

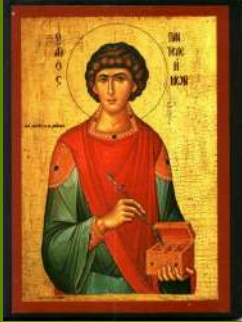
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OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

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Parish Council President: Nicholas Cavaligos



Sunday, March 27, 2016

Tone 2

Gospel: St. Mark 2:1-12

Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / St. Gregory Palamas
Martyr Matrona of Thessalonica

March Bulletin Sponsor

Mr. & Mrs. John Magerko in memory of their families

THE PRAYER OF ST EPHREM

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. Amen. (*Prostration*)

O, God, cleanse me, a sinner. (*12 times with deep bow then repeat above once*)



Liturgical & Event Schedule

Sunday, March 27

9:10 am: Hours

9:30 am: D. L. / 40 day Panachida / Church School / Social

6:00 pm: Deanery Mission Vespers @ Christ the Saviour in Chichago

Tuesday, March 29

7:30 pm: Orthodoxy 101 Class

Wednesday, March 30

7:00 pm: Full Panachida

Friday, April 1

7:00 pm: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Social

Saturday, April 2

6:00 pm: Great Vespers

Sunday, April 3- Children's Sunday

9:10 am: Hours

9:30 am: D.L. / C. School / Social

6:00 pm: Deanery Mission Vespers @ Holy Resurrection in Palatine

40 Days Eternal Memory

March 27: Dana & Blake

April 10- Steve Platko / Archpriest James Bertolini

April 17: Mary Pradun & Olga Wyatt / Those who lost their lives in the Terror attacks in Brussels.

CONFESSIONS

Confession will be heard after Great Vespers every Saturday and on Sunday mornings between 9:00am and 9:25am.

Confession helps us prepare ourselves for our eternal salvation. We should be going more than once a year. At least 4 times during the four fasting periods.

2016 - SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

March: St Herman's Seminary



This collection will take place during the Litany before the *Our Father*. Or you can speak to Steve Grabavoy to contribute.

Metropolitan Tikhon accepts Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew's invitation to serve at Sunday of Orthodoxy Liturgy

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew with Metropolitan Tikhon and [from left] Frs. Alexander Rentel, John Behr and John Jillions at the Patriarchal Residence after visit to the Holy Theological School in Halki, December 2014.



His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon has accepted an invitation from His All-Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople to concelebrate the Divine Liturgy of the Sunday of Orthodoxy at the Patriarchal Church of Saint George in Istanbul's Phanar district on March 20, 2016. Also concelebrating with the Ecumenical Patriarch will be the members of the Sacred and Holy Synod of the Patriarchate of Constantinople.

While preparing for his departure for Istanbul, Metropolitan Tikhon expressed feelings of joy in anticipation of the celebration.

“The path toward Orthodox unity in mission and witness that has been taken in the United States by the [Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the USA](#) will bear fruit at the forthcoming Great and Holy Synod on the island of Crete in June 2016,” said Metropolitan Tikhon. “The core commitment of the Orthodox Church in America to Orthodox unity is unwavering. For us, the concelebration with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew on the Sunday of Orthodoxy is an expression of this commitment and an affirmation of this vision.”

Metropolitan Tikhon is being accompanied by Archpriest John Jillions, OCA Chancellor.

Martyr Matrona of Thessalonica

Commemorated on [March 27](#)

The Holy Martyr Matrona of Thessalonica suffered in the third or fourth century. She was a slave of the Jewish woman Pautila (or Pantilla), wife of one of the military commanders of Thessalonica. Pautila constantly mocked her slave for her faith in Christ, and tried to convert her to Judaism. St Matrona, who believed in Christ from her youth, still prayed to the Savior Christ, and secretly went to church unbeknownst to her vengeful mistress.

