

Sunday, January 8, 2017

Gospel: St. Matthew 4:12-17

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Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13

29th Sunday After Pentecost

**Sunday after Theophany / Ven. George Chozebite / Ven. Domnica
St. Emilian, Confessor**

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Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, January 8

9:40 am: Hours

10:00 am: Divine Liturgy

NOON: Annual Yolka Dinner (Free will offering)

Monday, January 11

12:30 pm: "Beyond the Classroom" Meeting

Tuesday, January 10

10:00 am: Clergy Assoc. Meeting

Wednesday, January 11

6:00 pm: St Blasé Soup Kitchen

7:00 pm: Monthly Healing Service

7:40 pm: Orthodoxy 101 Class

Saturday, January 14

3:00 pm: His Grace, Bishop Paul meeting w/
Board members @ Rectory

5:00 pm: Great Vespers

6:00 pm: Dinner w/ His Grace, Bishop Paul
@ Venetian Garden Restaurant
(RSVP)

Sunday, January 15

9:30 am: Greet Bishop Paul @ Church

9:40 am: Hours

10:00 am: D.L. w/ His Grace, Bishop Paul /
small social

12:45 pm: Leave for "March for Life-Chicago"

2:00 pm: March For Life begins w/ opening
prayer by His Grace, Bishop Paul.

SPECIAL DATES IN JANUARY

Sunday, January 22

6:00 pm: Sanctity of Life Service @ Burr
Ridge

Sunday, January 29

Noon: Annual Dinner w/ sister churches
(RSVP)

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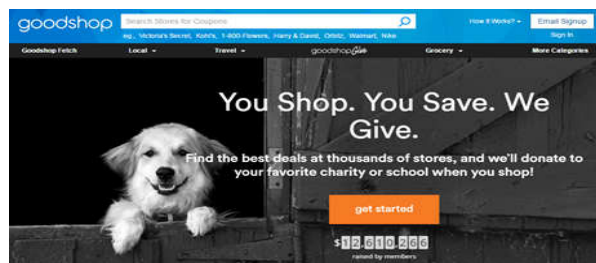
SCRIP FUNDRAISING PROGRAM UP & RUNNING

Who to see: Matushka Susan

When: 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month

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Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago to hold women's retreat January 13-14

The Family Synaxis Committee of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago will hold its annual women's retreat at Saint Iakovos Retreat Center, Kansasville, WI on January 13-14, 2017. Additional information and [on-line registration](#) is available before or on Sunday, January 8.

Cynthia Damaskos, the retreat leader, will share ways to reduce stress, improve health and live as God intended us to live. Participants will leave inspired, stronger in their faith and armed with tools that will enable them to return home feeling rested, renewed, and ready to make the changes needed for a healthier life. Ms. Damaskos is the author of *The Holistic Christian Woman*, *My Beautiful Advent* and *My Beautiful Lent*.

The retreat is open to all Orthodox Christian women.

Bishop Paul receives greetings from Bishop Mstislav of Tikhvin and Lodeynoye Pole

In conjunction with the celebration of the Great Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, His Grace, Bishop Paul of Chicago and the Midwest received greetings from His Grace, Bishop Mstislav of Tikhvin and Lodeynoye Pole, Russia.

As [reported earlier](#), Bishop Mstislav visited Chicago in October and November 2016 for the celebration of the feast of Saint John Kochurov at Chicago's Holy Trinity Cathedral. Bishop Mstislav presented an exact copy of the wonderworking Tikhvin Icon of the Mother of God, which was [enshrined in the cathedral](#) several days later.

Bishop Mstislav's letter also expresses his gratitude to Bishop Paul for hosting him at the celebration. "In these holy and salvific days, I prayerfully wish you strength, joy, patience, optimism and the unfailing intercession and protection of the Mother of God," Bishop Mstislav wrote. "I am very grateful to you for your warm hospitality towards us during our visit to participate in the festivities on occasion of the memory of Hieromartyr John Kochurov of Chicago, and for the joy of being able to concelebrate the divine services with you.

