

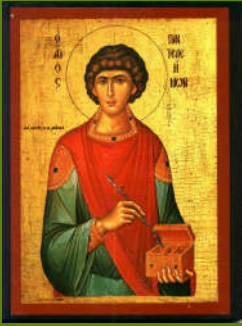
# St. Panteleimon Orthodox Church

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, October 2, 2016**

**Gospel:** St. Luke 6:31-36

**Tone 6**

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

**15th Sunday After Pentecost**

**Hieromartyr Cyprian, Martyrs Justina & Theoctistus**

## October Bulletin Sponsor

*Mr. & Mrs John Magerko for the Health of their family & friends*

## Liturgical & Events Schedule

### Sunday, October 2

9:10 am: Hours

9:30 am: D.L. / 40 Day Panachida / Social Church School / Monthly Sisterhood Meeting

### Monday, October 3

7:00 pm: Village Meeting

### Wednesday, October 5

6:30 pm: Boy Scout Mtg, Bedford Park

7:30 pm: Bible Study

### Thursday, October 6

7:30 pm: Pro Life Movie @ Pic Wic Theatre

### Saturday October 8

6:00 pm Great Vespers

### Sunday, October 9

9:10 am: Hours

9:30 am: D. L. / Memorial Sunday / Social Church School

## GERTRUDE HAWK FUNDRAISER CANDY DRIVE

Please gather orders from friends, co-workers, family members and, of course, your own. They can be given as gifts at Thanksgiving or Housewarming gifts during the Christmas season.

Order forms due by Nov. 6 for Thanksgiving delivery. Payment due by Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>.

## CARSON'S DAY FUNDRAISER

This is an easy way to raise money for our parish. The book is \$5 (and every book we sell the church keeps the \$5) and there is over \$500 of coupon savings. The beauty is you can also shop on line w/ special codes to get your savings & delivery to your home.

The event is November 9-12 & includes the following stores:

Bon-Ton	Bergner's
Boston Store	Carson's
Elder-Beerman	Younkers
Herberger's	

Remember you can shop on line from the convenience of your lounge chair!

## 40 DAYS MEMORIAL

**October 2:** Fr. Paul Herbert & Victims of the earthquake in Italy

**October 9:** Firefighter John, Archpriest John & Steven

October 23: Daniel & Mat. Cecilia

October 30: Dcn. Bassam

## SCRIPT 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!

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## Metropolitan Council concludes Fall Session, recommends 19th AAC venue

The [Metropolitan Council](#) of the Orthodox Church in America concluded its [fall session](#) at Immaculate Conception Seminary here on Thursday, September 22, 2016.

The meeting was chaired by His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon. In attendance were His Eminence, Archbishop Benjamin and His Eminence, Archbishop Michael of the Standing Synod and the OCA's Officers—Archpriest John Jillions, Chancellor; Archpriest Eric G. Tosi, Secretary; and Melanie Ringa, Treasurer.

According to Father Eric G. Tosi, the session opened on Tuesday, September 19 with a one-day retreat on Christian Leadership led by Protodeacon Peter Danilchick and Charles Ajalat. Protodeacon Peter shared basic principles of leadership as detailed in his book, *Thy Will Be Done: Strategic Leadership, Planning and Management for Christians*, slated to be released in the near future by [Saint Vladimir's Seminary Press](#). Mr. Ajalat offered practical tips for leadership and initiatives that Christian leaders can fulfill on a local and national level to encourage pan-Orthodox activity, ministry and growth.

In his opening remarks, Metropolitan Tikhon expanded on his vision of the Church for the future, highlighting specific issues of particular interest to members of the Metropolitan Council.

Representatives of the OCA [Pension Board](#) reported on the status of and changes to the Pension Plan, details of which will be made available in the immediate future. Council members also reviewed the work of the Metropolitan Council's committees and the OCA's [departments](#).

Father John Jillions reviewed the work of [ORSMA and SMPAC](#), while Protopresbyter Leonid Kishkovsky presented a report on the work of the [Office of External Affairs](#) and reviewed recent developments in world Orthodoxy. In his report, Father Tosi highlighted recent developments with regard to IT issues, the OCA [Archives](#) and communications.

