

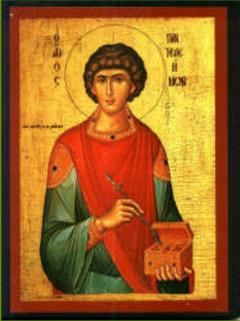
# St. Panteleimon Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

Fr. Andrew Bartek, Rector V. Rev. Anthony Spengler, Attached

Protodeacon Robert Northrup Reader James Tilghman

Parish Council President: Nicholas Cavaligos



**Sunday, July 24, 2016** **Tone 4**  
**Gospel:** St. Matthew 8:28-9:1 **Epistle:** Romans 10:1-10  
**5th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Holy Martyrs and Passionbearers Boris and Gleb, in Baptism Roman and David**

**July Bulletin Sponsor**  
*Father Andrew In Memory of his cousin, Ronnie Basala*

## *Liturgical & Events Schedule*

**Sunday, July 24**  
9:10 am: Hours  
9:30 am: D.L. / 40 Day Panachida / Social  
5:00 pm: Grand Banquet @ Hotel

**Tuesday, July 26**  
7:30 pm: Great Vespers w/ Litya for our Patronal Feast Day followed by a lite social

**Wednesday, July 27**  
9:30 am: Divine Liturgy followed by Breakfast Club  
7:00 pm: Martha & Mary Board Meeting

**Saturday, July 30**  
6:00 pm: Great Vespers

**Sunday, July 31**  
9:10 am: Hours  
9:30 am: D.L. / 40 Day Panachida  
Noon: Annual Lamb Roast

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### **SCRIPT 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!

**40 DAYS MEMORIAL**

July 24: Marisol Vasquez, those that lost their lives in Orlando nightclub, Fr. Justin Foster, Lawrence Moriak  
July 31: Infant killed by alligator in FL, Thomas Stefanavich, Ronald Basala, those who lost their lives in Turkey airport terrorist attack  
August 7: Johanna Pleska, Manuel  
August 14: 5 officers & 2 bystanders killed in Dallas, Gahassan killed in Summit  
August 21: Nice, France terrorist attack, police officers killed in Baton Rouge & Kansas City

### **ANNUAL PATRONAL LAMB ROAST SUNDAY JULY 31 @ NOON**

MENU:  
Grilled Leg of Lamb / Chicken / Spanakopita (Greek Cheese & Spinach Pie) / Rice / Bread / Salad / Desserts / Pop & Alcoholic drinks

COST:  
RSVP by July 24: \$20-Adults (12+); / \$8-children \$8. After July 24 will be \$25 for Adults & \$10 for children. **\*\*Note tax are an extra \$5 for adults & \$2 for children at the door\*\***

CALL:  
Karen: 708-699-7497 or  
Fr. Andrew: 708-552-5276  
If you email Fr. Andrew at padrebartek@gmail.com he will respond with a confirmation. If you don't get one, CALL HIM.

### **Great Time at Shiloh!**

Thank you to the seven people that attended the Shiloh Baptist Church picnic event. All of us had a great time!

If you didn't attend, you missed great food, great singing and meeting former Chicago Bears running back, Matt Forte.

### Phase 3 of background check program to focus on those who work with youth

In a letter to all rectors and parishes dated July 11, 2016, His Grace, Bishop Paul announced that the third and final phase of the implementation of the Policies and Procedures of Sexual Misconduct for the Orthodox Church in America — the development of a parish/mission volunteer screening program to work with youth — is being initiated.

“Thus far we have obtained background checks on all Priests and Deacons in the Diocese (phase 1),” Bishop Paul wrote. “We have also obtained background checks on readers and sub-deacons (phase 2)... Parishes are [now] to develop a screening program for working with youth.”

In his letter, Bishop Paul outlined the procedure to be observed in completing phase 3 of the program.

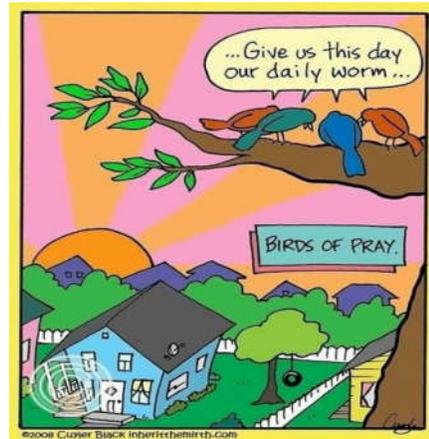
“My expectation is that by the summer of 2017, we will be able to say that as a diocese, we are fully compliant with the Policies and Procedures of Sexual Misconduct for the Orthodox Church in America,” Bishop Paul concluded.