"We are always ready to welcome you in Tikhvin, the place where the wonder-working icon of the Mother of God appeared, which unites with love in Christ our two peoples," Bishop Mstislav concluded. "May the coming new year bring peace and salvation for all of us!"

Volunteers needed to provide shelter, meals for Chicago-area homeless women and children

With colder weather in the forecast for the immediate future, volunteers to assist the program for the homeless offered by Saint Luke Church, 10700 South Kean Avenue, Palos Hills, IL are being sought.

The program provides food and shelter for homeless women and children on Monday nights, October through April. Volunteers are needed for all shifts Monday evenings through Tuesday mornings. Shifts run from 6:45 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., 10:45 p.m. to 3:00 a.m., 2:45 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., and 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

To volunteer, contact Jill at maerina1054@gmail.com or 630-296-7520. Volunteers may also [sign up on-line](#).

St. Tikhon's meditation for the new year

Editor's Note: The following homily, "Meditation for the Coming New Year (1901) and the New (20th) Century," was delivered by Saint Tikhon the Confessor during his tenure as Bishop [and later Archbishop] of the Aleutians and North America at Holy Trinity Cathedral, San Francisco, CA on January 1, 1901. Originally published in the Messenger and translated by Alexis Liberovsky, Archivist of the Orthodox Church in America, it is as applicable today as it was the day it was delivered. In 2017, we observe the 100th anniversary of Saint Tikhon's election as Patriarch of Moscow.

Usually we face a new year with some apprehension and spiritual excitement. We anticipate in it something new and primarily the realization of our most cherished desires and dreams of happiness. This excitement is even greater now because of the arrival not only of a new year, but also of a new century. Many await this impatiently: we have only to recall one year ago when some were so vehement to prove that the new century was beginning then. In such passionate anticipation of the new year and century, there is much frivolity.

The new century has now finally arrived. And so what of it? Has the day been changed because of this? Have the sky and the earth become different? Have we the young become older, and the old become younger? Are we kinder, smarter, happier? No and no! "What has been," says the wise man of the Old Testament, "is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done" [Ecclesiastes 1:9]. Life goes on its uninterrupted path. Global events change, people are born and disappear, disregarding our counting of the years. Our new year and new century are only numbers, present in our minds and memories, and they do not have the influence on life which we often ascribe to them. They in themselves do not, of course, bring anything new. Even if in the coming century great discoveries, inventions, improvements occur

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Annual DC March for Life to be held Friday, January 27

January 22, 2017 marks the 44th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion in the United States, and Orthodox Christians from across the US will be among those gathering in the US Capital on Friday, January 27 to participate in the annual March for Life. [Due to the inauguration of President-Elect Donald Trump, this year's March will be held one week later than usual. Sanctity of Life Sunday, however, will not be affected, and will be observed on January 15.]

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon will join other Orthodox Christian hierarchs, seminarians, and clergy and faithful from around the country in the annual March, which will conclude with the celebration of Memorial Prayers for the victims of abortion near the US Capital.

The theme of this year's March is "The Power of One."

The March will begin at noon on the grounds of the Washington Monument. Orthodox Christian participants are asked to gather at the "Orthodox Christians for Life" banner, which will be prominently displayed to the right of the stage near Constitution Avenue, between 15th and 17th Streets North West. Metropolitan Tikhon and other hierarchs will be present on the stage for the opening prayers and presentations prior to the March.

Metropolitan Tikhon also will offer the benediction at the annual Rose Banquet on the evening of the March. General information on the March and the banquet—including details on making reservations—is available on the [March for Life web site](#). Information on [Orthodox Christians for Life](#) is also available.

Teachers: It's not too early to plan your lenten lessons

While we are anticipating the celebration of the Great Feast of Theophany on January 6, and while the Great Fast this year does not begin until Monday, February 27, it's not too early for Church school teachers to begin planning lessons that focus on the Great Lent, Holy Week and the Feast of Feasts—Holy Pascha.

