

# St. Panteleimon Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

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**Sunday, December 4, 2016**

**Tone 7**

**Gospel:** St. Luke 17:12-19

**Epistle:** Ephesians 2:14-22

**24th Sunday After Pentecost**

**Glorification of Hieromartyr Protopresbyter Alexander (Hotovitzky)**

**Greatmartyr Barbara and Martyr Juliana, at Heliopolis in Syria**

**Ven. John of Damascus / St. John, Bishop of Polybotum**

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## *Liturgical & Events Schedule*

### **Sunday, December 4**

9:40am Hours

10:00am: D.L. / Social / Church School & Monthly Sisterhood Meeting

### **Monday, December 5**

7:00pm: Summit Meeting

### **Tuesday, December 6**

10:00am: March For Life Meeting

2:00 pm: Summit Clergy Meeting

### **Wednesday, December 7**

6:30pm: Boy Scout Meeting

### **Saturday, December 10**

Noon : Decorate & Clean the the Church

6:00 pm Christmas Concert

### **Sunday, December 11**

9:40 am: Hours

10:00 am: D.L. / Social / Church School



- Christmas Card,
  - Help Decorate Church
  - Help Clean Church
  - Christmas Day Desserts
- Clothes for the less fortunate to see if they need it

**In the back of the church**

### **PAN ORTHODOX CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Saturday December 10

5:00pm Great Vespers & 7:00pm Concert

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church,  
2350 E Dempster Street, Des Plaines, IL  
60016; 847-827-5510

### **SCRIP FUNDRAISING PROGRAM UP & RUNNING**

Who to see: Matushka Susan

When: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month

- In order for the program to be cost effective for us, a minimum \$300 order must be placed.
- A list of participating businesses is available for your review.

This is a great way for you to do your regular shopping and it benefit your church! Try it out!



The church is seeking donations to help defray office supplies costs. If you are willing to help, please mark in the check memo "office supplies donation."

Printer ink: Total-\$135.17 (September \$80.18 / October \$54.99)  
Postage Stamps: \$49.93

Thank You for any help you can give.

### **40 DAYS MEMORIAL**

December 4: James / Elsie

December 11: 2 Police officers killed in Iowa / Catherine

December 18: Police officer killed in PA

December 25: Dianne

January 8: Turkish girls who died to school fire / Those who died to Tn Fires / The entire Brazilian National soccer team who died in plane crash



## SUMMIT PARK DISTRICT EVENTS

*NOTE: Because our parish is located in Summit, all parishioners are able to participate in any scheduled event.*

- **Thursday Dec 1:** Christmas Around the World & Holiday Lights (9am-4:00pm \$45) / Bingo (11:00am-12:30pm 50+ RSVP)
- **Thursday Dec. 8:** Movies (11:00am-1:00pm 50+ RSVP)
- **Saturdays through 12/3:** Ballet Class: (Children: both boys & girls- Saturdays 11-11:45 am - \$35)
- **Saturdays through 12/3:** Hip-Hop Class (From 12:12:45 - \$35)
- **Corner Kickers (U6-U8-U10) (Mon & Fri at 5:15pm thru Dec 15**
- **Hip Hop Cycling Thursday from 6-7pm & Saturday 9:30-10:30 thru Dec 17 Free**
- **Tae Kwon do: Mon-Wed 6:00pm \$50**
- **Saturdays through 12/17:** Zumba Gold 50+- 1:00-2:00 - \$30 / Zumba from 2:00-3:00pm - \$30
- **Saturdays through 12/3:** Aqua Zumba @ Argo H.S. from 3-4 - \$30
- **Mondays through 12/19:** Tumbling from 6:15-7:15 - \$20
- **A Phone call from Santa (Ages 3-8) Registration from Nov. 24-Dec 13 / Calls will be made on Wednesday December 14 @ 5:00pm FREE**

*Any Questions contact the Summit Park District @ 5700 S Archer Rd @ 708-496-1012*

*(Please tell them you are from St Panteleimon) They also have a Facebook Page*

### **Metropolitan Tikhon sends greetings to President-elect Trump**

On Tuesday, November 15, 2016, His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, sent greetings to President-elect Donald J. Trump, wishing him well as he takes on “the heavy yoke of leadership of our United States of America.”