Other highlights of the session include the following.

- In response to a presentation by Father Tosi on long-range preparations for the 19th All-American Council [AAC], Metropolitan Council members unanimously recommended that the AAC convene at the Union Station Hotel, Saint Louis, MO during the week of July 23-28, 2018. The recommendation will be referred to the [Holy Synod of Bishops](#) for approval at their October 2016 session. Council members further

- recommended that a youth program, held in conjunction with the national convention of the [Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America](#) [FOCA], once again be organized.
- Melanie Ringa, OCA Treasurer, and members of the Finance Committee reviewed the current status of the 2016 budget and presented the budget for 2017. The budget, which includes six planting grants for 2017, passed unanimously. Positive reports also were presented by the Internal and External Auditors.  
Archdeacon Joseph Matusiak presented a report on the work of [Stewards of the Orthodox Church in America](#) [SOCA] and the current [Saint Herman Appeal](#), noting that the SOCA has raised \$43,589.00 to date in 2016. After challenging Metropolitan Council members to fully participate in SOCA's ongoing growth, an additional \$4,960.00—which will be doubled by a matching grant—was raised “from the floor.”
- FOCA national President Marge Kovach and Archpriest Theodore Boback presented a report on the work of FOCA in which they highlighted accomplishments undertaken at its recent annual convention in Chicago.
- The Legal Committee presented a report on current legal issues and challenges.
- A strategic planning session, based on Metropolitan Tikhon's “Four Pillar” initiative unveiled at the [18th All-American Council](#), was held on the session's final day. A series of possible initiatives and action items on the four pillars—developing spiritual life, evangelism and outreach, stewardship and external affairs—was developed by Council members.

On Wednesday, Metropolitan Council members attended the Divine Liturgy celebrated by Metropolitan Tikhon at the Chancery's Saint Sergius of Radonezh Chapel.

The Metropolitan Council is the permanent executive body of the Church Administration which exists for the purpose of implementing the decisions of the [All-American Council](#) and continuing its work between sessions. Members include the Metropolitan, who serves as Chair; the Chancellor, the Secretary, and the Treasurer; one priest and one layperson elected by each diocese; and three priests and an equal number of laypersons elected by the All-American Council.

Minutes and reports of the Metropolitan Council fall session will be posted on the OCA web site as they become available. A photo gallery can be viewed on the OCA [web site](#) and [Facebook page](#).

## Experts “rethink” sacred arts at SVOTS symposium

Highly influential global scholars and artists took seriously the task of “Rethinking Sacred Arts” at a weekend symposium at [Saint Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary](#) here September 16–18, 2016. Participants drew from their respective disciplines and expertise in exploring both historic categories and new ways of thinking about “sacrality” and “art.”

The symposium, which included a public panel discussion on Saturday evening attended by an audience of 75 people, was the first in a series of events planned between fall 2016 and spring 2018 by the seminary, all of which are a part of its Sacred Arts Initiative [SAI] funded by a grant from the Henry Luce Foundation.

Dr. Peter C. Bouteneff, Professor of Systematic Theology at the seminary and SAI Director, coordinated the symposium, along with Deacon Evan Freeman, SVOTS alumnus and Ph.D. candidate in the Department of the History of Art at Yale University; Richard Schneider, Professor of Iconology and Hermeneutics at SVOTS; and Megan Carlisle Rakowski, a trained archivist and seminary alumna.

“In thinking freshly about what it means to call something ‘sacred,’ our symposium participants reflected on the dialogical relationship between God and the human person,” noted Dr. Bouteneff. “It is in the human response to God that we create and partake in objects, spaces, words, and sounds that bring us to the encounter with and praise of God.

“Our symposiasts also spoke appreciatively of the unique contribution that the Orthodox world can offer in reflecting theologically on the material world, on human creativity, and on the coming together of the sacred arts in the context of the Liturgy,” he added. “Their participation in our chapel services made a great impression on them in that regard.”

