The Weekly Forerunner

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church
301 Struthers Liberty Rd
Campbell, OH 44405

MARCH Bulletin Sponsor
In memory of my father, George's, 100th birthday – Given by V.R. Andrew Bartek

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, March 29
9:15-9:45 AM: Confessions by app't
9:35 AM: Hours
10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Social
5:00 PM: Deanery Unction Servicein Mogadore

Wednesday, April 1
5:15-5:45 PM: Confessions by app't
6:00 PM: Presanctified Liturgy / Social / movie

Friday, April 3
1:00-5:00 PM: Easter Fest pickup
5:15-5:45 PM: (Confessions by app't) Last Day except for those coming home for Pascha
6:00 PM: Presanctified Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday Social / Movie

Saturday, April 4
9:00 AM: Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy
10:30 AM: putting Pussy Willows & palms together (need volunteers)
1:00-5:00 PM: Easter Fest pickup
6:00 PM: Vespers w/ Litia for Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 5
9:35 AM: Hours
9:55 AM: Procession outside with Cross & Palms & Pussy willows
10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Fish Dinner Social (Please signup at Candle desk
6:00 PM: Bridegroom Matins for Monday – Beginning of Great & Holy Week

MARCH / APRIL READER SCHEDULE

Reader Schedule
March 29– Robert Willison
April 5– George Horodnic
April 12– Sub-deacon Donald
April 19– Proto. Deacon Gemmel
April 26– Natalia Simko

PRAYER OF ST EPHRAIM

O Lord and Master of my life! Take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power and idle talk. (Prostration)

But give rather the spirit of Chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant. (Prostration)

Yea, O Lord and King! Grant me to see my own transgressions and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou unto ages of ages. (Prostration)

O God, cleanse me, a sinner. (12 time with deep bow after each)

Then, read the entire prayer again with only one prostration at the end. Note: If you cannot do a prostration due to a medical condition, a deep bow is fine.

NOTE: As always, before beginning a fasting regiment or prayer rule, you should contact me to discuss it.

Father Andrew

THE JESUS PRAYER

O Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner.

NOTE: These two prayers, *The Jesus Prayer* and *the Prayer of St. Ephraim* should be incorporated into your daily prayers.

NOTE: As always, before beginning a fasting regiment or prayer rule, you should contact me to discuss it.

Father Andrew

MARCH / APRIL SOCIAL SCHEDULE

March 29– Thomas Zelinsky in memory of Deborah
April 5- Fish Dinner Social
April 12– Pascha
April 19– Sisterhood / 96th B-day cake for Mary Fredericks by Sherrie
April 26– Council

NOTE: If you would like to sponsor an open Social please see Nancy or Father.

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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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Mark 10:32-45 (Gospel)

Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again." Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Hebrews 9:11-14 (Epistle)

But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

APRIL Candle & Bulletin Sponsors

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

Bulletin: In memory of my Mother Dorthy's 90th b-day– Given by V.R. Andrew Bartek
Wine: In memory of Marion Zwinski– Given by Family / For the health of Sherrie Fredericks on the occasion of her 70th B-day– Given by Sherrie Fredericks
Incense: In memory of Marion Zwinski on her year anniversary– Given by anonymous
Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light: In memory of parents Nicholas & Mary Libertin– Given by Charissa & Tom Oliphant / In memory of His Eminence AB Paul—Given by AP Andrew Bartek
Altar Candles: In memory of my brother Dr. Nick Libertin –Given by Charissa Oliphant
Tetrapod Candles: In memory of my parents George & Mary Gresko– Given by Mary Gresko & Family
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.– Given by Anonymous
St. Panteleimon Icon Candles: In memory of my family & friends– Given by V.R. Andrew Bartek
Protection Icon Candles: In memory of my God-father Andrew & Grandfather Matthew– Given by AP Andrew B.
St. John the Baptist Candles: In memory of my moms b-day Jennie Rudiak on April 20th– Given by Sue Kennedy
Monthly Flowers: In memory of my dad on the occasion of his 3rd anniversary of repose– Given by Sherrie Fredericks

$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		

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon Celebrates Services for the Sunday of the Cross at SVOTS and Our Lady of the Sign Cathedral

On March 15, His Beatitude presided at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy at Our Lady of the Sign Cathedral (ROCOR), in New York City. Concelebrating with His Beatitude were His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas of Eastern America & New York, First Hierarch of the Russian Church Abroad.