“On behalf of the clergy and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America please accept my sincere greetings on your election as the 45th President of the United States of America,” Metropolitan Tikhon wrote. “After a long and a hard-fought campaign in which the people of our nation expressed their will for the leadership of the United States, it is my prayer that healing and peace will come to this land so that we as a nation might continue the good work we have to do and, as Abraham Lincoln exhorted, that we do so ‘with malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right... [and] to bind up the nation’s wounds.’”

“Indeed there is much to be done as we strive to maintain President George Washington’s vision of a republic that is ‘open to receive not only the opulent and respected stranger, but the oppressed and persecuted of all nations and religions, whom we shall welcome to a participation of all our rights and privileges,’” Metropolitan Tikhon concluded. “May our Lord Jesus Christ grant you wisdom, health, peace, well-being and spiritual strength as you take on the heavy yoke of leadership of our United States of America.”

### **Message of Metropolitan Tikhon on the Observance of Veterans Day and Remembrance Day**

November 11, 2016

To the Venerable Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, Monastics, and especially Veterans of our United States and Canadian Armed Forces of the Orthodox Church in America:

Today, together with the entire nation, we honor our brothers and sisters who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States and Canada, and specifically those Orthodox Chaplains who have ministered and minister to our service members. Veterans Day offers us the opportunity to pay tribute to the men and women of our nation’s military whose sacrificial service protects, preserves, and promotes peace both at home and throughout the world. The veterans of our nations are our fellow citizens whose loyalty and dedication epitomizes Christ’s message of the Good Samaritan, who willingly came to the aid of his neighbor.

We are reminded today that our fellow citizens—mothers and fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers, brothers, sisters, spouses, neighbors and friends—who have served our nations in the Armed Forces are deserving of our respect and honor. And more than anything they are deserving of our gratitude. Here I am reminded of the words of Protopresbyter Alexander Schmemmann who in his final sermon said, “Thank You, O Lord, for having given us this country where we are free to worship You.” I would add today, “Thank you, O Lord, for the men and women who have sacrificed in service to You and our country so that we may worship You and proclaim Your message free of persecution or distress.”

Brother and sisters in Christ, please take a moment today to honor our nations’ veterans and to pray for the souls of those men and women who have given their lives in service to our country, in service to their neighbors and for the cause of peace throughout the world. Each of them is known by our Lord. May we continue to keep their memories known here on earth.

Yours in Christ,  
+ Tikhon

Archbishop of Washington  
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

## Metropolitan Tikhon, OCA delegation to visit Church of Russia

At the invitation of His Holiness, Patriarch Kirill of Moscow, His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon and a delegation from the Orthodox Church in America will join the Primates and representatives of the Local Orthodox Churches at services and related festivities in Moscow marking His Holiness' 70th birthday.



*Metropolitan Tikhon with Patriarch Kirill, Moscow, December 2014.*

Metropolitan Tikhon and the OCA delegation will arrive in Moscow on Friday, November 18, 2016. Members of the delegation include His Grace, Bishop Daniel of Santa Rosa; Archimandrite Gerasim; Archpriest Nazari Polataiko; Archdeacon Joseph Matusiak and Roman Ostash.

On the day of their arrival, Metropolitan Tikhon and the OCA delegation will meet with Patriarch Kirill at his residence in Moscow's Danilov Monastery. Later they will celebrate a Service of Intercession before the relics of Saint Tikhon the Confessor in the Donskoy Monastery.

On Saturday, November 19, Metropolitan Tikhon will preside at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy at the OCA's [Representation Church of the Great Martyr Catherine](#), after which a 40-day Memorial will be celebrated for the [repose of Archimandrite Alexander \[Pihach\]](#), the recently departed Dean of Saint Catherine's and OCA Representative to the Moscow Patriarchate. Among those expected to attend the Divine Liturgy is Canadian Ambassador to the Russian Federation, John Kur. On Saturday evening, Metropolitan Tikhon and the OCA delegation will join the permanent members of the Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church and the Primates of the Local Orthodox Churches and their delegations for a welcoming dinner.