Pautila, learning that St Matrona had been to church, asked, “Why won't you come to our synagogue, instead of attending the Christian church?” St Matrona boldly answered, “Because God is present in the Christian church, but He has departed from the Jewish

synagogue.” Pautila went into a rage and mercilessly beat St Matrona, tied her up, and shut her in a dark closet. In the morning, Pautila discovered that St Matrona had been freed of her bonds by an unknown Power.

In a rage Pautila beat the martyr almost to death, then bound her even more tightly and locked her in the closet. The door was sealed so that no one could help the sufferer. The holy martyr remained there for four days without food or water, and when Pautila opened the door, she again found St Matrona free of her bonds, and standing at prayer.

Pautila flogged the holy martyr and left the skin hanging in strips from her body. The fierce woman locked her in the closet again, where St Matrona gave up her spirit to God.

Pautila had the holy martyr's body thrown from the roof of her house. Christians took up the much-suffered body of the holy martyr and buried it. Later, Bishop Alexander of Thessalonica built a church dedicated to the holy martyr. Her holy relics, glorified by many miracles, were placed in this church.

The judgment of God soon overtook the evil Pautila. Standing on the roof at that very place where the body of St Matrona had been thrown, she stumbled and fell to the pavement. Her body was smashed, and so she received her just reward for her sin.



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City Council Raises Chicago Smoking Age To 21, Bans Chewing Tobacco At Ballparks

Aldermen have approved Mayor Rahm Emanuel's latest push to cut down on tobacco use, by raising the smoking age in Chicago to 21, and banning chewing tobacco at ballparks and other sports arenas.

Chicago Public [Health](#) Commissioner Dr. Julie Morita was among the anti-smoking advocates who strongly supported following the lead of cities like Boston, New York, Cleveland, and north suburban Evanston. California lawmakers also recently passed legislation raising that state's smoking age to 21.

In addition to the higher smoking age, the Chicago City Council also approved the mayor's [plan](#) for higher taxes on non-cigarette tobacco products, a ban on smokeless tobacco at all professional and amateur sports stadiums in Chicago, and a prohibition on tobacco coupons and discounts.

"Today, we're about to be one step closer to creating Chicago's first tobacco-free generation, where countless children throughout Chicago have the opportunity to have a life free from addiction and from a destructive habit that will shorten their lives," Morita said.

Joel Africk, president and [CEO](#) of the Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago, said in the 10 years since the City Council approved a public smoking ban for Chicago, thousands of lives have been saved.

He applauded the move to raise the city's smoking age and increase [taxes](#) on tobacco products other than cigarettes, which already have the highest tax rate of any city in the U.S.

"These laws do not criminalize smoking for those who are under 21. Our focus is on Big Tobacco. Our focus is on the [retailers](#). Our focus is on what we can do so that law-abiding people will not smoke," Africk said.

The Illinois Retail Merchants Association said the higher taxes will continue to drive customers away from the city, and hurt small business.

The Sunday of Orthodoxy visit of Metropolitan Tikhon to the Ecumenical Patriarchate
[As reported earlier](#), His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon had accepted the invitation of His All-Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople to concelebrate at the Divine Liturgy in the Patriarchal Church of Saint George in the Phanar district here on the Sunday of Orthodoxy—March 19-20, 2016.

Earlier, Metropolitan Tikhon had accepted similar invitations from Patriarch Bartholomew. In December 2014, [he visited the Holy Theological School of Halki and the Patriarchate](#) with Archpriests John Jillions, OCA Chancellor, and Archpriests John Behr and Alexander Rentel of Saint Vladimir's Seminary, Yonkers, NY. In June 2015, Metropolitan Tikhon and Father Alexander traveled to the Patriarchate in connection with the [meeting of the Executive Committee of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the USA](#).

Accompanied by Father John Jillions, Metropolitan Tikhon arrived in Istanbul on Saturday, March 19, shortly after a terrorist bombing had killed and wounded over 30 people in the city's tourist district. They were met by Deacon Nephon, an American-born monk serving the Patriarchate as head of its English language secretariat since 2008. On Saturday evening, they attended Vespers at the Patriarchal Church of Saint George, at which Patriarch Bartholomew presided.