### Diocesan priest among IOCC’s emergency responders “on the ground” in West Virginia

As torrential rain pummeled parts of West Virginia and threatened a new round of flooding, [International Orthodox Christian Charities \[IOCC\]](#) remains on the ground providing emotional and spiritual care and deploying volunteer clean-up crews to the hard hit towns of Clendenin and Rainelle.

Priest Joel Weir, Rector of the Diocese of the Midwest’s Saint Stephen Church, Crawfordsville, IN, is among the IOCC emergency responders deployed to the region in early July. Father Joel, who has been involved in ongoing training with the IOCC’s Frontline program over the past five years, is providing spiritual and emotional counseling at one of the disaster centers set up in West Virginia. In December 2012, Father Joel was among several clergy who represented the Orthodox Church in America at a conference on Orthodox Christian Engagement hosted by the White House Office of Public Engagement, during which strategic service alliances with the White House’s Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships were discussed.

According to IOCC, His Grace, Bishop Thomas of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Diocese of Charleston, Oakland and the Mid-Atlantic, visited the affected area to offer encouragement to parishioners impacted by the floods and called upon the Orthodox faithful to extend a helping hand to their neighbors in need by supporting IOCC’s flood relief efforts.



“From the very beginning of Our Lord’s ministry, the Church has existed both as a community and within a community,” stated Bishop Thomas. “In these roles, there are a variety of activities that the parish Church undertakes, both in terms of liturgical services and in charitable work and outreach. If there is liturgy without outreach, then we fail, since ‘faith without works is dead,’ but if we have outreach without liturgy, we also fail, since ‘man is not justified by works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ.’”

Aided by a generous give of \$25,000.00 from the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, further support for flood relief to affected families is being provided, while IOCC Frontliners continue to assist FEMA and the local Red Cross at disaster recovery centers and relief distribution centers. Partnering with Mennonite Disaster Services, IOCC volunteers are helping to remove debris from homes and addressing clean-up and recovery. IOCC is also participating in the long-term recovery committee being established by community leaders in Greenbriar County and the West Virginia Voluntary Agencies Active in Disaster.

Gifts to help IOCC in its ongoing efforts to help the victims of disasters in the US, like the West Virginia floods, may be made to the [United States Emergency Response Fund](#).

IOCC also anticipates the need for emergency clean-up buckets, now in low supply. Directions on how to assemble emergency buckets are available [on-line](#). Assembling emergency buckets makes an ideal project for parishes, organizations and youth groups.

IOCC is the official humanitarian aid agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America. Since its inception in 1992, IOCC has delivered \$580 million in relief and development programs to families and communities in more than 50 countries. IOCC is a member of the ACT Alliance, a global coalition of churches and agencies engaged in development, humanitarian assistance and advocacy.

Dear St. Panteliemon Parishioners,

**St. Panteliemon Orthodox Church  
Membership**

As we reflect on the blessings God has bestowed upon this parish and upon ourselves, let's give Glory to God for all things, both those perceived as good and those perceived as bad. Jesus Christ came to earth to open the gates of heaven to us again if we follow His commandments and His direction. The Lord directs us to give up everything and follow Him. This is difficult for us, me included, to understand and accept.

To be a member of the Church we must :

- receive the Sacrament of Confession regularly
- receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion regularly.
- enjoys full benefits of participation in Parish life,
- and has the duty to sustain, strengthen, and witness to the Orthodox Faith;
- to live according to the teaching of the Church;
- to participate in the religious services;
- to fulfill acts of Christian mercy; and
- to support and help the Church.

As we enter the time of year to establish our annual budget, I ask your prayers for the board and me. As you review the pledge card below, please pray before filling it out. As you do, there are several things I would like you to consider.