Moscow's historic Christ the Savior Cathedral will be the site of the Patriarchal Divine Liturgy on Sunday, November 20, after which a reception honoring Patriarch Kirill will be held in the cathedral refectory. The following day, a formal program marking the Patriarch's birthday will be held in the cathedral hall, where a concert in Patriarch Kirill's honor will be held on Tuesday, November 22. Earlier that day, Metropolitan Tikhon will meet with US Ambassador to the Russian Federation John Teft at the US Embassy.

Metropolitan Tikhon and the delegation will return to the US on Wednesday, November 23.

Patriarch Kirill was born on November 20, 1946, in

Leningrad—today's Saint Petersburg—where his father served as a priest. He graduated from the Leningrad Theological Seminary and Academy in 1970. In April 1969, he embraced monasticism and was ordained to the diaconate. In June of that same year, he was ordained to the priesthood. In March 1976, he was consecrated Bishop of Vyborg and Auxiliary of the Leningrad Diocese, while in 1984 he was elected Bishop of Smolensk. In 1991 he was elevated to the rank of Metropolitan.

Patriarch Kirill has held numerous administrative positions within the Russian Orthodox Church. He served as Rector of the Leningrad Theological Seminary and Academy from 1974 to 1984. For many years he has been a leading figure in the Church's ecumenical activity. In 1989, he was appointed Chairman of the Department for External Church Relations and became a permanent member of the Russian Church's Holy Synod. On December 6, 2008, after the repose of His Holiness, Patriarch Aleksy II, Metropolitan Kirill was named Patriarchal Locum Tenens. He was elected Patriarch of Moscow by the Local Council of the Russian Orthodox Church on January 27, 2009, and enthroned on February 1.

### IMPORTANT CHANGE

Christmas Eve Service:

6:00 pm, Saturday, December 24

Christmas Day Saint Basil's Liturgy:

10:00 am: followed by Christmas Carols

Feeding of the Homeless

12:30 pm

We are collecting adult and children sized clothes for the homeless. What is not given away will be taken to the Nuns at St Blasé Catholic Church to distribute during weekly Soup Kitchen!

Thank You & God Bless!

St. Nicholas Day is December 6

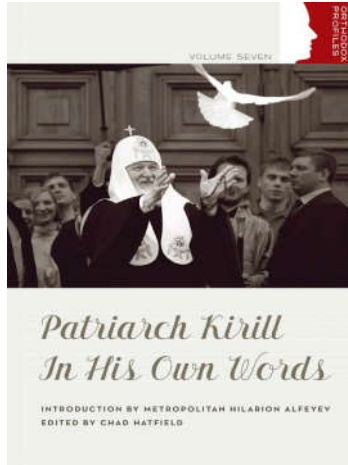


<http://www.stnicholascenter.org/pages/for-kids/>

## SVS Press releases collection by Patriarch Kirill of Moscow

As part of this weekend's Jubilee Celebration marking the 70th birthday of His Holiness, Patriarch Kirill of Moscow, [Saint Vladimir's Seminary Press](#)

[SVS Press] released a collection of his writings, titled *Patriarch Kirill in His Own Words*, on Friday, November 18, 2016. The new volume is laid out in an engaging "daily reading" format, and includes short excerpts from Patriarch Kirill's homilies, media interviews, articles, and formal speeches, among other published talks and writings.



The book is Volume Seven of the Press's Profile Series, edited by Archpriest Chad Hatfield, CEO of [Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary](#), who will be present in Russia for the celebration. [See [related story](#) regarding participation by His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon and a delegation from the Orthodox Church in America.] SVS Press's English-language edition of the work was released simultaneously with a Russian-language version published by Saints Cyril and Methodius Theological Institute for Post-Graduate Studies, as a joint publication venture.

The introduction to the book, written by His Eminence, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk and Chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations, states in part, "This book allows the living voice of Patriarch Kirill to be heard in English for all American readers who want to listen... the Patriarch [conveys] the eternal gospel truths, the divine truth that remains unchanged, regardless of the external circumstances of the world."

Within the body of his new work, Patriarch Kirill explains his vision for the Orthodox Church's mission and public life, including an explication of the relationship between Church and state, and his thoughts on the relationship between the Russian Orthodox Church and the Orthodox Church in America. He also offers counsel on internal spiritual warfare—that is, how to battle sinful passions and acquire Christian virtues amidst the temptations and distractions of 21st century life.