Also serving with His Beatitude and His Eminence were Archpriest Andrei Sommer, cathedral dean, Archpriest Alessandro Margheritino, Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America, Archpriest Seraphim Chemodakov, Hieromonk Theognost (Kogan), and Deacon Nicholas Ilyin.

The responses were sung by the choir under the direction of Mr. Vadim S. Gan.

At the conclusion of the Liturgy, His Beatitude, His Eminence, and the clergy venerated the Cross and exchanged greetings. After greeting His Beatitude, His Eminence presented him with a cross made in Jerusalem. His Eminence also presented Fr. Alessandro with a cross.

His Beatitude expressed gratitude for the gift and presented His Eminence with a relic of the newly-glorified St. Olga of Kwethluk.

A lenten meal, prepared by the sisterhood, was then enjoyed in the cathedral hall.

Earlier that weekend, on March 14, His Beatitude celebrated the All-Night Vigil at St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary. Serving with His Beatitude were Fr. Alessandro, Archpriest Alexander Rentel, Rector of Three Hierarchs Chapel, and other seminary clergy. At the conclusion of the Vigil, His Beatitude had the opportunity to greet the students, staff, and seminary community, reminding everyone of the necessity to keep Christ's Cross central in our lives.

March Celebrations

Birthday

2- Lori Batura
4- Kaitlyn Kuzemchak
6- AP John Steffaro
9- Kevin Koval
11- Cindy Ferrick
14- Reader Matthew Vansuch
15- Natalia Simko / Patty Tubic
16- Paul Bojan / Claudia Zile / Diana Konik
18- Thomas Zelinsky
17- Christine Koval
20- Gianna Hryb / Jacob Hryb
22- Helena Kalantzis
24- Anne Jesko
25- Ephraimia Andrews
28- Tracy Rusnak / Dennis Tubic
30- Tom Hull

Names Day

4- AB Daniel of Chicago & the Diocese of the Midwest / His Grace Bishop Gerasim of Forth Worth
10- Patty Thompson
14- His Grace Bishop Benedict of Hartford & New England /
17- AB Alejo of Mexico City & Mexico / His Grace Bishop Alexis of Sitka & Alaska
30- Beth Hull / Elizabeth Willison

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon Sends Letter of Condolence to Georgian Orthodox Church

With deep sorrow and in the hope of the Resurrection, the Orthodox Church in America joins the Georgian Orthodox Church in mourning the falling asleep of His Holiness Ilia II, Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia, who reposed in the Lord on March 17, 2026 at the age of 93.

Elected Catholicos-Patriarch on December 25, 1977, His Holiness shepherded the Georgian Orthodox Church through many years of change, particularly in the period leading up to the collapse of the Soviet Union and its aftermath. During his ministry, many churches and monasteries were restored or newly established, theological education in the country was revived, and the life of the Orthodox Church in Georgian society was strengthened.

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon sent a letter of condolence to His Eminence Metropolitan Shio, Locum Tenens of the Patriarchal Throne, which reads:

His Eminence Metropolitan Shio
Metropolitan of Senaki and Chkhorotsku
Locum Tenens of the Patriarchal Throne of Georgia

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

I write to express my heartfelt condolences to Your Eminence and to the Holy Synod, clergy, monastics, and faithful of the Georgian Orthodox Church on the repose of your beloved Primate, His Holiness Patriarch Ilia II.

His Holiness' long and remarkable tenure as Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia stands as a profound witness to faithfulness, perseverance, and pastoral love. For decades, he guided the Georgian Church through times of great trial and renewal, preserving her unity, strengthening her witness, and nurturing the spiritual life of her faithful. His ministry bore enduring fruit not only within Georgia, but throughout the Orthodox world, where he was widely recognized as a father among hierarchs and a steadfast confessor of the Orthodox faith.

Throughout his life, His Holiness exemplified the Gospel he proclaimed. His humility, wisdom, and deep love for Christ and His Church inspired generations of clergy and faithful. In his person, many encountered a living testimony to the enduring strength of the Orthodox Church and her sacred tradition.

The Orthodox Church in America joins you in mourning his passing while giving thanks to God for his life and ministry. His Holiness will be remembered with gratitude and reverence by our clergy and faithful, who have long held him in high esteem.

Please be assured of my prayers for the blessed repose of his soul. May the Lord grant rest to His faithful servant in a place of light, a place of green pasture, a place of refreshment, where there is no pain, sorrow, or sighing, but life everlasting.

May his memory be eternal!