- 1) Did you know...approximately fifty percent (50%) of St. Panteliemon's individual parishioners donated \$1.00/day (\$30.00/month) or less to the church.
- 2) Did you know...the first \$175.00/year of your donation goes directly to the Diocese & the National Church. If an individual sets aside \$365 a year donation (\$1.00/day or \$30.00/month), \$190 remains to steward the needs of the parish. Is that enough money for St. Panteliemon Parish's ministry needs?
- 3) Did you know...“According to a recent J.D. Power report (07/12/16), today the average monthly cell phone bill is \$73.” That is not quite 2 ½ times MORE THAN what 50% of what parishioners gave to steward the needs of our parish this past year. How much is your cell phone or house phone bill per month? Compare it to your pledge to the church. How do they measure up to one another?

A Voting Member:

- a. is a Baptized and Chrismated Orthodox Christian;
- b. is at least 18 years of age;
- c. partakes of the Sacraments of Private Confession and Communion in one's home Parish at least once a year or elsewhere with the permission of the Rector;
- d. has been a Parishioner of the Parish for at least a year; and
- e. fulfills financial obligations as established by the All-American Councils, Diocesan Assemblies, and the Parish, which obligations may be adjusted or waived by the Rector in consultation with the Parish Council.

**Challenge to the 50% who gave \$1.00/day or less:**

Prayerfully consider increasing your stewardship commitment to the church by an additional \$2.00/day. When you wake up each morning, would you commit to putting \$3.00/day in a jar and bring that offering to God each Sunday? Try it for 2 months and see if you miss it.

A member in good standing / voting member is like a pizza. There are many slices that make up the whole pizza. So it is with being a member in good standing.

Dearly beloved I understand some may be on a fixed income. I include myself in that situation. Yet I pledge a percentage of my annual \$21,000 salary. It is the first check I write. And you know what? I don't miss it. This is God's blessing.

Should you have any questions or concerns about this process, please do not hesitate to call me. My door is always open.

Sincerely in Christ, *Fr. Andrew*

**CONFIDENTIAL: 2017 Family Household Giving Pledge**

(September 1, 2016-August 31, 2017 Fiscal Year)

*Return to Fr. Andrew - by Sunday, August 7, 2016*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (circle one) Weekly Biweekly Monthly

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Annually

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\*Please remember: if unforeseen hardships change your ability to give, speak with Fr. Andrew and different arrangements will be made. Conversely, if the Lord blesses you more than you had originally foreseen, please prayerfully consider increasing your commitment as a way of giving thanks to God.\*\**

***May our Lord God bless you as you follow His commands!***

## Greatmartyr and Healer Panteleimon

Commemorated on [July 27](#)

The Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon was born in the city of Nicomedia into the family of the illustrious pagan Eustorgius, and he was named Pantoleon. His mother St Euboula (March 30) was a Christian. She wanted to raise her son in the Christian Faith, but she died when the future martyr was just a young child. His father sent Pantoleon to a pagan school, after which the young man studied medicine at Nicomedia under the renowned physician Euphrosynus. Pantoleon came to the attention of the emperor Maximian (284-305), who wished to appoint him as royal physician when he finished his schooling.

The hieromartyrs Hermolaus, Hermippus and Hermocrates, survivors of the massacre of 20,000 Christians in 303 (December 28), were living secretly in Nicomedia at that time. St Hermolaus saw Pantoleon time and again when he came to the house where they were hiding. Once, the priest invited the youth to the house and spoke about the Christian Faith. After this Pantoleon visited St Hermolaus every day.

One day the saint found a dead child on the street. He had been bitten by a great snake, which was still beside the child's body. Pantoleon began to pray to the Lord Jesus Christ to revive the dead child and to destroy the venomous reptile. He firmly resolved that if his prayer were fulfilled, he would become a follower of Christ and receive Baptism. The child rose up alive, and the snake died before Pantoleon's eyes.

After this miracle, Pantoleon was baptized by St Hermolaus with the name Panteleimon (meaning "all-merciful"). Speaking with Eustorgius, St Panteleimon prepared him to accept Christianity. When the father saw how his son healed a blind man by invoking Jesus Christ, he then believed in Christ and was baptized by St Hermolaus together with the man whose sight was restored.

After the death of his father, St Panteleimon dedicated his life to the suffering, the sick, the unfortunate and the needy. He treated all those who turned to him without charge, healing them in the name of Jesus Christ. He visited those held captive in prison. These were usually Christians, and he healed them of their wounds. In a short time, reports of the charitable physician spread throughout the city. Forsaking the other doctors, the inhabitants began to turn only to St Panteleimon.