"I know this book will be an inspiring surprise to North American readers, as Patriarch Kirill's words were to me, when I first encountered them," said Father Chad. "It's my joy to share his vision with the English-speaking world." *Patriarch Kirill in His Own Words* [may be ordered on-line](#) from SVS Press.

## "Monks Amongst Us" theme of fall retreat at Annunciation Mission, St. James, MO

Priest Joel Wilson and the faithful of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Mission here hosted their third annual fall retreat on Saturday, October 29, 2016. The retreat theme — "Monks Amongst Us" — was developed in two separate presentations by Hiermonk Alexii [Altschul] of Holy Archangel Michael and All Angels Skete, Weatherby, MO. Father Alexii related his journey into monasticism and spoke of the goal of monasticism and its significance in the life of every Christian. "We received our best response yet, with 33 adults and 16 children, and people traveling as far away as Illinois and Oklahoma, including those from various Orthodox jurisdictions and other Christian confessions," said Father Joel.

An audio of Father Alexii's talk, "Monasticism and the World Today," is available on the [mission's web site](#).



## Mission accomplished! Kenyan clergy receive motorcycles as a result of the Midwest faithful's tremendous generosity!

In November 2015, His Grace Bishop Paul initiated a diocesan-wide drive to raise funds to purchase ten motorcycles for



Orthodox Christian clergy ministering in Kenya, in partnership with the [Orthodox Christian Mission Center](#) [OCMC]. The drive aimed at raising \$10,000.00.

"When I had learned that many Kenyan clergy had to walk great distances to minister to their flocks, a light went off, and I asked myself, 'what can we as a diocese do to help the Kenyan clergy?'" Bishop Paul said. "I thought this was a worthy project that was well within our abilities as a diocese to address."

The drive resonated well with parishes, families and individuals in the Diocese of the Midwest — so much so that within months, a total of \$31,128.50 had been raised. Subsequently, at an OCMC pre-lenten dinner **Con't Page 5**

## Prayer List

**Priests:** His Beatitude Metropolitan Theodosius, His Beatitude Metropolitan Herman, His Eminence Archbishop Iagovos His Grace Bishop Matthias, Anthony Spenglar, John Kuchta, James Gleason (*Fr.'s spiritual father*), John Duranko, \***Ted Bobosh**, Archimandrite Vladimir, \***Joseph Kopka**, \***Joseph Gibson**, \* **Philip Lashbrook**, \***John Reeves**, Fr. **Emilian Hutnyan**

**Matushkii:** \***Carol Janacek**, **Mary Perez**, **Snezana Ruzic**, **Laryssa Hutnyan**, Pani Patricia Duranko

**Parishioners:** Karen Muzyka, Ronald Stachowiak, Rebecca Eggers, Sonja Harris, Pauline Michals, Marilyn, Michals, Jason Kirnbauer, Laura Grabavoy, Duke Jovanovich

**Parishioner's Family:** Donna Parhas (*Nick's Cousin*), 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, Mark Svara, Mary Northrup, Dianne Northrup, Raymond Northrup, Joey Krush, Jan Kost (*Linda's sister*), Bruce (*Fr. Kurt's brother*), June, James (*Hruban Family*), Tommy, Jimmy, Linda Davik, (*Spengler Family*), Jacob, Emilian, Joyce, John, Robert, William & Dana, Mark, Eve, Laureen, Tanya Wolfe.

**Other Requests:** Lucille (*Duke*), Elizabeth Lilos, Jemsey Pradun, Hermenegil (*Neighbor*), Lidiya (*Neighbor*), Cathleen Re-bollar, Gloria Salgado (*Lynn's Friend*), Eva Quagon (*Andy friend*), Mary Ann Magerko, John Magerko, Carol Bregin (*Friend of Lynn*), Ann Lazo (*Friend of Lynn*), George Lazo (*Friend of Lynn*), Vivian (*friend of Becky Eggers*), Carol Marino (*Fr cousin's friend*), Roger Seglem, Deputy Chief Frank Batura, Royal (*Mark's friend*), \***John Sedor**, \* **Daria Petrykowski**, \***Cynthia Koranda**, Stephanie & her new born baby Michael, Michelle & her unborn baby,

**Military:** Fr. Herman, Fr. Gregory, Amber, Caleb, Nicholas, David, Timothy, Robert, Kristen, Matthew, Brian, Daniel, Joseph

**Captives:** 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.

### Kenya Bikes Con't

at Saint John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church, Des Plaines, IL in March 2016, Bishop Paul presented a check to a very grateful Priest Martin Ritsi, OCMC's Executive Director.

