The Weekly Forerunner

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church

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SEPTEMBER Bulletin Sponsor
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Liturgical & Events Schedule
TWO WEEK EDITION

Sunday, September 20
9:15-9:45 AM: Confessions by app't
9:35 AM: Hours
10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Monthly Panachida / Social

Sunday, September 27
9:35 AM: Hours
10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / No Social (Liturgy served by Fr. John Adamcio)
Noon - Purse Bingo Fundraiser

Wednesday, September 30
6:00 PM: Vespers for Feast of Protection

Thursday, October 1
9:00 AM: Divine Liturgy

Saturday, October 3
5:15-5:45 PM: Confessions by app't
6:00 PM: Vespers

Sunday, October 4
9:15-945 AM: Confessions by app't
9:35 AM: Hours
10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Social

September Reader Schedule

September 20 - Reader Matthew Vansuch
September 27 - Reader Nick Vansuch
October 4 - Robert Willison

September Social Schedule

September 20 - Sisterhood
September 27 - No Social / Purse Bingo Fundraiser
October 4 - O Club

September Charity

SOS (Support Our Seminarians)

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon Serves Panikhida for 9/11 Victims

On September 11, 2026, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon presided at a Panikhida at Saint Nicholas Cathedral in Washington, DC, to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

Concelebrating with His Beatitude were Archpriest Alessandro Margheritino, Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America, Archpriest David Bozeman, Secretary of the Orthodox Church in America, Archpriest Gregory Safchuk, Interim Dean of the Washington Deanery, Archpriest Ted Boback, and Priest John Stiff. During the memorial service, the priests read the names of the nearly 3,000 people who lost their lives in the attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and aboard Flight 93.

At the conclusion of the service, His Beatitude addressed those gathered and read his statement issued for the twenty-fifth anniversary of the attacks.

During his remarks, His Beatitude said, "Throughout our nation and throughout the world, the names of those who perished have been solemnly read in public gatherings. This evening, we also have lifted up those more than 3,000 names, including many Orthodox Christians, in the memorial service that we have just offered. In the Church remembrance is more ***Con't pg 4***

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Wine:
Incense:
Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light: In memory of my parents George & Mary Vasile & my brother Robert Vasile- Given by Jim & Elaine Johnston
Altar Candles:
Tetrapod Candles:
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:
Protection Icon Candles:
St. John the Baptist Candles:
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$50 per month	**$30 per month**	$25 per month
*Wine	*St. Herman candles	Incense
*Bulletin	*St. Panteleimon Icon candles	Flowers
*Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light	*Protection Icon candles	
*Altar Candles	*St. John the Baptist candles	
*Tetrapod Candles		

Orthodox Church in America Partners with IOCC to Support Ukrainian Refugees in Poland

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

More than four years have passed since the outbreak of the devastating war in Ukraine. Although the world's attention has increasingly turned elsewhere, the suffering of countless families has not ended. More than one million Ukrainian refugees remain in Poland, many of them women, children, and the elderly, who continue to face the daily challenges of displacement, uncertainty, and rebuilding their lives far from home.

From the very beginning of this tragedy, the Orthodox Church in America has sought to respond with Christian compassion. In the first weeks of the war, the generosity of our faithful made possible a large charitable collection, raising more than $720,000 for ELEOS, the humanitarian agency of the Polish Orthodox Church. Those funds provided immediate and tangible assistance to refugees seeking safety and shelter and have continued to bear fruit through programs that have helped thousands rebuild their lives. Our relationship with ELEOS has continued beyond that initial appeal, and earlier this year our Chancellor had the opportunity to visit the staff and ministries of ELEOS in Poland, witnessing firsthand the remarkable work being carried out by the Polish Orthodox Church on behalf of those who continue to suffer the consequences of this conflict.

As this terrible war continues, so too does our responsibility to stand with our suffering brothers and sisters. For this reason, I am grateful that the Orthodox Church in America is able once again to support this sacred work through our partnership with International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC). Working together with ELEOS, IOCC has provided compassionate and practical assistance to thousands of Ukrainian refugees in Poland. Through this partnership, vulnerable families have received emergency financial assistance to meet their most basic needs. ***Con't Next pg***

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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Church-owned properties have been adapted to provide safe shelter for newly arrived refugees. Community Integration Centers have offered legal guidance, housing assistance, employment counseling, and access to a national refugee information service. Thousands of refugees have participated in Polish language classes, hundreds of children have received daycare services, and vocational training, together with small business grants, has enabled many families to begin rebuilding their livelihoods with dignity and hope.

Yet, despite these encouraging signs, the need remains great. Countless families continue to depend upon the generosity of the faithful as they strive to rebuild their lives after the trauma of war and displacement. Together with IOCC, we hope to raise $50,000 to continue providing the resources and opportunities that help Ukrainian refugees move from uncertainty toward stability and hope.

I therefore encourage all who are able to prayerfully consider making a generous contribution to IOCC's ongoing ministry to Ukrainian refugees in Poland.