Among the participants, three were within the Orthodox Christian tradition—sacred music composer Protopresbyter Ivan Moody, Chairman of the International Society for Orthodox Church Music and currently a researcher at CESEM-Universidade Nova de Lisboa; Vasileios Marinis, Associate Professor of Christian Art and Architecture at the Yale Institute of Sacred Music and Divinity School; and George Kordis, iconographer and former Professor in Iconography (Theory and Practice) at the University of Athens.

Other participants represented a wide spectrum of confessional beliefs and disciplines and included Gordon Graham, Henry Luce III Professor of Philosophy and the Arts, Princeton Theological Seminary; Helen C. Evans, Mary and Michael Jaharis Curator for Byzantine Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art; Annemarie Weyl Carr, University Distinguished Professor of Art History, Southern Methodist University (*Emerita*); Peter Jeffery, Michael P. Grace Chair in Medieval Studies

and Professor of Musicology and Ethnomusicology, Notre Dame University; Margot Fassler, Keough-Hesburgh Professor of Music and Liturgy, University of Notre Dame; Judith Wolfe, Senior Lecturer in Theology and the Arts, University of Saint Andrews, Scotland; and Mary Carruthers, Professor of English, New York University (*Emerita*) and Quondam Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.

The next SAI event will be an international conference, titled, “Sounding the Sacred,” May 1-4, 2017, which will continue the work of the Arvo Pärt Project at Saint Vladimir’s Seminary.

An [audio recording](#) of the public panel discussion and a [photo gallery](#) are available on-line.

## Orthodox Detroit Outreach initiates 24/7 outdoor food pantry at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral

Inspired in part by the example of Saint Maria Skobtsova of Paris, the patron saint of Orthodox Detroit Outreach ministries, a 24/7 outdoor food pantry has been established at Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral here as a means of further expending the ministries’ loving service to the parish’s neighbors.

“Each week, flowing from the heavenly Banquet of Sunday Divine Liturgy, our Sunday afternoon neighborhood meal provides a continued celebration of divine love with our neighbors in need,” said Archpriest Paul Albert, cathedral Rector. “Hundreds of volunteers from surrounding Orthodox parishes devote thousands of hours each year, sharing the joy and blessings of our ‘Feast of Faith’ with our neighbors.

“Serving Christ in our neighbors in such a simple, direct and meaningful way each week is for us a ‘school’ of practical, incarnational theology,” added Father Paul. “Through this medium, the Holy Spirit warms our hearts, inspires us, and compels us to fuller measures of service. In this spirit, in seeing the need to extend help beyond our regular ‘hours of operation,’ one of our ministry leaders, Matthew McCroskery, was inspired to build and install the 24/7 outdoor pantry -- which enhances a similar kiosk in our community garden that provides a lending library full of books for neighborhood adults and children.”

The pantry’s presence makes it possible for neighbors in need to obtain food literally “around the clock.”

A video highlighting this simple yet effective outreach ministry may be viewed on the [cathedral’s Facebook page](#).

SAVE THE DATE / UP COMING EVENTS

2016 CHICAGO SYNERGY ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

WHEN: Saturday October 15 from 9:00am -2:00pm
WHERE: St George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 1220 South 60th Court, Cicero, IL 60804

COST: \$40 per person in advance \$50 at the door
Registration & payment prior to Oct 8: \$35.
Husband & wife couples \$50
High School & College Students \$25
Registration includes: coffee & lunch.

TOPIC: Holiness in Contemporary Culture by Hieromonk Alexii Altschul

Dn. Jacob Van Sickle ordained to priesthood at Cleveland's St. Theodosius Cathedral

His Grace, Bishop Paul ordained Deacon Jacob Van Sickle to the Holy Priesthood at Saint Theodosius Cathedral here on Sunday, September 11, 2016. This year marks the cathedral's 120th anniversary.

