The Weekly Forerunner

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church

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Campbell, OH 44405

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Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, October 18
9:15-9:40 AM: Confessions by app't
9:35 AM: Hours
10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Monthly Panachida
11:30 AM: Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Wednesday, October 21
7:30 PM: Public City Council Meeting

Saturday, October 24
5:15-5:45 PM: Confessions by app't
6:00 PM: Vespers

Sunday, October 25
9:15-9:45 AM: Confession by app't
9:35 AM: Hours
10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Social is open

St. Tikhon's Seminarians Gather in Prayer and Thanksgiving

Saint Tikhon's Midwest Diocese seminarians gathered at the Saint Nikolai of Zhicha Chapel at St. Tikhon's Seminary to celebrate the Akathist to the Tikhvin Icon of the Mother of God. They thanked God for the recent "Support Our Seminarians" campaign and prayed for His Eminence Archbishop Daniel and the faithful of the Midwest.

At the spiritual direction of His Eminence, the seminarians of the Midwest gather once a month to pray the Akathist together and enjoy fellowship.

OCTOBER Reader Schedule

October 18- Dn Jimmy Hyrb
October 25- Proto. Dc. David Gemmel

Luke 8:5-15 (Gospel)

"A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

40 Day Remembrance

October 25 – Pani Sharon Holowatey
November 1- Matushka Helen Psinka / AP Peter Bodnar

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ARCHANGEL MICHAEL FOOD FAIR BABA'S KITCHEN

WHERE: Woodside Event Center
5025 E Mill Road
Broadview Heights
WHEN: November 14 from 11am-4pm

Featuring:
Beef Stroganoff
Cabbage & Noodles
Chicken Paprikash
Stuffed Cabbage
Pierogis
Ethnic Pastries / Pies

Take out or Dine in

Basket Raffle- winners need not be present

OCTOBER Social Schedule

October 18- Fundraiser
October 25- Open

THANK YOU RECEIVED FROM ST. HERMAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,
We greet you with great joy thanking you for your generous gift of $979 to St. Herman Seminary. Your contribution allows us to continue our vital mission to train Alaskans to bring the Word of God and the Cup of Life to those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness (Mt. 5:6)." Your support enables us to grow our faculty, provide students with full scholarships and maintain our campus buildings and grounds. The needs of our faithful continue to grow as the Alaskan "fields are white for the harvest (Jn. 4:35)" but the laborers are few.
The Seminary continues to graduate and produce dynamic clergy and lay leaders who will implement Vladyka Alexei's vision in the field. Many of us have just enjoyed the great blessing of being present in Kwethluk and Anchorage at the glorification services of St. Olga, our new Alaskan intercessor. Together we can ask our newest saint for her prayers and intercessions: "Righteous Mother Olga, Mother of all Alaska, refuge of the afflicted, comfort of the grieving, intercessor for women, protector of the pure, pray to Christ God for us, that our souls may be saved." By her intercessions may the Seminary continue to grow and thrive.

With Love in Christ, V.R. Dr. Father John Dunlop, Dean

PRAYER LIST

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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.

Fundraiser Items Needed

Items are needed for the November Chinese Auction.

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

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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OCTOBER Celebrations

Birthday

1- Trudy Ellmore
2- Nathaniel Willison
5- Maya Kubancsek / Karen Kennedy
6- Michelle Horodnic
7- Gabriella Hryb / Sophia Jesko
8- Monica Vansuch
9- Kelly Ann Ferrick / Zoe Kalantzis
10- Krissy Nicoloff Young
11- Zachary Rusnak / Danielle Taylor (Lukehart)
13- Colin Henry Felker / Shelia Jesko
14- Ann (Polewan)
16- Mary Ruth Mico / Michelle Horodnic
17- Tim Glovinsky
18- Nicole Batura
22- David Livosky / Zuza Livosky / Ellen Harvischak
25- Sam Dardovsky
31- Fr. Peter Zarynow

Anniversary

1-2009- AB Irenee of Ottawa & Archdiocese Canada / Gary & Patty Thompson / George & Tracy Rusnak
7- Fr. Eli & Mat. Larissa Bremer
9- David & Terrie Konik
14- Michael & Lynn Polewan
27- Dc. James Hryb Diaconate ordination
29- William & Nadine Sabo