The envious doctors told the emperor that St Panteleimon was healing Christian prisoners. Maximian urged the saint to refute the charge by offering sacrifice to idols. St Panteleimon confessed himself a Christian, and suggested that a sick person, for whom the doctors held out no help,

should be brought before the emperor. Then the doctors could invoke their gods, and Panteleimon would pray to his God to heal the man. A man paralyzed for many years was brought in, and pagan priests who knew the art of medicine invoked their gods without success. Then, before the very eyes of the emperor, the saint healed the paralytic by calling on the name of Jesus Christ. The ferocious Maximian executed the healed man, and gave St Panteleimon over to fierce torture.

The Lord appeared to the saint and strengthened him before his sufferings. They suspended the Great Martyr Panteleimon from a tree and scraped him with iron hooks, burned him with fire and then stretched him on the rack, threw him into a cauldron of boiling tar, and cast him into the sea with a stone around his neck. Throughout these tortures the martyr remained unhurt, and denounced the emperor.

At this time the priests Hermolaus, Hermippus and Hermocrates were brought before the court of the pagans. All three confessed their faith in the Savior and were beheaded (July 26).

By order of the emperor they brought the Great Martyr Panteleimon to the circus to be devoured by wild beasts. The animals, however, came up to him and licked his feet. The spectators began to shout, "Great is the God of the Christians!" The enraged Maximian ordered the soldiers to stab with the sword anyone who glorified Christ, and to cut off the head of the Great Martyr Panteleimon.

They led the saint to the place of execution and tied him to an olive tree. While the martyr prayed, one of the soldiers struck him with a sword, but the sword became soft like wax and inflicted no wound. The saint completed his prayer, and a Voice was heard from Heaven, calling the passion-bearer by his new name and summoning him to the heavenly Kingdom.

Hearing the Voice, the soldiers fell down on their knees before the holy martyr and begged forgiveness. They refused to continue with the execution, but St Panteleimon told them to fulfill the emperor's command, because otherwise they would have no share with him in the future life. The soldiers tearfully took their leave of the saint with a kiss.

When the saint was beheaded, the olive tree to which the saint was tied became covered with fruit. Many who were present at the execution believed in Christ. The saint's body was thrown into a fire, but remained unharmed, and was buried by Christians. St Panteleimon's servants Laurence, Bassos and Probus witnessed his execution and heard the Voice from Heaven. They recorded the life, the sufferings and death of the saint.

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## Prayer List

**Prizsts:** Anthony Spenglar, John Kuchta, Fr. James Gleason (*Fr.'s spiritual father*), \***Ted Bobosh**, \***Moses Berry**, \***John Magramm**, John Duranko, Dean, Archimandrite Vladimir, \***Joseph Gibson**, \***Yves Babich**

**Matushka:** \***Carol Janacek**, \***Christina Kolenda**, \***Barbara Matusiak**, Pani Patricia Duranko,

**Parishioners:** Karen Muzyka, Ronald Stachowiak, Rebecca Eggers, Sonja Harris, Pauline, Marilyn

**Parishioner'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*), Jan Kost, (*Linda's sister*) Ann Lazo (*Friend of Lynn*), George Lazo (*Friend of Lynn*), Bruce (*Fr. Kurt's brother*), Daniel Tiani (*friend of Beccy Eggers*), Vivian (*friend of Beccy Eggers*), Julianna (*Hruban Family*), James, June, James (*Hruban Family*), Tommy, Jimmy, **Jacob, Emilian, Joyce, John, Robert, William & Dana, Mark, Eve** (*Spengler Family*), Tony (*Marcia's Brother*), Laureen (*Fr. Andrew's cousin*), Eddie (*Fr. Andrew's cousin*), Roger Seglem, Chris Rios

**Other Requests:** Lucille (*Duke*), Dianne (*Bill Rudolph*), Elizabeth Lilos, Jemsey Pradun, Mae Joanna Bass, Hermenegil (*Neighbor*), Lidiya (*Neighbor*), Cathleen Rebollar, \***John Sedor**, \***Daria Petrykowski**, Emily & Scott preparing for marriage \***Cynthia Koranda**, Adrianna & her newborn Janiah, Rebecca & her unborn baby, Janet Nickolaou

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

**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. (\***Bishop Request**)



### Martyrs and Passion-Bearers Boris and Gleb

Commemorated on [July 24](#)

Saint Boris was one of the sons of St Vladimir (July 15), and was named Romanus at his Baptism. After their father's death the eldest son Sviatopolk planned to kill his brothers Boris, Gleb, and Yaroslav in order to seize power. He sent a message to Boris, pretending that he wished to live in peace with him, and to increase Boris's land holdings inherited from their father.