Your brother in Christ,

+Tikhon
Archbishop of Washington
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

ATTENDANCE: A Comparison - *February*	2025	2026
1st– Week (Orthodoxy)		
Clean Wednesday	27	13
Clean Thursday	21	Canceled
Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	31 / 17	22 / 13
Saturday Vespers	13	10
Lit. / Communion	64 / 41	49/ 28
2nd Week– St. Gregory		
Wed– Pre-Sanctified	43 / 25	27 / 16
Fri– Pre-Sanctified	28 / 21	22 / 15
Sat. Vespers	13	11
Lit / Communion	43 / 29	31 / 23
3rd Week– Cross		
Wed Pre-sanctified	48 / 28	33 / 12
Fri– Pre-Sanctified	27 / 16	18 / 8
Sat. Memorial	10 (Akathist)	10 / 14
Vespers	8	8
Lit. / Communion	76/ 39	51 / 30
4th Week– St. John		
Wed Pre-sanctified	36 / 22	22 / 14
Fri– Pre-Sanctified	23 / 14	24 / 18
Vespers	10	18
Lit. / Communion	55 / 39	50 / 33
5th Week –St. Mary		
Wed Pre-sanctified	No record	
Full Canon	8	
Annunciation Vespers	No record	
Annunciation Lit.	25 / 18	
Fri. Akathist	20	
Vespers	8	
Lit. / Communion	62 / 46	

40-DAY REMEMBRANCE

March 29 – Debbie Zelinski
April 19 - Monk Kyril (Due to when his 40th day
April 26- His Holiness Ilia II, Patriarch of All Georgia
May 3– Andrew Cvercko / James

MARCH Reposed List

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2- Gerasimakis Mikes (1930) ©
4- Theodora Anos (1963) © / Marie Feltovich (2004) ©
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PRAYER LIST

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CLERGY: AP James Gleason (Fr.) / AP Michael Rustic / AP Emil Hutyan / Fr. Peter Simko / 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: Mat. Melanie Adamcio / Anthony (Willison) / Mary Ann Bozichovich (Kennedy) / Diane Caban (Sirilla) / George Caban (Sirilla) / Donna Chiarelli / Karen Debiec / Trudy Ellmore / Erin (Willison) / John Grabavoy / 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) / Kelly and her unborn baby / Miranda & her unborn baby / Lindsey & her unborn baby / Blaire & her newborn Tatiana

MILITARY FAMILY & FRIENDS: Cory Deaton (Fr.) / Alena Grabavoy (Fr.) / Kyle Grabovoy (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.

Paschal Flowers

If you would like to help defray the costs of Paschal flowers & have your family & friends remembered during the Paschal Divine Liturgy, "In memory of" or "For the health of" please see Father Andrew. The cost is $15.

Bartek Family (10 flowers)
- For the Health of all the parishioners & all those on the prayer list
- For the Health of The fire & police of Campbell
- For the Health of the Mayor of Campbell, Marblehead, & Summit and the city Gov't & all businesses & residents of Campbell
- For the Health of His Beatitude Met. Tikhon & His Eminence Archbishop Daniel & the entire Synod of the OCA
- For the health of our military in this country
- For the Health of all my family & friends
- In memory of His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas, my ordaining Bishop
- In memory of His Beatitude Herman & Theodosius, His Eminence AB Paul & AB Job, His Grace Bishop Innocent, David & Matthias
- In memory of my parents George & Dorothy & all my family & friends
- In memory of the diptychs of this parish

Cvercko Family (3 flowers)
- In memory of Andrew Cvercko
- In memory of Antonia & Morris Pecuszok
- In memory of Andrew & Anna Cvercko

Sherrie Fredericks (2 flowers)
- For the health of my mother Mary Fredericks for 96th b-day
- In memory of my father, Robert Fredericks

Mary Fredericks (2 flowers)
- For the Health of my daughter Sherrie on the occasion of her 70th b-day
- In memory of my parents Naume and Mary Evanoff.

Pray for Those Entering the Church

Great Lent is a particularly meaningful time of preparation for those journeying toward full reception into the Orthodox Church at Pascha. Across the Diocese of the Midwest, many men and women are deepening their prayer, study, and spiritual formation as they prepare to receive the Sacraments that will fully unite them to Christ and His Church.