The Orthodox Church in America's [Department of Christian Education](#) offers an excellent, six-session study unit titled "[Journey to Pascha](#)" with a wealth of lessons and activities for four different age groups, from four years old to 18, and a fifth unit for adults. The program includes numerous Bible stories, icons, activities and texts and explanations of services and prayers.

Each session focuses on a different theme, beginning with

the account of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. Subsequent sessions trace the days of Holy Week, what Jesus taught His disciples during this time, and what happened to Jesus as He was brought to trial, put to death and buried. The final sessions celebrate the events that led to His Resurrection from the dead. A palm cross activity for older students is also included.

"Journey to Pascha" lessons and related resources may be downloaded and printed for use free of charge.

Fr. Daniel Hubiak, former OCA Chancellor, celebrates 90th birthday

OCEAN PINES, MD [OCA]: On Thursday, December 29, 2016, Protopresbyter Daniel Hubiak, former Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America, celebrated his 90th birthday.

"On behalf of the Holy Synod of Bishops, the clergy, monastics and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America, please accept my most sincere congratulations on this, the celebration of your 90th birthday," wrote His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon in a congratulatory message. "We arrive at this day with a sense of deep gratitude to our Lord and Savior for the gifts bestowed upon the Orthodox Church in America through your priestly service and administrative leadership. With the dedication and faithfulness of a true servant of Christ, you worked in the vineyard that is the Orthodox Church in America in a variety of capacities, always bringing a zeal and energy infectious to all you served. Your love of those given to your care, be they parishioners in Brooklyn, Long Island or Moscow, or the clergy you served as Chancellor, has always been an exemplary testament to the love you have for Christ and His Holy Church.

"May our Lord grant you and our beloved Matushka Evdokia peace of mind, strength, joy and an increase in every good thing as you continue to be a pastoral presence, and a light of Christ to those around you," Metropolitan Tikhon concluded.

Father Daniel and Matushka Evdokia —affectionately known by all as "Dunia"—have served the Orthodox Church in America with unwavering dedication and faithfulness in a number of capacities and parishes, including Holy Transfiguration Cathedral, Brooklyn, NY; Holy Trinity Church, East Meadow, NY; Saint Sergius Chapel, Syosset, NY; and Saints Peter and Paul Church, Jersey City, NJ.

Father Daniel served as Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America for 15 years. In 1970, *Con't Page 5*

this will not depend on the passage of time.

We often ascribe to time much significance which in reality does not pertain to it. We say, for example, that years age us; that time, above all, heals our wounds, reconciles us with losses, tempers our grief; that it is the testing ground of love, attachment, friendship; that it disperses darkness and brings light; that it is a great energy and a powerful force; that time, as is often said here, is money. All of these statements must, of course, be understood in a figurative sense. In these statements is the poetical expression not of time itself, but of various forces which only act within time. In and of itself, time is simply a formula for expressing a chronological sequence, and an indicator of changes in things. Consequently, in and of itself, time cannot create something new, and, if we reflect sensibly, we cannot demand or expect any of this from it.

Thus, if this is true, is there any significance or impact to our live in the coming of the new year and century?

Usually, as the old year ends and a new one begins, we reflect on the past, recalling what we have done and making plans for future activity. This kind of "contemplation" and introspection is beneficial as it obliges us to see how far we still are from the exemplary (the ideal), and compels us to strive for self-perfection. Unfortunately, we don't practice this introspection often, but instead we live a superficial life, which is always full of frivolity, concern for the worldly, gratification, riches, power, glory. "We strive to live the way everyone lives," "in the ways of this world." In other words, we devote our time to work, business, receptions, travel, recreation, etc. In this kind of life, however, our soul remains hungry, for it is surrounded by a kind of worldly crust, which suppresses its perception of the spiritual, the exalted, the heavenly.

