALS

Expenses	$13,209.71
Income	$10,235.70
TOTAL	**-$2,974.01**
Weekly Tithe	$8,704.70
Weekly Candles	$484.00
Unneeded Gifts	$120.00
Rubric Books	$120.00
Fr. Andrew's Pension	$650.00
Altar Candles	$50.00
Tetrapod Candles	$50.00
Coffee Hour	$32.00
Monthly Flowers	$25.00
Monthly Charity: OCMC	$386.00

FEBRUARY

Reader Schedule
February 1– George Horodnic
February 8– Dc. Jimmy Hryb
February 15-Proto. Dc David Gemmel
February 22– Natalia Simko

Charity Collection
OCMC - Cleveland Deanery

Social
February 1– O Club
February 8– Annual Meeting Social by officers
February 15– Meatfare Potluck
February 22– Cheesefare Potluck

FEBRUARY Candle & Bulletin Sponsors

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

Bulletin: OPEN
Wine: OPEN
Incense: **OPEN**
Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light: In memory of my Grandmother Justina Popodich—Given by AP Andrew B.
Altar Candles: In memory of His Eminence Metropolitan Orestes (Carpo-Russian) —Given by AP Andrew B
Tetrapod Candles: OPEN
St. Herman Candles: Commemorating all who participate in the maintenance of the church, the teachers, singers and 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: OPEN
Monthly Flowers: In memory of my family and friends– Given by AP Andrew B

$50 per month	$30 per month	$25 per month
*Wine	*St. Herman candles	Incense
*Bulletin	*St. Panteleimon Icon candles	Flowers– **NEW UPDATED PRICE / DECREASED**
*Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light	*Protection Icon candles	
*Altar Candles	*St. John the Baptist candles	
*Tetrapod Candles		

FEBRUARY Celebrations

Birthday

2- Dorothy Shirilla
3- Sonia Tsvetkoff / David Dionisio
4- Nathaniel Bremer
5- Zoland Zile
6- Alex Zarynow / Karen Simko
10- Mat. Pauline Gemmel / Fr. Eli Bremer
11- Lidija Arvan / Marcy Kubancsek / Cindy Ferrick
12- Fr. James Gleason
13- Dc. James Hryb
14- Mat Ann Lardas
15- Martha Centofanti
16- Carol Ruff / Jo Ann Kalantzis / Deena Vansuch
17- Nadine Sabo
19- Shelly Nicoloff / Vitaly Muzyka
20- Julianna Kusinski
22- Joey Clark
24- Marc Elash
25- Sandra Bufalini / Robert Willison
26- Andy Basile / Pani Bernadette Zarynow
28- George J Rusnak

Anniversary

1-2020- His Grace Bishop Andrei of Cleveland
9-69 AP John Steffaro (Priestly ordination)
13- John & Maureen Koval
14-2004- The Most Blessed Tikhon Consecration as Bishop
28- Michael & Natalia Simko

Names Day

6-Dorothy Shirilla
8- Cindy Ferrick
28-Maureen Koval

ATTENDANCE: A Comparison - *JANUARY*	2025	2026
1st Week		
Circumcision	No Service	No Service
Vespers	6	10
Lit. / Communion	43 /24	50 / 33
Theophany Eve Lit	No Service	9 / 5
Theophany Vigil	29	18
Theophany Liturgy	Weather Canceled Service	16 / 9
2nd Week		
Vespers	6	10
Lit. / Communion	55 / 33	43 / 28
3rd Week		
Vespers	6	9
Liturgy / Communion	42 / 20	46 / 28
4th Week		
Vespers	8	10
Lit / Communion	59 / 43	Weather
Feast of 3 Hierarchs Vespers	6	Weather
Feast of 3 Hierarchs Liturgy	14	Weather
5th Week		
	No Record	No Record

ARCHBISHOP'S MESSAGE CON"T FROM PG 1

Above all, let us pray for the healing of enmity, for hostility is a spiritual illness that cannot be cured by force or rhetoric, but only by the grace of God. In this spirit, I offer the following prayer, drawn from the mind of the Church and her Book of Needs, for use in our homes and parishes:

O Lord our God, who are rich in mercy and compassionate in Your love for mankind, look down with kindness upon Your servants. Remove from our hearts all bitterness, wrath, and remembrance of wrongs.