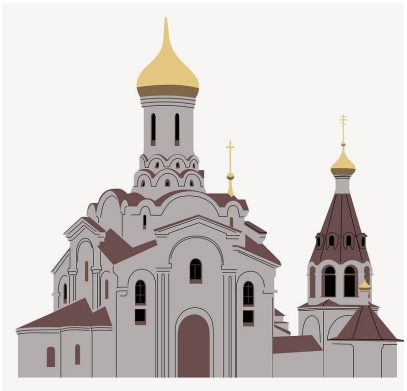
This year, the diocese is witnessing a remarkable increase among those soon to be received into the Church. According to Priest Esteban Vazquez, Vice Chancellor of the Diocese, there are just over 1,100 catechumens preparing to enter the Church at this time.

These catechumens are being welcomed by parish communities throughout the diocese and are being guided in their formation by parish priests, deacons, and dedicated lay catechists. Together, local communities accompany them through prayer, instruction, personal encouragement, and shared participation in the life of the Church.

"The season of Lent is especially significant for catechumens, both historically and liturgically," Fr. Esteban said. "Through prayer, fasting, and reflection, they are called to draw closer to Christ and to prepare their hearts to receive the fullness of His Gifts."

During Lent, catechumens continue their religious education and spiritual formation, participate in the worship of the Church and its Lenten services, and take part in the disciplines of the Fast. In this way, they carry on their journey toward Baptism, Chrismation, and Communion of the Holy Mysteries, and to full participation in the life of the Church. The commitment of these catechumens and their desire to share in the fullness of the Christian faith are signs of hope and renewal for the entire Church, encouraging and edifying the faithful everywhere.

The clergy, monastics, and faithful throughout the Diocese of the Midwest are encouraged to keep these catechumens in their prayers during this holy season, asking that God strengthen
them as they prepare



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Diocese of the Midwest Announces Establishment of St. Paul the Apostle Monastery

With the blessing of Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the Midwest, a new monastic community has been formally established in the Diocese of the Midwest at the former property of St. Isaac of Syria Skete, Boscobel, WI.

The new community, St. Paul the Apostle Monastery, was canonically established by decree of the Archbishop as a monastery and institution of the Diocese of the Midwest on March 11, 2026. This action restores a stable monastic presence at the historic site which, for almost four decades, has been associated with Orthodox monastic life in the region. The formal establishment of the monastery marks a new chapter for the property, ensuring that the sacred site will continue to serve the Church as a place of prayer, repentance, and pilgrimage.

As part of the formal establishment of the monastery, Hierodeacon Menas (Thomas) has been appointed Superior of the monastery and entrusted with the spiritual and administrative leadership of the monastic brotherhood. The monastery functions under the spiritual and canonical authority of the Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest, with the assistance of a duly appointed Board of Trustees.

In keeping with the traditional patterns of Orthodox monastic life, the monastery provides for its livelihood through its own labor. Among its principal works is the production of mounted icon prints, prepared by the brotherhood and made available to the faithful. This work supports the monastery while also making sacred iconography available to Orthodox Christians for prayer and devotion.

Archbishop Daniel asks the clergy and faithful of the Diocese of the Midwest to keep the new monastic community in their prayers as it develops its life and ministry, that it may grow into a flourishing center of Orthodox monastic life and witness in the American Midwest.

For more information about the monastery, visit their website. To order icons from the monastery workshop, visit saintpaulsicons.org.

Maintenance Issues:

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SAINT VLADIMIR'S SUMMER CAMP

Faith, Family & Fellowship
(Matthew 19::14) Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these"

Session 1(Ages 8-12) June 28– July 4

A week of younger campers to learn and discover a passion for our faith. Life-long friendships form through arts and crafts, group activities and learning sessions with the resident clergy. Young campers can't wait to return ever summer!

Session 2 (Ages 10-17) July 5-11

FOCA Junior Olympics week takes sports and Orthodoxy to create an activity-filled week of fun competition, team work, and comradery. Campers will learn how our faith works through sports and how Christianity and sportsmanship go hand in hand.

Session 3 (ages 13-17) July 12-18

Our older campers take on meaningful discussions during learning sessions with the resident clergy and drive deep into our faith with exciting crafts and projects. Group activities, nightly campfires, and daily reflections create memories that last! Questions? Contact at: info@stvladimirscamp.com

St. VLAD's CAMP CLEANUP

When: June 6 from 10am-5pm

2795 Wakefield Creek Road
Farmdale OH

Come with:

Sweeping
dusting
disinfecting
organizing
inventorying
cabin Prep
landscaping & More / Campers Encouraged to help!