In this kind of life, according to Father John of Kronstadt, "the body thrives, but the soul wilts; the body is spacious, but the soul is crowded; the body is satiated, but the soul is hungry; the body is embellished, but the soul is disfigured; the body is fragrant, but the soul is malodorous; the body rejoices, but the soul is distressed; the body is radiant, but the soul is in darkness." "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?" [Matthew 16:26]. This, however, is not real life "nor the living age," but "is false and temporal" (kontakion for the Feast of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist). For the kingdom of God is not food and drink, it is within you [see Luke 17:21 and Romans 14:17], and the quicker we assimilate it into ourselves, the more we take care of our souls, the better we can enter into ourselves, into our "room."

Just as the best wife is considered to be not the one who spends all her time outside the home, visiting and enjoying herself, but rather, the one who is diligent in managing her

household, who doesn't partake of the bread of slothfulness but willingly works with her hands, who takes care of her children and her husband [Proverbs 31], likewise, in the good ordering of inner life, a zealous head of household is not the one who only amuses himself and is concerned only with external, social life, but rather, the one who withdraws from external amusements, which disperse the spirit, and stays "at home" to focus on himself, his innermost thoughts and feelings, to ponder and safeguard them.

Therefore, the Church Fathers also forcefully exhort Christians to be temperate, vigilant towards themselves, in their thoughts, words and actions. Saint Ephrem the Syrian says, "Every evening, enter into your heart, ponder and ask yourself: have I offended God in any way? Have I been talking idly? Have I been negligent? Have I offended my bother? Have I condemned anyone? When my lips opened for praise, was my soul dispersed in the world? When sensuality was stirred in me, did I indulge in it? Was I preoccupied with worldly concerns? If in all of this you have suffered affliction, try to make amends for it, while lamenting and weeping, so that you do not suffer more affliction."

However, if we, as a result of caring and speaking of great service, forget to act according to this salvific precept, then at least now, with the advance of years and centuries, as conclusions are drawn everywhere, let us also examine our lives according to our conscience and fulfill that which the Holy Church commands us to do daily before going to sleep.

1. Give thanks to God Almighty for the time He has given you, by His mercy, to live and have good health.
2. Enter profoundly into yourself, and do an examination of your conscience with a thorough accounting and recollection of where you have been, what you have done, with whom and about what you have spoken; examine and remember all of your actions, words and thoughts with great prudence.
3. If you have done anything good, this has not come from you but from God Himself, who gives us everything good, give praise and thanks for this; pray that He may strengthen this good in you and grant you the capability to do other good things.
4. But if you have done anything evil, declare that this came from yourself, your own weakness, from your evil habits, and your own free will. Repent and entreat the Lover of mankind, while resolutely promising that you will not do this again, so that He may deign to grant you forgiveness for this.
5. Beseech your Creator with tears that he may mercifully grant you at present to have a peaceful, calm and sinless time without temptation, for the exaltation of His holy name.

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**, **Deacon Bohdan Melnychenko**

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

Parishioner's Family: Donna Parhas (*Nick's Cousin*), George Cavaligos (*Nick's brother*), Christos Parhas (*Nick's cousin*), Constantine Cavaligos (*Nick's dad*), Sandra (*Karen's sister*), Erika Northrup, Mary Northrup, Raymond Northrup, Mark Svava, Joey Krush, Jan Kost (*Linda's sister*), Bruce (*Fr. Kurt's brother*), Tommy, Jimmy, Linda Davik, Jason Kirnbauer, Stephen Holly & Walter Litzie (*Fr. 's cousin*), (*Spengler Family*), Jacob, Emilian, Joyce, John, Robert, William & Dana, Mark, Eve,

Other Requests: Lucille (*Duke*), June & James (Hruban) Elizabeth Lilos, Jemsey Pradun, Hermenegil (*Neighbor*), Lidiya (*Neighbor*), Cathleen Rebollar, Eva Quagon (*Andy friend*), Mary Ann Magerko, John Magerko, Gloria Salgado (*Lynn's Friend*), 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*), Deputy Chief Frank Batura, ***John Sedor**, * **Daria Petrykowski**, ***Cynthia Koranda**, Marlyn (friend of Karen M.) Michelle & her unborn baby, Crystal & 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.