Some of Vladimir's advisers told Boris that he should take the army and establish himself as ruler of Kiev. St Boris, however, said that he could never lift his hand against his own brother. Unfortunately, Sviatopolk was not so scrupulous. He came to the town of Vyshegorod to ask its leaders if they were loyal to him. They assured him that they were ready to die for him.

Sviatopolk sent assassins to the Alta to kill Boris, who already knew that his brother wanted him dead. When they arrived they heard him chanting psalms and praying before an icon of Christ. He asked the Lord to strengthen him for the suffering he was about to endure. He also prayed for Sviatopolk, asking God not to count this against him as sin.

Then he lay down upon his couch, and the assassins stabbed him with their lances, and also killed some of Boris's servants. Wrapping Boris in a cloth, they threw him onto a wagon and drove off with him. When Sviatopolk saw that he was still breathing, he sent some men to finish him off with swords.

St Boris received the crown of martyrdom in 1015. He and his brother Gleb became known as Passion-Bearers, since they did not resist evil with violence.

## J U L Y

BIRTHDAY	NAMES DAY	ANNIVERSARY
7- John Grabavoy, Sr. 12- Julie Walker 14- Elijah Eggers (Child) 14- Jose Santiago 27- Richard Wolfe	20- Elijah Eggers 24- Chrissy Marron 25- Marcia Grabavoy 31- Abp. Benjamin of San Francisco	7-12 : Jay & Arlene Tilghman 7-15-67: Ronald & Patricia Svara 7-15-72: Robert & Luba Johnson 7-22-07: Jonathan & Irina Cline

*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: J U L Y

2- Annie Dubovik (97) 3- James Evans (92) 12- Agnes Grabavoy (11) 17- Natalie Whitko Cook (85) 20- Ulana (Julie) Mychowycz (98) 22- Michael Barilla Jr. (99) 23- Alex Tan (92) 29- Helen Yarmoluk (11)	1950: Joseph Starodub Anthony Swila Vasiliy Sviridiuk Anthony Koziel Naum Leshchuk David Sulavka	1951: Koyo Yakshich Katherine Czaleyko Irene Korenchuk Anastasia Litrenchuk Alexander Kuzmich Ignaty Lahovetz
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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.*

*By Talent you should understand not only riches, education and prominence. Talents are favourable conditions for the salvation of the soul. Each of us are given talents. Poverty, sickness and various types of sorrows - these are all talents. If a person uses the talents given to him spiritually for the salvation of his soul, he bears fruit. \**

*St. Nikon\**

### Romans 10:1-10 (Epistle)

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, " 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

### Matthew 8:28-9:1 (Gospel)

When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water. Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region. So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

## ***St. Panteleimon Con't***

Portions of the holy relics of the Great Martyr Panteleimon were distributed throughout all the Christian world. His venerable head is now located at the Russian monastery of St Panteleimon on Mt. Athos.

The veneration of the holy martyr in the Russian Orthodox Church was already known in the twelfth century. Prince Izyaslav (in Baptism, Panteleimon), the son of St Mstislav the Great, had an image of St Panteleimon on his helmet. Through the intercession of the saint he remained alive during a battle in the year 1151. On the Feast of the Great Martyr Panteleimon, Russian forces won two naval victories over the Swedes (in 1714 near Hanhauze and in 1720 near Grenham).

St Panteleimon is venerated in the Orthodox Church as a mighty saint, and the protector of soldiers. This aspect of his veneration is derived from his first name Pantoleon, which means "a lion in everything". His second name, Panteleimon, given him at Baptism, which means "all-merciful", is manifest in the veneration of the martyr as a healer. The connection between these two aspects of the saint is readily apparent in that soldiers, receiving wounds more frequently than others, are more in need of a physician-healer. Christians waging spiritual warfare also have recourse to this saint, asking him to heal their spiritual wounds.