After Vespers, Metropolitan Tikhon and Father John were invited to meet with Patriarch Bartholomew in his office.

"Metropolitan Tikhon offered greetings on behalf of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America," said Father John. "He and His All-Holiness discussed the approaching Great and Holy Council, His Beatitude's [recent visit to His Eminence, Archbishop Leo and the Church of Finland](#)—an autonomous Church under the Ecumenical Patriarchate—the work of the [Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the USA](#), and prospects for renewed formal dialogue with the Patriarchate with regard to Orthodox unity and regularizing the canonical situation of the church in North America.

"His All-Holiness, in turn, welcomed the discussion, recalling his involvement with these matters with the late Protopresbyter John Meyendorff and His Eminence, the late Archbishop Peter [L'Huillier]," Father John added. "It was understood that, while differences in understanding remain with regard to the nature of autocephaly, this does not present an impediment to communion and concelebration."

After an exchange of gifts, Patriarch Bartholomew encouraged Metropolitan Tikhon to visit again in the future.

After the meeting, Metropolitan Tikhon and Father John dined with Patriarch Bartholomew and some of the members of the Ecumenical Patriarchate's Holy Synod, including His Eminence, Metropolitan John [Zizioulas] of Pergamon, before celebrating the Service of Preparation for Holy Communion. **Con't Page 7**

Holy Trinity Cathedral to hold deanery-wide Church School lenten retreat

The Church School of Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL, will be holding a lenten retreat for children on Saturday, April 9, 2016. All parishes throughout the Chicago region are invited to participate.

The retreat will open at 9:30 a.m. with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. A Lenten pot-luck luncheon will follow. Participants will then depart for Libertyville, IL, where they will view a display of unique wood mosaic religious art titled "My Father's Love." [Additional information on this rare art form, known as "marquetry," appears below.] Upon their return to the cathedral, a Reconciliation Service and individual Confessions will be celebrated at 3:30 p.m. If there is sufficient interest, a bus will be rented.

Cathedral parishioners may sign up at coffee hour. Members of other parishes may indicate their desire to attend by sending an e-mail to lr7288sr@sbcglobal.net.

"My Father's Love" is a display of thirty, 4' x 8' wood panels, each weighing over four hundred pounds, crafted from hundreds of thousands of half-inch diamond shaped pieces of inlaid wood cut from more than a hundred-fifty varieties of trees. Each tree offers its own unique color and grain pattern, giving the artist a pallet from which to create his unique scenes.

This special marquetry exhibition by Ed Lantzer was 30 years in the making and was placed in public view for the very first time in June 2008.

"My Father's Love" is a testament of divine redemption that unfolds over a series of thirty 4'x8' marquetry panels," said Gregory Waskowsky, Outreach Curator at the Kalamazoo [MI] Institute of Arts. "An inspired work of faith, Lantzer has also created a masterpiece of vernacular art."

Techniques of wood marquetry were developed in Antwerp and other Flemish centers of luxury cabinet-making during the early 16th century. The craft was then imported to France to create furniture of unprecedented intricacy and beauty, providing the furnishings that decorate Versailles and the other royal residences of Louis XIV.

The panels, now in place at the exhibition at the Monastery, stretch across 120 linear feet of gallery space. Each is 96 inches tall which means Ed's mosaic murals form just about 1,000 square feet of artwork in an art form that is as extraordinary as it is rare.

For more information visit www.myfatherslove.info.

Hebrews 1:10-2:3 (Sunday Epistle)

And: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail." But to which of the angels has He ever said: "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation? Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him,



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CHI TOWN S. SIDE TEEN NIGHT

Orthodox Christian Coalition for Healthy Youth

South Side Winter Event 2016

February 17, 2016

Orthodox Teens Health & Hookah Risk Prevention Presentation – Video – Q&A – Youth Survey

On Wednesday night, February 17th, 45 teens from the South Suburbs of Chicago gathered for an informative OCCHY presentation on substance prevention and awareness. The event was hosted by St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church in Palos Heights. Representatives from St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church also attended.