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he was a member of the official delegation sent to Moscow to receive the [Tomos of Autocephaly](#). For several years in the 1990s, he served as the OCA's first representative in Moscow and Dean of the [OCA Representation Church of the Great Martyr Catherine](#). He and Matushka Dunia are fondly remembered, with love and respect, in every place they have served Christ and His Holy Church.

[A recent interview with Father Daniel](#), conducted by the current Chancellor of the OCA, Archpriest John Jillions, may be viewed on-line.

May God grant Father Daniel and Matushka Dunia many years!

Ephesians 4:7-13 (Epistle, Sunday After)

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men." (Now this, "He ascended" – what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Matthew 4:12-17 (Gospel, Sunday After)

Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAY	NAMES DAY	ANNIVERSARY
5- Karina Posada 7-Lueleta Dardovski 8- Susie Joynt 17- Natalie Northrup 21-Alex Posada 24-Becky Eggers 31-Julie Dardovski	Sunday After Nativity- Protodeacon Robert 19- Retired Bishop Mark of Boston	01-24-15 The Rt Rev. Daniel Bishop of Santa Rosa, CA 26-Fr. James Gleason

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.

JANUARY-REPOSED

1-Anna Wojciechowski (00) 2- Fr. Richard Everman (07) 4- George Bartek (83) 6- Helen Pender (16) 11- Matthew Lyons (16) 12- Adam Kuzmich (98) 13- Joseph Bloschynsky (00) 14- Joseph Dubovik (99)	14- Dorothy Michaluk (08) 16- Theodore Grabavoy (89) 20- Joshua Zdinak- (16) 22- Anna Grabavoy (77) 24- Helen Dubovik (11) 26- Jacqueline Marie Hansen (08) 29- John Mahalko (90) 29- Olga V Foraker (05)	1938: Paul Zeleniek Anisia Sloboda Theodore Kozliak Peter Begal 1939: Lawrence Zalena Ivan Yakel Michael Blarzko
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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.

Venerable Gregory the Wonderworker of the Kiev Near Caves

Commemorated on [January 8](#)

Saint Gregory was tonsured at the Kiev Caves monastery in the time of Saint Theodosius (May 3). The saint devoted much time to reading books, which were his sole possession. He had the ability to bring thieves to their senses. Several times robbers broke in on him in his cell or in the garden, but the saint reasoned with them, the thieves repented, and began to lead honest lives.

Once, when the monk went to the Dnieper River for water, some servants of Prince Rostislav caught sight of the Elder and rudely began making fun of him. The saint answered them, "Children, when you should be asking for everyone's prayers, you are displeasing God. Weep, for disaster approaches. Repent and ask God to be merciful to you on the Day of Judgment. All you will find death in the water with your prince." By orders of the enraged Prince Rostislav, the monk was bound hand and foot, and he was drowned in the Dnieper with a stone around his neck. Still, his prediction came true. Rostislav did not return from the campaign. In that same year of 1093 the twenty-year-old prince drowned in sight of his brother, Vladimir Monomakh, trying to save himself as he fled from the Polovetsians.

Several sources identify Saint Gregory with Saint Gregory, a composer of Canons in honor of the holy Prince Vladimir, Saint Theodosius, and the holy Martyrs Boris and Gleb. But Saint Gregory, compiler of canons, lived later and died in about the year 1120. Saint Gregory the Wonderworker died in 1093 and was buried in the Near Caves. His memory is celebrated also on September 28 and on the second Sunday of Great Lent.

40 DAYS MEMORIAL

January 8: Turkish girls who died to school fire / Those who died in TN fires & tornadoes / The entire Brazilian National soccer team who died in plane crash / John Hartel
 January 22: Diane Northrup / Roger Seglem
 January 29: Terrorist attack in Germany & Turkey