The holy Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon is invoked in the Mystery of Anointing the Sick, at the Blessing of Water, and in the Prayers for the Sick.

The Feast of the holy Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon is the patronal Feast of the Russian monastery on Athos. The forefeast starts eight days before the Feast. Each day after Vespers, Moliebens are sung with Canons in each of the eight tones. Thus, each day has its own particular Canon. The second day of the Feast is the monastery feastday. On this day a general Panikhida is served after Vespers in memory of the founders and benefactors of the monastery, and kollyva (kutia: wheat or rice boiled with honey) is blessed and distributed.

The verses of the Ninth Ode of the Canon of the Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon from the manuscript of the Athonite service are reprinted in the "Journal of the Moscow Patriarchate" insert into lives values (0, 1975, No.3, pp. 45-47).

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### **SAVE THE DATE: 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Synergy's Symposium**

When: Saturday October 15, 2016

Time: 9:00am-2:00pm

Where: St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 1220 S. 60<sup>th</sup> Court, Cicero, IL

Topic: Holiness in Contemporary Culture

Speaker: Hieromonk Father Alexil, Archangel Michael & All Saints Serbian Orthodox Monastery, Cameron, MO

For info & to register: visit [www.chicagosynergy.org](http://www.chicagosynergy.org)

## **Bishop Paul visits St. Nicholas Church, Joliet, IL, honors Fr. John E. Kuchta**

His Grace, Bishop Paul joined the faithful of Saint Nicholas Church, Joliet, IL in honoring their beloved retired Pastor, Archpriest John Elias Kuchta, on the 60th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on the Sunday of All Saints of North America, July 2-3, 2016. The weekend opened with the celebration of Great Vespers by Archpriest John Matusiak, Pastor Emeritus of Saint Joseph Church, Wheaton, IL and Archpriest Ned Lunich, Pastor Emeritus of Saint George Serbian Orthodox Church, Joliet, IL, who serve the parish. After Vespers, Bishop Paul shared his experiences with the congregation and enjoyed a light dinner in the parish hall.

On Sunday, Bishop Paul presided at the celebration of Divine Liturgy with Father John's son, Archpriest Alexander Kuchta, Rector of Holy Resurrection Church, Palatine, IL; Father John Matusiak; and Deacon Nenad Jakovljevic of Saint George Church, Joliet. During the Liturgy, the icon and relics of Saint Tikhon of Moscow added a special blessing to the faithful. At the conclusion of the Liturgy, Bishop Paul presented Father John Kuchta with a Synodal Gramota in recognition of his 60 years of exemplary ministry at Saint Nicholas Church and to the Orthodox Church in America. Also present were other members of Father John's family, including his daughters, Rebecca Grabavoy and her husband, Gregory Grabavoy, and Charissa Holwey; and his daughter-in-law, Matushka Natalie Kuchta. Prayers also were offered for the late Matushka Ruth Kuchta, who fell asleep in the Lord in 2012. "Many years" was sung for Father John, as well as for Brian Anthony Hilk, who had been received into the Church prior to the celebration of Vespers on Saturday evening.

The celebration ended with an "endless smorgasbord" dinner prepared by the members of St. Nicholas Church, during which an anniversary cake was enjoyed by the many faithful and friends in attendance.





# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Picnic

## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Block Party

### Saturday, August 27

### 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!**



**Ethnic Dancers  
Local DJ-Music  
Raffles**

**Slip 'n Slide: Slide all day for \$1.00 (age doesn't matter!)**  
**Dunkin' Booth: 3 throws-\$1.00**  
**Dunk the Mayor, Padre & other local officials**

**Beer Tent ~~~ Bake Sale**



**Foods**

Hot Dog, Chips	\$2.00
Hamburger, Chips (Cheese available)	\$3.00
Beverages	\$1.00

**Tours of the church!**  
**Fire Truck / Firemen visit**  
**Volleyball**

**WHERE?**

**St. Panteleimon Orthodox Church**  
 7549 West 61st Place / Summit, IL. 60501  
 Fr. Andrew Bartek: 708-552-5276

<http://saintpanteleimon.org/>

**Games For Big & Little Kids**  
 \$1.00 / game

**Bean-Bag Toss**

**Face Painting**

**Other games**