As we continue to pray for a just and lasting peace, let us also remember that our prayers find their fullest expression in works of mercy. In caring for those who have been displaced by war, we bear witness to the love of Christ Himself, who identifies with the stranger, the suffering, and the afflicted. May the Lord bless all who give generously to this worthy effort and strengthen those who labor to bring hope to our brothers and sisters in need.

With paternal love in Christ,

TIKHON
Archbishop of Washington
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

SEPTEMBER Celebrations

Birthday

1 Dennis Konik
3 Lynn Basala
6 Dc. David Gemmel
7 Michael Simko
8 Joshua Rusnak
9 Kim Konik
11 Fr. John Beskid / Joann Sirilla
14 Debbie Perman / Chris Baxter / Sub-deacon Donald Tamulonis
17 Barbara Kolesar
18 Ron Tusinac / AP David Lis
21 Mary Luthern
22 Pani Bethany Mihaly
23 Gregory Simko
27 Tracy Zenko / Jim Johnston

Anniversary

3 Frank & Crystal Batura
5 Ron & Nancy Tusinac
7 Steven & Karen Simko
9 Michael & Martha Centofanti
13 Sam & Angie Dardovski / Fr. Peter Zarynow
14 Sub-deaconate ordination of Dr. Donald Tamulonis
16 Beth & Tom Hull
17 Dc James & Mat. Christine

Names Day

8 Mary Fredericks / Mary Luthern / Mary Ruth Mico
17 Sonia Tsvetkoff / Nadine Sabol
30 AB Michael of NY & NY & NJ

Attendance: A Comparison – SEPTEMBER	2025	2026
1st Week		
Vespers	7	8
Liturgy/Communion	57 / 42	50 / 39
Nativity Vespers	41- (Sun)	No Vesper
Nativity Liturgy	11 / 6	12 / 10
2nd Week		
Vespers	7	10
Liturgy/Communion	44 / 27	50 / 35
Vespers for Cross	7	40 (Sun)
Liturgy Cross (Sun)	44 / 27	14 / 10
3rd Week		
Vespers	7	
Liturgy / Communion	48 / 34	
4th Week		
Vespers	No Vespers	
Liturgy/Communion	45 / 27	
5th Week		
Vespers	No 5th week	
Liturgy/Communion	No 5th week	

2 Corinthians 6:1-10 (Epistle)

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: “In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You.” Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

PRAYER LIST

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CLERGY: Fr. Basil Duesenberry / Fr. Andrew Gall / AP Drew Clements / AP James Gleason (Fr.) / AP Emil Hutyan / AP Michael Rustic / Fr. Peter Simko / Fr. Theophanes Kamau & family & parishioners at St. Joachim & Anna in Nairobi, Kenya

FAMILY & FRIENDS: Mat. Melanie Adamcio / Mary Ann Bozichovich (Kennedy) / Diane Caban (Sirilla) / George Caban (Sirilla) / Donna Chiarelli / Karen Debiec / Erin (Willison) / Thomas Hull, Jr. / Ron Hryb / Paula Kennedy / Joe Kollar (Fr.) / Ginny McCay (Fredericks) / Matushka Raisa (Nicoloff) / Conner (Sabo) Chris Quotap (Fr.) / Bob Smrek (Sirilla) / Matt Turner (Sirilla) / Mary Margaret Tusinac / Emilia Yanitto / David (Willison) / Drew (Willison) / Eleanor Marie (Vansuch) / Katherine (Steffaro) / Richard (Tusinac) /

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MISCELLANEOUS: The UN & IOCC humanitarian aid workers around the world / Those suffering persecution in Syria, Iraq, Israel, Egypt, Ukraine and around the world.

Remembering 9/11: Twenty-Five Years Later

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

Beloved children in the Lord,

Today marks twenty-five years since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. On this solemn anniversary, we remember in prayer the nearly three thousand men, women, and children who lost their lives at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and aboard United Airlines Flight 93, as well as the countless others, in America and around the world, whose lives were forever changed by the events of that day.

For many, the memory of that terrible day twenty-five years ago remains vivid: the confusion and fear of those first hours, the images of destruction etched in our minds like scars, and the grief of families who waited for loved ones who would never return home. Yet a quarter century has also brought the passing of time. A generation has now come of age with no personal memory of that day. For them, September 11 belongs to history. For others, especially those who lost family and friends, those who survived, and those first responders who continue to bear physical and emotional wounds, twenty-five years have not erased the pain. For some, indeed, the toll of that day is still being counted as the deaths from illnesses contracted by breathing in the ruins steadily increase.

In the Church remembrance is more than recalling the past. In prayer, we bring before God those who have fallen asleep, commending them to His mercy and asking that they be forever known and remembered by Him. We likewise reveal our own wounds to the Great Physician of souls and bodies and remember so that the tragedies of the past never become an excuse to harden our hearts or diminish our love for our neighbor.

Our world remains troubled and will stay so until Christ comes again in glory. We continue to hear of "wars and rumors of wars" (Matt. 24:6), of violence and bloodshed, of division among peoples, and of suffering borne by the innocent. Faced with these realities,***Con't Nt Pg***

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it is tempting to give ourselves over to fear, anger, or despair. Yet our Lord tells us, "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me" (Jn. 14:1).