Names Day

9- The Most Blessed Tikhon
14- Gary Thompson
23-Elliot Vansuch

SAINT DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Feastday of St. Demetrios on Sunday October 25

Great Vespers @ 6 pm followed by refreshments downstairs hall

Monday, October 26-
Orthos 9:15am
Divine Liturgy-10 am followed by refreshments in downstairs hall

429 High St NE
Warren, OH

Attendance: A Comparison – OCTOBER	2025	2026
1st Week		
Vespers	6	No Vespers
Liturgy/Communion	46 / 31	35 / 23
2nd Week		
Vespers	22 (wedding)	21
Liturgy/Communion	66 / 53 (wed)	40 / 29
3rd Week		
Vespers	7	
Liturgy / Communion	55 / 32	
4th Week		
Vespers	8	
Liturgy/Communion	41 / 24	
5th Week		
Vespers	No 5th week	No 5th week
Liturgy/Communion	No 5th week	No 5th week

Galatians 1:11-19 (Epistle)

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

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Thank you for joining OCPM as a new donor with your generous gift of $150. Because of you, prisoners living in isolation have been visited! Your donation makes it possible for us to restore the lives of those in prison by establishing long term relationships based in Christ. We do this by applying the teachings of the Orthodox Faith to reach thousands of prisoners, providing them personalized spiritual care, books, icons, catechism, and study courses. We will keep you informed on how your gift impacts prisoners across the United States, and I invite you to connect to us on social media for real-time updates. In Christ, Nicholas Petrogeorge, Executive Director

Support Ukrainian Refugees in Poland through IOCC/OCA Partnership

There is still time to donate and help the many Ukrainian refugees in Poland. Read His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon's message below.

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. 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
Donations can be made on National OCA Website.

Apostle and Evangelist Luke Commemorated on October 18

The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, was a native of Syrian Antioch, a companion of the holy Apostle Paul (Phil.1:24, 2 Tim. 4:10-11), and a physician enlightened in the Greek medical arts. Hearing about Christ, Luke arrived in Palestine and fervently accepted the preaching of salvation from the Lord Himself. As one of the Seventy Apostles, Saint Luke was sent by the Lord with the others to preach the Kingdom of Heaven during the Savior's earthly life (Luke 10:1-3). After the Resurrection, the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to Saints Luke and Cleopas on the road to Emmaus.

Luke accompanied Saint Paul on his second missionary journey, and from that time they were inseparable. When Paul's coworkers had forsaken him, only Luke remained to assist him in his ministry (2 Tim. 4:10-11). After the martyric death of the First-Ranked Apostles Peter and Paul, Saint Luke left Rome to preach in Achaia, Libya, Egypt and the Thebaid. He ended his life by suffering martyrdom in the city of Thebes.

Tradition credits Saint Luke with painting the first icons of the Mother of God. "Let the grace of Him Who was born of Me and My mercy be with these Icons," said the All-Pure Virgin after seeing the icons. Saint Luke also painted icons of the First-Ranked Apostles Peter and Paul. Saint Luke's Gospel was written in the years 62-63 at Rome, under the guidance of the Apostle Paul. In the preliminary verses (1:1-3), Saint Luke precisely sets forth the purpose of his work. He proposes to record, in chronological order, everything known by Christians about Jesus Christ and His teachings. By doing this, he provided a firmer historical basis for Christian teaching (1:4). He carefully investigated the facts, and made generous use of the oral tradition of the Church and of what the All-Pure Virgin Mary Herself had told him (2:19, 51).

In Saint Luke's Gospel, the message of the salvation made possible by the Lord Jesus Christ, and the preaching of the Gospel, are of primary importance.

Saint Luke also wrote the Acts of the Holy Apostles at Rome around 62-63 A.D. The Book of Acts, which is a continuation of the four Gospels, speaks about the works and the fruits of the holy Apostles after the Ascension of the Savior. At the center of the narrative is the Council of the holy Apostles at Jerusalem in the year 51, a Church event of great significance, which resulted in the separation of Christianity from Judaism and its independent dissemination into the world (Acts 15:6-29). The theological focus of the Book of Acts is the coming of the Holy Spirit, Who will guide the Church "into all truth" (John 16:13) until the Second Coming of Christ.