Bishop Paul celebrated the Divine Liturgy with Archpriest John Zdinak, Diocesan Chancellor and Dean of the cathedral; Priest Nicholas Finley, Rector of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, Madison, IL; Priest Gregory Owen, Rector of Saint Joseph Bulgarian Orthodox Mission, Berrien Springs, MI; and the cathedral's Protodeacon Daniel Boerio. According to Father John, Father Jacob will continue to serve at Saint Theodosius Cathedral, where he served as a deacon for the last year.

May God Grant the newly ordained Priest Jacob, Matushka Jenna, Michael, John and Aaron many blessed years!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION Change in time of Hours & Divine Liturgy

It was decided at the Annual meeting to change the start of Liturgy to 10:00 (from 9:30) for a two-month trial. Many parishioners come to church between 9:30 & 10:00. People thought, since many parishioners live about 30-45 min away, having a later start time might help attendance. Those with children will have a little more time to get ready to come to church.

This does not mean it is okay to arrive at 10:00-10:30! Prayer begins with the Hours.

This change will take place Sunday, Nov 6.

New schedule: 9:40am-Hours & 10:00am-Liturgy Please be on time. Thank You! From Fr. & the Board!

Uncompromising Faith in Compromising Times

By Fr. Evan Armatas

SATURDAY OCTOBER 22

Where: St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Elmhurst, 893 North Church Rd., (60126)

Retreat Schedule:

10:30am: Registration & Fellowship
11:00am: Session 1: Elements of faith that Matter
12:30pm: Harvest of Plenty (aka Lunch)
1:15pm: Session 2 Walking & Standing in Faith

Reservations Required by Monday, October 17 (Cost: \$15) contact office @ 630-834-7010 or saintdemetriosooffice@gmail.com

Fr. Evan is the priest of St. Spyridon Church in Loveland, CO. He founded and manages the St. Nektarios Education Fund, www.snef.org, a non-profit student education program. Fr. Evan is the host of the podcast Transforming our Lives in Christ and the live call-in show Orthodoxy Live on Ancient Faith Radio. Visit ancientfaith.com to listen to his podcasts.

Reach for Life & Sound the Alarm on Suicide "My Last Party" Stage Production

WHEN: Sunday, October 9

WHERE: Chicago Gaelic Park, 6119 West 147th, Oak Forest, IL 60452

6:00pm -7:15 pm VIP SEATING INCLUDES: \$45
Priority Seating / 3 course meal / non-alcoholic beverages / Macy's shopping pass / Meet & Greet Writer & Director Michelamone

General Admission: \$25

Doors Open @ 7:30pm for general admission

Cash Bar until 8:00pm

For tickets: mylastparty.eventbrite.com

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY SVCS.

It was decided at the Annual Meeting:

Christmas Eve, Saturday 12/24 Service: 5:00 pm.

Christmas Day, Sunday 12/25 Liturgy: 10:00 am.

Volunteers are needed to help with Feeding The Homeless Christmas Day Dinner which will be served from 12:30-2:30.

## Prayer List

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

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

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

**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, (*Spengler Family*), Roger Seglem

**Other Requests:** Lucille (*Duke*), Dianne (*Bill Rudolph*), Elizabeth Lilos, Jemsey Pradun, Hermenegil (*Neighbor*), Lidiya (*Neighbor*), Cathleen Rebollar, Dianna Rudolph, Gloria Salgado (*Lynn's Friend*), \***John Sedor**, \* **Daria Petrykowski**, \***Cynthia Koranda**, Jacob, Emilian, Joyce, John, Robert, William & Dana, Mark, Eve, Stephanie & her unborn baby, Michelle & her unborn baby, 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 Beccy Eggers*), Avzi (*sam's Son*), Carol Marino (*Fr cousin's friend*)

**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.

(\***Bishop Request**):