It is a spiritual help to us that each year our remembrance of September 11 comes just days before the feast of the Exaltation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross. The Cross reminds us that suffering and death do not have the final word. And the risen Christ, victorious over death, still bears the wounds of His Passion. When He appeared to His disciples after His Resurrection, He showed them His hands and His side (Jn. 20:20). His wounds were not erased by the resurrection; rather, they have become signs of His victory, His mercy, and His boundless love for mankind.

So too, the wounds borne by individuals, families, communities, and nations need not become sources of bitterness or hatred. In Christ they can be offered to God and, through His grace, become occasions for compassion, repentance, and forgiveness. This is difficult work, but through the power of the Cross no wound is beyond the reach of divine love and no darkness can overwhelm the light of Christ.

On this twenty-fifth anniversary, may we remember all those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. Let us pray for their families and friends, for the survivors, for the first responders and all who came to the aid of those in danger, and for all who continue to carry wounds from that day. Let us also pray for peace throughout the world, asking the Lord to preserve us from hatred and fear and to strengthen our faith in Him.

May the memory of those who lost their lives be eternal, and may the God of all consolation grant healing, peace, and hope to all.

Yours in Christ,

+Tikhon Archbishop of Washington

Metropolitan of All America and Canada

Matthew 25:14-30 (Gospel)

For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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than recalling the past and so, as the clergy read those names, both silently and out loud, all of us, through prayer, have brought before God those who have fallen asleep, commending them to His mercy and asking that they be forever known and remembered by Him."

May the memory of all those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, be eternal.

Saint Oleg, Prince of Briansk Commemorated on September 20

Holy Prince Oleg Romanovich of Briansk (in Baptism Leontius) was grandson of the holy martyr Prince Michael of Chernigov. According to the chronicle histories, Prince Oleg together with his father, Prince Roman Mikhailovich of Briansk, participated in a war against Lithuania in 1274.

After 1274, he resigned as prince and became a monk with the name Basil at the Briansk monastery of Saints Peter and Paul, built through his generosity. The holy prince died at this monastery as a strict ascetic in the year 1285, and was buried in the monastery church.

DOM Annual Liturgical Practicum Announced

The Diocese of the Midwest is hosting a Liturgical Practicum October 30 – November 1, 2026 in Chicago, IL. at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, 6980 S. County Line Rd., Burr Ridge, IL 60527. This practicum is open to anyone in the diocese wanting to experience practical, hands-on training and instruction on serving the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy.

The program is open to all levels (Deacons, Subdeacons, Servers), to be prepared for Archpastoral visits to their parishes. Next year, we will focus on the Hierarchal Vigil and Hierarchical Presanctified services.
The Cost: $175/person will include all meals.
Transportation and Lodging not included – participants are responsible for their own. Lodging is available at a nearby hotel, which is within easy walking distance from Sts. Peter and Paul.
Hampton Inn & Suites, 100 Harvester Dr., Burr Ridge, IL 60527
Tentative Agenda:
Friday October 30 arrival
Vespers @ Sts. Peter and Paul in Burr Ridge 5-6pm.
Dinner: 6-7pm

Session I: 7-9pm
Saturday October 31 morning [field trip!]:
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy @ Holy Trinity Cathedral in Chicago for the Feast of St. John Kochurov.
Lunch TBD
Return to Sts. Peter & Paul

Session II: 1-5 pm with breaks
Vespers @ Sts. Peter & Paul 5-6pm
Dinner: 6-7pm

Session III: 7-9pm
Sunday November 1: Hierarchical Divine Liturgy @ Sts. Peter & Paul in Burr Ridge. Followed by Lunch / Q&A Session (as time allows) / Depart for Home

Subdeacon Dimitri Pletz is organizing this practicum and has over 20 years of experience as a subdeacon and educator. He has led similar training in both the Diocese of the West and also in our Midwest Diocese.
For any questions, please contact him at treasurer@domoca.org. The registration deadline is October 15. Upon registration, participants will receive further information and materials.
Register Today!

Archbishop Issues Statement on 9/11 Anniversary

Archbishop DANIEL of Chicago and the Midwest has issued a pastoral statement on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

In his message, the Archbishop recalls the horror of that day while reminding the faithful that darkness and evil are always overcome by light and goodness. He calls upon all to pray for those who lost their lives on 9/11, for those who continue to mourn, and for those who still bear the physical, emotional, and spiritual wounds of the attacks.

Archbishop DANIEL message further reminds us of our Christian calling to bring the light of Christ into a world darkened by sin.

40 Day Remembrance

October 4 – Nancy & Kenneth
October 25 – Pani Sharon Holowatey

Fundraiser Items Needed

Items are needed for the November Chinese Auction.

Please speak to Tashie if you are willing to provide item(s).

Father Andrew on Vacation

If a priest is needed contact Proto. DC David @ 330-881-4201. If it is an extreme emergency contact me @ 570-212-8747.