Teens were informed about current substance abuse trends and health risks, took the 2016 Orthodox Core Measure survey and participated in an "I AM" branding exercise.



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Prayer List : UPDATED 2-28-16

Prizsts: Anthony Spenglar, John Kuchta, James Gleason (*Fr.'s spiritual father*), ***Ted Bobosh**, ***Moses Berry**,***John Magramm**, John Duranko, Lev Holowoty, ***Anastassy Fehr**, ***Leonid Kishkovsky**,* **Fr. Daniel Rental**, ***Fr. Stephen Hrycyniak**

Matushka: ***Carol Janacek**, Pani Patricia Duranko,

Parishionzrs: Karen Muzyka, Ronald Stachowiak, Rebecca Eggers, Jason Kirnbauer, Sonja Harris, Mark Hruban

Parishionzr's Friends / Family: Donna Parhas (*Nick's Cousin*), Ron (*Mark's Friend*), Mary Ann Magerko, John Magerko, Stephen Holly & Walter Litzie (*Fr.'s cousin*), George Cavaligos (*Nick's brother*), Christos Parhas (*Nick's cousin*), Constantine Cavaligos (*Nick's dad*), John Hartel (*Joann's Step-dad*), Sandra (*Karen's sister*), Erika Northrup, Danielle Krush, Mark Svara, Mary Northrup, Dianne Northrup, Raymond Northrup, Joey Krush, Carol Bregin (*Friend of Lynn*), Ann Lazo (*Friend of Lynn*), George Lazo (*Friend of Lynn*), Bruce (*Fr. Kurt's brother*), Christine & her unborn baby, Chrissy Marron, Daniel Tiani (*friend of Becky Eggers*), Vivian (*friend of Becky Eggers*), Julianna (*Hruban Family*), John (Spengler family), Robert (Spengler family), Aubrey, James, June & James (*Hruban Friend*), Jacob (*Spengler Family*), Emilian (*Spengler Family*), Joyce (*Spengler Friend*), William & Dana Nosek (*Fr. Kurt's family*), Mark, Eve (*Mat. Robert's Family*), Tommy.

Other Requests: Lucille (*Duke*), Dianne (*Bill Rudolph*), Elizabeth Lilos, Jemsey Pradun, Mae Joanna Bass, Hermenegil (*Neighbor*), Lidiya (*Neighbor*), Cathleen Rebollar, Patricia Schuster, ***John Sedor**, * **Daria Petrykowski**, Emily & Scott preparing for Marriage, ***Cynthia Koranda**

Military: Amber, Caleb, Nicholas, David, Timothy, Robert, Kristen, Matthew, Brian, Daniel, Joseph, Joseph (*Fr.'s cousin*)

Captivz: Metropolitan Paul (*Orthodox Archdiocese of Aleppo*), Archbishop John (*Syriac Archdiocese of Aleppo*)

For the UN & IOCC humanitarian aid workers in & around Syria / Those suffering persecution in Iraq, Syria, Israel, Egypt, Ukraine and throughout the world / Those held captive throughout the world.

Additions or removals from the list? Please notify Fr. Andrew. (***Bishop Request**) **New:**

Mark 2:1-12 (Sunday, Gospel)

And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone? But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'?" But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins – He said to the paralytic, I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house. Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"



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M A R C H

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	NAMES DAY
James Ho: Child 9- Tanya Wolfe 23- Valerie Boswell 27- Ronald Svara 30- Steve Grabavoy	2- Arlene Tilghman 8- Jason Kirnbauer 23- Steve Nemic 28- John Sutko
	1- The Rt. Rev. David, Bishop of Sitka & Alaska 9- Valerie Boswell 17- Alexis Northrup 17- The Most Rev. Alejo, Archbishop of Mexico City & Mexico 23- The Most Rev. Nikon, ArchBishop of Boston & New England & the Albanian Archdiocese

If there are those names to be added or removed, please contact Fr. Andrew. He would like to list all members of your family Orthodox and non-Orthodox.