### 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 (*Epistle*)

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed –

always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

### Luke 6:31-36 (*Gospel*)

And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

## OCTOBER

BIRTHDAY	NAMES DAY	ANNIVERSARY
1-Trudy Ellmore 3-Ethan Chendorain 4- Eva Boswell 11- Karen Muzyka 12- Gregory Boswell 14- Clarissa Marron 17-Angel Kirnbauer 25-Sam Dardovsky 27- Gary Marron	1- Archbishop Irenee of Canada 9- His Beatitude Met. Tikhon	10-01-00 Jeffrey & Natalie Northrup 10-09 Sub-deacon Wylie & Pauline Meath 10-25-77 Retired Metropolitan Theodius 10-27-68 John & Marcia Grabavoy 10-27 Mark & Helen Hruban 10-31-92 Steve & Laura Grabavoy

*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: OCTOBER

2- Michael Nativo (04) 6- Anne Switch (02) 6- Donald A Kozal (09) 9- Nina Murphy (04) 11- Alexander Pehas Sr. (00) 11- Walter Daniels (03) 13-Helen Machen (15) 14- Athena Cielen (01)	16- John Joynt (13) 19- Archpriest Sergei Garklavs (15) 18- Mary Dunkovich (90) 20- Constantine Samuta (02) 23- Helen Borisuk (02) 26- Anne Y Rosellini (10) 30- Raymond J Machen (05) 31- Carol Kozak	1956: Leonty Panasiuk Elihvey (Mike) Begal Stephan Homko Anthony Rudenko Petro Korbin Alexander Kunatz 1957: Gregory Yakovez Ivan Demchuk
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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.*

### CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW BOARD

President: John Grabavoy  
 Vice President: Karen Muzyka  
 Treasurer: Steve Grabavoy  
 Secretary: Marcia Grabavoy  
 Trustee: Steve Nemic  
 Trustee: Mark Hruban  
 Trustee: Andrei Davik  
 Auditor: Helen Hruban  
 Auditor: Pat Svara  
 Fundraiser Director (new position): Mat. Susan Northrup

The swearing in of the new Board will take place Sunday, October 23 and the first meeting to take place Tuesday, October 25.

God Bless them for many Years!

Andrei Davik will be attending the Diocesan Assembly as our lay delegate with with Fr. Andrew And Pdcn. Robert

### Chicago's Martha and Mary Maternity House to host movie premiere benefit October 6

The [Martha and Mary Maternity House](#) here will host the Chicago-area premiere of "[Voiceless](#)" at the Pickwick Theater, Five South Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, IL at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 6, 2016.

The powerful and uplifting pro-life film encourages people to stand up for what they know is right, particularly as it pertains to taking God's truths into society to address social issues.

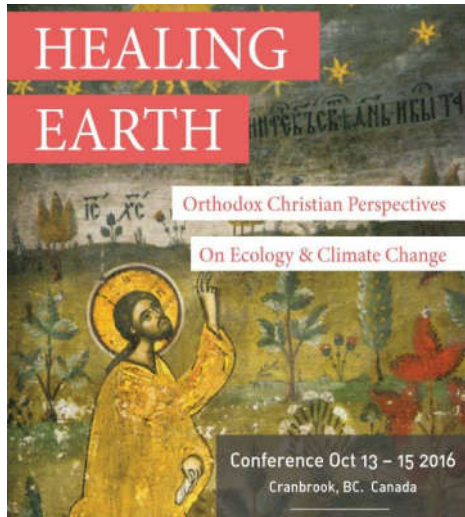
The \$20.00 ticket includes popcorn and a drink. Proceeds will support the growth of the Martha and Mary Maternity House, which offers practical, emotional and spiritual support for expectant mothers who find themselves alone or without a good, safe home through pregnancy and childbirth.

To order tickets and/or obtain additional information please visit <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/martha-mary-maternity-house-movie-premiere-voiceless-tickets->

**“Healing Earth” theme of October 13-15  
ecology conference**

*CRANBROOK, BRITISH COLUMBIA [OCA]*

The mission parish of [Saint Aidan of Lindisfarne](#) here will sponsor A Conference titled “Healing Earth: Orthodox Christian Perspectives on Ecology and Climate Change” October 13-15, 2016.