Quench every spark of hatred, dissolve every bond of enmity, and plant within us the spirit of peace and mutual understanding. Grant that we may not seek our own will, but learn to bear one another's burdens in humility and truth. Heal those divided from one another, reconcile those at odds, and make us instruments of Your peace, for You are the Giver of concord and the Savior of our souls, and to You we give glory, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Beloved, the work of peace begins in the heart. May our prayer become repentance, our repentance become love, and our love become a quiet witness to the kingdom of God in the midst of a troubled world.

With archpastoral love and prayer,

DANIEL

Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest

FUNDRAISER FOR CARMELA CIRCELLI & FAMILY

Sunday, February 15—12 noon to 3pm
at St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Hall
405 Robinson Rd, Campbell
Chicken Parm Dinner-$15
Pasta & Meatball Dinner- $10
Eat in or take out.
Basket—Auction prizes—Meet beautiful Carmela.

Carmela, age 3, is the youngest daughter of Sarah & Patsy Circelli & sister of Maria & Dominic. The Circelli Family reside in Lowellville. She was born with Atrial Septal Defect, a congenital heart anomaly (hole in the heart). St. Michael's Parish Family would like to help the Circelli Family defray some of the expenses incurred during and after surgery in closing the ASD.

For dinner tickets contact Annette: 330-540-4334 or tickets available at entry.

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon at the 2026 March for Life

On January 22- 23, 2026, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon participated in the annual March for Life events in Washington, DC. Accompanying His Beatitude were Archpriest Alessandro Margheritino, Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America, and Priest David Bozeman, Secretary of the Orthodox Church in America.

On the evening of Thursday, January 22, His Beatitude attended the Mass for the National Prayer Vigil at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC. Joining His Beatitude were His Eminence Archbishop Melchisedek of Pittsburgh, His Eminence Archbishop Michael of New York, and His Grace Bishop Andrei of Cleveland, along with other hierarchs from the Assembly of Bishops, led by His Grace the Right Reverend Irinej, Bishop of Washington-New York and Eastern America of the Serbian Orthodox Church. Following the service, His Grace hosted a dinner for the other hierarchs, clergy, and other guests.

On the morning of Friday, January 23, His Beatitude attended the Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Cathedral along with bishops, clergy and faithful from across the Orthodox Church in America. Also in attendance was His Grace Bishop Nektarios of Diokleia, Chancellor of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Following the Liturgy, a breakfast reception was held before the beginning of the March for Life.

The gathering for the March for Life Rally began at 12:00 PM at the National Mall. The assembled hierarchs gathered to offer the opening prayer, given by His Grace Irinej. At 12:30 PM His Beatitude presided at the Service of Supplication to End Abortion, after which the March for Life began. Joining His Beatitude were the other hierarchs and delegations representing both St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary and St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary. The March for Life concluded later that afternoon at the Supreme Court.

Thirteenth Anniversary of the Enthronement of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon

Today His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon celebrates the thirteenth anniversary of his enthronement as Metropolitan of All America and Canada. The clergy, monastics, and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America give thanks to the Almighty God for His Beatitude's archpastoral love for his flock and primatial leadership. May God grant His Beatitude many more blessed years!

FEBRUARY Reposed List

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21- Fr. Michael Shuster (2020)
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PRAYER LIST

PARISHIONERS: Achiles Arvan / Audrey Chengelis / Joan Cross / Ann Cvercko / Pauline Fesz / Mary Fredericks / George Horodnic / Gianna Hryb / Elaine Johnston / Sue Kennedy / George Clark / Matushka Helen Psinka / Nadine Sabo / Dorothy Shirilla / Julia Simko / Deborah Zelinsky

CLERGY: AP James Gleason (Fr.) / AP Michael Rustic / AP Emil Hutyan / Fr. Peter Simko / Fr. Bryan Crivella / Fr. Matthew Nyumu & his family and his faithful at the parish of St Makarios in the Metropolis of Nairobi, Kenya / Fr. Michael Dayang & his family & his parishioners at 3 Hierarchs parish in Cameroon / Fr. Raphael Stephano & his family and parishioners of his 2 mission communities in the Diocese of Western Tanzania