In blessed repose: M A R C H

13- Metropolitan Nicholas (11) 19- George Michals (09) 22- "Mike" Dushan Daniel Bellich (88) 29- Ronald E. Anderson (01) 1942: Vasilij Makovskiy Matrey Kuchek Julia Simrak	1943: Adam Korenchuk Vasilij Brayko Anna Homko Theodore Yarmotzek Philip Gritzuk (Rizdy)
	Timothy Starko Justin Tsygugh Paul Makovetsky Boris Golubovich

Remember those who have gone before us in prayer. If there is a name missing from the above list, please speak to Fr. Andrew to have them added.

Bulletin Sponsor: Would you be interested in being a bulletin sponsor in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one or friend? Sponsors will be remembered during Divine Services for that month. Donation: \$40 for the month.

Memorial Candle(s): *(Give names to Fr. Andrew)*

Option 1: The Tray of Candles under the Cross is now the area of remembrance for the deceased. If you would like the tray of candles placed in memory of a deceased loved one, the suggested donation is \$30. The Sponsors will be remembered during the Divine Services for that Sunday.

Option 2: One of the small Tray's under the Theotokos in the back of the Church. Donation \$25

Option 3: If this tray is full, one or more candles may be gotten at the candle desk & be placed in the sand box.

Candles for the Health of a Loved One *(Speak to Fr. Andrew to make arrangements)*

Option 1: One of The small tray's of 40 candles in front of the icon of woman saints in the back of the Church - donation \$25.

Option 2: The altar candles in the Sanctuary & Eternal Light candle - donation \$20.

Option 3: If Candles are filled more candles may be gotten at the candle desk & placed in the sand box.

Monthly Panachida Service: The third Sunday of each month there will be a Panachida. If you would like your loved one(s) to be remembered, please give a list of names to Fr. Andrew before that Sunday for those to be remembered in the month. If there is a remembrance (newly departed or 40th day remembrance) of your family or friends we will remember them on the closest Sunday otherwise they will be remembered on the third Sunday. If it is an remembrance not related to our parish family we will just sing Memory Eternal on the 40 Day remembrance.

Hospitalization/Shut-ins: If anyone goes into hospital, or is a shut-in, please let Fr. Andrew know as soon as possible so he can attend to them and their family members.

Celebration? Achievement?: Your spiritual family would like to share in your achievement, celebration, and accomplishment. Send in a picture or email to Fr. Andrew, by Wednesday @ 5:00 pm so he can place it in the bulletin!

Bishop Paul visits Archangel Michael Church, Burbank, IL

On Wednesday evening, March 16, 2016, His Grace, Bishop Paul received a warm welcome from Priest Gregory Bruner and the faithful of Archangel Michael Church here as he celebrated the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

Joining the faithful from Archangel Michael Church were Priest Andrew Bartek, Protodeacon Robert Northrup and faithful from Saint Panteleimon Church in neighboring Summit, IL. Matushka Ksenia Bruner led the choir, which was made up of singers from both parishes.

In his homily, Bishop Paul spoke of Great Lent as an opportunity to be “recatechized” in our faith. He reminded the faithful that fasting is not limited to food, but also our actions, citing the first verse of that evening’s “Lord I Call” hymns: “Let us give food to the hungry! Let us shelter the poor and homeless, so that we may receive great mercy from Christ our God!”

At the conclusion of the Liturgy, Bishop Paul awarded a kamilavka to Father Gregory.

A lovingly prepared pot luck dinner followed, during which Bishop Paul visited each table and personally greeted everyone in attendance.