“This subject is one which is of great and growing concern to all of humanity, and the Orthodox Church has much wisdom to share,” said Priest Andrew Applegate, Saint Aidan’s Rector. “The saints throughout all the centuries have understood and taught that Christ came to unite the entire cosmos; all of life and creation is full of the sustaining life of God, Who is ‘everywhere present and filling all things.’ The time is now to raise the visibility and bring the awareness and discussion into our parishes and to the society in which we live.

“This is our issue, and we have much in the wisdom of the saints and our life in Christ to contribute,” Father Andrew added. “We hope that many faithful will consider joining us as we pray, listen, contribute to the discussion, and take ‘back home’ to our parishes that which God reveals to us.”

Speakers include Archpriest Michael Oleksa, Priests Kaleeg Hainsworth and Nilos Nellis, and Mark Sandford. Presentations also will be offered by Fred Krueger, Executive Director of the Fellowship of the Transfiguration; Shayna Jones, who will demonstrate traditional storytelling arts; and Orthodox Christian recording artists Jeremy and Sheree Eisenhauer. Speakers’ biographies, together with information on housing, a detailed conference schedule, costs, and a list of topics are available in the [on-line conference brochure](#).

[“Early bird” on-line registration](#) at the discounted rate of \$120 CAN is available through September 26, after which the registration fee increases to \$160 CAN. The registration fee includes all conference sessions, breakfast and lunch on Friday and Saturday, and all materials. Conference sessions will be held at the CP Hotel Royal Alexandra Hall.

**Bishop Mstislav of Tikhvin to visit Holy Trinity  
Cathedral for Feast of St. John of Chicago  
October 29-30**

His Grace, Bishop Mstislav of Tikhvin, Russia will join His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon and His Grace, Bishop Paul of Chicago at Holy Trinity Cathedral here October 29-30, 2016 for the celebration of the Feast of Saint John [Kochurov] of Chicago.

The Feast of Saint John, who served as rector and builder of the historic cathedral before returning to Russia, where he was the first cleric to be martyred at the outset of the Russian Revolution, is commemorated on October 31 — the day of his death.

During the celebration, Bishop Mstislav will present a faithful reproduction of the Wonderworking Tikhvin Icon of the Mother of God to the cathedral. As is widely known, the original icon was ascribed to the hand of the Evangelist Luke and was enshrined in Jerusalem and later Constantinople before it appeared in northern Russia in the late 14th century. Enshrined in Tikhvin’s Dormition Monastery, where it remained until its closure and subsequent destruction by the Soviet authorities in the 1920s, the icon was taken to Latvia in the face of Nazi advances during World War II. In 1949, His Grace, Bishop John [Garklavs] of Riga — later Archbishop of Chicago — brought the icon with him to the US, where for many years it was enshrined in Chicago’s Holy Trinity Cathedral. After Archbishop John’s death in 1982, his adopted son, Father Sergei Garklavs, was the icon’s guardian until it was returned to the Tikhvin Monastery in 2004.

According to Archpriest John Adamcio, cathedral Dean, Bishop Mstislav will arrive at Holy Trinity Cathedral at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 29, after which an Akathistos Hymn in honor of the Tikhvin Icon will be celebrated. The Vigil will be celebrated at 4:30 p.m.

On Sunday, October 30, Metropolitan Tikhon and Bishops Paul and Mstislav will concelebrate the Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m. at the cathedral. A banquet will follow at Pizano’s, 2056 West Division Street, Chicago at 1:00 p.m. Donation for the banquet will be \$55.00 per person or \$100.00 per couple. A special children’s menu and pricing also will be available.

Additional information and details will be posted on the Diocese of the Midwest [web site](#) as it becomes available and will be sent to all parishes, OCA and non-OCA alike, in the immediate future.

“In 2017, we will commemorate the 100th anniversary of Saint John’s martyrdom, as well as the 125th anniversary of the cathedral’s founding,” said Father John. “October’s

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## Hieromartyr Cyprian of Nicomedia

Commemorated on [October 2](#)

Hieromartyr Cyprian, Virgin Martyr Justina and Martyr Theocistus suffered for Christ at Nicomedia in the year 304.