The holy relics of Saint Luke were taken from Constantinople and brought to Padua, Italy at some point in history. Perhaps this was during the infamous Crusade of 1204. In 1992, Metropolitan Hieronymus (Jerome) of Thebes requested the Roman Catholic bishop in Thebes to obtain a portion of Saint Luke's relics for the saint's empty sepulchre in the Orthodox cathedral in Thebes.

The Roman Catholic bishop Antonio Mattiazzo of Padua, noting that Orthodox pilgrims came to Padua to venerate the relics while many Catholics did not even know that the relics were there, appointed a committee to investigate the relics in Padua, and the skull of Saint Luke in the Catholic Cathedral of Saint Vico in Prague.

The skeleton was determined to be that of an elderly man of strong build. In 2001, a tooth found in the coffin was judged to be consistent with the DNA of Syrians living near the area of Antioch dating from 72-416 A.D. The skull in Prague perfectly fit the neck bone of the skelton. The tooth found in the coffin in Padua was also found to fit the jawbone of the skull.

Bishop Mattiazzo sent a rib from the relics to Metropolitan Hieronymus to be venerated in Saint Luke's original tomb in the Orthodox cathedral at Thebes.

65th Diocesan Assembly Concludes in Cleveland, OH

The Diocese of the Midwest gathered under the direction His Eminence Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the Diocese of the Midwest for the 65th Diocesan Assembly at Archangel Michael Church, Broadview Heights, OH, from October 5-7.

The assembly participants gathered on Monday evening in the church to pray the Akathist before the Chicago Tikhvin Icon of the Mother of God. At the conclusion of the service, His Eminence welcomed the clergy and faithful who gathered for the annual gathering and expressed his excitement fo the coming days. A reception was held that evening on the property.

Tuesday served as a full day of meetings, reports, and updates of the many activities of the Diocese. Reports were given by the Chancellor, Treasurer, auditors, the various diocesan departments, deaneries, among others. Elections were held for the vacancies in the Diocesan Council, Metropolitan Council, and on the Auditors Committee, followed by a panel discussion on the challenges of the growing communities. Great Vespers was served to conclude the evening.
The final day of the Diocesan Assembly began with the Hierarchical Liturgy. His Eminence was assisted by Archpriest Herman Kincaid, Chancellor, the former Chancellors of the Diocese, the District Deans, and other local clergy. The choir was directed by Archpriest Gregory Ealy and the Sermon was offered by Archpriest Andrew Jarmus.

At the end of the Divine Liturgy, the Archbishop installed the newly elected members of the Diocesan Council.

Saint James the Deacon Commemorated on October 18

Saint James lived in the seventh century, and assisted Saint Paulinus of York (October 10) in evangelizing the north of England.

Following the death of Saint Edwin (October 12) in 633, the northern kingdom experienced many trials, including military defeats, famine, and plague. The year 633-634 was so fraught with misfortune that it became known as "The Hateful Year." Saint Paulinus accompanied Saint Ethelburga (April 5) back to her native Kent after the death of her husband King Edwin, leaving Saint James behind to care for the new converts in northern England.

Saint James has been described as "faithful and undismayed," even though the secular power which supported the Church had been overthrown. Even so, he would not abandon the people in his care, nor would he cease his missionary labors.

This faithful servant of the Lord established himself near the village of Catterick in Yorkshire, teaching, comforting, and encouraging his flock. Even in such difficult times, Saint James was able to win many converts to Christ. He had a talent for music, and was skilled in the Roman chants composed by Saint Gregory Dialogus (March 12) which were being used in Kent. James taught these chants to the Christians of the north. When peace returned and the churches reopened, their services were beautified with the chants which Saint James had given them.

We do not know exactly when Saint James died, but it is believed that he survived for at least thirty years after "The Hateful Year," and participated in the Synod of Whitby in 664.

Saint James does not appear to have been ordained to the holy priesthood, but through his tireless labors he built up the Church in the north. Saint Bede (May 27) calls him "a man of great energy and repute in Christ's Church" (History of the English Church and People, Book II, chapter 16).