Contact if interested: 216-534-4679

NEW COUNCIL

Nancy Tusinac– President
Sub-Deacon Dr. Donald Tamulonis– Vice-President
Sherrie Fredericks– Secretary
David Dionisio- Treasurer
David Konik– Financial Secretary
Natalia Simko– Member

Metropolitan Council of the Orthodox Church in America Holds Regular Spring 2026 Session

The Regular Spring 2026 Session of the Metropolitan Council of the Orthodox Church in America was held via teleconference on Tuesday, March 10, and Thursday, March 12, under the presidency of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon.

The meeting opened with prayer, after which the session was called to order by Archpriest Alessandro Margheritino, Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America. Following a review of the agenda and the roll call, the Council approved the minutes of the Regular Fall 2025 Session and the Special Winter 2025 Sessions. The Council then conducted its regular business by reviewing and discussing reports that had been previously submitted in writing and presented during the sessions.

During the first day of meetings, the Council heard the report of His Beatitude, who addressed various matters concerning the life of the Orthodox Church in America. His Beatitude reflected on his work overseeing the stavropegial institutions, the work of the Chancery, and his responsibilities in the Archdiocese of Washington. He also offered an overview of several recent pastoral visits and travels. The Metropolitan further addressed the difficult situation within the wider Orthodox world, as well as the concerns and suffering of many people in light of the various conflicts affecting different parts of the world.

The Council also received the report of the Chancellor, Fr. Alessandro, who offered a brief reflection on the work of the Central Administration and highlighted several aspects of the Chancery's work, including updates on personnel, ongoing projects, workflow developments, and the progress of the Chancery relocation.

The Council then heard the report of Priest David Bozeman, Secretary of the Orthodox Church in America, who reflected on his work during the past six months in his new role.

Additional presentations were given by Mr. Mark Hamilton, General Counsel of the Orthodox Church in America, who offered the legal report, and by Mr. Gregory Honshul on behalf of the Property Committee of the Metropolitan Council.

The Council also received the Treasurer's report from Mr. Andrew Smith, Treasurer of the Orthodox Church in America. On behalf of the Finance and Investment Committee, Mr. Smith presented an amended 2026 Budget, which was approved unanimously by the Council.

The final report of the first day was presented by the members of the Internal Auditing Committee and delivered by Matushka Sharon Hubiak. The first session concluded with closing remarks from His Beatitude.

During the second session of the meeting, held on Thursday, March 12, the Council heard the report of the Pension Board presented by Archpriest John Dresko and Ms Melanie Ringa. Father John also presented six clarifying amendments to the Pension Document, which were approved by the Metropolitan Council. The Metropolitan Council's liaison to the Pension Board, Mr. David Lane, offered brief remarks expressing gratitude to the members of the Pension Board for their faithful and dedicated work.

The Council also received an overview of the work of the various departments of the Orthodox Church in America from Archpriest Justin Patterson. Father Justin also presented an update on the Church Planting Grant program and reported on the work of an ad hoc committee currently developing a new parish revitalization initiative, which will be presented to the Council for further consideration in the coming months.

The Council then welcomed Archpriest Nicholas Solak, Director of the Office of Pastoral Life, who offered his report on the various programs overseen by the Office. Fr. Nicholas also spoke of the upcoming National Clergy Retreat and Clergy Wives Retreat later this year.

Finally, Archpriest Peter Robichau, Chair of the Governance Committee of the Metropolitan Council, presented an update on the work of the committee and reported on the progress of the Metropolitan Council Handbook. Time was also allotted for open-floor discussion among the members.

In his concluding remarks, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon expressed his gratitude to the members of the Metropolitan Council for their continued dedication and service to the Church, and he offered words of encouragement in light of the many challenges presently facing the world. He noted that it is understandable to have feelings of anxiety, uncertainty, and fear but reminded them that the Church navigated many difficult periods throughout her history before.

His Beatitude also reflected on the rise of artificial intelligence and encouraged a dispassionate consideration of the topic, since "the singular emphasis of the AI enterprise is on the cognitive work of the brain and the intellect (and what we might call in the Church, thoughts). As we know, machines cannot pray. They cannot fast. … They have no heart. And it is the heart — according to Saint Gregory (whom we commemorated last Sunday), according to the whole hesychast tradition, and according to the Gospel itself — that is the organ of our salvation."

His Beatitude closed his remarks by noting that Saint Gregory Palamas might be a key to facing these other upcoming challenges since he is "a preeminent theologian of apophatic theology who articulates with the greatest clarity what it means for a human being to enter into genuine communion with a God who is, by nature, beyond all human knowing." The meeting concluded with prayer.