St Cyprian was a pagan and a native of Antioch. From his early childhood his misguided parents dedicated him to the service of the pagan gods. From age seven until thirty, Cyprian studied at the most outstanding centers of paganism: on Mount Olympus, in the cities of Argos and Tauropolis, in the Egyptian city of Memphis, and at Babylon. Once he attained eminent wisdom in pagan philosophy and the sorcerer's craft, he was consecrated into the pagan priesthood on Mount Olympus. Having discovered great power by summoning unclean spirits, he beheld the Prince of Darkness himself, and spoke with him and received from him a host of demons in attendance.

After returning to Antioch, Cyprian was revered by the pagans as a prominent pagan priest, amazing people by his ability to cast spells, to summon pestilence and plagues, and to conjure up the dead. He brought many people to ruin, teaching them to serve demons and how to cast magic spells.

The holy virgin Justina lived in Antioch. After turning her own father and mother away from pagan error and leading them to the true faith in Christ, she dedicated herself to the Heavenly Bridegroom and spent her time in fasting and prayer. When the youth Aglaides proposed marriage to her, the saint refused, for she wished to remain a virgin. Agalides sought Cyprian's help and asked for a magic spell to charm Justina into marriage. But no matter what Cyprian tried, he could accomplish nothing, since the saint overcame all the wiles of the devil through her prayers and fasting.

Cyrian sent demons to attack the holy virgin, trying to arouse fleshly passions in her, but she dispelled them by the power of the Sign of the Cross and by fervent prayer to the Lord.

Even though one of the demonic princes and Cyprian himself, assumed various guises by the power of sorcery, they were not able to sway St Justina, who was guarded by her firm faith in Christ. All the spells dissipated, and the demons fled at the mere mention of the saint's name.

Cyprian, in a rage, sent down pestilence and plague upon Justina's family and upon all the city, but this was thwarted by her prayer. Cyprian's soul, corrupted by its domination over people and by his incantations, was shown in all the depth of his downfall, and also the abyss of nothingness of the evil that he served.

"If you take fright at even the mere shadow of the Cross and

the Name of Christ makes you tremble," said Cyprian to Satan, "then what will you do when Christ Himself stands before you?" The devil then flung himself upon the pagan priest who had begun to repudiate him, and attempted to beat and strangle him.

St Cyrian then first tested for himself the power of the Sign of the Cross and the Name of Christ, guarding himself from the fury of the enemy. Afterwards, with deep repentance he went to the local bishop Anthimus and threw all of his books into the flames. The very next day, he went into the church, and did not want to leave it, though he had not yet been baptized.

By his efforts to follow a righteous manner of life, St Cyprian discerned the great power of fervent faith in Christ, and made up for more than thirty years of service to Satan. Seven days after Baptism he was ordained reader, on the twelfth day, sub-deacon, on the thirtieth, deacon. After a year, he was ordained priest. In a short time St Cyprian was elevated to the rank of bishop.

The Hieromartyr Cyprian converted so many pagans to Christ that in his diocese there was no one left to offer sacrifice to idols, and the pagan temples fell into disuse. St Justina withdrew to a monastery and there was chosen Abbess.

During the persecution against Christians under the emperor Diocletian, Bishop Cyprian and Abbess Justina were arrested and brought to Nicomedia, where after fierce tortures they were beheaded with the sword. St Cyprian, fearful that the holy virgin's courage might falter if she saw him put to death, asked for time to pray. St Justina joyfully inclined her neck and was beheaded first.

The soldier Theocistus, seeing the guiltless sufferings of St Justina, fell at Cyprian's feet and declared himself a Christian, and was beheaded with them.

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celebration will focus attention on the cathedral's historic past while serving as the opening of the anniversary year."

In related news, a newly commissioned icon of the "Synaxis of Saints of Holy Trinity Cathedral" will be blessed and enshrined in the cathedral during the weekend. The icon features six North American saints associated with the cathedral and an iconographic rendering of the late Metropolitan Leonty, who served as Bishop and Archbishop of Chicago prior to his election as Metropolitan in 1950.