According to Father Martin, \$16,243.00 was sent to His Grace, Bishop Athanasios of Kisumu and Western Kenya in May 2016, making it possible to purchase 16 motorcycles. During the next two months, \$13,000.00 was sent to His Grace, Bishop Neophytos of Nyeri and Mount Kenya, making it possible to purchase 13 more motorcycles. Additional funds are slated to be sent to His Eminence, Archbishop Makarios in the near future.

"This was really a wonderful effort, making life easier for the clergy who receive the motorcycles, who preciously had to travel by bus, bicycle or foot to serve their people," said Father Martin. "But much more than making their lives easier, it enables them to reach further and more frequently to minister to their flocks and reach new peoples who are thirsting for Christ around them. I think this is the greatest benefit that will come from this gift, and I thank you for making it possible."

Bishop Paul echoed Father Martin's observations.

"The thing that spoke most to me was seeing a photo of Bishop Neophytos sitting on one of the motorcycles with a big smile on his face, and another in which he is surrounded by his vested clergy who were going to receive motorcycles," he said. "This brought joy to me to know that by our modest gift, we were able to provide concrete assistance to the Kenyan clergy, who function in far more difficult circumstances than we do here. Thanks so much to those in our diocese who contributed and made this possible!"



## D E C E M B E R

BIRTHDAY	NAMES DAY	ANNIVERSARY
***No date (Mark Ho) 1-Ileana Bruner 4- Steven Calzone 6- Matushka Susan Northrup 8- Nicholas Cavaligos 8- Carol Jovanovich 9- Anastasia Ho 9- Irina Cline 9-Pauline Meath 9-Angie Dardovsky 15-Catherine Boswell 15- Gregory Boswell 22- Shaun Grabavoy 27- Gabriel Eggers	6- Nick Cavaligos 6-Edward Northrup 6- Nicholas Northrup 19-Duke Jovanovich ("Slava") 19-Carol Jovanovich ("Slava") 25- Brianna Christine Sunday After Nativity- Protodeacon Robert	12-5-04 Archbishop Mark of Eastern Pa 12-27-14 His Grace Bishop Paul 12-31-08- Scott & Becky Eggers

*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.*

## D E C E M B E R - R E P O S E D

2- Danica Grabavoy (12) 3- Thomas Batura (02) 10- Julius J. Polchowski (83) 13- Sophia Rittenberry (90) 18- Archbishop Job (09) 21- Adam Samuta (94) 23- Richard Struckman (61) 26- Peter Yarmoluk (90) 27- Michael Zamkovitz (96)	28- John Batura (14) 30- Bishop Boris (00)  1960: Efimia (Anna) Munday Thomas Kondorf Avksentiy Kozril (Kozien) Zachariy Dreychan Pavel Swiston	1960: Joseph Dieneika Platon Novosad Jacob Saoulchik Peter Homko Maria Rozenbergas Gregory Primachuk
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*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.*

### How well do you know the real St. Nicholas? Test your knowledge of this Great Saint!

*Answers can be found in this bulletin!*

1. St. Nicholas's relics can be found in Bari, Italy.  
 True  False
2. Where did the historic St. Nicholas live?  
 The North Pole  Turkey  Germany
3. St. Nicholas lived in the 4th century.  
 False  True
4. St. Nicholas's feast day is Dec. 25.  
 True  False
5. Where was St. Nicholas a bishop?  
 Rome  Constantinople  Myra
6. St. Nicholas liked reindeer!  
 True  False



Word List

NICHOLAS  
BISHOP  
SAINT  
GIFTGIVER  
WONDERWORKER  
HITER  
CROZIER  
BOOK  
COMPANIONS  
CHILDREN  
MIRACLES  
SHOES  
COOKIE  
WINTER  
ADVENT  
CELEBRATE  
DECEMBER  
SIX  
CHRISTMAS





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