FAMILY & FRIENDS: Mary Ann Bozichovich (Kennedy) / Diane Caban (Sirilla) / George Caban (Sirilla) / Donna Chiarelli / Karen Debiec / Trudy Ellmore / Thomas Hull, Jr. / Ron Hryb / Paula Kennedy / Joe Kollar (Fr.) / Kelly Marie Konya (Candle guy's daughter) / Ginny McCay (Fredericks) / Matushka Raisa (Nicoloff) / Conner (Sabo) Chris Quotap (Fr.) / Bob Smrek (Sirilla) / Matt Turner (Sirilla) / Emilia Yanitto / Catherine Zile (Fr.) / David (Willison) / Drew (Willison) / Eleanor Marie (Vansuch) / Katherine (Steffaro) / Richard (Tusinac) / Genna Koval & her unborn baby / Kelly and her unborn baby / Miranda & her unborn baby / Blaire & her unborn Baby

MILITARY FAMILY & FRIENDS: Cory Deaton (Fr.) / Alena Grabavoy (Fr.) / Liam Garrity (Zelinsky) / Kenneth (Simko)

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.

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee Beginning of the Lenten Triodion / Commemorated on February 1

The Sunday after the Sunday of Zacchaeus is devoted to the Publican and the Pharisee. At Vespers the night before, the Triodion (the liturgical book used in the services of Great Lent) begins.

Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee who scrupulously observed the requirements of religion: he prayed, fasted, and contributed money to the Temple. These are very good things, and should be imitated by anyone who loves God. We who may not fulfill these requirements as well as the Pharisee did should not feel entitled to criticize him for being faithful. His sin was in looking down on the Publican and feeling justified because of his external religious observances.

The second man was a Publican, a tax-collector who was despised by the people. He, however, displayed humility, and this humility justified him before God (Luke 18:14).

The lesson to be learned is that we possess neither the Pharisee's religious piety, nor the Publican's repentance, through which we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ's teaching, asking Him to be merciful to us, deliver us from sin, and to lead us on the path of salvation.

Two weeks before the beginning of the Fast, as part of our preparation for Great Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha, the Church prescribes the reading of Saint Mark's Gospel. From Monday to Friday the focus is on the end times, and the Savior's death and burial.

2 Timothy 3:10-15 (Epistle)

But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra – what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Submit Written Reports

All Parish Organizations must submit a written report so they can be included with the Annual Meeting Minutes to the Diocese. Thank You.

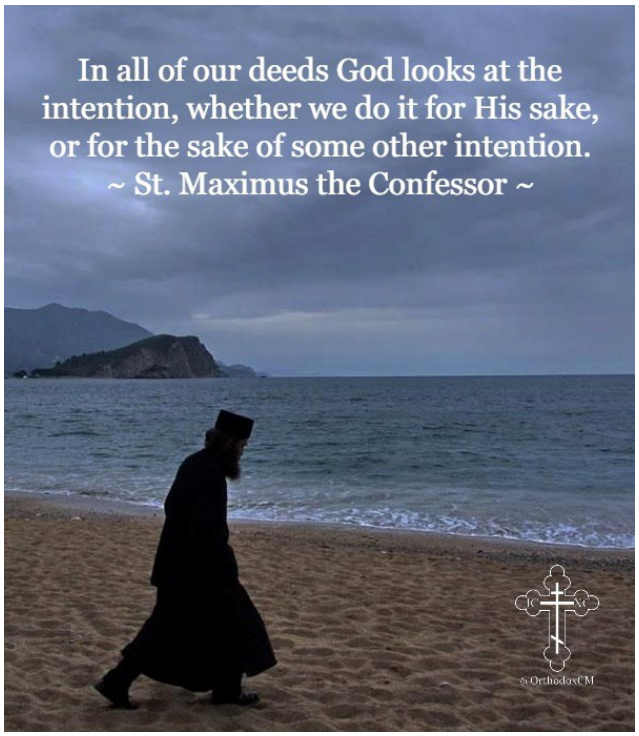
Luke 18:10-14 (Gospel)

"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men – extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Many Years! His Eminence Celebrates Eleven Years of Episcopal Ministry

The clergy, monastics, and faithful of the Diocese of the Midwest congratulate His Eminence Archbishop Daniel on the commemoration of his consecration the the episcopacy. Today, January 24, the feast of St. Xenia of St. Petersburg, marks eleven years of episcopal ministry.

May God grant Archbishop Daniel many years.

40-DAY REMEMBRANCE

February 15– Ed kusinski
February 22– Joanne Biros