Ec. Patriarch Con't

On the Sunday of Orthodoxy—March 20—Metropolitan Tikhon concelebrated the Divine Liturgy with Patriarch Bartholomew and the members of the Ecumenical Patriarchate’s Holy Synod, a number of whom serve in the United States and are well known to Metropolitan Tikhon through the Assembly of Bishops.

In addition to Patriarch Bartholomew and Metropolitan John, serving in order of their ordination date, were His Eminence, Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver; His Eminence, Metropolitan Alexios of Atlanta; His Eminence, Metropolitan Iakovos of the Prince Islands; His Eminence, Metropolitan Joseph of Prikonisos; His Eminence, Metropolitan Meliton of Philadelphia; His Eminence, Metropolitan Emmanuel of France; His Eminence, Metropolitan Nikitas of

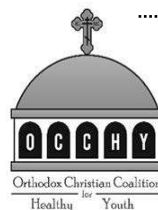
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the Dardanelles [Patriarch Athenagoras Institute, Berkeley, CA]; His Eminence, Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco; Metropolitan Tikhon; His Eminence, Metropolitan Maximos of Selymbria; and His Eminence, Metropolitan Amphilochios of Adrianopolis. Also in attendance in the altar were His Eminence, Metropolitan Stefanos, Chancellor; His Eminence, Metropolitan Elpidophoros; His Grace, Bishop Adrianos of Halicarnassos, who was recently ordained to oversee 14 parishes in the Phanar. Father John served with the Grand Archimandrite Bessarion and Father Ambrosias, the Grand Syngellos.

After the Patriarchal Liturgy, a Memorial was celebrated for those who had suffered and died for the faith. The procession with icons, during which Fathers Bessarion and John carried the icon of the Seventh Ecumenical Council.

On Sunday afternoon, Patriarch Bartholomew and Metropolitan Tikhon drove to a local parish for the celebration of Orthodoxy Sunday Vespers. A brief concert, performed by a group of singers and musicians from the northern Aegean region, followed in the parish hall.

Patriarch Bartholomew offered a warm farewell to Metropolitan Tikhon and Father John before their departure on Monday morning, March 21. *Con't Page 9*



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SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

...He said to the paralyzed man "I command you: Stand up! Pick up your mat and go home." The man stood and picked up his mat and went outside in the sight of everyone. They were awestruck: all gave praise to God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

QUESTIONS TO PONDER ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

- In what ways have I put my faith and trust in Jesus?
- What are the times in my life when I can remember repenting, confessing my sins and knowing that my burdens were lifted?
- How can I increase my desire to follow in the path of Jesus?

Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (*Epistle, Saint*)

For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever. Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

John 10:9-16 (*Gospel, Saint*)

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

THE 2016 HOLY APOSTLES CELEBRATION OF BOOKS

Guest Speakers:

3/27: Dr Lewis Patsavos

"The Holy Canons: Punitive- Judgmental- or Compassionate and Liberating **Perceived Impressions of the Holy Canons**"

6:30 pm: Vespers / 8:00 pm Presentation

3/29: Dr. Lewis Patsavos

"The Holy Canons: Punitive- Judgmental- or Compassionate and Liberating **Spiritual & Pastoral Dimensions of the Holy Canons**"

6:30 pm: Compline / 8:00 pm Presentation

3/31: Rev. Dr. George Dokos

Concerning Frequent Communion

6:30 pm: Compline / 8:00 pm Presentation

Book Store Hours (Daily Monday-Friday from 10:00am-2:00pm)

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Dr Lewis J Patsavos is Professor of Canon Law, Emeritus and Former Director of Field Education at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, MA where he taught the discipline of Canon Law for forty years.

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PAN ORTHODOX AKATHIST HYMN

Tuesday April 19 @ 7:00pm

North: New Gracanica Serbian Orthodox Monastery
35240 W Grant AV- Third Lake, IL
Route 45, 1 mile south of Route 132 / Grand

South: Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church
6980 County Line Rd
Burr Ridge, IL 60527